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## Saving Oneida language becomes a full time job

**By William Kates**

Associated Press Writer

ONEIDA, N.Y. (AP) – Heath Hill looks forward to the day when all ceremonies in the Oneida Indian Nation Longhouse can once again be held in the native language spoken by someone from his upstate New York tribe.

"We used to have to pay people to come out here and help us," said the 32-year-old Hill. "I didn't really care for that. We want to be able to do it for ourselves."

"I want to raise my family in the traditional ways but it's hard when you can't even

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**Oneida language**

## New Oneida Business Committee has roots in the past

**By Dawn Walschinski**

Kalihwisaks

The past and the future were present at the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) Inauguration held Thursday, August 7 at the Radisson Inn.

Before a crowd of family, tribal members, leaders of other tribal nations and representatives from local and state government, newly elected OBC chairman Rick Hill reflected on the long history of the Oneida Nation.

"If you think about the Oneida government, it predates the United States, it predates Wisconsin, it predates

Brown County," said Hill.

Re-elected secretary Patti Hoeft and councilwoman Trish King reminisced about listening to their parents and elders talk politics when they were kids.

"At my kitchen table, we had people like (former OBC chairwoman) Irene Moore there, and Joy Ninham talking community stuff and politics and church politics, and I was always there asking who? Who? Who?" said Ninham.

"(The adults) were doing all the talking, and I was under the table trying to figure out what was going on,"

said King.

Both Hill and Hoeft represent a second generation of service on the OBC; Hill following in the footsteps of his father and former chairman Norbert Hill Sr. and Hoeft following her mother Sandy Ninham, a former councilwoman.

However, newly elected councilman Brandon Stevens best represents this family tradition going back three generations through his Grandfather Ernie Stevens Sr. and father Ernie Stevens Jr.

Stevens thanked his grandmother Maria Hinton

and vowed to carry on her legacy of keeping the Oneida language and culture alive.

"We at some point were the seventh generation that our leaders in the past made decisions for us in our best interest. It is my duty as a new business committee member to carry out and to carry on that forward thinking," he said.

All of the incoming and outgoing council members thanked their families for their support. Hill and Hoeft spoke to issues they would like to address during their three-year-term.

Hill stated he wanted to focus on growing the local economy, and strengthen Oneida sovereignty.

"I think there's great things for the nation, the future of the nation, and it takes everybody to help guide our newly elected committee to be able to move forward in a good and positive way," he said.

Hoeft stated she wants to grow and strengthen the Oneida community.

"You look around Oneida and all the development pressures grow stronger and stronger every day, and commercial activities and other competing municipalities want to develop this place according to their vision, and we've got to find a way to do it together so that our vision is what grows here," she said.

## Election not without controversy

**By Nate Wisneski**

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A petition has been submitted by the General Tribal Council (GTC) to review the current election laws and bylines along with hearing alleging election law violations during the tribe's tri-annual elections held on July 5.

The petition, submitted August 4, 2008, is calling for the GTC to meet within 30 days of petition submission date and requests a new tri-annual election to be held.

The petition cites specific violations such as no police officer present in voting areas, incomplete ballots not being rejected, and ballots being in possession of election board members. Along with those complaints, the petition raises concern over a mailer sent to advise of the Milwaukee polling site which gave the wrong address and a late submission for the Treasurer seat on the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) which was accepted by the election board.

"It's not about who wins or losses (the elections). I gave (the OBC) the evidence. It is the responsibility of the OBC to enforce the election laws," said meeting petitioner, Linda Dallas.

The meeting will be on the heels of two restraining orders seeking prevention from the OBC from certifying the 2008 tri-annual elections at their August 6 meeting. The requests, submitted by former councilman, Vince DelaRosa, and Dallas were submitted to the Oneida Appeals Commission in early August.

The injunctions cited similar allegations as the petition for the GTC meeting, but DelaRosa's request focused mainly on the issue of the wrong address used for the Milwaukee polling site and its effect on the integrity of the election results.

According to Raquel Hill, the corrected address was sent to the South Eastern Oneida

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**Petition**



Kali photos/Dawn Walschinski

Left: Chairman Rick Hill shakes hands with Deacon Edmund Powless.

Below: Oneida Appeals Court Chief Justice Winifred Thomas, far left, administers the oath of office to the new Oneida Business Committee members at the Inauguration ceremony held Thursday, August 7. From left to right, Chairman Rick Hill, Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Secretary Patty Hoeft, and Council members Ron Tehassi Hill, Brandon Stevens, Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado and Trish King take the oath.



## OPD networks to combat gangs and drugs

**By Steven J. Gandy**

Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Police has joined forces with the seven other Wisconsin tribal police departments to combat common issues that exist on Wisconsin Indian reservations.

NADGI (Native American Drug & Gang Initiative), which was conceived in early 2007, utilizes Wisconsin Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance funds to develop and help run the program.

In addition, the task force also has access to a statewide database consisting of information relating to known drug and gang activities and investigations.

Oneida Police Chief, Rich VanBoxtel said, "So if there's a case going on in LCO (Lac

Courte Oreilles) and we have contact with that person here we simply enter that name into the computer and it pops up all the other investigations that are going on. That way were not working the same person and duplicating things."

Tribal police chiefs had been meeting for several years prior to the creation of the task force to discuss common issues within their respective reservations.

"We were talking about the same issues and it was coming up that the same people or the same groups of people were going between the reservations," VanBoxtel said. "What we found was that the people were going from reservation to reservation. It was kind of a pipeline."

These discussions prompt-

ed a threat assessment among the reservations and laid the foundation of the task force. The task force was formally recognized in August of 2007 by the State of Wisconsin.

"And because were recognized we've also been able to do some other stuff with some training and new equipment. We have a whole bunch of equipment that we wouldn't other wise been able to afford," VanBoxtel said. "All of the NADGI trained officers all have the same training...without this specific training it's very difficult for a regular patrol officer to do any of this stuff."

NADGI is playing a vital role in the reduction of drug and gang activity on Wisconsin reservations.

"Without this task force we simply don't have the

resources to address those issues and now were able to tap into and get these resources to hopefully make a huge difference," VanBoxtel said.

According to VanBoxtel, the most prevalent drugs the task force is dealing with are marijuana, cocaine and prescription pain killers with the pain killers being the fastest growing problem. Methamphetamine use has slowed over the past two years, mostly due to the limited availability of the precursor ingredients in the production process. The State of Wisconsin has limited the availability and tracks the purchases of all cold medications that can be used to produce the drug.



House honored for 25 years



Kali photo / Nate Wisneski

Promotions Coordinator for the Marketing Department of the casino, Laura House (right), is honored for her 25 years of employment with the Oneida Tribe. Mike Overman (left), Marketing Director, honored House along with about 30 other employees from the Marketing department. House received flowers along with a pendelton blanket.

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Services (SEOTS) office on June 12 and the SEOTS office distributed the corrected notice on June 13, which complies with the current Oneida election laws.

The number of GTC members not able to vote resulting from the wrong address will never be known, but many GTC members at the August 6 meeting believe it would have affected the Vice-Chairperson race, which was won by five votes. DelaRosa was the Milwaukee liaison for the OBC.

Both injunction requests were heard by the Oneida Appeals Commission on August 6 and dismissed due to their interpretation of the five-day challenge rule which states all challenges must be presented within five days after the election.

“What we are essentially setting up is a case in controversy that will be going before the GTC. This five-day

arbitrary timeline that has been set by the (Oneida) Appeals Commission is without any legislative backing, what so ever,” said DelaRosa.

DelaRosa was pushing for the OBC to wait for an in-progress external audit to be completed on the election before any action was taken, a stance that was echoed by re-elected Councilman Ed Delgado. Delgado expects the external audit to be completed before the GTC convenes.

Many OBC members relied on the Oneida Appeals Commission's ruling on the two injunctions before acting on certifying the election results. “The Appeals Commissioner found the petitioner failed to explain how that process would have changed the outcome of the election result. Ultimately the (Oneida) Appeals Commission dismissed (the injunction), said Tribal Chairman, Jerry Danforth. “I

see no reason for the committee to not move forward (with the certification of the election results.)

With that ruling, the elections were certified by a vote of 6-2 on the morning of August 7 and the new OBC was sworn in later that evening at the Inauguration Ceremony at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

A date has yet to been determined for the GTC to hear the pending petition.

GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, August 16, 2008

Turtle School Gymnasium

10:00 AM

AGENDA

I. Opening

II. Announcements

III. Call to Order

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

V. Tabled Business

A. Gaming Management Incentive Plan

1. Presentations

a. Petitioner Linda Dallas

b. Gaming General Manager

c. Human Resource Director

2. Discussion

3. Action

VI. New Business

A. Education Resolution to Increase the Oneida Higher Education Scholarship

1. Presentations

a. Petitioner Diane House

b. General Manager

2. Discussion

3. Action

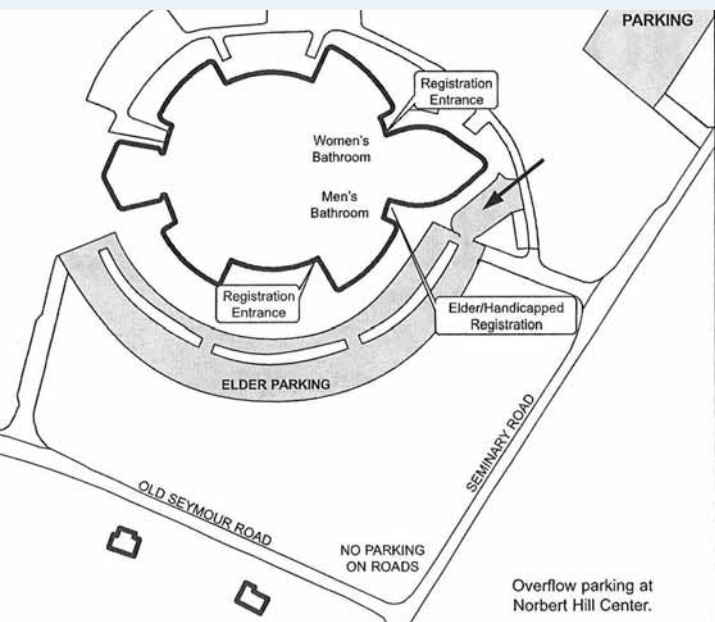
B. Adoption of amendments to Personnel Policy and Procedures to comply with amended Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy

1. Legislative Operating Committee Presentation

2. Discussion

3. Action

VII. Adjournment



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- No parking on roads
- Overflow Parking at Norbert Hill Center

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## Local

## Passing On...

**Skenandore, Delores M.  
April 4, 1934 - August 1, 2008**

Delores M. Skenandore, 74, of Seymour, died Friday afternoon, August 1, 2008 at home following a lengthy illness.



corn bread and corn soup.

Survivors include her daughter, Electa and Adrian Cortier, one son, Hartman Skenandore, one step-daughter, Terry Skenandore, grandchildren, Elliot, Morning Star, Elton and Ellerey, as well as sisters, Roberta Doxtator and family, Brenda Doxtator and family and Carol and her family. She was preceded in death by her two husbands, parents, son, Corneil "Junior" Skenandore and a step-son, Keith Skenandore.

The daughter of the late Isadore and Beatrice (Hill) Doxtator was born April 4, 1934 in Tomah. She married Corneil Skenandore on September 5, 1953. He preceded her in death on October 10, 1978. She then married Clarence Skenandore on November 21, 1980 and he preceded her in death on August 6, 1999. Delores enjoyed cooking, especially

**Jourdan, Ronald W.  
1939 - August 12, 2008**

Ronald W. Jourdan, 69, passed away today in Chicago. Ron leaves behind his family, wife, Joan and daughter, Sherry, sons, Tracy and Mark Jourdan. His brothers, Ken Jourdan, Henry Jourdan Jr. and sisters, Mildred Figueroa, Barbara (Jim) McKinzie, Pat Benson, Yvonne Jourdan, Judy Jourdan, Diane Jourdan, and

Hennrietta "Chico" Daly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary (Powless) and Henry Jourdan and one brother Virgil. His funeral arrangements are pending at this time, burial and mass will be at St. Augustines Church in Chicago. A full obituary will be available at a later date.



In Loving Memory of family members  
who have passed...



Grace "Hill" Cornelius  
4/26/1904 - 8/5/1978



Violet "Hill" Webster  
7/13/1927 - 8/20/2001



Judy Webster  
12/31/1950 - 12/15/2002



Donald Dean Webster  
8/7/1961 - 3/4/1994

While the world around us changes and moves  
our lives, generations, traditions remain with us

A smile, a look, a saying, a circumstance  
is a constant reminder

of who we are and where we come from

No matter what we do or how we do it the one  
constant in our lives is

gramma is gramma; ma is ma, my sister is my  
sister and my brother is my brother

Rudy Sr, Allen, Gerald, Rudy Jr, Kevin,  
Gary, Ronald, Roger, Rhonda, Dayna,  
Barbara, Bruce, Darla and their families

**Cash-strapped Fort Ticonderoga weighs selling art**

By Chris Carola

Associated Press Writer

TICONDEROGA, N.Y. (AP) — Fort Ticonderoga, one of the nation's oldest and most significant historic sites, is so financially strapped that its trustees are considering selling off some of the fort's vast collection of artifacts, including artwork believed to be worth millions.

The move comes after the fort lost the support of billionaire Forrest E. Mars Jr. amid disagreements with Fort Ticonderoga's longtime executive director, Nicholas Westbrook.

Besides being a privately owned tourist attraction operated as a not-for-profit, Fort Ticonderoga is also a state-chartered museum. Museum charters are granted by regents who must approve any sale of artifacts or artwork.

Peter Paine Jr., the new president of the board of trustees for the Fort Ticonderoga Association,

sent a memo last month to board members outlining the financial crunch and listing several options to try to erase about \$2.5 million in debt. Among them was closing next year and selling "Gelyna, View Near Ticonderoga," painted by Thomas Cole after he visited Ticonderoga in the 1820s. Other Cole works have sold for more than \$1 million.

Fort Ticonderoga, a National Historic Landmark, played a key role in North American history from its construction by the French in 1755 through the American Revolution, when it changed hands three times. The bloodiest battle of the French and Indian War was fought there 250 years ago, and Benedict Arnold, along with Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys, famously captured the fort from the British in 1775 without firing a shot.

Now, shaky finances - not warring nations - threaten one of America's earliest

tourist destinations. Annual attendance has declined by 33 percent from 2001 to 2007.

The drop-off in attendance had been countered by millions in financial support given by Forrest Mars, former chief executive of Mars Inc. and heir to the family's candy fortune, and his wife, Deborah, president of the fort's board of trustees.

With museums everywhere scrambling for benefactors of any kind, the fort had a big home-field advantage: Deb Mars was born in Ticonderoga.

But in February, Forrest Mars sent an e-mail to Westbrook, telling him the couple would no longer support the fort.

Forrest Mars' e-mail, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, contains a litany of complaints about Westbrook's management skills, including infrequent communication with Deborah Mars about the new education center and

"running away from decisions."

"The ride is over," Forrest Mars wrote. "Deb and I are out for good. I wish you and the Fort the best of luck."

Forrest Mars did not respond to Associated Press requests for comment made by e-mail and through Mars Inc. headquarters in McLean, Va. Calls to the Mars ranch in Birney, Mont., went unanswered.

Westbrook didn't elaborate on his relationship with the Marses, who also have a home in Wyoming.

"I think they found that trying to play a close-hand role in Ticonderoga from Wyoming or a house in the south of France or on a yacht in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean was very, very difficult," he said.

**Wisconsin biologists work to save rattlesnakes**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wisconsin wildlife biologists were pleased to find a pregnant rattlesnake lying on a log dappled in sunlight in western Wisconsin.

They have been working hard to restore the state's native rattlesnake population, which was nearly killed off by hunters who could collect a \$5 bounty for each tail they turned in.

Rattlesnakes were placed on Wisconsin's endangered and threatened species list in 1975, and experts say they don't ever expect them to thrive here again.

But the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is trying to save the ones that remain.

"It's a native species, so we're trying to restore it," wildlife biologist Kris

Johansen said. "Then there's the research aspect. There might be some human benefits from them down the road that we don't know about yet."

For example, an experimental drug designed to prevent blood clots in stroke victims uses rattlesnake venom, which contains anticoagulant.

The DNR has spent several years clearing farmland of large tree canopies to create open areas where the snakes can sunbathe during the day, increasing their metabolism to catch prey.

The agency also will receive a \$26,000 federal grant for brush management, prescribed burning and invasive species removal on 300 acres in western Wisconsin, Johansen said.

