DRUMS Across ONEIDA

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Maple Sugar Moon

March 2008

Elderly Services extends thanks for making Christmas party success

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

Bear Paw Keepsakes, Doxtator, Blackhawk Co. Inc., Gaming, Don's Quality Market,

Neil Cornelius (Santa), Band, Moon Hill, Ray & Anderson Oneida Business Member, Business Committee Committee Member Assistants, Merci Danforth - Oneida Tribal Treasurer, Patricia Hoeft Oneida Secretary, Gaming, Green Bay Packers, Flying Feather

Joyce Johnson, Α. Menard's, Mohican North Star Casino, Oneida Area Faith In Action Program, Oneida Center For Self-Sufficiency, Oneida Communications, Tribal Oneida Department Of Lorna Public Works, Oneida Gitchi Elderly Services, Oneida Elder's Activity Group, Ron Summers & Bev

Oneida Nation Commission On Aging, Oneida Nation Museum, Oneida Nation Farms, Oneida Nation Retail, Oneida One Stop, Marena Parmentier's Ninth Street Floral, Pdq Carwash, Services Florence Petri Potowatomi Bingo & & Staff: Tina P., Joyce J., Turtle School - 5th Claudia S., Lorna C.,

Oneida Graders & Teacher's; Beverly Skenandore, And Dellora Cornelius, James Smith, Richard Summers, Tsyunhehkwa, And Walmart Store

May you all have a blessed & wonderful Pamanet, New Year. The Director of Oneida Elderly Casino, Oneida Nation Angela O., Cheryl A.,

Connie V., Dale W., Michelle C., Sandy S., Joanne C., Lorleen J., James S., Glory L., Rita S., Marty B., Carmen P., Wayne M., Jean D., Barbara S., James H., Todd H., Brenda J., Loretta M., Betty J., Pat B., Alfrieda G., Robert L., Richard S., Lee D., Lloyd D., Lisa H., Don B., Harold D., Jeannine L., and Marena P.

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17 Beef Stew Biscuits Juice Pears	18 Bean Soup Fresh Bread Juice Strawberries	19 Liver & Onions Potatoes W/W Bread Sherbet	20 Salisbury Steak Potatoes Carrots W/W Bread Applesauce	21 Chop Suey Rice W/W Bread Oranges Slices							
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DRUMS Continued on 5B...

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Community elders are you tired of cook-Congregate Meals site Delivered Counties within the is served everyday, future articles... Reservation Tuesday is always soup

a meal and enjoy the Monday - Friday at

60 years + Donation 55 - 59 \$1.50

Your donation helps ous health or safe-ty issues. ing everyday? Come support our Congregate join us at the Meal Site and Home the Meal Site and Home Meals. Our service area is at 134 Riverdale Dr, Please watch for more Brown & Outagamie where a balanced lunch services we provide in

We encourage social-Boundaries. For all day and if you don't ization and family parcare for soup join us at ticipation. If you have contact our Service the Methodist Church family members under Coordinator, Cheryl located at N6048 55 years old, joining Ault at (920)869-2448. County Rd E for lunch you for lunch, call

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Elder needed for the Foster our Schools, Libraries Grandparent and Senior Companion Program. Individuals must be sixty (60) years of age, meet income guidelines and complete a preliminary physical exam.

Foster Grandparents Senior and Companions who meet the income guidelines are eligible to receive a stipend that is non-taxable and will not affect Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Food Stamps or other benefits an individual may be eligible for.

Foster Grandparents an application.

Volunteers work with children in and Day-cares and can work up to 40 hours a week. Senior Companions with home bound elders and can work up to 20 hours a week. Both the Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions can get paid mileage at the rate of \$0.35 per mile for travel to and from their work site.

