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## Tribe acquires Unilever building, conditions were perfect



Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

The newly acquired Unilever building is located at 909 Packerland Drive near the intersection of W. Mason St.

**Submitted by Ernest L. Stevens III**

Executive Communications Specialist - Administration

Proud and progressive are the two words often used in describing the growth and development of our great nation, and for very good reason. Our people, much like many of the various tribal nations across the U.S., have seen much adversity throughout the decades. We have fought tooth and nail to keep our

land, culture, language, and history. The Oneida leaders that came before us have established a meaning to the word sacrifice that we hopefully will never have to understand. The things we see today as sacrifice would be a dream come true to most of our predecessors. Blood, sweat, and tears shed in order to build a nation.

Varying from the battles fought on the front-

lines of Washington, D.C. in an effort to push laws like self-determination, and self governance, to the community driven effort here on this very soil, those leaders kept their end of the bargain to ensure we follow the seven generations concept. For them that seventh generation was-

n't and is not us, today, but rather it is your children, your grandchildren, and your great-grandchildren. It is up to us to continue that fight and promote growth, progression, prosperity, pride, sacrifice, among other elements of this

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## Oneda Farm makes transition to paper bedding

**By Steven J. Gandy**

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Going green is a trend that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has embraced for generations and the Oneida Farm is taking that philosophy one step further by using shredded waste paper for it's livestock bedding.

The use of the shredded waste material should save the tribe money as well as it will no longer need to have the documents disposed of by a third party.

Denny Van Vreede, Oneida Farm Supervisor, said, "We are using anything that we are getting from Norbert Hill. So they are



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

The Black Angus beef cattle at the Oneida Nation Farm get used to the new bedding laid down in the farm's livestock pens. The Oneida farm, in a move to become more 'green', has been using the new bedding material about four weeks.

• See 2A, Farm Bedding

## OHA welcomes back Dale Wheelock

**By Dawn Walschinski**  
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It's déjà vu all over again for the new executive director of the Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) Dale Wheelock.

"I was housing director here back in '93 to '97," said Wheelock. "It's been like playing catch up, but the stuff is familiar."

Wheelock started his career in housing back in high school in 1966 as part of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

"There was a little shack, not much bigger than, well, about the size of four outhouses. It was small, but we ran construction out of

there, and I was one of the employees for the summer months and then part time during the school year," said Wheelock. "I look forward to working here in Oneida. My first job was in Oneida Housing, and things come in a full circle and I'm back here again."

Wheelock served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He's earned a bachelor's degree in communications for the University of Wisconsin-Green bay, and masters in education for the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

As housing director in the '90's, Wheelock oversaw the department's change over to

the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). OHA became its own general contractor, allowing the authority to build its own housing units.

The OHA will be receiving \$1.4 million from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. OHA plans to rehabilitate 16 rental units and build five new units. Wheelock stated the new units would be built with energy conservation in mind.

"Because the Housing Authority ... mission is to provide low income and moderate income housing

in the community, well, that population needs all the help they can get in terms of heating costs, so that's why we're trying to build energy efficiency," he said.

Wheelock wants people to know that the OHA does more than offer housing.

"We're not just a land lord, we also provide education, we help the community in terms of drug elimination, work with the



Dale Wheelock

## Obama taps former Idaho AG to lead Indian Affairs

**By Mary Clare Jalonick**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) ~ An American Indian who served as the attorney general of Idaho was nominated to become the head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

President Barack Obama nominated Larry EchoHawk, a law professor at Brigham Young University and a member of the Pawnee tribe, to the post. As well as being the former attorney general, EchoHawk, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also ran for Idaho governor in 1994, losing to Republican Phil Batt by less than 35,000 votes. At the time, he would have been the nation's first American Indian governor.

He became the first American Indian elected to a constitutional statewide office when he assumed the post of attorney general in the early 1990s, the White House said.

The embattled Indian Affairs agency has been without a leader for some time. The most recent head, Carl Artman, took the post in March 2007 after it had been vacant for two years and then resigned a little more than a year later.

The agency, which manages 66 million acres of land and oversees Indian schools and other programs, has been embroiled in a lawsuit for 12 years over Indian trust land. The long-running suit claims the Indians were swindled out of billions of dollars in oil, gas, grazing, timber and other royalties overseen by the Interior Department since 1887.

police department, provide social services, connections, referrals to different departments," said Wheelock. OHA also wants to offer budgeting classes.

"We want to help in that transition period when a person comes in looking for housing, becomes a tenant-a renter, and then help them in that process of moving forward to being a home owner."

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# Overman soars into history books

By Nate Wisneski

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Retired Air Force Major Jim Overman thought most military personnel received awards and he had no idea his honors were a big deal.

"I am the highest decorated Native American fighter pilot in the United States of American and I never knew it. This came out of the closet and I have been bragging ever since," said Overman.

Overman has received 18 air medals including the prestigious Air Force's Distinguished Flying Cross three times. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroic efforts piloting an AC-130 gunship on March 28, 1970 over Laos, Vietnam.

He was responsible for disabling numerous vehicles carrying supplies and ammunition for enemy units. "I got 32 trucks that night," he said. Overman did this while facing 436 rounds of enemy anti-aircraft fire. "The weird thing is what I did became commonplace because I was doing it every night," he added.

Overman, retired from the Air Force in 1972 and in 1993 after talking with his sister, decided to explore his Native American culture. He lived in California and knew nothing about his ancestors. "I came out here to visit and mainly

see what my Indian side of my life was. I was raised as a white guy, never was on an Indian reservation and never knew anything about my grandpa, Adam King," he said.

Overman was born in Delafield, Wisconsin and attended Oconomowoc High School. Overman enlisted in the United States Air Force in March of 1952. "I enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War. They needed pilots and I applied while I was enlisted. I just made Staff Sergeant. I passed the test and went to pilot school and I got a brown bar (2nd Lieutenant) and those silver wings," he said.

Overman received his Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and graduated from pilot training in April of 1954. He then piloted B-26 aircraft from 1954 to 1956 in Korea and Japan. He then instructed student and advanced pilots from 1956 to 1965. Overman had three combat tours in Vietnam ranging from 1965 to 1971.

During those tours he piloted C-130 and AC-130 gunships over Korea and Vietnam.

Overman military career was recognized by the state of California, as his image is life-size on the California Veterans Memorial in Sacramento, California. "The monument is 32 feet tall and at the 20-foot level I am life



submitted photo

Jim Overman readies to enter the cockpit of his gunship. Overman is the highest decorated Native American pilot in United States history.

size – forever," he said. "There are 5 million veterans in California eligible to be on the monument. There are 72 veterans on there and one of them is an Oneida from Wisconsin."

Overman now has taken the role of honoring veterans country-wide. "What does the name Lori Piestewa mean to you," asked Overman. Piestewa was the first Native American woman killed in combat in March of 2003 in Iraq. Overman is working to

have every Eagle Staff in Indian country have a separate eagle feather on top of it to honor Piestewa.

Overman is also involved in identifying and honoring any potential Oneida Code Talkers during World War II. "There may have been Oneida Code Talkers and they need to be recognized as soon as possible," he said.

Currently Overman lives in Oneida saying, "This is where I knew I was supposed to be."

## From Page 1A/Farm Bedding

shredding it and instead of disposing of it through (a third party) they're bringing it out here. I don't think if the cows wanted to they could pick up any of the shreds and really get any vital information off it."

The shredded documents are a good material for bedding according to Van Vreede, "This stuff really works well because it's shredded fine; breaks down really fast. It also really works quite well because it's very absorbent. When a farmer wants bedding, that's what he's looking for, something very absorbent."

Traditionally, the Oneida farm has used, and is still using, wheat straw. The straw is a by-product of the wheat they produce at the farm and although the paper does not provide any nutrients to the soil, it does help to loosen the soil, according to Van Vreede.

"It's all getting back to green. If we can recycle it and not put it in landfills and not have to incinerate it's just better for our environment," Van Vreede said.

Using shredded paper as livestock bedding is not new to the agriculture

business, however it can be cost prohibitive. There are time and labor costs involved with the shredding and the transportation of the waste paper to facilities that would use the paper. Currently, the Oneida Farm is making one trip to the Norbert Hill Center per week to pick up the material.

"When we first started with this, we were under the impression that this was a one-time deal; we were going to get 30 bags of it and that was going to be it. Right now it's been going on weekly; every week we're getting about 30-35 bags and it's working quite well," Van Vreede said. "At this rate it's working out relatively good. As long as they call us and ask us to come pick it up we will."

The Oneida farm is using approximately 900-1000 pounds of shredded paper per week. The paper is being used in conjunction with the wheat straw to meet the total needs of the farm's livestock. If the farm were to exclusively use the paper as the bedding, Van Vreede estimated they would be going through 2500 pounds per week.

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nation's spirit in order to ensure that their sacrifice and hard work was not for nothing.

There was a time when a handful of individuals grouped together in a small building at the far southwest corner of the reservation to ponder the needs of the nation. It was in this building, with typewriters and pencils, that many of the foundations were laid in an effort to provide growth and development for the tribe. This building was once known as the "tribal building," as well as the "commodity building," and is now known to house the Soaring Eagle Boxing Club. Most importantly, it once held the efforts of our nation's future. Eventually, the tribe was able to purchase the Seminary, now known as the Norbert Hill Center, where most of the government's operations presently take place. It was in these walls that our governmental efforts improved the nation's sovereignty, allowing us to become the social, economic and political

strength we are today.

So, in an effort to continue that growth and development as a proud and progressive nation, the tribe has recently closed on the purchase of what is to be the new tribal administration building at 909 Packerland Drive in Green Bay. This building opened up recently when the ice cream distribution company Breyers Good Humor closed its corporate doors at its Green Bay location, and in a buyers market the company offered the premises at a price range significantly lower than its current market value. With such an economic opportunity, the Oneida Business Committee, the Oneida Land Commission, the Division of Land Management, the Facilities Management Team and the Joint Executive Team brought their minds together to further build upon the needs of the nation.

There is approximately 60,000 square feet of supplemental office and operational space now

available for the organization's administrative efforts. In a carefully examined process, a number of departments from the various locations across the tribe have been chosen to relocate to this new administration building. Determination of the who, what, where, when, why, and how aspect of these decisions stemmed from the various needs of the organization. Some of these needs include but are not limited to: improved interdepartmental interface and communication based on function and comparable operations, enhanced management oversight, reduction of carbon footprint on the environment, shared use of equipment, supplies, meeting space, waiting areas, and IT networks, proximity convenience with other facilities, among many other needs and improvement opportunities. In this downturned economy, there are many spaces that were either originally intended for or can be converted to leasing and retail opportunities to

generate more revenue as well.

There is also much concern as to "why this and not that?" Why purchase such a building in the economy we are in and not give our employees a raise? Why not buy land? Why not do this, why not do that? Several months before this economy hit the skids we were faced with our own economic crisis when approval passed to empty the bank and distribute the very ability to do the things we needed to, like give raises, buy land, and so forth. In a matter of saying, we ate the entire apple before we took out the seeds to plant more apple trees.

With that said, there has been an ongoing need for such a building, and plans have been drafted to build one, but the costs of such a development would have equaled over 12 times as much as this acquisition did. According to the \$5 million assessed value on the property, the tribe will be gaining \$2 million in equity with this purchase. A replacement cost for this facility would run up to \$7.8 million. Not only that, but the property comes fully furnished and offers an entire upgrade to all the departments slated to move in regards to the facilities they operate in as of today. At \$55 a square foot versus \$130

for a new construction, there is no question when it comes to whether or not there is bang for the buck.

The iron was hot so the nation struck, as the decision making body in this deal had to prioritize, cut budgets and make their own sacrifices to ensure we make the best of this opportunity while we still have it. When things get better on a national level, the prices will go back up, and the opportunities will go dry. Now it is time to move forward and continue to work on building this great nation to better service you, the people, and lay down that path for our young ones as we move into a new generation.

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Passing On...