Two poisonous snakes are native to Wisconsin, the Massasauga and timber rattlesnakes. The Massasauga is the state's most endangered reptile.

The DNR began implanting transmitters on Massasauga several years ago to monitor them and learn more about their range. Researchers have implanted 160 Massasauga in a spot officials want to keep secret for fear of poachers.

There's concern that the Massasauga tagged early on are no longer alive, a bad sign considering the snake

could live for 20 or more years.

"One of the disturbing things is that year to year we get few recaptures," said Bob Hay, DNR cold-blooded species manager. "Most of the new snakes we get are young animals. The impression is the population is in a rapid turnover state, which doesn't bode well."

It's unclear why the Massasauga are dying young, although officials think they are not surviving the winters.

That's why the pregnant, or gravid, Massasauga is so important. Massasauga, unlike many snakes, have live births. In August, they push eight to 12 neonates out of a vent near their tails. The babies are about the size of short pencils. They grow rapidly and stay with their mothers for only about a week.

No one is known to have died from a rattlesnake's bite in Wisconsin, said Hay, who thinks perceptions of the snakes may be changing.

"I think there's been an overall change in people's attitudes as we learn more about the value of different species of animals and plants," Hay said. "Also there's a growing awareness that these animals aren't here by accident, and we should do what we can to keep them on the landscape."

In Loving Memory  
of  
**Tasha Marie Ann,**  
our beloved niece  
March 25, 1993 - August 5, 1999

God loaned us an Angel  
for a short time,  
she made a  
difference...in our lives.  
A beautiful baby from  
the start  
She entered our lives  
and captured our  
hearts.  
Watching her grow with her cute little  
ways,  
Made our lives complete...brought joy to our  
days.


She was a treasure more precious than gold,  
Someone we thought we'd enjoy...til the  
days we grew old.

Life has a way of changing fast,  
Our world quickly shattered...our joy didn't  
last.

Pain, heartache and millions of tears.  
Hold on to each day, for tomorrow your  
loved one...may be taken away.

God gave us memories of her love,  
She keeps on giving...from her new Home.  
The Heavens above.

Very Deeply missed by Aunti Lori  
and Uncle Lonnie


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Local



Calendar

2008

August 15

**Coed Softball Fundraiser**  
**WHEN:** Friday, August 15  
**TIME:** 11:00am - 2:00pm  
**PLACE:** Parish Hall  
To Go Orders (4+) contact Geno Danforth **920-562-1843** or **920-713-8544**. All proceeds will assist team with travel expenses to Black River Falls, WI.

August 23

**Charity Challenge 5k Run**  
**WHEN:** Saturday, August 23  
**TIME:** Run starts at 8:00am  
**PLACE:** Diocesan campus at 1910 S. Webster Ave  
Proceeds from the run benefit Catholic Charities. The entry fee is \$15 per person or \$50 per family. FYI: **(920)272-8162**

September 1

**Labor Day Golf Outing**  
**WHEN:** Monday, September 1  
**TIME:** 12:00pm, shotgun start  
**PLACE:** Crystal Springs Golf Course, Seymour, WI  
Entry fee: \$50 Price includes 18 holes of golf with cart and meal and contest holes and door prizes. Registration deadline is August 27. To register call Dale Webster at **920-869-2322** or Ben Skenandore at **526-7521**. This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association, Oneida Chapter.

September 5-7

**Indian Summer Festival**  
**WHEN:** Friday, September 5 - Sunday, September 7  
**TIME:** Various  
**PLACE:** Milwaukee's lakefront Maier Festival Park  
Indian Summer Festival celebrates the 2008 theme, "Honoring Our Northern Relations," Festival hours are 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are \$10 (advance), \$12 (gate) for adults and children 12 and under are free. Seniors age 60+ will be admitted for \$10 at the gate. **FYI: 414-604-1000**

September 11

**4th Annual Fall Fest**  
**WHEN:** Thursday, September 11  
**TIME:** 10:00am - 3:00pm  
**PLACE:** Conservation Office, N8047 County Road U  
Environmental, Health & Safety Division invited you to the 4th Annual Fall Fest. Free lunch and activities. Meet the staff and learn about our projects and services. Call **920-497-5812** for more information.

September 4-7

**United Tribes International Powwow**  
**WHEN:** September 4-7  
**TIME:** Various  
**PLACE:** Lone Star Arena, Bismark, North Dakota  
This pow wow has been held annually since 1969. The event offers \$80,000 in prize money for dancers and drum groups, and a vibrant display of American Indian culture for spectators. \$15 entrance fee. Daily admission is \$8. Elders (60 and over) and children (5 and under) enter free.

November 27

**9th Annual Thanksgiving Community Feast**  
**WHEN:** Thursday, November 27  
**TIME:** 11:00am - 2:00pm  
**PLACE:** Parish Hall, Oneida  
The Planning Committee for the 9th annual community Thanksgiving Dinner would like to invite you and your family to share a meal prepared by many volunteers. Approximately 200 hundred meals have been served each year. To donate food or cash, please contact: Carole Liggins (**cliggins@oneidanation.org**) **(920-869-4432)**. To volunteer, please contact: Paula King Dessart (**pogi@oneidanation.org**) **(920-869-4362)** or Brian Duxtator **(920-471-9166)**.

Tuesdays

**Women's Talking Circle Group - Summer Hours**  
**WHEN:** Every other 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. Summer meetings will be August 26 and September 9. 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. Class is open to those ages 13 to adult. To register, call Breezy at **920-869-6669**.

Fridays

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

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# Summer fun comes with responsibilities

By **Larry J Cornelius**  
Oneida Zoning Department

Hello, let me introduce myself. My name is Larry J. Cornelius, and my parents are Carol and Everett Cornelius. I work in the Oneida Zoning Department where part of my responsibilities are that of the Existing Property Maintenance Inspector. It is in that capacity that I would like to address you. I would like to sincerely discuss two to the more frequent problems that I am facing this year: swimming pools and grills. Specifically, why a permit should be taken out for a pool, and why grilling too close to a structure may not be better than walking a few steps.

Using a swimming pool and grill involves a certain amount of risk, but a day in the pool or an evening by the grill should be safe and fun for everyone. You do not want an accident or injury to spoil a good time that everyone comes to expect. Fortunately, most accidents can be prevented but it takes a great deal of responsibility and diligence on your part.

The most common pool side injuries are fractures, cuts and bruises resulting from falls on pool decks. Nationwide several hundred quadriplegic and paraplegic injuries also occur each year mostly caused by diving into the water. Unfortunately, many swimming pool acci-

dents are caused by horseplay and misbehavior or by the use of alcohol or drugs.

Even if you have homeowners or renters insurance with a pool, it does not automatically mean that you have coverage in the event of a claim. If you are not sure what your insurance covers, contact your agent. Most insurance company standards for swimming pools are stricter than that of the local municipality's codes and ordinances. Most insurance companies accept the local codes or ordinances as the minimum standards for pools.

In a brief scenario let me show you an example of what could happen. You put up a temporary above ground pool in your back yard without a permit. The neighborhood kids come over without your permission to play and one of them gets hurt. The parents of the youth file a claim with your insurance company which you feel that you are adequately covered. You are informed that you are not covered by insurance because they do not cover swimming pools or the fact that the pool does not meet the minimum requirements of the local codes or ordinances. You have to ask yourself if the permit was worth obtaining.

Swimming pools are classified as a liability exposure. Insurance premiums are calculated based on exposure to

risk. Installing a swimming pool that does meet the requirements of the codes or ordinances of the authority having jurisdiction by not obtaining a permit increases your exposure to risk and may increase your premiums. It does not matter if your pool is in ground, above ground, permanent or temporary, compliance is the component that will determine premium rates and coverage.

Following is a list of a few items that must be complied with when putting up a swimming pool. It is not a complete or comprehensive list.

- o Permit
- o Fencing Requirement with locking door or gate
- o Shielding Lights Requirement
- o Unnecessary Noise
- o Interference With Property Rights

The definition of a Residential Swimming Pool from the Building Code of the Oneida Reservation is "A residential swimming pool is a swimming pool constructed appurtenant to a dwelling and used or intended to be used solely by the owner or lessee thereof and his family and friends for recreation without financial gain".

Yet another example is one with a grill. You and some friends are grilling out and something happens that takes every ones attention away from the grill for some time

and the house catches on fire and burns half way down. You call your insurance company for a claim and after some investigation you are told that you are not covered. Always know the terms of your insurance coverage. The reason you are given is that the local ordinance stated that no grilling may take place within ten feet from the structure and you were right outside your patio door or on the balcony of an apartment building.

In closing it is highly recommended by the Oneida Zoning Department that you contact your insurance company to see if you are covered if you have a pool, if you are covered if you installed a pool without a permit and it doesn't comply with the local codes and ordinances. At the beginning of the article I stated that I would like to discuss pools and grills, I believe that I have shown you ample reasons why you should comply with the Oneida Codes and Ordinances for your own protection and will leave that decision up to you. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this article and wish each and every one a fun filled summer. Here is the short self check form that may be use to assist you in determining part of your liability exposure.

## OPD Begins Over the Limit - Under Arrest Mobilization

The Oneida Police, along with the Massachusetts State Police and more than 240 other local police departments will participate in an Independence Day Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. Mobilization from August 15 - September 01, 2008. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security has provided \$725,000 in federal grant funding for this initiative.

The mobilization is part of the ongoing, statewide effort to reduce the number of impaired driving-related crashes on Massachusetts roads through increased enforcement and supporting public information.

Oneida Police offer the following safety tips:

- o Before going out choose a sober, designated driver;
- o If you consume alcoholic beverages, use mass transit, call a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home;
- o Never accept a ride from an impaired driver;
- o Report impaired drivers by dialing 911 on your cell phone;
- o Always wear your safety belt; and
- o Obey speed limits and allow extra time for unexpected traffic and weather conditions.

Additionally, those hosting Labor Day celebrations are urged to consider having ample non-alcoholic drinks available, do not serve alcohol to anyone under age 21, and prevent impaired guests from getting behind the wheel. More information is available at **www.mass.gov/highwaysafety**.



## Caretakers Corner

### Real property law class graduates

By **Karen Wurth**  
Office Manager

Real Property Law class is held yearly at Land Management and the graduates this year in June were Rebecca Everetts, Faith Metoxen, Ron (Tehassi) Hill, Jr., and Michelle Montoya. These classes started in 1996 to train Land Management staff on the basics of tribal law, and have continued to be also helpful to staff from other tribal programs, boards and committees. To date there have been 106 attendees that have received a certificate for completing this annual course.

The instructors for the class were Attorney Rebecca Webster and Real Estate Services Area Manager Mary Jo Nash. The discussions focus on various federal eras of Indian policy & law, and how the Oneida Tribe is specifically impacted. Besides the lectures, the par-

Locally, Metoxen served on the Oneida Business Committee and has been a tribal historian at Oneida Cultural Heritage for the past 11 years.

**About WEWIN**

Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations (WEWIN) was founded in 2004 by current and past female tribal leaders from across the country to empower American Indian women

working in all levels of government. WEWIN nurtures these women's understanding of tribal responsibilities, issues faced on reservations, and political challenges experienced at the state and federal levels. WEWIN also supports its members in finding balance between their career and family roles.

*Kalihwisaks Intern Megan Polar contributed to this story.*



Photo courtesy of Karen Wurth

**2008 Real Property Law Class:** Mary Jo Nash, Instructor, Rebecca Everetts, Faith Metoxen, Ron (Tehassi) Hill, Jr., Rebecca Webster, Instructor.

Participants learn about the traditional early years of the government, the Allotment Era, Indian Reorganization Era, and the present Self-Determination Era. The class focuses on tribal laws with an emphasis on Oneida tribal land transactions. Invited speakers talk to the class and

## Metoxen honored by WEWIN

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# Business

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT & NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS.

### Request for Release of Funds

On or about September 15, 2008 the Oneida Tribe will submit a request to HUD for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act 1996, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Oneida Elder Duplex and Housing Development, for the purpose of constructing up to 6 elder duplex units and up to 6 single family units. The elder duplexes will provide affordable housing near the Oneida Health Center for older community members while the single family units will provide affordable housing for community members, catering to first-time home buyers. The elder duplex project is located south of State Highway 172, on the west side of South Overland Drive across from the Oneida Health Center. The single family units will be built north of Florist Drive, east of Freedom Road.

### Finding of No Significant Impact

The Tribe has determined that the projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. An Environmental Assessment has been completed for the site under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The Environmental Assessment and additional project information is contained in the Environmental, Health & Safety Division files, residing at 3759 West Mason St., Oneida WI. These files are open to the public and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

### Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division Director at 3759 West Mason Street, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, Wisconsin 54155. All comments received by September 15, 2008 will be considered by the Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentators should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### Release of Funds

The Tribe certifies to HUD that the Tribal Chairman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Tribe to use Program funds.

### Objections to Release of Funds

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Tribe's certification received by September 22, 2008 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the Tribe approved by HUD; (b) the Tribe has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted to Kevin Fitzgibbons, Administrator, HUD Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs, Ralph H. Metcalf Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2404, Chicago, IL, 60604-3501. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



## Creatures find home in Niche

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

Having grown up among the majestic beauty and innate natural surroundings of the Door County peninsula, Dennis Tlachac seemed destined to be a naturalist from early childhood.

Tlachac has since taken his love of nature and animals to a professional level and beyond with two separate but mutually beneficial businesses in the Stevens Point area.

His first business, Natures Niche LLC, is an educational outreach program that educates people on the virtues of wildlife and rainforest conservation through hands-on learning.

"I do a lot of education outreach programs for schools and libraries in the summertime and also during the school year to teach kids about rain forests and reptiles and just basically conservation related issues," Tlachac said.

Nature's Niche is also a home for surrendered exotic animals that can not longer be returned to the wild. Tlachac takes in animals brought to him by law enforcement agencies, Humane Societies and private individuals.

"Many of the...individuals rely upon us to transport and pay for the cost of animals that are injured," he said.

When Nature's Niche receives exotic animals it will try to get them placed in a new home at various wildlife sanctuaries, zoos or other educational facilities around the region. However, this is not always possible.

"The goal for most of us in

## BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

### Nature's Nitch, LLC



Kali Photo/Dawn Walschinski

Dennis "Dino" Tlachac delivers a one-legged goose to the Bay Beach Wild Life Sanctuary for rehabilitation. The Sanctuary will be the new permanent home for the one-legged goose.

wildlife is we try to make sure the animals go on to fulfill their life cycle," he said. Unfortunately, there are times when animals must be destroyed due to lack of available space, shrinking budgets and commonness of the animal.

"We try to get animals back to the wild, but with cases of the exotics it's almost impossible," he said.

Tlachac began Nature's Niche in 1999 after jobs, working as a park ranger in Portage County and working at a wildlife hospital, fell

through due to budget cuts. In 2001 Tlachac began the second of his two successful ventures, Nature Treks.

Nature Treks is an outfitter in the Stevens Point area and was developed to generate extra income to keep Nature's Niche afloat.

"The goal with the outfitting company was to generate enough revenue to help with the wild life end of it," he said.

Nature Treks provides outdoor rentals of bikes, canoes, kayaks and other outdoor equipment. They are located

in Iverson Park in Stevens Point and Hartman Cree State Park.

Nature Trek was initially located in the Stevens Point Best Western in an attempt to get visitors outside.

"The goal was to actually have an outfitting company located in the hotel to get the guests out of the hotel into the local area to show them what is out there," Tlachac said.

In addition to the outfitting, Nature Treks also offers educational programs and guided services throughout central Wisconsin.

Although Tlachac began Nature Treks to increase revenue, it turns out that his original idea needed little help.

"Over the years it's actually been more profitable for me to do the Nature's Niche education programs than it has been, at times, doing the outfitting company because there's so much overhead costs related to the outfitting company," he said.

One of the main goals of Nature's Niche now is to educate children and adults about the hazards and drawbacks of trying to own exotic pets in an effort to reduce the number of surrenders in the area.

Tlachac reminds not only children that exotic pets are not easy to take care of, but also parents who may have a desire to cave into a child's wishes.

"When a college student gets an animal or a pet they don't realize that maybe the landlord doesn't want you to have it or maybe the city's zoned so you can't have it or maybe Mom & Dad don't want you to bringing it back home," he said.