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SPRING SING 2008

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

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National Indian Council on **Aging Biennial Conference**

When: September 5-9, 2008

Where: The Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center 1500 Broadway Plaza Tacoma, Washington 98402 www.tacomaconventioncenter.co Early bird registration: June 30, 2008

Host Hotel: Sheraton Tacoma Hotel (soon to be Hotel Murano) 1320 Broadway Plaza Tacoma, Washington 98402

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

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

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Elder Support Options

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MEALS NAIL CARE **OUTINGS PROJECTS PUZZLES RUMMAGE SALES** SNACKS **SPEAKERS TOURS** VISITS

ELDERS AND EVERYONE DRUMS CONTACT

From the desk of: Linda Douglas

I am with Elderly Services and will be the main contact for the DRUMS Across Oneida newslet-

Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, concerns, complaints, etc. Thank you for your attention.

My phone number: 920-869-2448 email Idouglas@oneidanation.org

Thanks go to the Creator of this puzzle by Grace Griffey

GLNAEA

Great Lakes Native American **Elders Association**

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

Agenda Items:

- Continental Breakfast
- · Speakers and Presentations on Elderly Issues Entertainment:

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

· Please Remember to bring our tribal enrollment card •

Future 2008 Meetings

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Seymour Area Parkinson Support Group

Good Shepherd Services • Where: 607 East Bronson Road, Seymour, WI

Meet in the Community Center February 5th, 1:30 РМ

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Everyone is welcome to attend! Please Join Us!

Individuals with Parkinson disease, caregivers, and everyone interested in learning more is welcome to attend the free meeting. For more information about Parkinson disease, please contact the Wisconsin Parkinson's Association at 1-800-972-

Please RSVP to Mary Beth at 920-833-6856, ext 117

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VISITS

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Oneida Elder Longhouse Apartments, Independent Living for Seniors at the Lee McLester II Building-Elder Complex



2907 S Overland Rd, Oneida, Wisconsin 54155 1-920-869-2448, 1-800-867-1551 Ask for Robert Lagest

* 4 openings available *

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

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60 years & older Donation 55 - 59 \$1.50

Your donation helps support our Congregate Meal Site and Home Delivered Meals. Please watch for more services we provide in future articles... We encourage socialization and family participation. If you have family members under 55 years old, joining you for lunch, call ahead let the cooks know in advance. All non-elders are required to pay \$5.00.

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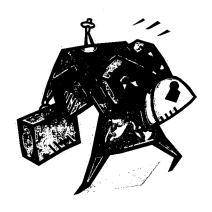
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Contract Health Services

Thursday March 20, 2008 12:00 noon

Senior Center / Meal Site 134 Riverdale Dr. Oneida, WI 54155

WHO: Patti Denny Contract Health Supervisor

& Margaret Valencia Medical Benefits Coordinator

WHAT: Oneida Contract Health

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

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



Great Lakes Native American Elders Association GLNAEA

April 3 & 4, 2008 Oneida Radisson Hotel - Wolf Room

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

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

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

We'll be gone from:

June 16 through the 20th

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

Payment Due In Full by May 2, 2008!!

The Total Cost: \$475.00

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



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- * Spring Sing (We will be attending the Spring Sing to watch several Choir Groups perform... including our Oneida Singers, have fun and fellowship.)
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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONRE THAT GAVE DONATIONS FOR THE ELDERLY SER-VICES VALENTINE PARTY THAT WAS HELD Feb. 14th, 2008 AT THE

SENIIOR CENTER ON

RIVERDALE!

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

THANK YOU, CHERYL AULT

2007 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATION ELDER OF THE YEAR

Name:

Oneida Nation Commission on Aging

Dellora R. Cornelius, ONCOA Chairwoman

Phone #: 920-819-9104 or 920-869-2448 ofc

Address:

Oneida Nation Commission on Aging

2907 Overland Drive

P.O. Box 365

Oneida, WI 54155

Person you are nominating: Pearl Marie McLester

Nomination Category:

Elder of the Year

Special Accomplishments and Volunteer Work

(The following information on Pearl was gathered by talking to a number of community members who also felt she warranted being selected as Elder of the Year. It is not intended to be all inclusive of the total years of community service done by Pearl. This is just an overview of her accomplishments.)