Metoxen, Anthony "Tony"  
November 16, 1967 – April 9, 2009

Anthony "Tony" Metoxen, 41, Oneida, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 9, 2009. He was born November 16, 1967 to Gerald and Alberta (House) Metoxen. On July 26, 2003 he married Faith "Jamie" Huntington. Tony enjoyed spending time with his son, his family, hunting, cooking, golfing, playing cards and watching the Packers.

He is survived by his wife Faith, his son Maddox, age 6, his parents; Gerald and Alberta, his brother Keith Metoxen (special friend Anita), his sister Denise (Elmin) Rivera, and his



grandmother Prudence Duxtator. Tony is further survived by faith's family; Francis and Kelly Huntington, Donald and Virginia Oswald, Hope (Kamal) Abuhuzeimah, Bud (Loretta) Huntington, Melynda Huntington, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

His sister Carolyn preceded him in death.

Services were held Monday, April 13, 2009 at 2pm at the RYAN FUNERAL HOME 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, WI Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to express online condolences to the family.



Duxtator-Rivas, Avelio Ramon  
June 22, 1997 – April 10, 2009

Avelio Ramon Duxtator-Rivas, passed on April 10th, 2009, after a two year battle with Cancer. He was born June



22, 1997, the son of Armando Duxtator and Melissa Rivas, he is survived by his parents Armando (Lisa) Duxtator and Melissa (Loren Lemieux) Rivas, beloved brother of Ivelesse, Cheyenne, Lorenzo, Armando Jr., Xavier and soon to be Matthias, dear

paternal grandson of Lisa (Jose) Ramirez and Vernon Zilke, maternal grandson of Sandra Danko. Great Grandson of Roberta Duxtator, special nephew of his nana Tia, also of his uncle Antonio Duxtator, was very close to his cousin Louie Duxtator.

Further survived by many uncles, aunts and cousins, and other relatives.



Smith, Jerrald K.  
October 1, 1990 – April 18, 2009

Jerrald K. Smith, 18, Seymour, passed away Saturday morning, April 18, 2009 due to an auto accident.



He was born October 1, 1990 to Michael Smith and Susan Pickett. Jerrald loved to play horseshoes, hiking with family, playing basketball and football, and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his son; Daysan, his fiancé; Nicole Brunner, his father; Michael (Christine) Smith, his mother Susan (Brian) Pickett, as well as his siblings; Michael, Tera, Johnathan, Jaclyn,

Megan, and his step siblings; Derek, Koy, and Frank, as well as his grandfather Abraham Stevens, and many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by relatives.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10am with Deacon Deborah Heckel of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church officiating.

Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, 305 N. Tenth St., De Pere, WI assisted the family with arrangements. Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences.

Governor Doyle approves transit projects for Federal Recovery and Reinvestment Funding

MADISON ~ Governor Jim Doyle announced today that he has approved proposals for transit projects in 14 small urban areas and 32 non-urbanized areas around Wisconsin. Approval is a major step in securing the portion of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding that has been appropriated for the state. The projects total nearly \$34.5 million.

"Investments that make travel safer, easier and more affordable will not only improve our quality of life, they will help get our economy back on track," Governor Doyle said. "Under the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act, we have the opportunity to make strategic improvements to our infrastructure that will help get people to work and will add lasting value to our economy."

For the small urban transit systems – cities with populations between 50,000 and 200,000 – the next step is for each city to work with the Federal Transit Administration to submit its application and have its project certified by the U.S. DOT. Funding for these projects totals \$23,154,677.

Projects for the non-urbanized transit systems first will need to be approved by the state

legislature's Joint Committee on Finance, which is scheduled to take action on Tuesday, April 21. The state Department of Transportation will then submit funding applications on their behalf to the federal government. If fully funded, these projects will total \$11,299,461.

The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin will receive \$372,600 for busses, bus shelters, computer software and service vehicles.

The transit formula funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act must be used for capital projects, such as buses and

bus facilities, preventive maintenance, security, para-transit services and other public transit improvements that enhance economic development.

Funds were allocated to states, and directly to large urban areas – including Milwaukee and Madison – based on existing FTA formulas.

To view the list of small urban projects, please visit: [www.wis.gov.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=16474](http://www.wis.gov.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=16474)

To view the list of rural projects, please visit: [www.wisgov.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=16475](http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=16475)

Wisc. Vets and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit

(MADISON) ~ The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announces that the application process and procedures have been approved for administering the Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit program under the new law that came into effect on January 1, 2009.

The department is currently updating the "Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit Information, Request Form and Instructions" booklet (WDVA B0106), available on the website at [www.WisVets.com/Forms#WDVAB0106](http://www.WisVets.com/Forms#WDVAB0106). Applicants should wait until this booklet and the certification Request

Form (WDVA 2097) contained within it are updated to replace the November 2005 version, in order to avoid confusion and having to resubmit multiple applications or required documentation.

For property taxes paid prior to Jan. 1, 2009, the Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit program provides a refundable property tax credit for the primary residence (in-state) via the state income tax form for: eligible veterans age 65 or older who were residents of Wisconsin at the time of entry into active duty and have a VA service-connected disability rating of 100% under 38 USC 1114 or 1134; the unremarried spouse of an

eligible veteran; or, the unremarried spouse of a veteran who entered active duty as a Wisconsin resident, died in the line of duty, and was a Wisconsin resident at the time of death.

Beginning with qualifying property taxes paid in 2009 and claimed in 2010, the Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit will expand by allowing veterans with five continuous years of Wisconsin residency to apply, eliminating the age requirement, and including otherwise eligible veterans who receive 100% payment for Individual Unemployability, as well as veterans with 100% service connected disabilities and their unre-

married surviving spouses.

Upon completion of updates to the booklet and the certification request form, WDVA will notify County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs) and the updated information will be available on the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs website, at [www.WisVets.com/Forms#WDVAB0106](http://www.WisVets.com/Forms#WDVAB0106).

For CVSOs' contact information see WDVA's website at [www.WisVets.com/ServiceOffices](http://www.WisVets.com/ServiceOffices). For more information about the Property Tax Credit program, go to [www.WisVets.com/Taxes](http://www.WisVets.com/Taxes), or call WDVA toll-free at 1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8387).



In Loving Memory of  
my mother on her 4<sup>th</sup> year in heaven  
**Mary Ann Waterloo**  
August 19, 1935 to May 1, 2005

*I am home in heaven  
dear ones  
Oh so happy and  
so bright  
There is perfect  
joy and beauty  
In this everlasting  
light  
All the pain and grief is over  
I am now at peace forever  
Safely home in heaven at last*

**I Love and Miss You Very Much!**  
**Theresa Mae**

In Loving Memory of...  
**Vincent Skenadore**  
on his 9th year in Heaven...

*To laugh often and much,  
To win the respect of  
intelligent people,  
And the affection of children.*

*To earn the appreciation  
of honest critics  
And endure the betrayal  
of false friends.*

*To find the best in others,  
To leave the world  
a bit better,  
Whether by a healthy child  
or to know that one life has  
breathed easier because you  
lived here.*

*That is to have succeeded.*

*Dad, thanks for succeeding.*

You wife Carol,  
Children – Craig &  
Carol, Ron & Dee,  
Larry & Lisa,  
Travis & Tiger,  
Grandchildren  
Randall, Gina, Tony,  
Gina, Tony, Michael,  
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## Yukhikalatuse accepting submissions

(Oneida, Wi) — Yukhika-latuhse (She tells us stories), the all-Native American literary journal published by Oneida Nation Arts program, is now accepting poems, stories, and essays for its fifth annual issue, which will be published this August. The deadline for submissions is **May 22, 2009**.

The editors prefer that writers submit electronically to:

**jstevens@century-tel.net** or **bbashara@oneidanation.org**.

Writing can also be sent to **Oneida Nation Arts program, P.O. box 365, Oneida, Wi. 54155**. Please mark to the attention of Yukhika. Submissions should be no more than 3 pages per writer. People should also include a short biography which includes tribal affiliation, and SASE if submitting by snail mail.

Yukhika-latuhse has been published since 2005. In its pages has appeared the work of Maurice Kenny, Kimberly Blaaser, Ed Two rivers and Denise Sweet, among many others. The journal conducts writers' workshops on reservations and in Native communities of Wisconsin, as well as sponsor a blog at **yukhika.blogspot.com**.

## Judge reconsiders ruling on mine near Marquette

By John Flesher

AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — A judge has agreed to take another look at her decision to allow the lease of 120 acres of state land for a nickel and copper mine in the Upper Peninsula.

Ingham County Circuit Judge Paula Manderfield acknowledged last week she had not properly considered whether the Department of Natural Resources had met its responsibility to manage resources for the public good when it leased the property to Kennecott Eagle Minerals Co.

The company wants to place its surface buildings and other facilities on the land. The underground mine would be

located in the Yellow Dog Plains region of western Marquette County.

Several groups sued to block the DNR lease. They included the National Wildlife Federation, the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Huron Mountain Club, an exclusive hunting and fishing retreat near the proposed mine site.

Manderfield dismissed the suit in March, saying the DNR had acted within its authority. But opponents filed a brief arguing that the judge should have considered separately the question of whether the DNR had acted in the public interest.

Manderfield agreed and scheduled a hearing for June 10 in Lansing.

"This case exemplifies the state's breach of its public trust responsibilities, and now we have an opportunity to set that right," Michelle Halley, attorney for the National Wildlife Federation, said Tuesday.

Kennecott spokeswoman Deb Muchmore said the public trust issue was one of several on which Manderfield had based her earlier ruling. The judge did not reverse her findings on the other issues, Muchmore said.

"We're pretty confident the court will come back to the same conclusion, that the DNR has entered into this lease

• See 7A, Mine

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## Calendar 2009

April 25

**MATC – A Return to Tradition Powwow**  
**WHEN:** Saturday • April 25th  
**TIME:** Grand Entries at 1:00PM & 7:00PM  
**PLACE:** MATC Truax Campus • Redsten Gym  
 3550 Anderson Street • Madison, WI  
 Madison Area Technical College hosts A Return to Tradition Powwow. Traditional feast held 5:00PM. For more information call **608-246-6458** or visit [matcmadison.edu/dcr/](http://matcmadison.edu/dcr/)

April 25

**Breakfast Burrito & Bake Sale**  
**WHEN:** Saturday • April 25  
**TIME:** 8:00AM – Noon  
**PLACE:** Oneida Apostolic Church  
 118 W. Meadow Dr., Oneida  
 All items lovingly homemade. Dine-in or take-out. Coffee & juice available. Proceeds to benefit the Ladies Ministries of OAC. For more information, contact Glynis Alicea at **920-833-6542**.

May 1st & 2nd

**Oneida Apostolic Church Spring Rummage Sale**  
**WHEN:** Friday, May 1 & Saturday, May 2  
**TIME:** 10:00AM – 7:00PM & 8:00AM – 2:00PM  
**PLACE:** Oneida Apostolic Church  
 118 W. Meadow Dr., Oneida  
 Also serving delicious food. Takeouts available. Don't forget to look at the baked goods on your way out! We look forward to serving you. Contact Dean LaFlex at **920-833-6542 FMI**.

May 3rd

**Heritage Hill Spring Celebration**  
**WHEN:** Sunday, May 3  
**TIME:** 10:00AM – 4:30PM  
**PLACE:** Heritage Hill  
 2640 S. Webster St., Green Bay  
 Special admission price for the day of \$5 per person (children 4 and under free) includes all park activities. Bring your church bulletin and get \$1 admission. The pancake-porkie breakfast is \$2.00 per person. For more information about a Heritage Hill Spring Celebration or general park news call **920-448-5150** or visit [www.heritagehillgb.org](http://www.heritagehillgb.org).

May 12

**National Osteoporosis Awareness Month**  
**WHEN:** Tuesday • May 12  
**TIME:** 5:00PM – 6:00PM  
**PLACE:** Oneida Community Health Center  
 Celebrate National Osteoporosis Awareness Month by participating in a health education presentation with Susan Katuin, NP. Enjoy a light snack & receive: Osteoporosis Assessment & Prevention. Please contact Oneida Health Promotion for more information—**(920) 869-2711**.