For more information about either business venture go to: [www.naturesniche.org](http://www.naturesniche.org)

## Skibine pleased with Oglala Sioux Tribe, State of South Dakota on Signing Joint Sovereign MOU

*Code to help reservation residents, businesses access credit developed with IEED funding*

WASHINGTON – Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development – Indian Affairs George T. Skibine today congratulated the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the State of South Dakota on signing a memorandum of understanding to establish a joint sovereign filing system to administer the tribe's newly adopted secured transactions commercial code. He was represented by officials of the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development at a signing ceremony held yesterday on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. IEED Division of Economic

Development Director Jack Stevens and DED Policy Analyst Victor Christiansen were among other federal, tribal and state officials who gathered July 30 at the reservation's Suann Big Crow Boys and Girls Club to witness the historic event. The tribe received funding from the IEED to develop its code.

"I want to congratulate the leadership of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the State of South Dakota for their vision of promoting economic development in Indian Country," Skibine said. "By adopting a secured transactions commercial code, the Tribe has taken a major step in addressing the credit needs of businesses and consumers on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Their partnership with the State of South Dakota is a model that other tribes and states can

embrace."

Tribal secured transactions commercial codes enable tribal businesses and individuals residing on federal Indian trust lands to obtain credit for making off-reservation purchases, such as cars, appliances and other durable goods, by allowing sellers to enforce liens or security interests in such items after they have been transported onto a reservation.

The Joint Sovereign MOU was signed by OST President John Yellow Bird Steele and South Dakota Secretary of State Chris Nelson with members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council present. In addition to Stevens, speakers included Ellie Wicks, Constituent Services Representative for U.S. Senator Tim Johnson, Jesse Ewing, Constituent Services Representative for U.S. Senator John Thune, Rick Hanson, Constituent Services Representative for U.S. Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin and Jacqueline G. King, Assistant Vice President and Community Affairs Officer with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The OST is one of ten federally recognized tribes in six

states funded by the IEED to develop tribal secured transactions commercial codes. The others are: the Blackfeet Tribe, the Crow Nation and the Chippewa-Cree Tribe in Montana, the Sac and Fox Nation and the Seminole Nation in Oklahoma, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon, the Tulalip Tribes in Washington State and the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming.

The Secretary of the Interior created the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development to encourage economic development in Indian Country. The IEED's mission is to foster strong

Indian communities by creating jobs, Indian-owned businesses, and a trained workforce, and by developing Indian energy and mineral resources, and increasing access to capital. The IEED believes that thriving economies and opportunities for work are the best solutions to Indian Country's economic and social challenges.

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# Letters, Opinions & BC Forum

## BC Forum

Shekólih,  
It is a great honor to have been elected as your Chairman for the 2008-2011 Oneida Business Committee term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you that have supported me throughout the recent election and I would especially like to acknowledge my wife, Donsia for her unwavering commitment, my sons Rick Jr., Sage and Dakota, for their willingness to help out whenever they can and I also extend my thanks to the elders, my family, the community and friends who have supported and encouraged me during my bid for Chairman.

As I think about all of the possibilities that lie ahead for Oneida, I am excited to be part of an opportunity to explore all of the potential we have in our community and in the organization. To do this, I would like to share with you some thoughts about how I see the Chairman's office, in tandem with the Business Committee, moving forward in the first months of this term



Chairman  
Rich Hill

in office.

We, as Oneida people, are brought up to make decisions and to act for the next seven generations. It is our way of life and it is how we plan for the future of the Oneida Nation and our members. In the big picture, it means looking to the future for growth and opportunity to sustain what we have and keep moving forward as a strong nation.

One way we can do this, is by using the success of tribal gaming; we are in a position to take advantage of opportunities that once were not available us. Without economic opportunity, there is not growth. Oneida has been fortunate and has experienced economic growths and opportunity that benefits both our members and our surrounding communities.

For our members, we have programs and services designed to meet the needs of our membership and we strive to continuously improve those programs. The challenge is to provide programs and services in an efficient manner that does not waste the resources

of the Tribe, yet allows for flexibility to respond to changes in need or priority and part of that response includes developing a vision of what is possible... My vision for the Oneida Nation are to:

- Strengthen our inherent sovereign rights through nation building and inclusion of all Oneida;
- Build a sustainable Oneida economy. We need to aggressively reacquire and reclaim our original land base. We need new jobs for our children through economic development so they can build a life in Oneida;
- Establish a sustainable per capita payment;
- Honor the past and grow the future; and
- We must collectively walk our prayers. To know where we are going, we cannot forget where we have been.

My colleagues also have their individual platforms. We will be in a transition during the upcoming weeks and I will work to develop a plan of action that will address the governmental work that needs to be done for the greater good of the Oneida people.

Our people are our best asset. We need to engage and encourage each other to step forward. It's not just about

what Oneida can do or give, but what we can give back to Oneida. We need to ensure that our children grow up learning about the importance of giving back to their nation. That's the Indian way. We must turn to each other and not on each other.

Because our retail, gaming, hospitality and other businesses have been successful, Oneida resources have made us the 3rd largest employer in the area and arguably with the Green Bay Packers, the #1 tourist attraction in N.E. WI. The Oneida Nation has been one of the most progressive and successful economic engines in northeast Wisconsin. Although we have not measured our economic impact in several years, we are confident it is well into hundreds of millions of dollars annually and with a budget of more than \$520 million, the impact reaches far beyond the Oneida Reservation boundaries.

Even now there are initiatives to bring new businesses to this region because this area is still a great area to start a new business, expand an existing business, a safe place to raise a family, educate our children and to recreate.

Oneida welcomes the opportunity to participate in the N.E.W. North and the Greater Green Bay Branding

Initiative. We know we are part of the reason this community has been named by:

- Forbes as among the 15 areas with the lowest business costs,
- The Oprah Winfrey Show as No. 4 among the best places to live,
- Kiplingers Report as top 5 areas to raise a family (2007),
- Inc. Magazine as No. 1 medium-sized area to start a business; and by
- America's Promise as 1 of the top 100 communities for young people (2008)

In addition, Oneida has been able to establish new strategic relationships and bolster existing local governments and business relationships by putting our collective strengths together so we can diversify and build a more sustaining economy. We need to promote Oneida and Indian entrepreneurship so that we can diversify and build a more sustaining economy. One of the best-hidden assets is the Oneida Light Industrial Park on Packerland, which enjoys great transportation arteries, access to airport, trucking, shipping and added value through tax incentives, free trade zone and enterprise zone. Some good examples of companies and businesses utilizing these benefits are Bay Bank, Bellin, Natures Way,

and recently Badger Sheet Metal to name a few.

We as Indian tribal governments have burdens and obligations to our people and that require resources and an acknowledgement by our federal leaders because ultimately all government-to-government policy will succeed or fail and flow from that understanding or lack of understanding.

We will stand firm and be a cooperative and responsible government with local jurisdictions but we cannot forget that the Oneida Nation is just that "A Nation, a sovereign entity", and that has to be taken into consideration anytime we deal with local jurisdictions. My primary interest will be for the good of the Oneida Nation and its members collectively.

I am confident that this council will continue to govern the affairs of the Oneida Nation at the highest ethical level and continue a legacy for our future generations.

I again, thank my family and all the members of the community who have faith in me to serve as your Chairman. You can expect a call from me for help as we are all in this together.

Yaw^ko,  
Rick Hill, Chairman

### The New Term

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Oneida voters for electing me to a second term as Oneida Business Committee Councilman. I'll work hard to earn that vote for the next three years.



Councilman  
Ed Delgado

Council will be called sometime in September.

### Election Results Declared by Outgoing Business Committee

On August 6th, the Oneida Business Committee declared the winners of the July 5th Oneida election. I opposed the declaration of the winners for the following reasons:

(1) With a petition being submitted challenging the election, the issue of the election should be settled by the General Tribal Council which is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe.

(2) Section 2.10-4 of the Oneida Election Law provides that the Election Board "shall forward to the Tribal Secretary a Final Report after time has lapsed for appeal or recount requests, or after all appeals or recounts have been completed, whichever is longer." I opposed the declaration of the winners because the appeal process for 2 appellants had not yet been

completed.

### Wage Study Not So Valiant

The recent Valiant Wage Study recommended wages for Tribal employees, including teachers. The study provided options as to whether the Tribe would pay its employees lower, medium or higher than average wages. For teachers, the Business Committee indicated they wanted its teachers to be paid medium to higher than average wages. The following chart shows the Tribe paid its Head Start teachers poorly for the Program Year 2006-2007. Head Start wages for the upcoming budget year should show that the Oneida Tribe will pay its Head Start teachers at or above the average, but thus far, my Office is receiving reports that the Tribe will continue to pay its Head Start teachers at a below average rate. If that is true, it would be in direct violation of what the past Business Committee indicated they wanted.

### Information Needed On Limited Liability Corporations

Much is said about com-

munication. I know all the candidates for the recent election advocated for increased communication. It is my belief that information regarding Tribal finances is important, in fact necessary. The Tribal Constitution and ByLaws establishes that the General Tribal Council (all adult members of the Tribe), have a right to the financial information and "nature" of all its resources. Yet, how much do the Tribal members know about our Tribe's finances and business ventures. Example: At a recent meeting between the Oneida Business Committee and one of the Oneida Tribe's corporate boards, it was noted that many of the LLC's that the

Tribe has financial dealings which contain "silent partners." My office is in total support of Oneidas doing business with the Oneida Tribe, but those business opportunities must be done fairly allowing all Oneidas equal opportunity in those dealings. Too often however, business dealings through LLC's appear to involve the same persons over and over again, and too often, persons who already owe the Oneida Tribe money for failed or failing financial initiatives.

### Oneida Times Owner Invited to Democratic National Convention

My congratulations to Oneida Tribal member

Yvonne Metivier for being invited to the Democratic National Convention in Denver. Ms. Metivier was invited because of her work with her newspaper, the Oneida Times. The newspaper's most outstanding coverage included the Human Resource Department fire of 10 years ago whereby the official stance of the Tribe was that the fire was an electrical fire but the findings of the Green Bay Fire Department was that it was arson. The most recent Metivier work was her coverage of the now defunct Oneida Housing Authority Board's spending of federal and Housing Authority dollars.

| Wage Compensation for Program Year 2006-2007<br>Head Start Teacher's Average Salary |                    |                    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | W/Associate Degree | W/Bachelors Degree |
| Wisconsin Tribes  | \$18,428.00        | n/a                |
| Bad River Head Start  | \$23,396.00        | \$26,905.00        |
| Ho-Chunk Head Start   | \$16,400.00        | n/a                |
| Lac Courte Oreilles Head Start  | \$21,375.00        | n/a                |
| Menominee Head Start  | \$19,688.00        | \$20,293.00        |
| Oneida Head Start   | \$25,472.00        | \$27,809.00        |
| Red Cliff Head Start  | \$22,378.00        | n/a                |
| St.Croix Head Start   | \$24,500.00        | n/a                |
| Stockbridge-Munsee Head Start   | \$24,398.00        | \$24,918.00        |
| Lac du Flambeau Head Start  |                    |                    |

## Letters & Opinions...

### Thanks Election Board

I would like to take a moment to thank the Oneida Election Board for doing an outstanding job with the general elections recently held on July 5.

These board members gave up their holiday weekend to provide a smoothly run election, here in Oneida and also in Milwaukee. I do believe that most individuals in the community will agree with me and are also pleased with the effort and time the Election Board had put forth.

Thank you,  
Henrietta Cornelius

### Great job Oneida Powwow committee

We would like to take this

time to formally thank the Oneida Pow wow Committee for allowing our families the time to honor our daughter's Rhiannon & Kahny^ for their achievements as they graduated from their chosen College's at this years 4th of July powwow.

We thought the powwow was a huge success this year and have heard many good comments about the committee's hard work and the MC's that were chosen this year. The sense of humor that was shared was very funny and as we all know, humor is put out there for each and everyone to interpret it as they choose. As part of the powwow family we have been traveling thru-out Indian Country from coast to coast and border to border

for the last 30-40 years. The humor we share as Native's is sometimes a teaching tool or just plain humor. I would like to thank Mr. Art Skenandore & Mr. Keveon Kingbird for their ability to share their wit and amusement with the crowd and other's in the powwow family. The job of the MC is to carry the powwow and like any other job it entails long hours and hard work. The energy and enthusiasm they share with the crowd only enlightens the crowd to daily tasks and brings the much needed laughter that has been one of the main weapons that Native Nations have used to survive for generations. Great Job everyone and we look forward to have a repeat perfor-

mance next year!

With Respect,  
Laura Cornelius  
Sharon House

### Roundabout facts

A great deal has been written recently about the construction of roundabouts throughout the state. Some letters to editors have complained that they're confusing and expensive; others, that they're easier to navigate and are safer. For the roundabout novice, they take some getting used to. But over time, people generally come to understand how they function

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Letters



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# Important Information regarding 2008 Payment

Please read each section carefully!

## SECTION ONE: Types of Payments

### 1. Elder 65 Distribution:

- The General Tribal Council passed Resolution 6-30-90-A which directed a cash disbursement of \$500.00 per year to tribal members age 65 and over, payments to begin in 1994.
- This payment is perpetual. Commencing with the 2003 payment and every other year thereafter, tribal members age 65 and over will be receiving a 5% inflationary increase. The 2008 Distribution amount is \$578.81.
- For those turning age 65 in

October, November or December 2008, your Elder 65 monies will be paid at the end of the month following your birthday. Example: If you turn 65 in December 2008, you will be paid at the end of January 2009.

### 2. Elder 62 Distribution:

- The General Tribal Council passed Resolution 8-11-97-A which directed a cash disbursement of \$2,000.00 per year to tribal members age 62 and over, payments to begin in 1998.
- This payment is based on Gaming Compact renewal.
- For those turning age 62 in October, November or

December 2008 your Elder 62 monies will be paid at the end of the month following your birthday. Example: If you turn 62 in December 2008, you will be paid at the end of January 2009.

### 3. General Membership Distribution:

- The General Tribal Council passed Resolution 7-5-04-B which directed a cash disbursement of \$800.00 per year to all tribal members, payments to begin in 2005.
- This payment continues until 2013.
- Tribal members are eligible for this payment if they are enrolled as of the deadline indicated by the Tribe, for each payment year.

### 4. Unclaimed 2007 Distributions:

- Please contact the Oneida Enrollment Department as each individual case may vary. The deadline to claim the payment is close of business on Tuesday, September 4, 2008.
- An FY-2008 Membership Payment Form must be filed by the deadline.

### 5. Minor Trust Account Payments:

- The monies for eligible tribal members under the age of 18 are placed into a trust account.
- Please contact the Oneida Trust Department for more information at (920) 490-3935.

## SECTION TWO: Reporting and Taxation of Payments

- All payments are subject to federal income tax and may be subject to state or other applicable taxes.
- All payments must be reported as income and may affect eligibility for entitlement programs.
- Please contact your tax preparer, tax consultant or case worker with any questions.
- Each payment will have a 1099-MISC tax form issued. This includes payments that are attached for child support and/or tribal debt.
- Tribal members may voluntarily request that 20% of a payment be withheld for federal taxes. This includes tribal members whose payments are attached for child support and/or tribal debt.
- Mandatory Federal Income Tax Withholding is required on payments as indicated on page 57 of IRS Publication 15-A. For 2008, payment amounts totaling over \$8,950.00 are subject to this withholding.

## Payment Form DEADLINE

*Close of business on...*

TUESDAY,  
September 2, 2008

*Checks mailed on...*

TUESDAY,  
September 30, 2008

Please allow  
time for  
delivery!

## SECTION THREE: Miscellaneous Information

### 1. Power of Attorney and Guardians:

- Effective 2004 and every fourth year thereafter, the Oneida Enrollment Department requires that any Power of Attorney (POA) or Guardian for a tribal member must submit acceptable documentation to be recognized.
- Acceptable documentation consists of:
  - An original power of attorney document (which will be returned)
  - A certified copy of the guardianship document.

### 2. Attachments:

- Payments are subject to

attachments.

- Attachments are defined as "claims on a payment for debts owed".
- Only the following are considered:
  - Child Support Arrears
  - Tribal Debt
- Requests to attach to a payment must be submitted to the Oneida Appeals Commission *by close of business on Monday, June 30, 2008.*
- All questions regarding attachments should be directed to the Oneida Appeals Commission.

### 3. Address or Name Changes:

- To change the check address

of a previously submitted payment form, a NEW FY-2008 Membership Payment Form MUST be completed and returned *by close of business on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.*

- To change your name, a Name Change Request Form MUST be completed and returned by close of business on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.
- To request forms, contact the Oneida Enrollment Department or you may retrieve forms on our website at:

<http://enrollment.oneidanation.org>

## SECTION FOUR: Payment forms, Instructions and Receipts

### 1. Payment Form Mailing:

- FY-2008 Membership Payment Forms were mailed on May 16, 2008 to every tribal member with an address on file.
- To request FY-2008 Membership Payment Forms, contact the Oneida Enrollment Department.