- Pearl is nominated for her many years of dedication to the Oneida community. Definitely from the "old school" Pearl was raised with a strong sense of commitment to family, church, and community. To this very day she remains active with family, church and Oneida community organizations and activities.
- Pearl was born on February 22, 1922 (85+years) on the Oneida Reservation at "Chicago Corners". She married Lee McLester II in 1939 and they had six children, Gordon, Judy, Winnifred, Patsy, Pearl, Ronnie & Donnie. Today this family of six has increased to 22 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, 3 great, great granchildren and 6 great, great grand children.

- Pearl's initial involvement in the community centered around activities
 with the Oneida Methodist Church and later the Holy Apostles Episcopal
 Church. She served on the vestry and participated in many of the
 church fundraisers and activities throughout the years.
- In the 1950's the family returned to Oneida from Detroit. Pearl worked for families in Green Bay, eventually she was employed as a cook at Sacred Heart Center (which later became Norbert Hill Center). She often supervised young JTPA students assigned to work in the kitchen. Supervising young people takes patience and kindness and Pearl had plenty of this to offer. After 19 years as a cook Pearl retired.
- During the late 1950's Pearl initiated the first Miss Oneida pageant. Rosa Hill was the reigning Miss Oneida that year. Sometimes we forget those who came before to smooth the way or to create the good things we currently enjoy.
- Over the past decades Pearl has actively served on boards, committees and commissions. She regularly attends the General Tribal Council and Business Committee meetings. She is never at a loss of words when it comes to advocating for the elderly or has an opinion on tribal matters.
- Anna John Nursing Home Board: Pearl is currently the Chairwoman of the AJNH Commission and has been an active board member for nearly 30 years. Her dedication to the residents of the nursing home is evident not only by her years of service on the Board but also her dedication to the fund raising efforts to benefit the resident Activity Fund and the countless hours she has spent visiting residents and attending nursing home functions. Pearl is a champion for those who need the services of the nursing home. She reminds everyone of the duty we all have to care for the fragile people in the community. She remains a positive and tireless Board Member and visitor to AJNH.
- Oneida Health Board: Pearl served a number of terms on the Oneida Health Board. She is an inspiration to all of us for her commitment and dedication to the improvement of health of the Oneida Nation.

- Oneida Personnel Committee: In the 1980's Pearl served on this
 committee for 5 years. This may have been during the times when no
 stipends where paid to boards, committees, and commissions. This is
 an appointed body of community members who represent the community
 in personnel matters. Members participate in interviews and hearings.
- Oneida Nation Commission on Aging: ONCOA advocates for all services that place priority on the well-being of our Elders. This is an elected nine member board that serves three year terms. All members must be 55 years or older. Pearl has served almost continuously since its inception in 1978. For the past fourteen years Pearl has advocated for Oneida elderly housing options which includes the elderly independent living apartments by Elderly Services and the proposed Assisted Living/New Anna John Nursing Home. On-going training is a critical component of this commission and Pearl attends conferences and workshops to keep abreast of elder issues on the local, state, and national levels.
- Oneida Trust & Enrollment Committee: Pearl served two terms on the Trust/Enrollment from 1984 to 1990. The committee works with the Enrollment office and the Trust office. The Trust responsibilities include providing due diligence for safe guarding and maintaining the trust funds of the Oneida Tribe. Enrollment duties include maintenance of the Tribal rolls.
- Faith-in-Action: Faith-in-Action was started in 2002, Pearl has served on this committee since its inception. This committee is a group of people of faith helping people in Oneida. This group of volunteers provides a variety of services such as home visits with elders in the community, transportation to doctor appointments, delivers medicines from pharmacy to client, makes phone calls to check on individuals living alone, does respite service.
- Oneida Nutrition Board: Pearl has been on this board since 2005. She attends on-going training as part of this board. This Board advises the Oneida Elderly Nutrition Direction on all matters relating to nutrition supportive services and the delivery of nutrition.

Membership in the following organizations:

- Great Lakes Native American Elders Association This is a regional organization of Native American Elders which meets bi-monthly and reviews elder related issues. Pearl has been a member for past 10 years.
- National Indian Council on Aging This is a national non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders. Pearl has been a member for the past 16 years and attends the biennial conferences.
- Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups This is a state elderly advocacy group. Pearl attends the annual CWAG conventions and has also received her degree as Advocate for the Senior Statesmanship program in Madison.