May 16

**Oneida Youth and Elder Fishing Day**  
**WHEN:** Saturday • May 16  
**TIME:** 9:00AM – 1:00PM  
**PLACE:** Osnúhsa? Kanya:tála - Finger Lake  
 Food, music, prizes for youth and elders, games and aquarium. Exchange old mercury thermometers for new digital thermometers. Registration from 9:00am to 11:00am. Please bring your tribal I.D. Bring your fishing pole, bait will be provided. Not responsible for lost or stolen items. Presented by the Oneida Environmental Health and Safety Division and Elderly Services. Call **920-497-5812** for more information.

Tuesdays

**Women's Talking Circle Group**  
**WHEN:** Tuesday evenings  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM – 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. For more information: Contact Marlene Summers or Bev Scow at Wise Women Gathering Place **920-490-0627**.

Mondays

**Teaching Powwow Drum**  
**WHEN:** Mondays  
**TIME:** 6:30PM  
**PLACE:** Flying Leaf Community Center in Site II  
 The Oneida Housing Authority has a powwow drum that meets on Monday nights. We are looking for Boys and Girls to join us, no experience necessary, this is a teaching drum. FMI call Breezy at **920-869-6669**.

Fridays

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

*To include events in this section please call the kalihwisaks office at...*  
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## ATTENTION:

Increase in income limits.

Please review the annual gross household income amounts. If you didn't qualify before, you may qualify now!

### 2009 INCOME LIMITS

Annual gross household income must be AT OR BELOW this amount

Brown County (location of purchase property)

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
36,900	42,150	47,450	52,700	56,900	61,150	65,350	69,550

Outagamie County (location of purchase property)

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
40,300	46,100	51,850	57,600	62,200	66,800	71,400	76,050

### HCRIH Down Payment Assistance Grant Program Extended through June 30, 2009!

### Want to buy a home? Need help with the Down Payment?

The Housing Cost Reduction Initiative (HCRI—pronounced hickory) grant program offers a flat \$5,000 mini-grant to qualified tribal members who want to buy their own homes. HCRI grant funds can be used for downpayment, closing costs, property insurance payments for one year, utility fees and/or deposits, and/or fees associated with the purchase in a limited-equity housing cooperative.

#### How the Program Works:

- You are an enrolled Oneida tribal member.
- You purchase a home within the Oneida Reservation boundaries.
- You find the home and a lender (can be done at same time as this application).
- Your household income is at or below the limits in the chart below.
- You agree to stay in the home for five years (or else the grant becomes a repayable loan automatically repaid when you sell, refinance or move out of the home).
- You complete a six-hour home buyer counseling course prior to closing.
- You contribute \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 towards closing costs, depending on your income and household size.
- You close on your home prior to June 30, 2009.

Contact Nicole Rommel at (920) 869-1823  
[nrommel@oneidanation.org](mailto:nrommel@oneidanation.org)  
 Oneida Division of Land Management

This program was made possible by a grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce Division of Housing & Community Development to the Oneida Housing Authority in cooperation with the Oneida Division of Land Management.

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## BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

### An Oneida owned family hair salon in GB

By Steven J. Gandy  
Kalihwisaks

The sheer determination that colored Janet Burkard tastes into what has become the highlight of her professional career was manicured by opportunity and good fortune and has made herself a permanent fixture in the salon business since 1996.

Burkard began her career 30 years ago when she received her cosmetology license from the Wisconsin School of Cosmetology.

In 1996, after working at various salons and hair studios and raising her children, Burkard decided it was time to move in a different direction. She decided to open her own salon, Avenue Salon, and work for herself rather than someone else.

"I turned 40 I thought this is something that I've wanted to do for a long, long time. Quite a few people mentioned over the years that I should do that and finally I thought well, I'm going to just do it and if I fail, I fail. I'm not going to know unless I try," she said.

Her husband was a small business owner himself and helped Burkard get the business venture on the right track.

"I came in here and



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Owner of the Avenue Beauty Salon Janet Burkard along with her stylists provide a number of family salon services for their clientele. The salon is located at 430 S. Webster Avenue in Green Bay.

was an employee for about three months before (the previous owner) left and then it was a slow transfer so people got to know me," Burkard said of the ownership transition.

Two stylists and Burkard staff the salon which is located at 430 S. Webster Avenue on Green Bay's east side.

Burkard and her staff work to make the salon experience more personal for her clients and believe that it is that personal touch that will keep her customers coming back.

"We try to listen and go with what the person likes. We offer more of a personal touch. And we get to know people by name and acknowledge them by name," she said.

Over the years

Burkard has seen her business and clientele change.

"We used to get a lot of the women that would come in every week for their perms but over the years that group has died out and now we're seeing less regular customers," Burkard said. "It's changed quite a bit, yet it's kind of the same. Everybody wants their hair done and everybody wants to look nice."

Salons like Burkard's are less visible than the large chain hair studios but Burkard believes that there is still a place for her and her stylists.

"Everybody's got their niche, I'm just a basic family salon. I don't do a lot of the extras...I do the hairstyling, haircuts, perms, basic nail manicures, color and high-

lights," she said.

The Avenue Salon is open 6 days a week starting at 8 am and by appointment on Mondays and evenings. The salon closes at noon on Saturday and at 4 pm the rest of the week except for appointments.

Burkard and her staff offer a variety of family salon services including haircuts, hairstyling, perms, coloring, highlights, waxing and basic manicures.

For more information about Avenue Beauty Salon visit: [www.avenuebeautysalon.net](http://www.avenuebeautysalon.net) or call (920) 435-6909 to make an appointment.

Tribal discounts are available; ask for details when calling to set-up an appointment. Ask for Janet.

## Bay Bank's TIPS...

### Learning to save is a lesson that never gets old

Clever economists and television commentators have taken to calling this period of continuing economic turmoil the "Great Recession." Lawmakers at every level of government are busy coming up with plans to spur economic recovery; new plans seemingly come out every day, but few have taken hold and none are a magic bullet. If one thing has become clear throughout our nation's latest economic crisis, it's this: the need for financial literacy has never been greater.

While no one-even the so-called experts-completely understands or agrees on how the economy fell apart so far and so fast, most agree that the discipline of responsibly managing one's personal finances was sorely absent over the last several years. Basic principles about managing money and budgeting were forgotten in favor of spending more and buying bigger. Saving rates in the last few years were at all-time lows.

It's important for everyone-adults and children alike-to be educated to make good financial decisions, and recognize and avoid bad ones. But it's far easier to learn those lessons at a young



age that it is when you're older and already in over your head.

Wisconsin's bankers have been visiting students of all grade levels for decades, talking to classrooms full of children about the basics of saving money, how to balance a checkbook, the pros and cons of credit cards, and responsible spending habits, to name just a few topics.

Here are some tips about how you can teach your kids to save:

- Be a financial role model and make responsible saving and spending decisions.
- Discuss money and financial choices with your kids.
- Set spending limits and stick to them.
- Allow your children to manage some of their own money and learn the consequences of their financial decisions while they're young.
- Teach children to divide their money and always set aside a percentage in savings.

Your children will thank you.

## Understanding the New Home Buyer Credit

Making a purchase as large as a home - especially if you're a first time home buyer - may sound counter-intuitive during the worst recession in well over a half-century. But the truth is it's a great time to be a first-time home buyer.

Interest rates are low and there is plenty of inventory available to prospective home buyers looking for a good deal. And at a time when every dollar counts, recent changes to the federal government's First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit offer new home owners some additional tax relief.

An earlier version of the First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit was actually instituted last year. That law gave first-time home buyers a credit-loan that applied to home purchases after April 8, 2008 and before July 1, 2009. The tax credit-loan amounted to 10 percent of the home's purchase price up to a maximum available credit of \$7,500.00. Whatever the size of the credit-loan a taxpayer received, the credit-loan must be repaid over a 15-year period beginning on the 2010 tax return.

The new law contains certain eligibility requirements including the following:

- To be eligible for the new credit, homes must have been purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2009 and before Dec. 1, 2009.
- Because this is a tax credit, it can only be claimed on a home owner's federal tax return, and cannot be applied at the time the home is purchased to reduce the price. However, since it is a



credit and not a credit-loan, it does not need to be repaid.

- The credit is equal to 10 percent of the home's purchase price up to a maximum of \$8,000.00
- The tax credit is reduced for buyers with a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) of more than \$75,000.00 for single taxpayers and \$150,000.00 for married taxpayers filing a joint return. The tax credit is reduced to zero for taxpayers with MAGI of more than \$95,000.00 (single) or \$170,000.00 (married) and is reduced proportionally for taxpayers with MAGIs between those amounts.

The law permitting the tax credit defines first-time homebuyer as a buyer who has not owned a principal residence during the three-year period prior to the purchase. If the "buyer" is a couple, this test must be met by both individuals.

Any home that will be used as a principal residence will qualify for the tax credit. This includes single family detached homes. Attached homes like townhouses and condominiums and manufactured home. A principal residence also includes one that is contracted by the home owner where the date of first occupancy must be one or after January 1, 2009 and before December 1, 2009.

For more information on the First-Time Buyer Tax Credit visit:

<http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com/home.html>

## Rock Garden Convention Center to host international marketing seminar

Green Bay, Wis.- (April 8, 2009)-Exporting strategies for markets around the world will be the topic of discussion when the directors of Wisconsin's international trade offices visit the state on Wednesday, May 13 for the Global Perspectives Luncheon and Wisconsin Exporters Update.

During the conference, attendees will hear firsthand about the market opportunities in Brazil, Canada, China, Europe and Mexico. Whether you are an experienced exporter or new to the process, this briefing will help as you plan your strategies for markets around the world while discussing differing prac-

tices and potential resources. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with local companies and meet individually with the directors to discuss individual needs.

The conference will be held at the Rock Garden-Comfort Suites Convention Center, located at 1951 Bond St. in Green Bay. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow at noon. The presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m., when there will be two hours available for one-on-one appointments. To register for a one-on-one appoint-

ment, contact Brad Schneider at [brad.schneider@wisconsin.gov](mailto:brad.schneider@wisconsin.gov) or (608) 347-2480.

To register for the event, please contact Fred Monique with your name, title, company, address, e-mail address, work phone number and fax number. Send this information, along with a \$20 check (payable to Advance), to: Advance, Attn: Fred Monique, 2701 Larsen Rd., Green Bay, WI 54303. Or visit [events.titletown.org](http://events.titletown.org) and search for the Global Perspectives Luncheon listing to register online.

### Business Brief

If you are an Oneida Business owner and would like to be considered for our next 'Background on Business' focus contact us at:  
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## OBC Forum...

Soon the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin will be conducting its own judicial systems around Family law. The Legislative Operating Committee has set its priorities on developing laws that pertain to protecting the rights of our membership through family law.

To date the LOC has developed several laws dealing with family civil issues such as the Marriage and Divorce Law, Child Custody, Visitation and Placement Law, and Child Support and Paternity Law (& Rules). Emphasis in all these laws requires the best interest of the child to be the primary concern. These laws also require decisions that take into consideration the traditional, cultural and religious aspects of the families. Considerable time, attention and planning are paid to the development of these laws, to set up the appropriate legal systems and the necessary policies and rules for the servicing agents of the Tribe. Each law is in various stages of the legislative processes and expected to be completed soon.

Currently the Oneida's Child Welfare

Department is working with Brown and Outagamie Counties to transfer custody and placement cases to the Oneida Appeals Commission. The Oneida Appeals Commissioners have received training on hearing these types of cases and writing decisions. It is the intent that the laws will be completed, and the departments and judicial systems will be geared up and ready for full action by the end of August this year.

One more step towards proud and progressive for the Oneida Nation.

Speaking of proud and progressive, hats off to the Oneida Environmental Department for all of their work in natural habitat restoration and restoring the water quality in Trout Creek. The success of this work will be final with the replanting of 5000 trout fingerlings during the month of May. This is a life sustenance ceremony that the Tribe has waited decades for. Appreciation goes to the Tribal Environmental Department, DNR, and EPA for making this long awaited goal a reality.