### 2. Payment Form Receipts:

- It is the responsibility of each tribal member to submit a completed/notarized payment form to the Oneida Enrollment Department by

the deadline identified.

- All forms brought into the Oneida Enrollment Department will receive a paper receipt.
- Forms must be mailed or delivered to the Oneida Enrollment Department for their date stamp.
- After forms are accepted and processed, a postcard receipt will be mailed to the CHECK address indicated on the payment form. Postcard receipts will be mailed every two weeks.

**Please allow time for delivery.**

- If you do not receive a postcard receipt, contact the Oneida Enrollment Department.

### 3. Payment Form Instructions:

- No photocopied, faxed, emailed forms will be accepted. Do not use pencil or white out. Do not alter any information (i.e. writing over, scribbling out). Your form will not be accepted!**

If there are any questions, please contact us.

**Oneida Enrollment Department**

**210 Elm St.**

**PO Box 365**

**Oneida, Wisconsin 54155**

<http://enrollment.oneidanation.org>

• 920-869-6200 • 800-571-9902

*We will work to obtain the information you need.*



# Letters & Opinions continued...

and embrace them.

Some roundabouts can be more costly, some less costly than a standard signalized intersection. It's really a case-by-case evaluation. But a signalized intersection requires ongoing operational and maintenance support – someone has to pay for the electricity to run the traffic signals and to replace the burned out lights and knock-downs from traffic crashes. Roundabouts, on the other hand, don't require signalization, and have fewer operational costs, which saves money in the long run.

No, not every intersection is suitable for a roundabout. But where they make sense, and the Federal Highway Administration requires that we consider roundabouts as an alternative for all proposed new intersections on federally funded highway projects, WisDOT will recommend their installation.

It should be noted that a typical intersection has 32 points of conflict where collisions could occur. A roundabout has only eight. Slower speeds in roundabouts also give people more time to react to other vehicles within the roundabout and, when crashes occur, reduce their severity. Roundabouts have shown

to reduce fatal crashes by 90%, injury crashes by 76%, and pedestrian crashes by 30 to 40%. Violent T-bone crashes are virtually eliminated. These staggering safety statistics are difficult to ignore.

Things to keep in mind when encountering a roundabout: slow down, yield to pedestrians and traffic already in the roundabout, and then turn right onto your destination street, again, yielding to pedestrians when exiting.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has a helpful Web site () that can answer many of your questions. I encourage you to visit it and learn about the advantages of modern roundabouts.

Sincerely,  
Frank Busalacchi  
Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

**Reconnecting with heritage**

Dear Oneida Tribal Members:

I am writing to thank everyone who contacted me with information regarding the family of my Oneida mother, Beulah Lorraine Cooper. It was wonderful to

speak with my Aunt Heleema Jourdan for the first time since I was a very young girl.

I especially want to thank Kali editor, Dawn Walschinski, Judy Jourdan, and Tribal Historian Loretta Metoxen, for their quick responses. Thanks also to Valerie, Peggy, Sandra, and Lema for your phone calls, letters, and emails. I was very touched at the concern and understanding these women showed for someone whom they didn't even know.

For years, I've felt disconnected from my mother's heritage. She'd suffered through polio, the loss of both parents, poverty, racism, domestic violence, Indian boarding school, and the loneliness of being uprooted from her beloved Wisconsin and Oneida people. One of my deep regrets is that I didn't have the wisdom or maturity while she was alive, to see my mom simply as an Indian woman who was very much a product of her times and who needed a friend.

I'm also writing to let you all know what your Oneida sister is up to in Kansas. I've established my own charitable giving fund to promote and support Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in northeast Kansas. It's called

the Little Sky Foundation Fund. Through this fund, I hope to support adult educators and encourage adult learners – whether it's adults who are going back to school for their GED's, their college degrees, or adults who simply want to take classes for personal enrichment.

I also hope to raise awareness about some of the obstacles, the ageism and the stigma that seems to associated with adult learning.

As for me, I'm a freelance writer and working on finishing my degree in Journalism from the University of Kansas. And last year I became a marathon runner. I will be running in my second 26.2 – mile marathon in Kansas City on October 18.

I'm 47-years-old, and I believe "It's never too late to become what you might have been."

Again, thank you all for contacting me. Please feel free to call or write me at:

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Topeka, KS 66617  
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Phone: 785-213-7509

# Editorial Commentary



By Dawn Walschinski  
Kali@hwisaks Managing Editor

**Stipends are overrated**

I can't believe people won't go to a meeting unless their paid. What happened to volunteerism? What happened to civic duty? What is happening to our people?

No, I'm not talking about General Tribal Council (GTC) meetings. By golly, I can't think of a better use of our funds than to pay 1000 people \$100 each to attend a meeting and have 50 percent step out for a four hour smoke break. Viva la stipends!

No, the meetings I'm referring to are for the Oneida Nation Arts Board, governing body of the Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP). Currently, the board is looking for volunteers to fill out its board.

It's not that there is a lack of interest in joining the board, potential members call to check it out quite often. It's when they're told that there's no stipend for attending, do they politely say thank you and hang up the phone.

Many years ago, I was living and working in Appleton. Although the distance wasn't that great, I felt I was out of touch with the Oneida community. I scanned the

Kali@hwisaks and saw a couple of board vacancies. I ended up joining the Arts Board because it seemed like it would be fun without the heavy responsibility of other boards; board light you might say.

I was right and I was wrong.

I was right in that we were doing fun stuff, attending concerts and plays, giving grants to artists for projects and for general excellence, and helping to develop an artistic presence in the Oneida community.

I was wrong about the idea that a light board would make a light impression on my life.

How many boards can compel its members to drive from Appleton to Green Bay every other week to be a volunteer DJ on WPNE from 10:00pm to Midnight? Has the Oneida Enterprise Development Authority every encouraged one of its members to write a play? Two plays? I'm inclined to say no.

I could have joined some other board, gotten my \$25 stipend, and felt I had done my duty. Instead I have memories and experiences that I cherish and visual reminders of the impact the ONAP program continues to have throughout the reservation.

So, do we have a volunteer?

# Guest Editorial - Walk of Legends update

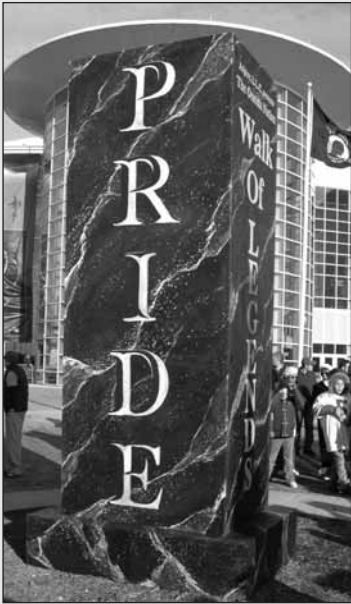
Recently we reviewed a letter to the editor in the July 31 issue of the Kali@hwisaks regarding the Oneida Nation Walk of Legends monument, "Pride" that had been removed earlier this year from the original location. Much can be said about how and why the monument was removed, but it isn't productive to digress on that issue. Instead, let's look to the reconstruction of the monument in a much more high profile location. (The monument is being re-built at the expense of the contractors, not to us.) The "Pride" monument is nearly complete and plans to finish the granite etching are very near. The reconstructed monument will be located on Lombardi Avenue, right next to the Oneida Nation Walk of Legends monument of Vince Lombardi.

This is a project that has received considerable attention from Oneida citizens, both positive and negative. I would suggest that you drive by the monuments and take a look for yourself. You will find 12 of the most beautiful striking black granite monuments that pay tribute to two of this area's finest attributes, the Oneida Nation and Green Bay Football.

With all the recent controversy surrounding Brett Favre, will he stay and play or will he leave? Well he left, but there is still a reminder of one of the most famous icons in this area. People have come from all over the world this summer to see the Oneida Nation Walk of Legends. And in addition, they have learned a great deal about the Oneida Nation. What have they learned? Here are just 10 of the 24 messages on these monuments.

The Oneida Nation has gone to war to protect the United States in every military conflict since the Revolutionary War. Oneida is proud of the Oneida Nation Veterans who have defended the Great Turtle Island with honor and valor.

Oneida people are proud of the history of their people and the dedication to preserve and protect the environment for future generations. We share our appreciation for



Kali File Photo

The WOL Brett Favre Monument was seen nationally during ESPN's recent broadcast of a Packer game

all gifts from our creator by working together with our neighbors to protect Mother Earth for all future generations.

Oneida ancestors held a vision to pass on a proud and honorable legacy to their children and grandchildren and those yet to be born. Oneida people believe that the land was not to be owned but to be taken care of for their descendants. .

Oneida leaders had a strong spirit and great foresight in establishing the most profitable enterprise ever afforded Indian people when they ventured forth to establish Oneida Nation Bingo and Casino. Indian Gaming has afforded the Oneida Nation to provide a vast array of services to their citizens in health, education and social welfare.

The Oneida is one of the six great nations that comprise the Great Iroquois Confederacy established in the 17th century. The Iroquois originally included the Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, Cayuga and

Mohawk, in the 18th century they were joined by the Tuscarora. The Iroquois Confederacy is a democracy based upon the principle of one mind, one nation.

The Iroquois Confederacy is governed by the Great Law of Peace. Traditionally the Oneida were governed by the Great Law, governing principles which guided the democratic chiefs which represented all six nations.

The Oneida are a matrilineal and matriarchal society which recognizes respect for Oneida women as decision makers, wise leadership and family responsibilities. The Clan Mothers of the Oneida people traditionally selected the leadership and had great influence on the issues of land, war and peace.

As of 2006, the Oneida Nation has the oldest and largest land claim pending in the United States. Supreme Court decisions in 1974 and 1985 were landmark decisions which affirmed the illegal loss of Oneida Nation land in New York State. During the American Revolution the Oneida fought on the side of the United States and were to be forever secure in their lands as promised by Congress and approximately 5 million acres were secured by the Treaty of Fort Stanwix.

The Oneida are represented by three clans, the Bear Clan for its wisdom of the medicines, the Wolf Clan for being the path finder and it's reverence of family and the Turtle Clan for its deliberate sense of protection of our environment. All of creation is watched by the Eagle, which signifies pride and knowledge of all of creation. The Eagle is sacred.

The mission of the Oneida is to sustain a strong Oneida Nation by preserving our heritage through the 7th generation. The Oneida Family will be strengthened through the values of our Oneida identity by providing, housing, promoting education, protecting the land and preserving the environment. Our Oneida

Nation provides for the quality of life where the people come together for the common good.

The value of these monuments becomes invaluable after three years. If we were to construct 24 billboards, the cost we have invested in these monuments would take us through 3 years. Instead we have invested three years of billboard dollars that will last a lifetime.

The marketing goal of the Walk of Legends monuments is to create an awareness of the Oneida Nation to hundreds of thousands of tourists that come through Green Bay and Ashwaubenon throughout the year. Those tourists are then made aware of the Oneida Nation and our casino and other businesses on the reservation. Those tourists are then drawn to our reservation to our museum, casino, hotel, and other businesses so that we can capture our share of those tourism dollars. For those who do not come to our reservation, at least we have exposed them to some educational facts about the Oneida.

When the project is completed, the cost per impression with a 500 year guarantee with an exposure of 1,000,000 people annually will be ten thousandths of a penny. This is a pretty economically responsible way to get the message out to the masses about our Nation's values and successes in addition to blocking out the gaming competition from having permanent messages in our backyard.

We hope you have an opportunity to travel the area surrounding historic Lambeau Field soon and view these monuments. In the future issues of Kali@hwisaks we will be submitting additional information as the project progresses.

Respectfully submitted  
Bobbi Webster, Public Relations Director  
Mike Overman, Casino Marketing Director

# 800 Number Available for Health Care Facility Info.

The Department of Health Services announces there are now two ways to make it easier to get or report information regarding health care facilities in Wisconsin. People can call a new toll-free information hotline to get information on nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other health or hospice agencies. A new website also offers people a new way to submit concerns regarding regulated facilities in the state.

"The hotline and website give people in Wisconsin two more ways to get or report information about facilities in our state," said Secretary Karen Timberlake.

"Wisconsin is fortunate to

have many high quality health and long-term care providers, but this makes it easier for people to notify us about any concerns regarding the care of their loved ones."

People can call 1-800-642-6552 to get information about health care facilities or to report a complaint. In addition, if you have concerns or believe a caregiver, agency or facility has violated state or federal laws, you can also use the Department's website to file a complaint. Individuals can go to <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov> and submit a com

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**Health information**

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National

From Page 8A/Oneida language learning a full time job

speak your own language,” said Hill, who along with his girlfriend are among eight tribal members finishing up a unique two-year program to learn the Oneida language.

Indian tribes across the country are taking steps to preserve their native languages. The Oneida Indian Nation of New York has made it a full-time job, paying tribal members what they would earn in other jobs to immerse themselves in the nation's spoken word.

“We’ve had language programs here for a long time,” said Sheri Beglen, a teacher in the Oneida's program. “But they were once a week for adults or a half-hour after school for kids. You just can’t learn a language one day a week.

“To learn a language, you have to hear it, use it constantly,” said Beglen, who was among the first eight graduates of the Oneida program, now in its fourth year.

Gerald Hill, president of the Indigenous Language Institute in Santa Fe, N.M., said while virtually all the more than 300 recognized American Indian tribes have some type of language program, they vary dramatically in approach and effectiveness. Hill said he was unaware of any other tribes paying members to learn the language as a full-time job.

“There is a tremendous vitality and hunger for culture and language expression. There is no longer shame in speaking your native language,” Hill said.

The deeper the immersion, the more likely the success, added Hill, a Wisconsin Oneida who is no relation to Heath Hill.

“Some programs are merely for show, to teach a few words,” he said. “It is the ones that strive for normal, conversational, functional language that hold the best hope.”

Unfortunately, Hill said, in mostly all programs, native language is taught as a second language to English; unlike bygone generations, when Indians learned English as a second language.

Hill said nearly all indige-

nous languages are threatened by the world's dominant languages, such as English, Spanish, French and Chinese.

“There are many communities that haven’t had first language speakers for generations,” Hill said.

Without intervention, linguistic experts have predicted there could be fewer than two dozen spoken Indian languages left by 2050.

In 2006, President Bush signed the Esther Martinez Native Languages Preservation Act, named after a Tewa storyteller and linguist who helped preserve her native language. Congress responded with funding to establish tribal “language nests” for young children, and language restoration programs and native language instruction materials.

Among tribes with revival programs under way are the Dakota, Mandan, Tewa, Nanticoke and Ojibwe.

The Oneidas, though, are relying on their own resources, funding their program through casino and business profits.

Classes run six hours a day, four days a week in a small room at the Oneida's cultural center. On Friday, students meet for three hours.

With the help of Ray George, a Canadian Oneida whose first language is Oneida, the tribe worked with Berlitz Languages to develop a 40-chapter curriculum. The 130-year-old Berlitz Method requires all instruction to be given in the target language and in the context of real-life situations.

Although the Oneida language has only 14 letters - six vowels and eight consonants - and a small inventory of sound, it is a complex language.

The Oneidas' use compound words that express an entire concept, rather than the English way of using several words to say the same thing. There are 15 forms of people and groups that change how the same word is said, each with its own variation for past, present and future tenses, creating an extensive and complex sys-

tem of word formation.

“It’s an ongoing process. I’m not sure I will ever be fluent,” said Mary Blau, 50, who gave up her waitress job at the tribe's casino to take the class. Hill worked for the tribe's facilities department and has a heavy equipment operator's license. Both aspire to teach the language.

Five of the eight members of the first two-year class are presently teaching Oneida, including Beglen. The tribe's ultimate goal is ambitious - to teach Oneida to all 1,200 tribal members in New York.

For most of their long history, the Oneidas relied on oral tradition. It wasn’t until the 19th century that they began writing down their language using the English alphabet.

But the tribe was scattered after the Revolutionary War, with a few Oneidas staying in New York and the majority moving to Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada. All three Oneida communities have language preservation projects. The Wisconsin tribe is in the process of creating an online dictionary and has developed a 165-page teaching manual.

By the mid-20th century, the Oneida language was dying out rapidly. Like many other tribes, Oneida parents reluctantly encouraged their children to speak only English, believing it would

help them be accepted into society and succeed economically.