Another success is the recent acquisition of a large commercial (office) building, which is located in the Green Bay city limits yet within the Oneida Reservation boundaries. There is some controversy on this issue, such as spending now for considerable savings later. Funds are tight, and the economy is threatening. However, buying in this down market is to our benefit especially, when the property is located in a strong metropolitan area. Decisions also considered the long term benefits this acquisition will bring in regard to reduced maintenance costs, public service access and energy. Other savings are earned by relocating some of our tribal offices from prime retail space to this new complex. Administrative savings are a positive result when addressing concerns of utilities, parking, maintenance, mileage, MIS and shared space. And the old office spaces that are not retail can be refurbished for other tribal offices needing more space.

Now, moving into Oneida, plans for a new bridge going through

the heart of Oneida are on our plate for final decisions. Roundabouts are also in the mix but not until "further down the road" so to speak. The DOT has worked with



Trish King  
Councilwoman

a local planning committee comprised of several tribal departments and community members to design a new bridge for Oneida. According to federal regulations, the bridge will soon reach its maturity and will have to be replaced or refurbished. Replacing the bridge brought about an opportunity to reconfigure State Highway 54 in this area to address other problems, such as slowing down the traffic, and addressing pedestrian safety concerns. Refurbishing the bridge only buys us about 10 years at which time we will have to replace it anyway. At that time, the cost may be the burden of the Tribe. Discussions about Highway 54 started at least 10 years or so to my recollection. Back then a by-pass was offered, but the cost as well as public outcry

at that time said NO. So the issue was studied and several other options were considered, and hopefully a final decision can be made without delaying too much longer.

Pleasing everyone is impossible. On the one hand we have entrepreneurs who need and should be able to establish their businesses and flourish from the local community and through traffic. On the other hand, options to route the traffic around or over Oneida will eliminate through traffic, thereby diminishing the opportunity for those types of establishments to survive. One thing for certain, regardless of the type of bridge or highway that passes through that particular area, the whole view of Oneida will change just as it did when Hwy. 54 was first put in so many years ago. Our community is growing, surrounding communities are growing, and the traffic is ever increasing, and we now are charged with accommodating those changing needs.

Shekoli,

I would like to thank the Oneida High School Student Council who took the time to come to recent Business Committee meetings. Council member's Hill, Danforth and I have met with the Oneida High School Student Council on several occasions. We have built a strong relationship with the students based on information and communication. With that, I would like to note that our doors are always open if you have any questions or concerns. They are future BC members, Directors, and Managers of this great nation and I commend each one of them for their efforts to stay on the right path and stay positive.

There is also another group I would like to mention which is the "Wise Youth Group" that is putting together a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be held during the annual Oneida Carnival. This is a healthy and positive event and I encourage the community to come and see what it is all about. This would be a great opportunity to get to know other people from the community and cheer for your favorite team! The Business Committee has been invited to the Oneida Nation Farm on April 23rd, 2009 for their "Youth Day on the Farm". The BC along with the 6th graders from the Oneida Nation Elementary School will get a tour of the orchard,

the Buffalo pasture and the Oneida Nation farm.

### Property Acquisition

I will spend a great deal of this article on the purchase of the Unilever building because of the conflict and misinformation that may be developing in the community. On January 29th the entire BC, excluding only the Treasurer, voted to accept a report for possible acquisition of a property known as the Unilever Building. On February 11th the Business Committee unanimously voted "to have Land Management negotiate the acquisition of the proposed property." On February 25th there was an appeal by the Treasurer to reconsider the acquisition which was voted down unanimously by the following motion - "Motion to accept the report regarding the proposed property acquisition and to re-affirm the Business Committee's support to proceed with negotiations to acquire it" Motion passed unanimously.

On March 25th Councilman Delgado placed on the agenda a second request for reconsideration which was not allowed under Robert's Rules of Order. The request could not be heard because the acquisition had already been reconsidered on Feb. 25th and because the



Brandon Stevens  
Councilman

motion approving the acquisition had already been acted upon in good faith by employees directed to carry the action out. Individuals of the Business Committee have had more than enough chances to oppose this purchase early as well as late in the process.

Housing Markets are at an all time low, as well as commercial property. Oneida has a \$40 million administrative building planned; this acquisition would eliminate the need for that building at a fraction of the proposed cost, approximately 8%.

In my opinion, wages and property acquisition are two unrelated aspects of spending and investing. The acquisition would save the tribe \$36.8 million upfront and result in efficient cost savings as our tribal enrollment continues to increase, affecting increases in the cost of services, programs and capacity.

The economy, or recession, affects the tribe primarily when we borrow. In this instance we have not borrowed funds for this acquisition, typically banks have been stingy with their rates and that's where this economy would bite you with a higher rate. This purchase was a cash transaction.

There are questions

as to why employees cannot have a raise if we can afford to purchase this building. First, the employee raises were not in the fiscal 09' budget which was passed by the GTC. Second, this is an all together different topic. Employee raises increase the budget across the board every fiscal year. The purchase of the Unilever building will result in savings through grouping like programs together, reducing travel costs, increasing working relationships, and reducing costs of construction of an administrative building.

There are comments that we should not be making these purchases in this economy. If the economy is the basis for our decisions, the individuals of the BC need to look at all large expenditures in the same flawed context. A recent example - BC unanimously voted to support the 4.2 million high stakes renovation from the Casinos CapEX budget, same economy. In this economy the Business Committee needs to develop 3 things: 1. an alternate revenue source other than gaming. 2. Create efficiencies with our current budget process and structure. 3. Reduce costs and combine like services.

As leaders we all can't move as the wind with each flavor of the week, but by making tough decision in tough times that will greatly benefit our future rather than our present.

Oneida has a strong balance sheet and debt-to-ratio standing; and it is a buyers market as we speak. Although the Casino revenues are slightly down, it should not prevent us from making moves that will save us more money in the long run.

While many other casinos across the nation are experiencing labor cuts, we have only exercised voluntary hour reduction. It is in my opinion that we are one of the solid foundations of the Green Bay area that is helping this local economy remain as stable as it is. We provide over 3,000 jobs for this area that are not going anywhere. With the combination of our hospitality and gaming venues we bring in customers from other areas to stimulate local business activity.

I would like to close by saying that my statements and the analysis of this acquisition are fact based and do not convolute other unrelated topics like pay raises. I for one believe in a pay raise for our front line employees that deliver direct services to our membership and patrons, different issue.

With this purchase I am eager to allow some of our much needed services to our community along with the opportunity to expand their capabilities:

1. Free up underutilized space used primarily for offices, i.e. moving Enrollments out of the library expand

• See pg. 7A, OBC Stevens

## Vacancies

### New

**Oneida Personnel Commission:**  
**One (1) Vacancy**

#### Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- Shall serve a remainder of term ending November 21, 2010.
- Shall not be a conflict of interest between the private interest and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe.
- Membership may not be directly related or married to another member of the commission.

**Deadline: May 11, 2009 at 4:30 PM**

## Reposted

### Deadlines Extended:

**Anna John Nursing Home Commission:**  
**Three (3) Vacancies**

#### Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe or up to two health professional persons or licensed health professional persons may serve on the commission.
- May not be employed by the Anna John Nursing Home.
- Shall serve a full term of 2 years.

**Deadline extended to: May 11, 2009 at 4:30 PM**

**Oneida Land Claims Commission:**  
**One (1) Vacancy**

#### Qualifications

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe.
- Must be 21 years of age or older.
- May not serve as consultant, contractor, attorney or staff person for the Oneida Land Claims Commission.
- Shall serve a remainder of term ending July 2011.

**Deadline extended to: May 11, 2009 at 4:30 PM**

**Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board:**  
**One (1) Vacancy**

#### Qualifications

- Must be an enrolled Oneida tribal member.
- Must agree to firm commitments for attending training, board and General Tribal Council meetings, functions and other events as established by the board, SEOTS office or the Oneida Tribe.

**Deadline extended to: May 11, 2009 at 4:30 PM**

Applications can be obtained from the Tribal Secretary's office at the Norbert Hill Center or online at:

**www.oneidana-tion.org**

For more information about vacancies, please contact Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft at 920-869-4364.



## Letters & Opinions...

### Hopeless in Hobart??

Why is it that the Oneida tribe can work out agreements with Brown County, the Town of Lawrence, the City of Green Bay and other government entities to solve problems of mutual concerns, yet, the Town of Hobart can't figure out ways that work. You just can't trample over the existence of Oneida people and its government with the politics of fear.

Recently, there was a home invasion in Hobart. The Hobart officials were unwilling to call the Oneida police department to assist in apprehending the criminals, which puts all of the citizens of Hobart in danger. Oneida elected officials are willing to agree on a safety plan, using collective resources, to benefit all of us. I would rather have my Hobart tax dollars be spent in a way that fosters good sense and well being, rather than in a way that makes lawyers rich. Anti-Indian rights and anti-treaty sentiments are not a good basis for collaboration.

The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin pays more than \$20 million to the State of Wisconsin. They pay more than \$500,000 to local government for services provided, and they provide resources for fire protection, law enforcement, safe roads and improvement to our

environment. The Tribe continues to pay a fair share of taxes.

Let's be good citizens and look for solutions that work, rather than lawsuits. Otherwise, there will be no peace. The bottom line is we have two governments that together could utilize their resources to make our lives better. This is not about land in trust, the casino or service agreements--although all these are parts of the puzzle. The framework has to rest on the mutual recognition of two governments working together. Until this is resolved, nothing is accomplished.

*Sincerely,*  
**Norbert S. Hill Jr.**  
**Oneida, WI**

### Update from Miss Oneida

Sheku,  
Hello my name is Tashina Red Hail and I am the current Miss Oneida 2008-09. Lately I have been super busy mostly with school, work and my reign. The most recent news is I recently had a fundraiser on April 2, 2009 at the Parish Hall. I just wanted to take the time to thank the community for sup-

porting me, and donations as well that I have received. I have raised around \$900.00 from the Indian Tacos, bake goods, and raffle tickets. I have a list of people I would like to thank the most for helping me out the whole entire time:

Frybread maker-Gotsy Soup Makers-Ellie and Red Bake Goods-Jenny, Cora, Pat, Priscilla, Mike and Shendola Soda-Yvonne and Shendola Meat-Oneida Farm and Shendola Food Distributions-Lettuce and Tomatoes Helpers-Ellie, Shendola, Cora, Priscilla, Gotsy, Yvonne, Katrina and Sheena.

Monetary donations-The Oneida Community, Violet, and Cliff

If I have missed anyone, I do apologize ahead of time. I really appreciated everyone's help and support during this fundraiser. All of the monetary donations went towards my trip to run for Miss Indian World in New Mexico. I will be leaving April 19-25, hopefully returning with a crown. If I do not win it, I will not be heart-broken; I can not be selfish when I already have a crown. I can at least put this down saying I have tried my hardest. I am super excited and very nervous, but I am completely confident that I have a great shot at doing winning this.

Other than the whole madness of getting things together for this trip, I just wanted to let ladies know that my reign is almost coming to the end and I would like you ladies to know that we need a Miss Oneida 2009-10. It is the best experience a young lady can experience. Trust me when I say this, I have met so many amazing people and I have been to so many great events. You would have such a good time and it's so nice to see smiling faces all the time. We would definitely love to have you as a contestant for this year's pageant so if you have any questions feel free to contact the Tourism Department and ask for a Miss Oneida Application. I hope to see all you ladies at this year's pageant, running for a beautiful crown and knowing you are being

honored by the entire Oneida Nation.

*Yaw^ko*  
**Tashina Red Hail**  
**Miss Oneida 2008-2009**

### Update from Jr. Miss Oneida

Sheku,  
Well my reign is almost coming to an end, but I still have some



**Justine Mehojah**  
**Jr. Miss Oneida**

events planned before then. It is sad thinking that it's almost over, but when I look back I have encountered many wonderful memories.

It has been really nice to have KeVonna and Tashina by my side. Every event I have gone to so far I've always looked up to Tashina, she is my role model. It has been amazing representing the tribe with these two wonderful young ladies and I'm looking forward to the rest.

One event I went to since the last article was the Honor the Youth Powwow. It was a little different from the other years and I really enjoyed it. I also went to the grand opening of the Thornberry Creek Golf Course. It was a little sad KeVonna couldn't make it, but we still had fun. Tashina and I were able to meet and mingle with some new people. Tashina and I both agreed that it looked very beautiful out on the deck, but we had to cut the look out short because we were freezing and hungry. One other event that I had a chance to go to and represent the tribe at was the Polar Plunge. I had the opportunity to be a judge along with Rich VanBoxtel (Oneida Police Department) and Jim (GB Police Chief). They made it very exciting for me. That was so cool to be there for that. All the polar plunge jumpers raised a lot of money for the team of WI. I want to thank Kathy Walker for letting me be a part of that.

*Thank you.*  
**Justine Mehojah**  
**Jr. Miss Oneida,**  
**'08-'09**



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## From Page 6A/OBC Stevens

ing the library throughout the entire building, possibly making an elder area and general use area.  
2. A report on the AODA Treatment Facility and Women's shelter will be expected on this coming BC agenda on April 22nd. This report will outline the reasons why both essential programs were ceased to operate. It is my hope to clear the cottages behind the Family Fitness Center for these programs.  
3. Daycare will have the ability to expand their areas, hopefully reducing or eliminating the waiting list for daycare all together.

4. Prime retail space will be freed up for local businesses instead of programs (Gaming Commission, Tourism, Accounting) paying budgeted money back to tribe at an estimated amount of \$200,000. These leases that would normally be paid by the tribe's entities will be paid by other businesses, at least, at the current rate which is another \$200,000 totaling over \$400,000. It is the intention of the Business Committee to report to GTC next meeting in July regarding this acquisition.

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## From Page 4A/Mine

properly and with the spirit of the public trust intact," she said. "The Michigan Constitution encourages development of natural resources in a proper and environmentally protective way."

Kennecott is targeting a deposit is expected to yield 300 million pounds of nickel, 250 million pounds of copper and trace amounts of other minerals.

Because the metals are within sulfide ore bodies, critics fear the mine will generate sulfuric acid and contaminate rivers and groundwater in the area, which is within the Lake Superior watershed.

Kennecott says it can build, operate and eventually close the mine while safeguarding the waters.

The company must clear other hurdles before starting construction, which its parent company, Rio Tinto Group, has put on hold because of poor market conditions.

A state administrative judge has yet to rule on opponents' challenge of mining permits issued by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Also pending is an application for an underground water discharge permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## 2009 Special Election Caucus

*Scheduled for...*

**Saturday • May 2, 2009 at 1PM**  
**Business Committee Conference**  
**Room in the Norbert Hill Center**

*Note: Those individuals nominated at Caucus must be present to accept nomination.*

### 2009 Special Election Vacancies

- **Oneida Appeals Commission**  
Three (3) Vacancies – 3-Year Term  
One (1) Vacancy – 2-Year Term
- **Oneida Land Commission**  
Three (3) Vacancies – 3-Year Term
- **Oneida Nation Commission On Aging (ONCOA)**  
Three (3) Vacancies – 3-Year Term  
One (1) Vacancy – 1-Year Term
- **Oneida Land Claims Commission**  
One (1) Vacancy – 3-Year Term
- **Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee**  
Three (3) Vacancies – 3-Year Term
- **Oneida School Board**  
Two (2) Vacancies (Parent Positions) 3-Year Term  
Two (2) Vacancies (At-Large Positions) 3-Year Term

Any Questions, Please Contact Election Board Chairperson Racquel Hill via telephone at **920.869.4388** or via E-Mail at **Rhill2@Oneidation.Org** or Secretary Kitty Melchert via telephone at **920.869.4026** or via E-Mail at **Kmelcher@Oneidation.org**.

## Public Hearing Notices

**Meeting Location: Business Committee**  
**Conference Room • 11:30AM**

### Purpose: Child Custody, Placement and Visitation.

The purpose of this law is to supplement the Tribe's paternity and child support laws so that custody, visitation and placement may be determined in accordance to Tribal law.  
**When:** April 28, 2009

### Purpose: Judiciary Act.

Establishment of a Tribal Court system comprised of a Trial Court, Peacemaking Court and Court of Appeals authorized to hear cases as provided by Tribal law. Full faith and credit would be included whereby Tribal courts decisions and orders would be recognized and enforceable by other courts.  
**When:** May 12, 2009

### Purpose: Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance (ONGO) Amendments.

The amendments include:  
• A three (3) member Gaming Commission (instead of 5).  
• Changes in hearing timelines.  
• Granting of fee and fine issuance authority to the Commission, including the ability to fine employees and all other License holders.  
• The addition of a vendor license section specific to Gaming and non-Gaming vendors.  
Establishing the Gaming Background Investigations Department, Gaming Security Department, and Gaming Surveillance in law.  
**When:** May 12, 2009

### Purpose: Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law Amendments.

The purpose of these amendments is to update the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law in time for the 2009 hunting season. The Amendments would:  
• Replace all the various

hunting, fishing and trapping licenses with a single sportsman license.

- Allow those with a sportsman license to be accompanied in the field by those who have not reached legal hunting age.
- Allow those who receive a Sustenance permit to do their own hunting instead of designating a hunter to do it for them.
- Permit Tribal members to operate an unlimited number of traps and snares, and double the allowed amount of traps and snares operated by non-enrolled spouses and dependents to 150.

**When:** May 12, 2009

### 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.

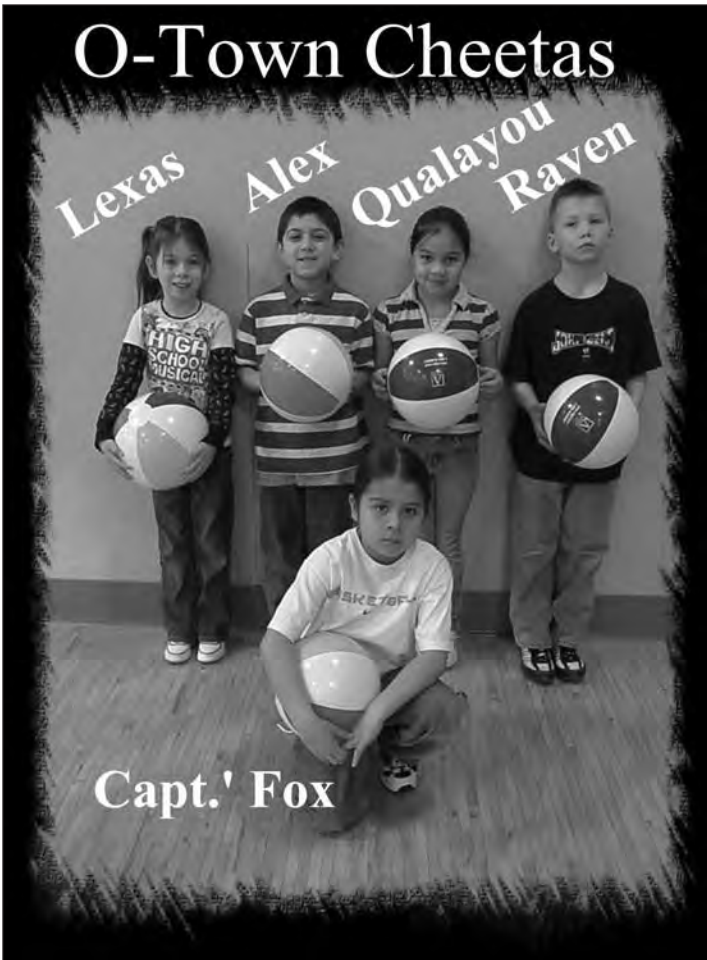
B. **Written:** For those who cannot attend the scheduled public hearing or do not plan to speak at the hearing, the Oneida Tribe encourages those to submit written testimony. A maximum of ten (10) pages, doubled spaced, can be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to 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 laws or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise [phuff@oneidation.org](mailto:phuff@oneidation.org) Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this law are also available on the LOC Website: [www.onloc.oneidation.org](http://www.onloc.oneidation.org)*



Turtle School volleyball tournament winners announced

The Big Gym was rocking with the sounds and sights of volleyball April 2, 2009. The line judges and score keepers from the Middle School: Sequoyah, Muriel, Jonathan,



Second Grade Beach ball Volleyball Championships were held at the Turtle School Thursday afternoon. The teams all played hard and the games were well attended. Congratulations to all the players. Special thanks to

Emmitt, Brianna, Eveyonna. The results were as follows: Sixth Place: J-Dogs Captain- Jaydee Team members: Bronson, Veronica, Alejandro, Maya, Nathaniel

Fifth Place: Wolves Captain-Aaliyah Team members: Daris, Tiara, Leilana, Kamey, Nakia Fourth Place: W a t a h s ó k w a s Ohkwali Captain-Justin Team members: Jack, Mercedes, Clifford, Kateri, Destiny, Raven Third Place: Native Pride Captain- Emerson Team members: Selena, Monte, Harley, Stephani, La Rissa Second Place: O-Town Tigers Captain- Iselena Team members: L a n u h k w a t, Lindsey, Miranda, Maria, Jordan First Place Champions: O-Town Cheetas Captain- Fox Team members: Lexus, Alex, Qualayou, Raven

The Native Pride team won the Good Sportsmanship trophy. Their teamwork and positive play were outstanding. Congratulations, team! April 3, 2009 the 14th Annual Third Grade Beach ball Volleyball

Tournament was filled with exciting plays and very excited players. The crowd was awed by the skill of the Third graders as they competed for one of six possible places in the tournament. All the teams are congratulated on their play, sportsmanship, and their determination.

The final results were: Sixth Place: Wildcats Captain- Cierra Team members: D a k o t a, Angeequay, Joseff, Jeremy, Zhaida, Jada, Thomas Fifth Place: Thunder Bolts Captain- Lexa Team members: Kiki, Cameron, Destiny, Ernesto, Shienne Fourth Place: Hawks Captain-Mason Team members: Mya, Nathan, T h o m a s, Michaline, Ethan, Keith Third Place: Native Hawks Captain- Juan Team members: Nyah, Chuck, Jessie, Esperenza, Vaniecia, Jetta Second Place: 3C Champions Captain-Jenna

Team members: Bansi, Odessah, Christian, Orville, Dorian, Jermaine First Place Champions: White Eagles Captain-Kain Team members: Peter, Jaelynn, Jackie, Marissa, Danielle, Devlyn The teams all demonstrated good sportsmanship at the tournament. During the four-week unit, one team continual-

ly gained in their positive play and sportsmanship. That team was awarded the Third Grade Good Sportsmanship Award. That team was the White Eagles. Congratulations on your teamwork! You set a terrific example of what a team can do when they work together.



Oneida Lacrosse team's sophomore season continues



Lacrosse Schedule – 2009



(Home games in bold.)

April 24 - game @ Appleton, 5:00 PM  
April 30 – game v. Bay Port, 5:00 PM  
May 6 – game v. Notre Dame, 5:00 PM  
May 11: game @ Wausau, 5:30 PM  
May 14 – game v. De Pere, 5:00 PM  
May 16 – two games @ University School, Milwaukee  
May 18 – game v. Menasha, 5:30  
May 21 – game @ Neenah, 5:30 PM

Eddie Santiago plays defense against a Green Bay Metro player Wednesday, April 22 at the Norbert Hill Center. The Thunderhawks have four home games and four away games.

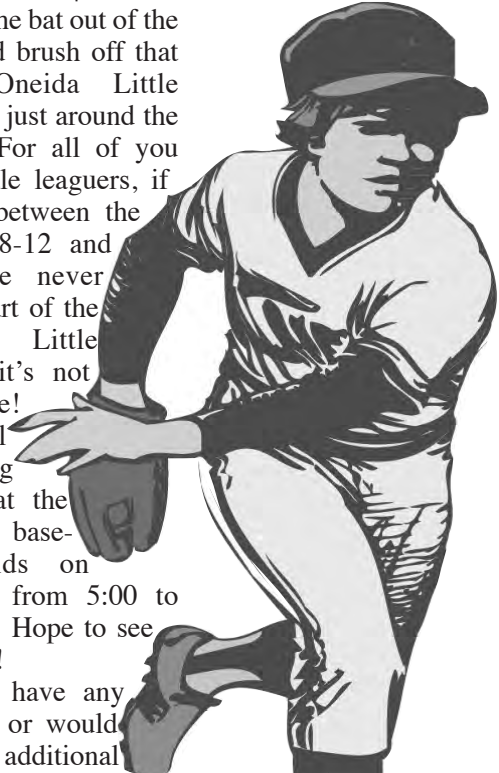
Little ones ready for Little League?