Today, it is estimated that fewer than 250 people speak fluent Oneida, most of those in Canada and only a handful in upstate New York, the tribe's ancestral home, according to Ethnologue, a language database. Of that number, the overwhelming majority are older adults.

“I didn’t know my grandmother but she was a fluent speaker. My parents spoke only a few words,” said Beglen, whose adult children can speak some Oneida and who speaks Oneida to her grandson. “That’s how fast a language can be lost, from one generation to the next.”

“You can say you’re Indian and all that,” added George. “But when somebody says ‘Do you know any words in your native tongue?’ Well, if you can’t speak it, you have pretty much lost your identity as a native person.”

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On the Net:  
*Oneida Indian Nation of New York language site:*  
<http://www.oneida-nation.net/language-project/home.html>  
*Oneida Nation of Wisconsin language site:*  
<http://www.uwgb.edu/oneida>  
Indigenous Language Institute:  
<http://www.indigenous-language.org/>

Sample of Oneida language

Oneida is in the Iroquoian family of languages and is distantly related to Cherokee.

Here are a few samples of Oneida words, their English translations and pronunciations where possible:

**Onyota’a:ka:** - the Oneidas name for themselves, it means ‘The People of the Standing Stone.’ Kana:yote means standing stone; a:ka: is a suffix meaning people of that place. Pronounced: Own-yo-da-awg.

**Kalute’shuha** - means ‘many trees.’ Kalute' means tree; shuha is a suffix meaning many.

**Lalihwaha:wi** - means ‘he carries a message.’ La is a male prefix; olihwa’ means the message, words; ha:wi is a suffix meaning carrying. Pronounced: La-lee-wa-haw.

The Oneidas wanted a living language, able to express new realities. When needed, Oneida elders and experts meet to develop new words to describe the modern world. Here are two examples:

**Watahsatalha’** - means television, combining the Oneida words for picture (kaya:talha) and shadow (youtasa:talu). Yolunutakhwa - means radio, which joins the ideas of ‘they make music,’ (lutlanot) with the suffix meaning object (takhwa).

Source: Oneida Indian Nation of New York

From Page 8A/Health Info.

plaint from the homepage.

The toll-free hotline helps Wisconsin residents obtain information on:

- Local home health care agencies
- Agency certification for Medicare and/or the Medical Assistance Program
- Results of state inspections of agencies
- Complaints filed against an agency within the last two years

The Department’s Division of Quality Assurance, which has oversight of regulated health care facilities, will fol-

low-up on issues regarding:

- Nursing homes
- Assisted living facilities
- Facilities serving people with developmental disabilities
- Home health and hospice agencies
- Clinical laboratories or analysts
- Non-long-term care providers (hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, end stage renal dialysis, outpatient rehabilitation agencies and rural health clinics)
- Mental health and substance abuse treatment programs

Cobell says Indians will appeal trust ruling

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) ~ Elouise Cobell, the lead plaintiff in long-running trust case against the Interior Department, said a judge's \$455 million ruling will be appealed “as soon as possible.”

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of a half-million American Indians and their heirs, claimed they were swindled out of billions of dollars in oil, gas, grazing, timber and other royalties overseen by the Interior Department since 1887.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson ruled Thursday that the government owes the

plaintiffs \$455 million.

Cobell said the litigation unfairly put the burden of proof for financial mismanagement on Native American landowners instead of the Interior Department.

In March 2007, the plaintiffs rejected a \$7 billion offer from the government to partly settle the lawsuit and had said they were owed as much as \$48 billion.

The class-action lawsuit was filed in June 1996.

Information from: Missoulian, <http://www.missoulian.com>

NY Senate passes Indian reservation tobacco tax

By Valerie Bauman

Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) ~ New Yorkers won't be able to avoid the highest cigarette taxes in the nation by shopping at Indian reservations if Gov. David Paterson signs a bill given final approval by the state Senate Friday.

The measure requiring a cigarette tax on reservation sales had already passed the Assembly. A spokeswoman in the governor’s office said they haven't reviewed the bill yet.

The bill passed during a one-day special session of the Senate. The New York Department of Budget expects an additional \$70 million in state revenue if the bill becomes law. Sen. Michael Nozzolio of Seneca Falls, who sponsored the legislation, estimated a \$400 million spike in tax revenues.

The American Cancer Society said the new tax could get about 100,000 people to quit smoking.

The measure would require tobacco wholesalers to certify - under penalty of perjury - that they won't supply cigarettes to retailers unless the packs have a legal New York state tax stamp. Wholesalers wouldn’t be able to buy from manufacturers unless they provide tax certification.

American Cancer Society spokesman Peter Slocum urged Paterson to sign the bill and enforce it.

The Seneca Indian nation has opposed the legislation, which nation president Maurice John Sr. said would “adversely impact the western New York economy by damaging a \$200 million Seneca retailing sector, while violating treaties between the United States and the Nation, is certainly veto worthy.”

“The state Legislature should not try to help close its budget gap by denying the right of purchase to the Seneca Nation and its licensed retailers or by jeopardizing the jobs and liveli-

hoods of more than 1,000 Seneca and non-Seneca families involved in our retail economy,” John said.

The bill was passed the same day Republicans showed support for Paterson - a Democrat - by backing his proposal to cap local school and government property tax growth at 4 percent a year, unless voters overwhelmingly support more.

“The residents of our state have made it clear they want relief from the crushing burden of local taxes,” Paterson said in a written statement. “We will continue to work closely with our partners in the Legislature to control rising property taxes through the passage of a sensible cap.”

Despite passing the Senate with a 38-20 vote, the bill faces a long shot at becoming law because of resistance in the Democrat-led Assembly, which favors another approach.

A recent poll found that 78 percent of New Yorkers favor a proposal by the Assembly Democrats to raise income taxes on New Yorkers who make \$1 million or more a year.

Dan Weiller, a spokesman for Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, says the speaker has never said he is opposed to a tax cap, but has raised concerns about protecting the quality of education in New York.

“I would never do anything to diminish the quality of education in New York,” said Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, of Long Island.

The Assembly's Democrats prefer a “circuit breaker” that would further subsidize property taxes for middle class and poorer New Yorkers based on income.

“I just think they’re out of touch with reality, because they don’t understand the crushing burden of property taxes,” Skelos said of Democrats in the Senate.

Oneida speakers honored for work in the language



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Oneida language speakers Helen Skenadore, left, and Leona Smith were honored by then Oneida Business Committee Chairman Jerry Hill and the staff of the Oneida Language House for their work helping to bring the Oneida language back.

The two fluent Oneida speakers were each presented with a Pendleton blanket, a bouquet of roses and a framed eagle feather on Friday, August 1.

Both Skenadore, age 95, and Smith, age 88 were one of 11 elders who began working for the Oneida Language Revitalization Program in 1995. Both have continued to help the language trainees develop their Oneida language skills despite various health problems.



# Culture

## In the News with... Cultural Heritage

### Salt Pork Ave is back!

In the mid 1960s the Hobart Town Board renamed Salt Pork Avenue to Shenandoah, once again Salt Pork Avenue is back with pride.

The log home project began more than 15 years ago when Loretta Metoxen had the idea about the log homes that were getting dismantled or destroyed should be preserved. James Hayward, who at the time was with Heritage Hill State Park had been hired to help restore several buildings. Together they toured the Oneida reservation to see which homes were standing and if they were salvageable. The project eventually passed through several hands before returning to Cultural Heritage.

It was a very tedious process, each log home had to be sketched and the logs numbered so they could be put back together the way they came down. However, when the project first started and after the logs were numbered and dismantled, they were stored in the machine shed of the farm where S & L Motors

*"I love seeing the elders light up when they see the log home and they start telling stories. It's wonderful."*

~ Dr. Carol Cornelius, Cultural Heritage Director

is today. Most people were doubtful whether the homes would be restored and they thought nothing would ever come of the project. Then in a 1998 GTC budget meeting, Loretta Metoxen asked GTC, to have the budget amended to include funding to complete the restoration project. Although the work was slow, after many years of determination, finally the homes are now intact.

Dr. Carol Cornelius, Cultural Heritage Director commented, "I love seeing the elders light up when they see the log home and they start telling stories. It's wonderful."

This is an exciting time for Cultural Heritage, the log homes currently have a plan laid out on how each home will be utilized. Each home will host a theme with pictures and displays that will be created to help share our history.

The Plan (layout below):

**Home 1:** Available for meet-

ings for any department. Please keep in mind the log homes are not heated.

**Home 2:** Craft house that will feature information about traditional pottery, basket making, the lace makers and beading. Future collaborations with the Arts Board will be done to offer classes.

**Home 3:** For viewing as a furnished home, with more "modern" to the 1900s pieces.

**Home 4:** Focus on the kitchen and what it was like to cook back then. Again, with future discussions to hold cooking and canning classes there.

**Home 5:** Another furnished cabin and we will be looking at furnishing it with items that would have been available when the Oneidas first traveled to Wisconsin. Tours will most likely begin in the spring of 2009 and a brochure about each cabin and family is available at Cultural Heritage.

### Salt Pork Avenue, Then...



Photos courtesy of Cultural Heritage Department



### Humble Beginnings...

So, what would life be like if you lived in a log cabin? Loretta Metoxen commented, "Like some others have asked when they could move in, I have a similar feeling, because when I lived in a log house it was a very happy experience. So, I appreciate how Oneidas lived and provided for their families."

Loretta was at no loss for words when talking about her childhood. She explained, "I am the oldest of 6 children but mother and dad took in a lot of our cousins, [and] my grandmother and dad's sister lived with us. So often we had 13 people in our house, but in the summer it may have been as many as 20, and the kids would sleep outside or in the barn. We had a lot of fun listening to the frogs or watching the stars. It was like my own little house on the prairie."

Their family had a farm and they did their own butchering of meat and preserving of food. The first Oneidas probably came with the basics, kettles, saws, and tools, they could carry very little. In her family, they worked every day. Even if you were 4 or 5 years old you could carry water. Her mom

*"...the kids would sleep outside or in the barn. We had a lot of fun listening to the frogs or watching the stars. It was like my own little house on the prairie."*

~ Loretta Metoxen, Tribal Historian

was an excellent cook and her dad a good provider. "We always had good food, fresh bread, raisin bread, caramel rolls, cream butter, even during the war time."

Loretta also said, "We had one large kitchen, one bedroom and then a small living room. The room upstairs was a loft with a dividing wall, boys on one side and the girls on the other. Four sisters slept in one bed. It was great in the winter time for the heat. During the winter, I would bring up a pail of water and by morning there would be a thin layer of ice on it. We had a wood stove that heated the house and a small register that would heat the boy's room. Sometimes, there were small holes in the shingles and sometime snow would come in or you could see through the cracks, the moon."

There was no electricity, and Oneidas had kerosene

lamps and the children would have to sit around it to do their homework. When people got fancy, they would have gotten an Aladdin lamp and it gave off a lot of light. The main room was a dining room/living room, and that is where they made the clothes and did the canning and entertaining. The average size home would be less than a 1000 square feet. The average size family would vary up to 16 kids, and that also included extended families. If the mother would pass away, the kids would be adopted out.

Life was no picnic living in a log home but their homesteads were self sufficient and in those days hard work was just the normal way life was. Neighbors would help neighbors and there was a strong sense community and they relied on each other to survive.



& NOW!

Salt Pork Ave

John Adams  
Home 1  
Meeting/Events  
Stairs/H2O

Nelson Skenandore  
Home 2  
Craft House  
Stairs/H2O

Chauncey Baird  
Home 3  
Furnished

Home 4  
Cooking  
Foods/Canning

Jacob Shenandoah  
Home 5  
Furnished



Garden





## Gearing up for 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Indian Summer Fest at Milwaukee

Indian Summer Festival will celebrate its 22nd anniversary this year at Maier Festival Park (Summerfest grounds) on Milwaukee's beautiful Lake Michigan lakefront.

North America's largest American Indian cultural festival is set for Sept. 5-7.

The organization behind the festival, Indian Summer Festivals, Inc., was started in 1985 in Milwaukee by three different American Indian families. Since the first festival was held in 1986, Indian Summer Festival has grown with the support of other festivals (especially Irish Fest),

volunteers, grants from government and non-profit agencies, and tribal and corporate sponsorships. The festival's board includes members of many tribes and nations, including Oneida, Menominee, Ojibwa, Apache, Potawatomi and Mohican. The fact that cultural areas, such as the pow wow arena, are blessed and enforced as "non-alcohol" areas, makes Indian Summer unique and especially family-oriented. Organizers endeavor to include groups from throughout North, South and Central America. There is special emphasis on educating young

people about the American Indian, as shown by Education Day, held every year on Friday before the festival's official opening. Indian Summer Festival is dedicated to strengthening the American Indian community and educating the general public on the history and the unique and diverse cultures of the American Indian by providing a forum to celebrate and showcase American Indian traditions.

Following is the Grand Entry schedule according to the Indian Summer website:

**Friday:** 4pm to 11pm; 7pm Grand Entry

**Saturday:** Noon to 11pm; 1pm and 7pm Grand Entries

**Sunday:** 11 am to 7 pm; 1 pm Grand Entry

Individuals named to key posts for the event include:

Emcee's: Vince Beyl & Dale Old Horn

Arena Director: Marty

Pinnecoose

Head Judge Dance: Charles Belisle

Head Drum Judge: Terry Fiddler

Head Veteran: William Hindsley

The Host Drum is Buffalo Horse, while the Invited Canadian Drum has yet to be announced.

The Indian Summer office is located at 10809 W. Lincoln Ave., Suite #101, West Allis, WI 53227, phone (414) 604-1000, or visit: [www.indiansummer.org](http://www.indiansummer.org)

### ADMISSIONS:

**Adults:** \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the gate

**Elders (60+):** \$10.00

**Children 12 and under:** FREE

## Labor Day Golf Outing

**Monday, September 1, 2008**

Location: Crystal Springs Golf Course, Seymour, WI  
Time: 12 Noon, Shotgun start (Dependent upon 50 golfers)

Entry fee: \$50 (Price includes 18 holes of golf with cart and meal and contest holes and door prizes)

**Registration deadline is August 27, 2008.** Entry fee must be paid by deadline date. To register call Dale Webster at **920-869-2322** or Ben Skenandore at **920-526-7521**.

When registering please provide all names of golfers in your foursome. If you do not have a foursome, other names will be added to fill the group.

The format will be all names will be placed in a hat and will be randomly drawn which will place you in a 4 person team. Your total team score will be totaled and the 3 lowest scores will receive prizes.

This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association, Oneida Chapter.

## Shenandoah scheduled to perform at Indian Summer on Saturday



Joanne Shenandoah

A GRAMMY Award and 11 Time Native American Music award winning artist; and Wolf Clan member of the Iroquois Confederacy, Joanne Shenandoah has fulfilled the promise of her Native American name, Tekaliwah-kwa, (She Sings) . "She's become one of the most acclaimed Native American recording artists of her time." Associated Press.

Since emerging as an artist in 1990, she has performed at such high-profile gigs at Carnegie Hall, the White House, Kennedy Center, Earth Day on the Mall, Woodstock '94, and the Parliament of the

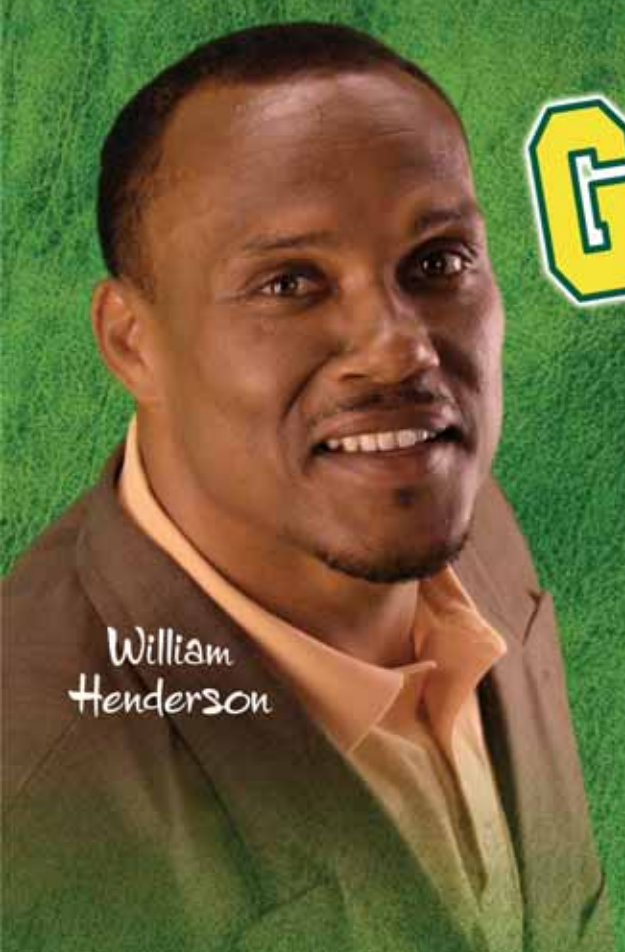
Worlds Religions in South Africa and the famous Sagrada Familia, in Barcelona Spain, Instanbull, Hwa Eom Temple, S. Korea and thousands of venues in the US.

"She weaves you into a trance with her beautiful Iroquois chants and wraps her voice around you like a warm blanket on a cool winter's night," said Robbie Robertson, formerly of the Band, who used her voice on his solo album Contact From the Underworld of Redboy. Shenandoah has also collaborated and or performed with Bruce Cockburn, Neil Young, Brian Kirkpatrick, Willie Nelson, Rita

Coolidge and scores of others.

Over time Shenandoah's been able to channel her love of pop, folk and classical into her ancestrally inspired music and her music has been used in many soundtracks to include HBO, PBS, Northern Exposure, Bose Systems, The Discovery Channel, and TRANSAMERICA to name a few.

Shenandoah, as an actress plays a major role in The Last Winter, a thriller film on global warming starring Ron Perlman available at Blockbusters everywhere.



William Henderson

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### DRAWING PRIZES


Green Bay #4 autographed memorabilia. (15 winners)  
Drawing held on Tues., Sept. 2, 2008. Need not be present to win.

### PRIVATE TAILGATE PARTY

### TUES., SEPT. 2, 6 - 7:30 PM

Relive the glory of Super 31 with Green Bay greats. Tailgate party includes Q&A session, photos and prize drawings.

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# Environmental

## Growing Green event draws near

**Patricia A. Cornelius**

Farm Manager

The Oneida Nation Farm and AgVentures, are teaming up to present the Growing Green Experience, feeding the world while protecting the environment. Agriculture plays a large role in the community, but very few people understand it. We hope to educate the general public and the agricultural community of the importance of soil and plant nutrition as it relates to

food and the environment.

Activities planned over the course of the two-day event include:

**Friday, August 22, 2008**

• 10:00 – 2:00PM

**Focused on the Agricultural Community**

- Information will be presented on the value of manure, using stabilized fertilizers, and farming's impact on the environment in the public's eye.

**Saturday, August 23, 2008**

• 10:00 – 2:00PM

**Focused on the General Public**

- Family activities are planned relating to plants and crop nutrients, food and where it comes from, and farming with innovative equipment.
- Former Dallas Cowboys player, DD Lewis, will be there to present "Coaching Kids on Crop Nutrients".

This experience will benefit agriculture in many different ways. We all play a large roll in agriculture and need to create a positive agriculture image in the public's eye. Activists spend millions of dollars each year attacking agriculture. We have the opportunity to share the story about how farming, the environment, and stewardship work hand in hand.

We would like to invite your participation and support, in the "Growing Green Experience".

If you have any questions please call the Farm at **1-920-833-7952** or e-mail [farm@oneidanation.org](mailto:farm@oneidanation.org)

## Slow traffic stay in the right lane

According to a hit-song of the 1970s, life in the fast lane will surely make you lose your mind.

To protect your sanity as well as your safety, it's often wise to let faster-moving vehicles just pass you by. This is especially true while driving on Interstate highways and other multiple-lane roadways. If you're traveling slower than other vehicles, you can help traffic move more safely and efficiently by staying in the right lane as much as possible.

According to Wisconsin law, any vehicle traveling "at less than the normal speed of traffic" is required to be driven in the right lane (or as close as practicable) except when overtaking or passing another vehicle.

## Pest Alert

### Presence of Emerald Ash Borer confirmed in Wisconsin

It has been confirmed by the Wisconsin Department of Trade and Consumer Protection and the Wisconsin DNR, of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) presence in Wisconsin. The EAB is an invasive insect pest of ash trees and is responsible for the destruction of over 25 million ash trees in nine regional states and a province in Canada. In Wisconsin the discovery was made in a private woodlot in Ozaukee County near the village of Newburg, but this is not necessarily the origin of the infestation. Wisconsin officials will likely quarantine Ozaukee and other adjacent counties restricting the movement of hardwood and ash nursery stock out of infested area. The Oneida Health & Safety Division (EH&S) has taken steps to help detect the EAB by partnering with the USDA/APHIS (Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service) to install monitoring traps at several locations within the reservation.



EH&S has been monitoring for their presence since 2006. Staff will continue with the monitoring program and report any EAB finding to APHIS for confirmation.

Tribal residents and visitors are encouraged to use local sources of firewood, here or at any travel destination, to help control the spread of the EAB.

From May to August, metallic green adults only a half inch long lay eggs on ash bark that hatch into larvae and tunnel into the tree. August to October, the larvae feed under bark, creating "S" shaped galleries. EAB larvae over winter under bark emerging in May to June as adults leaving "D" shaped exit holes. After summer mating the cycle starts again.

For more information or to report any suspected presence of EAB contact the Oneida Conservation Office Forester at 869-1450, and/or visit the following resources:

WI DNR – [www.wdnr.state.wi.us](http://www.wdnr.state.wi.us)

Wisconsin EAB Resource – [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov)

Michigan Multi Agency EAB website –

[www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

USDA Forest Service – [www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab)

# Rabies Clinic

FOR PETS OWNED BY ONEIDA TRIBAL MEMBERS  
Sponsored by Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division

## OUTDOOR CLINIC DATES

**WEDNESDAY**  
**September 17th, 2008**  
4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
**September 20th, 2008**  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Both clinics will be at the Norbert Hill Center (Arbor)

**SAVE TIME WAITING IN LINE**  
Complete pre-registration form found in the Kalihwisaks or at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 5

**WHAT IS PROVIDED?**

- FOR DOGS - **FREE** Rabies, Canine 6-in-1 Distemper, & Lyme Disease vaccinations
- FOR CATS - **FREE** Rabies, Feline 3-in-1 Distemper, & Feline Leukemia vaccinations
- FREE CERTIFICATE** of Vaccination & Immunization Tag For Each Animal

**WHEN DO YOUR PETS NEED SHOTS? CATS OR DOGS**

1 Rabies Vaccination - Good for 1 Year (if less than 12 months old)  
1 Rabies Vaccination - Good for 3 Years (if older than 1 year old)  
1 Distemper Vaccination - Good for 1 Year  
1 Lyme Disease or Feline Leukemia - Good for 1 Year

**WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?**

- Oneida Tribal ID: **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Animal's Past Rabies/Vaccination Record
- YOUR DOGS/CATS: LIMIT - Up To 5 Animals Per Household**
- Current Dog License OR Proof Of Address (Driver's License)

**Do You Live ON the Reservation?**

- Must Show OR Purchase Oneida Pet License On-Site
- Cost: \$10/animal (\$5 Neutered/Spayed)

**Do You Live OFF the Reservation?**

- You Should Purchase License from Your Municipality

## SAVE TIME & PRE-REGISTER - 2008 RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Complete & return to:

**Ridgeview Plaza**

**Attn: Environmental Health Tech**

**3759 W. Mason St. Suite 5, WI 54155**

Pet Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle: Dog      Cat  
Male      Female  
Spayed/Neutered

Breed (i.e. Lab): \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

You may attach additional paper for more pets  
Your vaccination certificate will be ready for you  
Wednesday, Sept 17 or Saturday, Sept 20.  
*Thank you!*

Please contact Steph Mineau, 920-496-5340 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Hours of Operation:**

**Sept 17, 4-6:30 pm & Sept 20, 10 am-Noon**

**2008-09**  
**Oneida Sportsmans License**  
**Go on sale.....**

# Monday, August 25, 2008

Must have Tribal ID/Sportsman's ID  
And/or Hunter Safety Card  
(if born on or after 1/1/1973)

Oneida Conservation Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(closed from 12:00p.m.-1:00 p.m.)  
Phone: (920) 869-1450

**Environmental, Health, & Safety Division**

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# Fall Fest

## Renewing our Roots

**Free Lunch!**  
**Music**  
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**September 11, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Conservation Office**  
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Come learn about our projects and services...



# Education

## Trust Scholarship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## New law provides improved educational benefits to veterans

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

Military personnel returning from active duty will soon have a new weapon in their arsenal to combat the cost of higher education.

The federal Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act was signed into law on June 30, 2008. Although the law won't be in effect until August of 2009, returning veterans have a lot of improvements, over the Montgomery GI Bill, to look forward to.

The new Act will provide for up to 36 months of educational benefits for qualifying veterans for the 15 years following discharge or release from the last period of active duty military service.

One of the main differences between the new Act and the Montgomery GI Bill is with the 2008 Act there is an out-of-pocket cost to the

service members.

Kerry Metoxen, Veterans Affairs Officer, said, "This one here now for the Post 9/11 is free. The Montgomery GI Bill, VEAP they used to call it, Veteran Education Assistance Program; [the government] still has it where you give \$100 a month for a year and in return you get money to go to school."

According to Gerald Polus, Director of the Brown County Veterans Services, the official language of the bill has yet to be finalized. He recommended exploring the VA website for additional information. A fact sheet is available for viewing and can answer general questions related to the new act.

The core benefits for the "New GI Bill," as it's being, called are:

- Tuition and Fees Payments: Lump sum payment made

directly to the school per quarter, semester, or term, with the maximum rate of payment equal to the full established charges for the program of study (not to exceed the maximum in-state rate for full-time study at the highest-cost in-state public institution). For private schools participating in the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program, VA will match the remaining charges with the participating school.

- Housing Stipend: : A maximum monthly rate of payment equal to the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate for an E-5 with dependents, based on the school's zip code. The student must be enrolled greater than half-time.
- Stipend for Additional Educational Costs: Maximum rate of payment of \$1,000 each year for

books, supplies, equipment, and other educational costs, paid in a lump sum prorated by quarter, semester, or term.

For Wisconsin veterans wanting to attend an institution of higher learning before August of 2009, the Wisconsin GI Bill is available currently. Qualifying veterans receive a 100 percent tuition waiver at all University of Wisconsin schools and Technical Colleges. There are no housing or additional education stipends however.

Eligibility for state programs can be obtained at the Brown County Veterans Services Office at 305 E Walnut St. in Green Bay.

For more information on the new GI Bill visit the Veterans Administration website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) roll over the benefits tab and choose education.

## Oneida Museum offers fun Saturday activities

This is the list for summer fun weekend activities at the museum. Come visit the museum on Saturday through the month of August to take part in these great activities.

August 16- Corn Husk Dolls- Learn how to make a

traditional Oneida cornhusk doll. These dolls have been used by children for hundreds of years. Come find out the story behind the doll and the reason it has "no face." Fee: \$3.00

August 23- Mini

Gustoweh- The Gustoweh is the traditional headdress worn by the Iroquois. Come make one out of paper and learn about the significance of the feathers and other things about the headdress. Fee: Free

August 30- Yarn Bowls- Make a small yarn bowl using techniques that Native Artists use to make sweet grass bowls. Making a bowl is fun and easy. Fee: \$3.00

## Catch the READING BUG

What words can you find that tell something about a bug—how it looks, how it moves, and what it does. Look through the newspaper. Paste a word on each section of the worm. Then use the words to talk and write about a bug.



To learn more ways to talk about bugs and build your vocabulary, visit your local library.

Summer Reading Program  
at your public library

*Women's Health Talk:*  
*Breastfeeding*

Date: Wednesday,  
August 20, 2008  
Time: 12:00-1:00 P.M.  
Location: Oneida Library

World Breastfeeding Week  
August 1-7, 2008

Join us for a talk on breastfeeding!  
"Women Support in a Breastfeeding Community."  
Beth Scheelk, RD, CLC

Contact Person:  
Jill Caelwaerts  
869-4853

Sponsored by the Oneida Living in Balance Team and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

Time: **5:30pm – 7:30pm**  
Date: **August 28, 2008**  
Place: **Family Rec Center – County H**

The community is invited to attend. Come and learn about the OLRP, who we are, what we do. This is also our annual membership drive

\*Pot Luck Supper – Bring a dish to share

For more information, please contact...

Art Skenandore, Chairman – 920-217-3090  
Raeann Skenandore, Vice-Chair – 920-869-2604  
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Good News

New Arrivals

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

Gracie Mabel Neurenberg

Gracie Mabel Neurenberg, newborn daughter to Kristin and Jason Neurenberg, was born on Saturday, June 21st, 2008 at 2:03 pm at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. She weighed 7lbs 2oz and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Proud maternal grandparents are Jerry and Tricia Jorgenson. Proud paternal grandparents are Robert and Brenda Neurenberg and Lynn Johnston. Gracie was named after her Great-great grandmother Mabel Humphreys, and she has two siblings Brandon and Jenna.

Happy Birthday

Paul Badhorse Stevens  
August 14th and  
Congratulations!  
Graduating from Police Academy



Grandma Margorie, Dad Kelly Stevens & family

Check out the kalihwisaks



on the Intranet!

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NEXT DEADLINE is...**Wednesday**  
August 20, 2008  
@ 4:30 P.M.  
with a  
**PUBLISH DATE**  
of...**Thursday,**  
August 28, 2008

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

Oneida Nation

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Julia Skenandore

on being accepted for your Masters Program at the **Academy of Art University** in San Francisco, CA



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Congratulations

Evander...

on your graduation from Oneida High School! Way to go in playing in the NIBCA basketball game in Minn. and playing football in the Native All Star game in Miss. Good luck at the Indigenous games in Canada with the baseball team. Bring home the gold!!



And Good Luck at the University of Oshkosh this fall!!  
Love  
Mom and Jermaine

To our readers...

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Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

September 2008 Calendar of Events

**Animal Stories for Preschoolers: Ducks, Ducks, & more Ducks!**  
Tuesday, September 2, 2008  
at 10 A.M. and again Monday, September 15, 2008 at 1 P.M.

Children and their families can learn about our feathered waddling friends during Animal Stories for Preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the stories "All Night Near the Water" by Jim Arnosky and "Come Along Daisy" by Jane Simmons. After the story, the youngsters will participate in a fun craft project. Cost is \$2 per Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

**Morning Bird Walks**  
Wednesday, September 3 & Saturday, September 6, 2008  
at 7:00 A.M.

Early September is a great time to watch birds in route to their winter destination. Bring your binoculars to the Sanctuary to get a view of some birds on the move. Meet

at the parking lot by the Sanctuary Director's house. Don't forget to bring your binoculars and field guide. Weather permitting. No registration is required. For more information, call (920) 391-3671.

**Family Campfire Night**  
Friday, September 5, 2008  
from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

Bring your blankets and roasting sticks for an evening of fun at the Sanctuary. Enjoy the outdoors in the amphitheater while watching the campfire, singing songs, telling stories and roasting marshmallows. Cost is \$2 per Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

**Going Batty!**  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
at 7:00 P.M.

There's lots to learn about this fascinating nocturnal mammal. After discovering what is fact and fiction about bats in the area, join the staff

on a short walk at dusk to observe a few of these creatures in flight. Cost is \$2 per Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

**3rd Annual Walk for Wildlife**  
Saturday, September 20, 2008 beginning at 8 A.M. until noon

Bring your family and friends on the third annual walk to benefit more than 3,500 injured animals brought to the Sanctuary each year. Participants will meet various "animal ambassadors" while hiking the one-quarter mile or the two-and-a-half mile trail. Fun activities, refreshments and great prizes will also be available. Free for kids 12 and under; \$10 for 13 and older. With a shirt: \$7 for 12 and under; \$15 for 13 and older. Register or find out more by calling (920) 391-3682. For more information on any of the events, please call (920) 391-3671.

Holy Apostles Church Presents...

Church Picnic at Parish Hall

Sunday - August 31<sup>st</sup>  
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Music

Oneida Parish Hall  
(Take 172 West to Freedom Rd., take left, 1 block down on your left)

- Games
- Raffle of (1) Radisson Hotel - Casino Package gift certificate  
(Includes: 1 night stay for 2, w/breakfast buffet for 2 and 2 \$10 casino certificates)
- Booyah & Other foods  
(Adults: \$5/plate & Kids (age 3–10): \$3/plate)

Inflatable Bouncer



- Games
- Bake Sale
- Themed Basket Raffle

For more information, contact Abby Webster at  
[holyapostles@netnet.net](mailto:holyapostles@netnet.net)

Reminder from the Enrollment Department regarding...