Submitted By Ralph Powless  
Social Recreation Specialist

Bring the bat out of the closet and brush off that glove, Oneida Little League is just around the corner. For all of you future little leaguers, if you are between the ages of 8-12 and you have never been a part of the Oneida Little League, it's not too late! We will be holding try-outs at the Site One baseball fields on May 6th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or would like any additional

information, please call Ralph or Gonzo at the Civic Center (869-1088).



Tsyunhehkwa Seed And Plant Distribution 2009

May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

We will be closed May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

\$ 5.00 will provide you with the following seeds and bedding plants

Seeds

- |                       |                      |                        |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1.) Green Beans       | 6.) Red Potatoes     | 11.) Snap Peas         |
| 2.) Carrots           | 7.) White Potatoes   | 12.) Muskmelon         |
| 3.) Pickling cucumber | 8.) Butternut Squash | 13.) Watermelon        |
| 4.) Slicing cucumber  | 9.) Zucchini Squash  | 14.) Sweet Corn        |
| 5.) Onion Sets        | 10.) Lettuce         | 15.) Spinach           |
|                       |                      | 16.) Crook Neck Squash |

Bedding Plants

Tomatoes

Slicer- Brandy Wine  
Canning- Roma  
Cherry- Sun Gold

Peppers

Green Bell Pepper  
Jalapeno

Brassica

Green Cabbage  
Broccoli

Marigolds and Garden Fertilizer will also be available  
You may return after June 2<sup>nd</sup> to pick additional plants and seeds, donations will be accepted at this time.

Seed and Plant Distribution will run from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday after May 9<sup>th</sup>

Oneida Recreation

Summer program registration set for May 13

Birds chirping can only mean one thing, the Oneida Recreation Summer Program is closely upon us. "Be Super-fair" Don't let your child miss out! Sign Up Now! Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 Location: Civic Center Time: 9AM until filled (No phone registration is

allowed)  
Fee's: \$5.00 Recreation membership, \$10.00 Summer Program Fee All Summer Program participants must be members of Oneida Recreation, membership forms can be picked up at the Civic Center or County H. This year's programs consist of sessions for the

following age groups:

- 5 & 6 Year Old
- 7 & 8 Year Old
- 9, 10, 11 Year Old
- 12, 13, 14, 15 Year Old

Session I  
June 15th – July 2  
Session II  
July 13th – July 31  
Session III  
August 3rd – 21



Join us as we  
re-introduce trout back  
into Trout Creek!

May 12, 2009  
1 PM  
960 Riverdale Drive  
Oneida, WI

Hosts Glen and Linda Mercier





In the News with...

## Cultural Heritage

### Gardening in the 1900's

When we look at most gardens today it is considered a summer hobby, but for the Oneidas that moved to Wisconsin after 1822, it was about eating or going hungry. Every family member would work the garden in one capacity or another. Gardens were a main source of food with the exception of sugar, flour, salt and pepper. To a middle size family of 5 to 6 members a normal size garden was \_ acre to an acre of land, for a larger family of 10, it could be a large as 2 acres and larger.

The preparation for the garden began during the winter, even before the ground would thaw. The families would check the seeds they stored from the prior harvest to make sure that they were not drying out or wet. If some unforeseen misfortune were to happen to the seeds then the family would either get more seeds from relatives or they would trade

*Seeds were very precious back then, they were hard to come by and were not wasted."*

~ Loretta Metoxen, Oneida Historian

personal belongings to get more seeds.

The families concentrated on growing, beans, squash, beans, potatoes, onions, peas, tomatoes, turnips, beets, and carrots. The root crops were very important because they kept the longest during winter. At the end of April, families would begin the very physical process of getting the soil ready for planting. This would take a farmer with a team of horses or oxen about a week with good weather. First, they had to use a single bottom plow to begin to break up the ground, and then they would use a spring tooth to break up the soil even more. Finally, a harrow would be used and that would smooth out the soil.

The men or older boys would mark and make the lines with twine and a hoe, while the younger children would plant the seeds. The seeds were not wasted. When the plants began to grow it was everyone's job to weed and keep the garden clean. In the event that there was a drought, and if the family lived by a river then the family would haul buckets of water to the garden. If a family had the

luxury of a hand pump, then one of the children would normally pump, while others took the water and dumped it on the plants. Most of the time mother nature would take care of the watering.

As the crop came closer to the harvest time, the children would have to run for different items from the garden depending on what was being served for dinner that evening. Harvest would come and the process would start all over again preparing for the next year.



Photos courtesy of Michelle Danforth  
Cultural Heritage Garden portion (Nic Reynolds, Historical Researcher & Loretta Metoxen, Oneida Historian)



#### Cultural Heritage

June 5th – 11AM – 1:30PM Open House at the Log Home Project – Join us for a sandwich and see what has been going on in the cabins

#### Tsyunhehnwá

May 9th – Tsyunhehnwá Seed and Plant Distribution 10am-2pm If you miss the date, seeds will still be available for the month of May, for more information call 920-869-2141 or 920-869-2718

May 23rd – 26th Tsyunhehnwá will be closed.

#### Oneida Museum

Featured Speakers (food will be provided)

April 30th 5:30-7:30 Nicolas Reynolds, "Great Depression and the Oneida"

May 8th 5:30-7:30 Loretta Metoxen

#### Tsyunhehnwá

is looking for volunteers in their greenhouse and for planting. If you are interested please contact: 869-2141 or 869-2718

### YOUR help is needed.

In the current economic downfall and with so many people losing their jobs, it is more important than ever that we as a community help struggling families put food on the table.

Oneida Cultural Heritage Department is teaming up with Tsyunhehnwá to grow a garden that will benefit the community. We are looking for departments/individuals to donate time to help weed and water as the season progresses. The vegetables grown will be donated to the Oneida Food Pantry as well as the Northeastern Wisconsin Community Shelter Free Dinner Program.

Please contact Michelle Danforth at Cultural Heritage at 920-496-5387, Monday thru Friday.



## Stevens brings her vision to the Einstein Project

Submitted by Ernie Stevens III

The Einstein Project is a non-profit, school-business-community partnership dedicated to improving the quality of science education for K-8 students in Wisconsin.

This year, Stephanie and her student Jessica House came up with the design concept for "Turtle Island" for which they were chosen by a distinguished panel of twelve judges who sorted through a record 98 applications to chose 28 designs for this year's Butterfly and Friends on Parade. Their design, as well as the other finished art pieces, will be unveiled in June and placed along the Fox River in downtown Green Bay for public viewing throughout the summer.

This is Stephanie's second year working with the Einstein Project. Last year, she designed a frog she named "Blue Jeans," inspired by the poison-dart frog, an endangered species that lives in the rain forest. Stephanie was sponsored by the Oneida Nation both last year and this year. She saw this year's event as a great opportunity to get Jessica involved in as a supplement to their recently finished "Corn Woman" painting project. Her sons, Ernest IV (age 4) and Daniel Clay (age 1)



Photo courtesy of Ernie Stevens III

Stephanie Stevens, left, and student Jessica House created "Turtle Island" as part of Einstein Project Butterfly and Friends on Parade. The pieces of art will be placed along the Fox River Trail in Green Bay and then auctioned off October 6.

also had "a hand" in helping out on the turtle design.

Stephanie and Jessica were inspired by the Oneida creation story as well as other cultural symbols, in which they represented the three clans, the George Washington wampum belt design, the sky dome and the celestial tree on our turtle. According to Stephanie, they chose these elements of the Oneida culture because they promoted "peace, quality of life, and taking care of the Earth."

On October 6, the art pieces will be auctioned

at the KI Convention Center as part of an annual fundraiser for The Einstein Project. Stephanie really enjoys creating the art pieces, but "it's really fulfilling to know that the proceeds go to a great cause, bringing hands-on science projects to Wisconsin schools. The Einstein Project helps children to learn by doing. It creatively blends art with science; truly an inspiring event to be involved in." Tribal member Dustin Skenandore was recently honored for his efforts with the Einstein Project

as well, and Stephanie hopes to see more artists like him and Jessica get involved in the future.

Stephanie Stevens is a multimedia specialist for the Oneida Language Curriculum as part of an ANA grant, but also works out of her home as an art teacher, graphic designer, and photographer.

We will keep you informed on when their piece, Turtle Island, will be on display. At that time you can enjoy the scenic and serene downtown Fox River Trail while supporting our local artists as well!

## Own a slice of Wisconsin Culinary history today

OWN A SLICE OF WISCONSIN'S CULINARY HISTORY TODAY

The Wisconsin Historical Society Press announces the release of "The Flavor of Wisconsin: An Informal Guide to Food and Eating in the Badger State" (ISBN: 978-0-87020-404-3; \$29.95) by Harva Hachten and Terese Allen, a revised and expanded version of the classic Midwest cookbook.

Twenty-five years after its publication, "The Flavor of Wisconsin" remains the authoritative history of Wisconsin's culinary traditions. Author Harva Hachten produced a truly remarkable exploration of "the taste of this place," pairing fascinating essays on our state's food history with more than 400 carefully chosen recipes from Wisconsin kitchens past and present - from lefse to pierogi, Cornish pasties to Chippewa wild rice, fruit soup to sauerbraten.

Now, in a long-awaited revised edition, regional food expert Terese Allen widens the lens, introducing new topics, expanding on others, and connecting the historical dots of the state's magnifi-

cently rich food history. Allen weaves the story to the present and sheds light on newer aspects of food and cooking, including the explosion of farmers' markets; organic farming and sustainable; the slow food movement; artisanal cheeses, breads, and other foods; and how relatively recent immigrants have contributed to Wisconsin's food scene. Along with the book's original recipes, new recipes reflect the continually evolving nature of the flavor of Wisconsin. "This collection of food stories, photographs, and recipes from the Badger State is fascinating, a wondrous array of kitchen stories, some hidden, some classic. From logging camps to grandma's sand tarts, from butchers grinding buck sausage for deer hunters to dairy queen beauties promoting smoked carp at the State Fair, from the hops craze of the 1860s to Asian greens at the farmers' market this weekend in Milwaukee, "The Flavor of Wisconsin" is a page turner, a book you'll want to cook." -Davia Nelson and Nikki Silva, NPR's Kitchen Sisters



Kali file photo

Kyle Wisneski hangs white corn during the 2007 Husking Bee.

## Heritage Hill Spring Celebration

(Green Bay, WI) Great things are happening at Heritage Hill...Heritage Hill begins the season with our Spring Celebration Sunday May 3rd from 10am-4:30pm. Enjoy breakfast on the farm, games and crafts for children, baby animals and watch as we shear our sheep the old fashion way!

Additional activities include watching the sheep's newly cut fleece go through the whole process of washing, carding, and spinning to yarn and finally a finished product. Several demonstrators will be sharing their skills at weaving, spinning, felting and dying. Plus see antique tractors from the Pioneer Tractor club, watch a woodwork demonstration, and try a taste of newly made maple syrup. Heritage Hill Spring Celebration takes place on Sunday, May 3rd from

10am-4:30pm.

Special admission price for the day of \$5 per person (children 4 and under free) includes all park activities. Bring your church bulletin and get \$1 admission. The pancake-porkie breakfast is \$2.00 per person.

Heritage Hill is a living history site in Green Bay, Wisconsin comprised of over 25 historic buildings and interpreting history from the 1600s-1900s. It is open to the public from May through September as well as special events, and offers educational programming and private event space year round.