2008 Membership Payment

- Oneida members enrolled before February 28, 2008 and age 18 before September 1, 2008 are eligible. Eligible minors will have their payment placed in a Trust Account.
- FY-2008 Membership Payment Forms were mailed on May 16, 2008 to each eligible tribal member who had an address on file.**
- It is the responsibility of each tribal member to submit a completed/notarized payment form to the Oneida Enrollment Department by the deadline identified EACH PAYMENT YEAR.
- Please contact the Oneida Enrollment Department for any check address, income tax withholding request or name change.**
- No photocopied, faxed, or emailed forms will be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Do not use pencil or white out. Do not alter or change any information (i.e. writing over, scribbling out). Your form will not be accepted!**

After forms are accepted and processed, a postcard receipt will be mailed to the CHECK address indicated on the payment form. Postcard receipts will be mailed every two weeks. Please allow time for delivery. If you have submitted a payment form and do not receive a yellow postcard receipt at the check address indicated on the payment form, contact the Oneida Enrollment Department at: (800) 571-9902 or (920) 869-6200.

Important Dates:

Deadline to submit forms...Close of Business on Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Address... Oneida Enrollment Department  
210 Elm St.  
P.O. Box 365  
Oneida, WI 54155

Checks mailed on...Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Please allow time for delivery!



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# THE CLASSIFIEDS

## Legal Notice

**Oneida Appeals Commission  
Original Hearing Body**  
*Notice of Complaints Filed and  
Scheduled Hearings*

RE: Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin vs Various Individuals  
A diligent attempt was made to notify the following individuals of claim(s) filed by the Oneida Tribe for judgment against them, on June 26,2008 at 1:00 p.m. At the Oneida Tribal Judicial System Office at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite # 1.

**Kathryn Newbanks, d/b/a Native Tee's, 08-TC-024; Scott Lynk, 08-TC-034; Terry A. Melchert, 08-TC-035; Todd Schuyler, 08-TC-036; Tonya Schmidt, 08-TC-037; Melissa Skenandore, 08-TC-038; Jody Cornelius, 08-TC-040; Edward Joepeck, 08-TC-042; Victoria laford, 08-TC-043; Karen Nolan, 08-TC-045; Jennifer Stevens, 08-TC-048; Kyla Wallenfang, 08-TC-051; Danette Woodmansee, 08-TC-053; Angela Cherny, 08-TC-054; Robin Martinez, 08-TC-056; Eugene Powless, 08-TC-057; Jennifer M. Skenandore, 08-TC-058; Geronimo Powless, 08-TC-063; Linda Delgado-Barajas, 08-TC-065; Lizzie Mouse, 08-TC-067; Nicole Reiter, 08-TC-070; Edward Carr, 08-TC-071; Julie Cornelius, 08-TC-072; Matt & Danielle Wilson, 08-TC-52; Elizabeth A. House, 08-TC-039; Carol Stevens, 08-TC-075; Carol Stevens, 08-TC-061.**

For Specific questions about this claim, settlement, or payment arrangements, please contact Diana Westcott, Central Accounting Department at (920) 490-3556. If you have questions on the process, feel free to contact the Clerk or Administrator, Oneida Tribal Judicial System at (920) 496-5300.

### Recka & Joannes SC

## Setting up a Business?

2149 Velp Ave., Suite 201  
Green Bay, WI 54313 434-2777

## Public Hearing

### Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice

Purpose: Amendment to the Tribal Constitution which would allow voting by mail and absentee ballot in accordance with Tribal law.

**When: August 19, 2008  
Where: Business**

**Committee  
Conference Room  
(BCCR)  
Time: 11:30AM**

### Public Hearing Process

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

B. Written: For those who cannot attend the scheduled public hearing or do not plan to speak at the hearing, the Oneida Tribe encourages those to submit written testimony. A maximum of ten (10) pages, doubled spaced, can be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the Tribal Secretary (Patricia Hoeft) or Peril Huff, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center, 2nd floor or mail to PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155.

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

## Legal Notice

### Setting Time and Notice to Creditors:

#### Request for information.

The following estates are being prepared for probate by the United States Department of the Interior and/or the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Appeals Commission, Office of Hearings and Appeals. **All creditor claims must be filed on or before September 15, 2008.**

*Donna Skenandore  
DOB June 2, 1931  
DOD June 27, 2008*

Send all creditors' claims and information relating to the decedent to the following address:

Tina L Figueroa, Land Title and Trust Specialist, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Division of Land Management, P.O.Box 365, Oneida WI 54155  
Dated: August 4, 2008

## Rummage Sales

### Back to School Rummage and Bake Sale!

Saturday, August 16-8AM.  
Green Bay Area UU Fellowship, 1641 Commanche Ave, Green Bay. (Behind Tony Roma's on Packerland)

## Found

Ring found at Celebrate De Pere. Call 920-606-7444 to describe.

### Recka & Joannes SC

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## Have You Been Injured?

"If the accident was another person's fault, it does not matter if you do not have your own insurance."

Abogados Atty. Joe Recka  
Recka & Joannes SC 435-8159  
Incluido en la lista de Abogados recomendados por el  
Consulado Mexicano en Chicago  
Green Bay 435-8159 Howard 434-2777 Appleton 730-0889

## Notice of Availability

### Anna John Nursing Home of Oneida, Wisconsin...

...will provide care from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 for uncompensated services to all eligible persons unable to pay who request those services. Requests may be made through the Finance Coordinator, Social Services, or Administrator's office. All services of the facility will be available as uncompensated services. Eligibility for uncompensated services will be limited to the person whose family income is not more than the Category C of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services. This notice is published in accordance with 42 CFR 124.504 Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Services. Anna John Nursing Home will make a written conditional or final determination of your eligibility for uncompensated services with in 10 working days, but no later than 2 days after admission following pre-service request; or by the end of the first billing cycle following a post-service request. We invite interested parties to comment on this allocation plan.

## For Sale

MVP's Sports Bar & Grill for Sale/Lease  
6 acres - \$600,000 purchase  
\$1500 lease Call 713-8544.

## Board Vacancies

### Oneida Police Commission: One (1) Vacancy

#### Qualifications:

Shall serve a five (5) year term; Must be a member of the Oneida Tribe; Must be 25 years of age or older; Must submit to a complete background investigation.

The following would prohibit any person from serving on the Oneida Police Commission: (1) A felony conviction in the State of Wisconsin or any conviction or a crime in another state that would be considered a felony conviction if the offense and adjudication occurred in the Stated of Wisconsin. (2) A felony arrest which results in a misdemeanor conviction due to a plea arrangement. (3) A conviction of any ordinance violation that could bring discredit to the Commission. (4) Any Pardon issued by the Oneida Tribe or the governor of any State, for an offense specified in section 1-4, (c3A-C) shall not deem a person as "exonerated" for the purposes of membership on the Oneida Police Commission.

- Must submit to drug testing prior to appointment and on an annual basis  
- Must not be an employee of the Oneida Police Department  
- Shall attend applicable training  
- Must be a person of known good standing in the community

**Dated: August 4, 2008**

### Oneida Pow Wow Committee: One (1) Vacancy

#### Qualifications:

Shall serve a three (3) year term.

Recka & Joannes Attys  
**DIVORCE  
FOR WOMEN**  
David Pietrek, Atty.  
Howard 434-2777

## Board Vacancies

Must be required to perform the supervisory duties in regard to the Pow Wow.

### Oneida Nation Veterans Affair Committee: Three (3) Vacancies

#### Qualifications:

Must be a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin who has served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

- Honorable Service
  - A person who has been inducted into or voluntarily entered into active duty in one of the services branches and who did no received a discharge from active duty with that branch due to "less than honorable conditions.:
  - Active duty is having served 181 days or more continuous duty unless discharged early for a service-related disability.
  - Served as a member of the selected Reserve and who has completed at least six years in the Reserves or National Guard or who has discharged early because or a service connected disability.
- Shall be a citizen in good standing
- Shall serve full terms of office.

**Deadline date for receipt of  
applications is  
August 21, 2008.**

## For Sale

2 Bedroom Mobile Home on 2 acres. Cty Y/Plainview Rd. \$55,000. Call 920.713.0595.

MAASS (Chicago Corner) store and property. Contact: Paul (920) 819-2800

## For Sale

### Cherry wood Desk w/Hutch



Standard sized Cherry wood desk with hutch, attached roll-out keyboard space. Has tempered glass on desk top and on hutch. Also, comes with separate cherry wood unit on wheels for hard drive placement. Less than 4 years old. \$135.00 firm. Serious inquiries only. Call 1.920.562.3309.

## ENROLLMENT...Reminder

**For members whose forms were  
received by September 2,  
2008...**

***Your FY-2008 Membership payment  
will be mailed: Tuesday,  
September 30, 2008***

*If you have any concerns, please contact the Oneida  
Enrollment Department at:*

**(920) 869-6200**

**or**

**Toll Free (800) 571-9902**

**Address: Oneida Enrollment Department  
210 Elm St.  
P.O. Box 365  
Oneida, WI 54155**

**http://enrollment.oneidanation.org**

| Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Job Opportunities |                |  |
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| OPEN POSITIONS                                       | OPPORTUNITY    | JOB DUTIES   |
| RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER GREEN BAY         |                |  |
| Guest Service Representative                         | Full Time      | Greets & registers guests, provides prompt & courteous service, & closes out guest accounts upon completion of stay to meet The Yes I Can high standards of quality. Prior hospitality experience preferred. <b>Valid drivers license in good standing.</b>  |
| Guest Room Attendant                                 | Part/Full Time | Provide housekeeping services to all guest areas, sleeping rooms & public areas according to the established policies & procedures to ensure exceptional Yes I Can! Quality standards.   |
| Laundry  | Part/Full Time | Load, unload, iron, fold &put away Hotel linens including sheets, duvets, tablecloths, napkins, & towels. Work efficiently & with high level of detail. Respond to guest calls within established timeline. Maintain public areas with high business levels. |
| Servers  | Part Time      | Ensure service of food and/or beverage to include the order-taking and delivery. Prior hospitality experience preferred. Ability to obtain any government required licenses or certificates. CPR Certification and/or First Aid training preferred           |
| Cashiers   | Part Time      | Collects payments and make change to close out guest checks totaling food annd beverage purchase in a friendly, courteous manner.  |
| Dishwashers  | Part/Full Time | Ability to work nights, holidays & weekends; ability to work independently; & perform frequent, repetitive tasks including climbing, walking, pushing, pulling, bending & lifting. Run dish machines, wash pots & pans. Project work assigned.               |
| APPLE SPICE JUNCTION                                 |                |  |
| Caterers   | Part Time      | Deliver & set-up off site function orders including tables, chairs & food orders; <b>Must have a clean driving history</b> & able to lift up to 50# at a time; Must have ability to speak clear, understandable English. <b>Must be 18 years or older.</b>   |
| Delivery Drivers                                     | Part Time      | Experienced drivers needed. Must have reliable vehicle & full auto insurance. <b>Must be 18 years or older. Valid driver's license.</b> Various shifts (mainly Mon.-Friday). Great pay & professional atmosphere.  |
| WINGATE  |                |  |
| Guest Room Attendant                                 | Part Time      | Provide housekeeping services to all guest areas, sleeping rooms & public areas according to the established policies & procedures.  |



Health

# A Healthy U: Oneida youth learn how to prevent diabetes

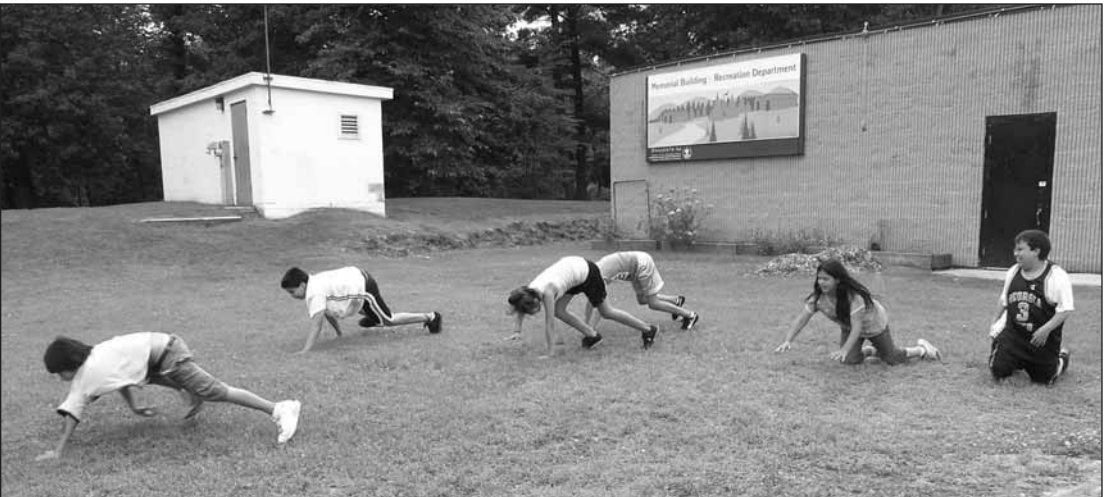


Photo courtesy of Oneida Community Health Center

Bear Crawl anyone? This was the first leg of the survivor competition in which the children experienced physical activity and an increase in their heart rate.

**Submitted By Dawn Krines Glatt and Tina Jacobsen, RD, CD**

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Oneida Community Health Center

Health Promotion participated in this year's Recreation Summer Youth Program with a class called "A Healthy U," providing diabetes prevention education to 9-11 year old Oneida youth. Our goal was to teach the children that choosing healthier foods and being physically active aids in diabetes prevention. Throughout two weeks, 51 children were engaged in our activities. Each child received a set of the Eagle Books series provided by the Indian Health Service/CDC and an Airwalk Scooter provided by the Diabetic Grant.

The purpose of the first week's sessions was for us to understand the group's knowledge and experience with diabetes, and then for the children to learn the benefits of physical activity, to experience an increase in heart rate and to set a personal goal of increasing physical activity. We began by reading "Through the Eyes of an Eagle" from the Eagle Book series, after which we facilitated a consensus workshop. This interactive activity involved the children in determining how they can prevent diabetes through discussion, brain storming/listing their ideas, and testing knowledge through focused conversations.

Since week one's focus was physical activity, we read "Knees Lifted High" from the series. This was followed by an interactive physical activity. The children split into two teams and both teams did a bear crawl to a set of cones and back to the starting point. The top two children in each team faced off in an individual challenge. The remaining team members cheered them on as they each held a plank position to see who would be the sole survivor. We had some tough competitors and the girls are really strong!

All children completed a "Steps to a Healthier You" worksheet, providing an assessment of what types of physical activity they are currently doing, what type of activities they want to try and how they will try them. Out of 45 worksheets completed, 42 children had at least one different activity they would like to learn and 38 children had tried at least three of the listed activities (soccer, lacrosse, football, kickball, tennis, taekwondo, volleyball, baseball, basketball).

The purpose of the second week's sessions was for the children to learn more about the nutritional qualities of fruits & veggies, to brainstorm ways to increase fruit/vegetable intake, and to set a personal goal of eating

more fruits and vegetables. After we read "Plate Full of Color" from the series, the children split up into a veggie group and a fruit group. Each team had 15-20 minutes to come up with a creative way (TV commercial, song, skit, etc) to convince the other team to eat more fruits or veggies. The five minute skit had to include examples of the fruits/veggies, why the fruits/veggies are important and how to get more into the diet. The children were given MyPyramid.gov resources to use. Many of the children were shy in performing their skits, but we saw several creative brave souls shine through.

All children completed another "Steps to a Healthier You" worksheet, providing an assessment of the fruits/veggies they have tried, the names of fruits/veggies they would like to try as well as how they plan to try these foods. Out of 45 worksheets completed, 44 children eat more variety of fruit than vegetables and 40 children would try at least one new fruit or vegetable.

To close, we led a focused conversation with the children to understand what they learned and what they plan to do with their knowledge. Following are listed the questions we asked and the answers given. As you can see, the children learned a great deal that they can share about being "A Healthy U." It is now up to you to reinforce their learning by joining them both in physical activities and in eating a variety of vegetables and fruit! "Children do what we do, not what we say." We look forward to offering diabetes prevention activities again next year in Recreation's Summer Youth Program.

1) We've talked about diabetes and that prevention happens with healthy eating and physical activity. What were some of the ways to prevent diabetes?

- o Eat fruit (2)
- o Ride scooter every day
- o Exercise (2)
- o Get enough sleep
- o Brush my teeth
- o Eat less sugar (2)
- o Watch portions
- o Eat healthy (2)
- o Don't smoke
- o Eat lots of fruit/veggies
- o Limit game time, TV and computer
- o Being active
- o Don't drink sugar drinks
- o Eat veggies
- o Play sports
- o Play outside

- 2) How do you feel knowing that you have the power to prevent diabetes?
- o Good (4)
  - o Safe
  - o Happy
  - o Healthy
  - o Energetic
  - o Take care of yourself
  - o Stay healthy & hopefully nothing will happen
  - o Strong
  - o Independent
  - o Brave
  - o I have a message to share with people
  - o Awesome (2)
  - o "Wicked"

- 3) What was most important that you learned between last week & this week?
- o Eat fruits & veggies every day
  - o Get exercise (4)
  - o To eat healthier (2)
  - o How to prevent diabetes (3)
  - o Limit TV
  - o Brush your teeth
  - o Play sports

- 4) Who are you going to teach about preventing diabetes?
- o My entire house
  - o All the people I know
  - o People at school
  - o My mom & brother
  - o Everybody (2)
  - o My parents (2)
  - o Brothers & sisters
  - o The world
  - o My family (3)
  - o My brother (3)
  - o My little cousin

## Oneida Pharmacy to expand on service to customers

A few short years ago the Oneida Pharmacy filled about 58,000 prescriptions and refills in a year at the old health center. Today, at the new health center that number has increased dramatically to about 167,000. Needless to say, the time has come to make some changes so we can continue to provide the excellent service you have grown to expect.

The Oneida Pharmacy is to be remodeled in the upcoming weeks. Upon completion the Pharmacy will have twice as many customer service windows. Two dedicated to registration and prescription drop-off and four dedicated to prescrip-

tion pick-up. Additional changes inside the Pharmacy will help staff handle the new higher volume of prescriptions.

This much needed improvement will make your visits to the Oneida Pharmacy quick and easy. Pharmacy patients will bypass Central Registration proceeding directly to one of the new registration windows.

Construction is scheduled to take place during evenings and weekends to minimize the impact on Pharmacy services.

We are making these changes to better serve our community.

# Bluebird nominated for nursing outreach

**Submitted by Beth Scheelk, RD, CD, CLC**  
WIC/Outpatient Dietitian, Lactation Specialist

Christina Bluebird was nominated for the Brown County Breastfeeding Coalitions' quarterly Breastfeeding recognition for true support of the importance of breastfeeding for all babies by Beth Scheelk, RD, CD, CLC.

Christina is a human resource specialist for the Tribe. I first got to know Christina after she had her baby Shaun last August. She had called with some early concerns and for reassurance and had attended a few of the breastfeeding groups that we have been working on establishing with Oneida. As her breastfeeding experience grew she was calling more often with concerns about going back to work, starting a bottle, etc. When she returned to work, Shaun still would not take a bottle. She worked with the daycare providers by having Shaun use a cup at three months of age and she would nurse her at lunch time. A few months after Shaun was born Christina's sister had a baby. This was when Christina first started donating some of her milk. Since Shaun was mainly taking milk exclusively from the breast, she had plenty in the freezer to share. After researching some information about donating milk, and going on some Breastfeeding support websites and blogs, Christina learned of the need for breast milk from some families on the website. Christine has donated to two families from the Milwaukee area, with her last donation being 519 oz, and more milk still in the freezer. She has



Photo courtesy of Beth Scheelk, RD, CD, CLC

Christina Blue Bird with her daughter Shaun and Beth Scheelk, a lactation specialist at OCHC.

been responsible in providing medical information on herself to the families and screening families for true need of the baby. Through all of this she has continued to help educate her day care providers on the needs of breastfeeding infants and the nutritional importance of breast milk for her child. She has been a great supporter of breastfeeding for everyone in the community and an inspiration of how the support of other breastfeeding mothers extends beyond the family circle to provide the best for our children and improving the health of future generations.

Q: How many families have you donated to?

A: Four total

Q: What helped you decide which families to donate to?

A: Locality of donor family, age of baby, reasons why baby needed milk.

Q: How did you find the families to donate to?

A: Milkshare.com. I didn't want to donate to a milk bank as that process was too formal. I wanted to donate milk personally knowing the family that the milk is helping.

I also donated milk to my niece who needed milk. I didn't have to look on a web site to find her. She is included in the four families that we have

donated milk to.

Q: How many ounces total have you donated?

A: 800 ounces

Q: And any other interesting info you would like to share?

A: I really enjoy breastfeeding our daughter. Some days have been harder than others with nursing. There have been days where I wanted to stop nursing but have made it almost a year and do not have any immediate plans to wean. I plan on letting our daughter self wean whenever she is ready.

My nursing relationship got off to a rocky start right from birth. We didn't have a good nursing relationship established until about two weeks after she was born. That rocky start was so hard but I knew that I was capable of exclusively nursing and with enough effort and with my partner's support-we made it this far.

I think our world needs more education on the great benefits of breastfeeding. I'm not sure how widely accepted nursing is. Somehow I think that nursing needs to become the accepted form of feeding your child, if you're able to do so.

The Office of the WIC/Nutrition Department at the Oneida Health Center will be **CLOSED** from **12 noon-4:30PM on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008** due to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diabetes Event at the SC Grand, as staff are hosting and facilitating the event.

Join Us for the 10th Anniversary of the Diabetic Event!

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“We are not giving up” in the fight against diabetes.

August 27, 2008

4:30-8:00 PM

SC Grand in De Pere, WI

Master of Ceremonies: Tim Moureau, RN, NP, CDE

Featured Speakers:

Community Panelists

Facilitator: Michael Flood, MD

Georgia FoolBull

Dale Metoxen, Sr.

Michael Skolaski

World Renown-Chef Chris Smith

“Cooking with the Diabetes Chef”

Register for Prizes including:

Treadmill and Recumbent Bike

Tickets Available at the OCHC:

Greeters Desk

Diabetes Team office (869-4864

WIC/Nutrition office (869-4829)

Ticket price \$5.00 per person-Cash only

Sponsored by: Oneida Community Health Center Diabetes Program



## Sports

## Run to remember fallen Marine



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

A US Marine Corps Platoon makes its last turn towards the finish line during the 3rd Annual Pfc. Jerabek USMC Challenge on Saturday, August 9 in Hobart.

The four mile run honors Jerabek who was killed in action on April 6, 2004. Jerabek was 18 years old.

## ThunderHawk football buckles their straps



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

The Oneida Nation Thunderhawks opened practice on August 11 for the 2008 football season. Head Coach Sonny Martin is shown leading players through tackling drills.

OUR PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

# Win a Chevy Malibu Hybrid or a \$10,000 Gas Card!



## Now through September 14

- ★ Every Sunday from 12pm - 7pm, 15 lucky winners will receive a share of \$6,800 in Gas Cards—that's 90 winners guaranteed!
- ★ On Sunday September 14 we'll draw two grand prize winners—one will win a \$10,000 Gas Card, the other will take home a 2008 Chevy Malibu Hybrid!
- ★ Receive 1 entry for every 60 points you earn with your Star Club Card.



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We're Easy to Find - Between Green Bay and Wausau Off Hwy 29

\*Must be present to win and must have played within 8 hours of drawing times. See Star Club for complete details. Must be 21 to enter casino. Mohican North Star Casino and Bingo management reserves the right to alter or cancel any promotion at any time and without prior notice.

# 2008 T-Hawk Football

|              |                             |         |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| August 29    | Living Word Lutheran (A)    | 7:00 PM |
| September 5  | Menominee Indian (A)        | 4:00 PM |
| September 12 | Messmer/Sherwood            | 7:00 PM |
| September 19 | Marion                      | 7:00 PM |
| September 26 | St. Mary's Central (A)      | 7:00 PM |
| October 3    | Manitowoc Roncalli          | 7:00 PM |
| October 10   | Rapid River, Michigan       | 7:00 PM |
| October 17   | Messmer/Sherwood (A)        | 7:00 PM |
| October 22   | Bark River/Harris, Michigan | 6:00 PM |

## BUS RIDERS NEEDED

Attention Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Community Members, Head Start is looking for bus riders for Norbert Hill and Three Sisters Site. We are looking for riders for the 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. route and the afternoon route at 1:00 p.m. A background check is required for this position, along with some other trainings. A \$15.00 gas card will be given for every two times that you ride the bus. If interested please call: Valerie Groleau (Three Sisters Site) 496-5200, Lisa Aho (Norbert Hill) 869-4060

# Ho-Chunk Nation's 11th Annual All Nations

DOUBLE ELIMINATION  
\$275.00 ENTRY FEE  
16 TEAM LIMIT

**Prizes**

- 1st Place \$3,500
- 2nd Place \$2,500
- 3rd Place \$1,500

Held in conjunction with the HCN Labor Day Contest Pow Wow

**CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

When:  
*Saturday & Sunday  
August 30 - August 31, 2008*

Where:  
*Sandpellow Athletic Fields*

Deadline:  
*Entry Fee by August 22, 2008*

❖ *Schedule will be drawn at random on 08.26.08*

Other Prizes:

- ❖ *4th-6th Placed Teams Based on Registration*
- ❖ *Team Traveling Farthest Distance: \$500*
- ❖ *Second Farthest: \$275*

For info., call:  
Todd R. Mathia at (800) 434-4070

Presented by the Ho-Chunk Nation. More info is available at [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com)



Oneida Family Fitness

Fitness Members  
for the month of  
July 2008

**Ingrid King**  
Ingrid has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness ever since it was at the Norbert Hill Center. She was originally motivated to exercise because she wanted to improve her health. Another recent motivator was the “Biggest Loser” competition that started up at work. Now, more than ever, Ingrid's health and her desire to regulate her weight help to continually motivate her to exercise regularly.  
Ingrid does regular cardio exercise at least four or five days a week. She also lifts weights two or three times a week, and participates in some evening cardio classes from time to time during the week as well. Along with a positive change in her eating habits, Ingrid has lost some weight and has more energy.  
Ingrid enjoys exercising at Oneida Family Fitness because she likes the friendly staff and the large assortment of equipment available. In her free time, Ingrid enjoys golfing, watching movies, watching her grandchildren's sporting events, and spending time with family.

Finally, Ingrid's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: “If you truly want to change your lifestyle, you have to go out and just do it. No one else can do it for you. The satisfaction you'll gain from making these changes will be losing weight, increasing your energy, and making you feel better.....and they are all worth it!”

**Gerald Hill**  
Gerald has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness ever since the days it was out at the Norbert Hill Center. He enjoys working out because he likes to stay busy and most of his family and friends are athletes as well. He also had heart bypass surgery about nine years ago and his doctor encouraged him to continue exercising. With regular exercise, Gerald has been able to lower his overall stress, keep his weight in check, and keep his blood pressure and blood sugar numbers under control.  
Gerald's accomplishments can be attributed to many factors. For starters, his children and grandchildren motivate him to stay in shape. Also, his work in the Oneida Language and Culture helps remind him of how hard his Oneida ancestors worked. On top of this Gerald enjoys biking for thirty minutes a day, five days a week. He also lifts lighter weights, emphasizing more repetitions, proper form and slower movements. And last but not least, he works on his flexibility as well. While Gerald has tried all sorts of routines in the past such as running and bodybuilding, injuries happened with these past routines which have led him to his current program.  
Gerald enjoys exercising at Oneida Family Fitness because the entire staff is helpful and encouraging. In his free time, Gerald enjoys music, reading and writing, especially poetry, essays and political analysis material. He is also learning film-making to incorporate into his work with the Oneida Language.

Finally, Gerald's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: “Find some insight to what you want to do and why. Be sincere and honest about the need to change then commit to it everyday.”

# Family Fitness Highlights

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

## Good Morning Strength

**By Jason Manders**  
Fitness Specialist  
Hurray. It's Monday. Let's get the week started right. If you're looking for a good pick-me-up exercise class, might I suggest Morning Strength class at Oneida Family fitness? This class is perfect for the person on the go who doesn't have time to spend hours in the gym. This is a complete workout combining cardiovascular exercise with strength training lasting only 30 minutes. Here is a typical class format.  
Classes starts with stretching that gets blood flowing and helps prevent injury. Now we're ready to begin the class. The cardiovascular portion of class tends to last 20-25 minutes and may include marching or jogging in place. You can choose the difficulty level. After a quick water break, the focus is on strength training.  
Most strength training exercises are performed as intervals with two separate muscle groups, so a typical combination may include a movement for the chest followed by a movement for the back. This style of exercise keeps the body moving and the heart rate up, but what comes up must come down eventually.  
The cool down portion of class brings you back to the beginning. To conclude each class, a series of stretches are performed. This is done to help lower the heart rate and relax the body which is essential after a hard workout.  
Well. There you have it. This is what you can expect from Monday's Morning Strength class. I hope to see you every Monday morning at 10:15 am.

## Commit To Fit Club Fitness Incentive Update

**By Eric Frantz**  
Fitness Specialist  
It's a proven fact that exercising 3-5 days per week for 30-60 minutes will help you to live a healthier, more energetic life! That's why the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) makes this recommendation. Here at Oneida Family Fitness, we also believe the same to be true, and that is why we have created the Commit to Fit Club to help motivate our members to exercise regularly.  
Since its creation in 2007, the Commit to Fit Club has helped to improve our members' participation in a regular exercise program. Since the start of the second year in October of 2007, approximately 8.6% of our 3000+ members have exercised at least 3-5 days per week over the past 10 months! With your help, this number will continue to grow!  
Being listed in the Commit to Fit Club is easy: just check-in and exercise at Oneida Family Fitness three or more times per week! It's an automatic incentive that you do not need to register for.  
Even better is what you may win! Besides being a healthier person from regular exercise, you will have a chance to win Oneida Retail Cards ranging from \$10 to \$500!!!! Every month, one male and one female with the most check-ins will win a \$10 card (limit one per year). Also, each month you are listed in the Commit To Fit Club's categories (Silver-3x/week average, Gold-4x/week average, and Platinum-5x/week average), you will receive the same number of entries into a year-end drawing for Oneida Retail Cards of larger amounts (4-\$250 and 3-\$500)!!!  
Simply put, this is a great program to help you improve your life! The more you exercise, the healthier you will be, and have a good chance at winning some cool prizes along the way!



**O.F.F. Shutdown is Aug. 18 - Sept. 1, 2008**  
Members will be able to use **Bellin Health Facility** on Comanche Ave. and the **CP Center** on Webster Ave. just off Hwy 172, just make sure to bring your OFF membership card.

**Oneida Family Fitness Staff**  
Michelle Mielke.....Fitness Center Director  
Ryan Waterstreet.....Assistant Director  
Amy Griesbach.....Office Manager  
Ryan Engel.....Fitness Specialist Supervisor  
Stefanie Reinke.....Fitness Specialist Supervisor  
Eric Frantz.....Fitness Specialist  
Jason Manders.....Fitness Specialist  
Tiffany Brockington.....Fitness Specialist  
Jessica Trembl.....Fitness Specialist  
Todd Shelto.....Fitness Specialist  
Tek Skenandore.....Fitness Assistant  
Hudson Denny.....Fitness Specialist/Promotions  
Kevin Schoenebeck.....Martial Arts Coordinator  
Adam Brown.....Martial Arts Instructor  
Maureen Cisler.....Administrative Assistant  
Shoshana King.....Administrative assistant  
Teresa Roth.....Aquatics Supervisor  
Teresa Holschuh-Sieja.....Aquatics Trainer/Supervisor  
Nicole Cooley.....Lifeguard  
Orrie Kreuscher.....Lifeguard  
Matt Fourness.....Lifeguard  
Elaena Duffy.....Lifeguard  
Jessica Mettler.....Lifeguard  
The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at:  
2640 West Point • Green Bay, WI Phone: (920) 490-3730.  
Look for **O.F.F. highlights** once a month in the Kali.

Oneida Family Fitness

GOLF OUTING

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008

Royal Scot Golf Course

Check-in 12:30pm

Tee Time 2:00pm

Event is for ages 12 & over

9 holes for \$30 (clubs are available for rent)

Register at Oneida Family Fitness beginning August 1

Space is limited so sign up early!

Cook-out and Award Ceremony will Follow the 9 holes of golf!

Contact: Michelle Mielke or Amy Griesbach 2640 West Point Road, Green Bay (920) 490-3730

GROWING GREEN Experience

Friday, August 22nd & Saturday, August 23rd, 2008 10 A.M. ~ 2 P.M. both days

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(On Hwy. 54 ~ 5 1/2 miles east of Seymour OR 1/2 mile west of Oneida)

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