The park is located at 2640 S. Webster St. in Green Bay. For more information about a Heritage Hill Spring Celebration or general park news call 920-448-5150 or visit [www.heritagehillgb.org](http://www.heritagehillgb.org).

## Oneida Youth & Elders Fishing Day

### 10th Annual

**May 16, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Osnúhsa? Kanya'tála**  
*(Finger Lake)*  
**Rain or Shine**



**Food, Music, Prizes for Youth & Elders, Games & Aquarium**



**MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE**  
 Exchange a mercury thermometer for an oral digital thermometer FREE (one per family)

**Registration from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**  
 Please bring your Tribal I.D.

**Bring your fishing poles!! Bait will be provided!**

*Not responsible for lost or stolen items*





**Presented by the Oneida Environmental Health & Safety Division & Elderly Services**



## Dangers of Mercury Poisoning

By Stacy Gilmore

Water Resources Specialist

Mercury is a neurotoxic (toxic to the nervous system), heavy metal that is linked to numerous health effects in wildlife and people. The presence of a mercury thermometer itself is not a problem. However, glass thermometers may break while in use, releasing harmful mercury vapor and exposing people in the immediate indoor area. Breaking one fever thermometer is unlikely to threaten a person's health if the spilled mercury is cleaned up properly. However, if not cleaned up properly, mercury will eventually evaporate into the air and reach dangerous levels in indoor air. The risks increase if you attempt to clean up a mercury spill with a vacuum cleaner, or if the mercury is heated.

If you dispose of a mercury thermometer in your regular garbage and that trash is burned in an incinerator, mercury vapors will be released into the air. Mercury from landfill garbage can seep into groundwater or can

be released into the air as a toxic vapor. Airborne mercury eventually falls to earth, often into rivers and lakes, where microorganisms transform the mercury into a highly toxic form called methylmercury. Methylmercury builds up in aquatic animals, including fish. It accumulates in muscle tissue, and so, unlike some other pollutants, it cannot be trimmed away when cooking the fish. All five Great Lakes and over 2500 North American lakes contain fish consumption warnings due to mercury contamination. Mercury poses the greatest threat to people who eat large amounts of contaminated fish, pregnant women, and children.

There is approximately 1 gram of mercury in a typical fever thermometer. This is enough mercury to contaminate a lake with a surface area of about 20 acres, to the degree that fish would be unsafe to eat. Osnuhsa Lake is approximately 5 acres. In 2001 the Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division conduct-

ed fish toxicity surveys in Osnuhsa and Quarry Lakes. Based on the Largemouth Bass tissues that were examined in the study, fish in those lakes contain mercury levels well below the Environmental Protection Agency's level of concern.

In conjunction with the Youth & Elders Fishing Day on May 16, 2009, Oneida EH&S Division will be holding a mercury thermometer exchange. Families may bring household mercury thermometers for a free oral digital thermometer. To prevent accidental breakage and spills, mercury thermometers must be properly contained. Appropriate containers are: soda bottles with cap, double bagged-ziplock, or the original rigid thermometer container. Due to a limited supply, we need to limit digital thermometers to one per family. For more information, please contact Stacy Gilmore, Water Resources Specialist, at 920-496-5325 or [sgilmore@oneidana-tion.org](mailto:sgilmore@oneidana-tion.org).

## Annual Cocoa Bean Mulch Sale

**Sale set for Saturday, April 25th**

(Green Bay, WI) – Green Bay Botanical Gardens annual fundraiser-Cocoa Bean Mulch and Potting Soil Sale is being held on Saturday, April 25th from 8am to noon in the parking lot of Green Bay Botanical Garden. The sale features bagged cocoa bean mulch and cocoa bean/rice hull mulch. Also offered is Fafard Mix 3B, the potting soil preferred by professionals and used at Green Bay Botanical Garden (GBBG) limited quantities are available.

Cocoa bean mulch is used to minimize weeds and retain moisture in garden beds. It is also an excellent organic soil amendment. The cocoa bean mulch is sold in 2

cubic foot bags and one bag covers 24 square feet at one inch thick. The cost for the cocoa bean mulch is \$4.75 per bag for GBBG members or \$5.75 per bag for non-members. The cocoa bean/rice hull mulch mix is priced at \$6.75 per bag for GBBG members and \$7.75 for non-members.

Professional-grade potting soil (Fafard Mix 3B) is an excellent, general purpose mix containing peat moss, perlite, vermiculite and about one fourth processed bark. Used at GBBG, the special blend is highly recommended for flowering and bedding plants, hanging baskets, foliage plants and interiorscape use. It is available in 3 cubic foot bags. The cost is \$13.00 per bag for GBBG members and \$15.00 for non-members.

About Green Bay Botanical Garden  
The Green Bay

Botanical Garden, located at 2600 Larsen Road behind Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), opened in 1996 and sits on 47 lush acres. The organization enriches the region by providing educational and recreational opportunities that focus on the beauty and utility of plants within an environment that inspires and refreshes.

For more information, contact: Tonia Derouin, Marketing Coordinator, Green Bay Botanical Garden, 920-491-3691, ext 101, [tderouin@gbbg.org](mailto:tderouin@gbbg.org)

**Eat What You Can, Can What You Can't!!**

Tsi?kutekhwayáhe

“place where they put the food away”

**Oneida's Community Cannery**

**Open House**

April 30th, 2009

5:00-7:00pm

Located at the Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria

**Open to the Public!! Great Door Prizes!!**

**Take a tour of our upgraded facility and learn about the other tsyunhehkwá components.**

**Menu to include:**

Buffalo roast, red potatoes, corn mush, Kanástohale, corn soup, organic salad mix, and strawberry drink



Tsyunhehkwá

“...life sustenance...”

**ATTENTION: Deadline drawing near!**

**All 2009 Graduating High School Seniors!**

The Kalihwisaks is preparing to honor all “2009” graduating **HIGH SCHOOL** Seniors in the **June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009** issue of the Kalihwisaks with a special graduation centerfold in full color.

**DEADLINE to submit photos: Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009\***

\*Any photos received **AFTER** the **DEADLINE** date **MAY NOT BE INCLUDED** in the Special Graduation Centerfold!

Any special congratulatory messages **WILL NOT** be included in this Section. *You're welcome to purchase a Good News message in this particular issue.*

If you would like to be showcased in the Special ‘High School Graduate’ Section of the Kalihwisaks, **PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING BY FRIDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009**

- ✓ One Color Photo (Vertical preferred) Black & White is acceptable.
- ✓ Name of graduating student and High School student will be graduating from.
- ✓ Parent **OR** Guardian's names.

**Only the above information will be included with submission. Please include a SASE so the photo can be mailed back to the rightful owner.**

Send photos to: **Yvonne Kaquatosh**  
c/o Kalihwisaks-Graduate Special,  
P.O. Box 365 • Oneida, WI 54155

For more information, call Yvonne at 1.800.236.2214, ext. 4280 or locally at (920) 869-4280.

## 2009 EARTH DAY TREE GIVE AWAY

(For Oneida Enrolled Members Only.)

**Where: Osnuhsa Lake**

**When: Saturday, May 9**

**Time: 11am—2pm**

(or until supplies last)

- Seven (7) seedlings will be available per household.
- No more than three (3) of any single species will be given away.
- Please bring your own box/container(s) to aid in transporting your seedlings.
- Trees will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.
- All children, age 18 and under, who participate in Earth Day “Clean Up” activities will be given first priority to select two seedlings.
- For More information, call 869-1450



White Spruce Seedling 1qt Liner



Beauty of Moscow Lilac 1 qt lineR



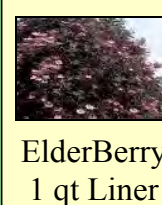
Miss Kim Lilac 1 qt Liner



White Pine 1 qt liner 7-12"



TinkerBelle Lilac-1 qt lineR



Black Beauty ElderBerry 1 qt Liner



Paper Birch 36" Bare Root



American and Techny Cedar (Arborvitae) Seedlings 1 qt liner 10-18"



Serviceberry Prince Charles 1 Qt liner



• Earth Day 2009 •

**Saturday May 9, 2009**

**Osnuhsa? Lake**

Near Cultural Heritage — Hwy. 54 to FF (Hillcrest)

**9:00 AM...**

– Opening Prayer, light breakfast, pick up bags, gloves and orange vests

**11:00 AM...**

– Tree Give Away

**12:00 Noon...**

– Lunch

**1:00 PM...**

– Entertainment: Dino Tlachac and his Critters of Mystery

For more information, please call ERB at (920) 496-5360

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## Marian University offers teacher education certification information sessions in Appleton and Milwaukee

FOND DU LAC, Wis. - Marian University will hold informational open houses on its teacher education certification program in Appleton and Milwaukee.

The sessions in Appleton will be held at Marian's Appleton Center, 2701 N. Oneida St., on Wednesday, April 22 and Tuesday, May 12. The sessions in Milwaukee will be held at Marian's Milwaukee Center, 1227 S. 116th St., West Allis, on Monday, April 20 and Wednesday, May 20. All sessions are from 3-6 p.m. Interested parties can drop in at anytime during the specified timeframe.

Information sessions will feature information on Marian's teacher education certification program, which was designed as an alternative pathway to certification for non-traditional students who choose to earn a teacher certification after completing a bachelor's degree in another field. A student who successfully completes the certification program is eligible for the middle childhood-early adolescence (grades 1-8) teaching license from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The program is com-

prised of 35 graduate level credits, which include field experience and clinical practice (student teaching), and can be completed in six semesters; fall, spring and summer. Courses are typically scheduled to meet two nights a week, Monday through Thursday, to meet the needs of students presently working in other careers. Upon completion of coursework for licensure, students have the option of applying to the master's program and completing an additional eight credits to receive the Master of Arts in education degree - emphasis in teacher education.

The program provides teacher candidates with experiences that reflect the University's broader mission of developing the whole person. Based on Marian's learning-centered conceptual framework, the content and design of the program was developed from guidelines and standards of various professional associations, research and sound professional practice. All students take common core classes, ensuring the continuation of a common knowledge base.

To reserve a specific time at any of the infor-

mation sessions, call 1-800-2-MARIAN ext. 7632 or email [pace@marianuniversity.edu](mailto:pace@marianuniversity.edu) or [pace@marianuniversity.edu](mailto:pace@marianuniversity.edu).

*Marian University is a premier Catholic university located in Fond du Lac, Wis. The University offers more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs at its main campus, and a variety of adult accelerated-degree programs in facilities throughout Wisconsin. The size of the University permits a very favorable student-faculty ratio, one of the lowest among Wisconsin campuses. Campus planning efforts are under way to enhance facilities on the University's 104-acre Fond du Lac campus, as well as at Marian's 15-acre Town of Byron campus and facilities in Appleton and West Allis. Marian's programs of study are designed to meet a full range of pre-professional and professional academic needs, including business, education, the arts, sciences, nursing and technology. Marian University is a community committed to learning, dedicated to service and social justice, and joined together by spiritual traditions.*

## Elm to compete in national forensic event

On March 14, 2009, Plymouth High School hosted the National Forensic League District Tournament. Having one of the most competitive districts in the nation.

The top two entries in each event qualify for national competition which will be held in Birmingham, Alabama June 12-21st.

Performing a memorized duo titled "Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie" Ricky Elm and duo partner Andy Sanchez captured one of the top spots to qualify for the tournament.

They will also be competing at the National Catholic Tournament in Albany, New York over Memorial Day weekend.

Ricky is a senior at



Submitted photo

Ricky Elm along with forensic teammate Andy Sanchez will be competing in the national championships held in Birmingham, Alabama

Plymouth High School. He will be attending Columbia University School of Fine Arts after graduation in Chicago.

He is the grandson of Marlene Weisrock and Richard Elm. He is the son of Daphne Stapleton and Rick Elm.

## Marian University to hold info sessions in Green Bay

FOND DU LAC, Wis. - Marian University will hold an informational open house on its graduate, Ph.D. and post bachelor's degree programs in Green Bay.

The sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn, 2785 Ramada Way, Monday, April 27 and Thursday, May 21 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Information sessions will feature information on Marian's undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. programs. Master degrees in leadership and

education are offered. Information is also available on the Ph.D. in leadership, and an alternative teaching certification program for those person who have a bachelor's degree, but are now considering the field of teaching. Counselors will be available to discuss the programs, all of which have sessions starting in January.

To reserve a specific time, call 1-800-2-MARIAN ext. 7632 or email [pace@marianuniversity.edu](mailto:pace@marianuniversity.edu) or [pace@marianuniversity.edu](mailto:pace@marianuniversity.edu).

[marianuniversity.edu](http://marianuniversity.edu).

From a curriculum shaped by theoretical rigor, experience-based learning and reflection, to a distinguished, accomplished faculty, Marian University features a high-quality educational experience focused on the student's all-round academic, professional and personal development and the student's goal of becoming a leader in tomorrow's world.



### Register today for summer classes!

**For more information or to register call:**  
**(920) 498-5444 or**  
**(800) 422-NWTC, ext. 5444**  
**or go to: [www.nwtc.edu](http://www.nwtc.edu)**  
**and click on my.NWTC**



we are futuremakers

### Benefit for Verda Lynn House

**Saturday, May 16**  
**Parish Hall, Oneida**  
**10:00am - 7:00pm**

Live Music  
 Door Prizes  
 Pig Roast

**\$8/plate, includes soda or water**

In March, 2008, Verda was diagnosed with desmoids tumors. The tumors were removed in April, but grew back for unknown reasons.

Verda needs round the clock care for her condition and lives daily with pain.

Cash donations can be made to the benefit account for Verda House at Bay Bank, 2555 Packerland Dr.

Contact Malphais Smith at 920-430-3771 to donate to the benefit event.

### Oneida Higher Education

1-800-236-2214 or 920-869-4333  
<http://www.oneidanation.org/highered/>

## ONEIDA Head Start

*Is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year*

Please bring your child's Birth Certificate, Tribal Enrollment, Immunization records and the Parents Household Income.

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

Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2009. You are welcome to stop by our Three Sisters or Norbert Hill Center Sites and pick up an application, or call and we will mail one to you.

#### We Offer

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

If you are not sure if your household meets the income guidelines, please call Lisa Aho @ (920)869-4369 or 1-800-236-2214

Full Consideration will be given to applications received **before May 29, 2009.**

## ONEIDA NATION Job Line

**1-800-236-7050**  
<http://hrd.oneidanaton.org>

### ONEIDA FACE Program

Family And Child Education

*is a National Literacy based program designed to focus on Native American Families.*

- Services are provided for adults and children from birth to age 5.
- Center Base Early Childhood Program is located in the Turtle School and meets Mon.- Thurs. from 8:00-2:30.

**For more information,**  
 1.920.869.4634

## ONEIDA 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 pre-requisite 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.**



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All about Christi DeChamps, Oneida School System Social Worker

**By Desty Garrett**  
ONHS sophomore

Christi Dechamps is the school social worker for both Oneida Nation Elementary and Oneida Nation High Schools.

As for her job with the Oneida schools, Christi says: "I love my job as the K-12 School Social Worker with the Oneida Nation School System. I really enjoy working with the students and their families. Working within a school system is great fit for me professionally as well as personally. I am married and have a 2-year-old son who really likes that Mommy has the summers off to play with him."

Christi has been a social worker for ten years now, working with all kinds of issues such as child abuse and neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health, domestic violence and more. As far as the biggest challenges in her job, she said, "I moved to the Fox Valley area from Milwaukee in the fall of 2007. It has been a learning curve for me to understand all the resources and programs that the Oneida Tribe offers as well as what resources exist in the Green Bay area. I

worked as a Social Worker in Milwaukee for almost 10 years and when families needed information about resources I was pretty knowledgeable about where to direct them. Being new to this area, I have had to research what resources and programs were out there before I could help families know here to go. As I gain more knowledge, I feel that I am better able to do my job."

Christi went to the University of Milwaukee and is certified in several different things. A few of them are NHTSA Child Passenger Safety, Trauma Counseling, and Alpha Delta Mu. When asked what her greatest satisfaction is, she said, "This is my second school year working at the school. At the end of last year, I decided to focus on certain areas I thought I could be most helpful in supporting students. One area that I am really proud of is that this school year I have worked closely with pregnant teens at the high school and I am happy to be a part of the support network for these girls to make sure they are successful in completing their high school educa-

tion and being a mom at the same time. Overall the most satisfying thing about my job this school year is that more students and families know who I am and understand that I am here to help in a positive way."

Christi believes that a child's home life affects their behavior at school. The areas she is focusing on in her job are, she said, "Some of my main focus areas are working 1:1 with students who are experiencing difficult situations at home that are affecting their school performance (academics, behaviors, and emotions), running student support groups, supporting pregnant teens and teen parents, assisting students and families with linking to resources & services, facilitating school team meetings to assist teachers with developing interventions and supports for students who are experiencing



Christi Dechamps

challenges with school, and using a positive strength based team approach to supporting students."

Parents, peers, and even the student him or herself is able to request assistance from Christi. She's more than happy to help out the best she can.

When asked about other thoughts she has had about her position, she said, "I have felt very welcomed as a new staff member and employee of the Oneida Tribe. I am so impressed with the amount of support and services that are available to tribal members and Native American families. I know that my job title as a "Social Worker" can be intimidating for many parents and children and I appreciate that families are willing to work with me and allow me to support them as much as possible."

Martin is "Woman of Influence"

**By Thunderhawk Times staff**

The Wise Women Gathering Place and the Great Lakes Inter-tribal Council recently named Women of Influence in the Oneida Community. Included in the group named was ONHS secretary Carol Martin.

Martin would be too humble to say just how many young people she has positively influenced over her twelve years at the high school, but students and staff could tell you.

Carol started at ONHS in February, 1997.

While her job title might read "administrative assistant," she could better be described as "chief cook and bottle washer" or "jack of all trades and master of most."

Carol's day starts early and ends late. In between, she plays a key role in keeping the school running smoothly. She is the contact person for everyone who calls the school or stops in the high school office. These people often remark on Carol's professionalism and thoroughness.

Carol holds an associate's degree from NWTC in Supervisory Management. She also holds a Bachelors Degree in Sociology from St. Norbert College.

Her hobbies and interests include "photography, reading, and travel." She has been to Mexico and Canada and dreams of traveling to Alaska, to "Barrows which is the most northern area of North America."

The highlight of Carol's day is that she gets to "see most all of the students sometime during the day. I loved going to school and to college, which is why I was so happy to work in a school. But more so, I hope I can make a difference in a student's life."

She also takes her interaction with students seriously. "Some students may not be happy



Carol Martin

that I talk to them about their absences or their grades, but I want them to succeed and graduate."

ONHS Owatsileh Coordinator, Dennis Gullickson, said, "Carol is a woman of strong, sound values. She is a role model to students and staff. Without her, ONHS would not be the same place. Her desk area at the high school office is filled with the pictures of ONHS students that she has impacted over the years."

Martin has seen many changes at ONHS over her years here. "We have more staff and some new interesting classes added, like drama and global information technology. Students are learning about DNA and rockets. GPAs have gone up. There are incentives for students based on grades, attendance, and behavior."

She is also looking forward to the new high school building "with areas and classes in woodworking, a bigger art room, automotive repairs, foods, sewing, a gym for high school games, and music. Many students want to play instruments and form a

band, but there is no one to teach them at the high school."

This is not the first time Martin has been recognized for her contributions to the school. During the 2007-2008 school year, students and staff actually had a "Carol Martin Appreciation Day."

"I can't tell you how much that meant to me," said Carol. "After losing my mother, it was such a heart-warming thing for the students and staff to do."

Martin is the mother of two children, Eddie and Wendy. She is also the grandmother of six and the great-grandmother of one. Recently, she and Wendy purchased a duplex together.

On being selected for this award, Martin said, "This is an extremely important honor for me because it comes from the Oneida community and it shows that I do make a difference working with this community's children. I am so thankful to receive this recognition."

Also named as a Woman of Influence was much-heralded ONHS science teacher, Becky Nutt. A dinner was held at Oneida Social Services on Wednesday, March 24, to honor Martin, Nutt, and all of the other Women of Influence in the Oneida Community.

My Scoop

Puppy Prints is just fine

**By Jaylee Godfrey**  
ONHS sophomore

There is a store in Green Bay called Puppy Prints and lately it has gotten some attention because the puppies there are supposedly from a puppy mill.

I checked it out and actually got my dog "Gizmo" there and he is doing just fine. He is very healthy, very active.

The guy who owns the store knows a guy who breeds and only breeds small animals—such as Teacup Chihuahuas.

Gizmo is a mix between a Welch-Corgi and Poodle. His tail curls and it is just adorable.

Earth Week Events Planned at ONHS

**By Thunderhawk Times Staff**

The ONHS student council and staff have planned a number of events and activities to commemorate the 39th annual celebration of Earth Day. The event has grown from a day celebrated by about 20 million people in the United States in 1970, to one involving a billion people world-wide over several day.

ONHS students and staff had a speaker on Wednesday in the high school auditorium. After the speaker, students completed Environmental Pledges.

Also Wednesday was "Lights Out" Day with students and staff focused on turning off lights in classrooms and offices whenever possible.

Friday was set aside for policing the grounds of Norbert Hill Center.

Also planned is a tree planting on the Norbert Hill grounds as soon as clearance is obtained from Diggers Hotline.

Things to Do for Spring Break

**By Maria Guerra**  
Thunderhawk Times editor

Ever get bored during Spring Break? Well, so does everyone else. But here's something you can do to, at the very least, get some excitement.

There's a website called "Haunted Shadowlands index in Wisconsin." It shows tons of places in all of Wisconsin that are said to be "haunted." The web address is <http://the-shadowlands.net/places/wisconsin.htm>.

It even has the Oneida Nation High School listed in there! Well, more like Norbert Hill Center, where it says has "apparitions of nuns are reported to be walking the halls of the 2nd and 3rd floors of Norbert Hill Center. The old school janitors have reported hearing voices and slamming doors as well as lights turning on and off."

Green Bay has several sites listed and many small towns in the area are also listed with one or more haunted places.

It's LeBron!

**By Cory Hill**  
ONHS Senior

The biggest question in the NBA is, "Who is better, LeBron or Kobe?"

If you ask me, I would take LeBron because he averages 28.5 points per game, 7.4 rebounds per game, and 7.0 assists per game. Kobe is close with 28.1 points, 5.5 rebounds, and 4.9 assists per game.

However, a couple of reasons I think LeBron is better are that he sees the whole court and he gets all of his teammates involved. He is a much bigger force, standing at 6'8" and 270 pounds. When he is hot, he is almost impossible to stop and he is an excellent shot blocker.

Kobe is known as more of a clutch shooter, standing at 6'6" and 205 pounds. But he has usually had good players around him, LeBron makes the players around him better. In fact, he pretty-much carries the entire Cleveland Cavaliers team.

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## 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 (first 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!



**DeBron Lee Danforth**  
DeBron Lee Danforth was born March 3rd, 2009 to

Tanya Danforth and David Danforth Jr. (Lataklokwa) DeBron weighed 7lbs 12 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Lisa Huff and Shane John. Paternal grandparents are Janet Danforth and David Danforth Sr. Great grandparents are Helen Huff, Rita Webster, the late Art Webster, Marilyn Danforth, and the late Leander Danforth Siblings David III.



**Jacobi Joseph John Wisneski**  
Jacobi Joseph John

Wisneski was born April 7, 2009 at 7:37 A.M. to the proud parents Xong and Phil Wisneski at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay, WI. Jacobi was 8 lb. 1 oz. and 20.5 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Chia and May Yang. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Linda Wisneski and Debbie Melchert. Paternal great-grandparents are Helen Webster and John Wisneski. Jacobi is happily welcomed by his big brother Noah and big sister Katelyn.

**Good News** submissions are accepted Monday thru Friday 8am - 4:30pm at the Kalihwisaks Office located on the lower level of the Norbert Hill Center. Submissions may also be made via email at [kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org](mailto:kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org) and will be held pending payment.

## Happy Birthday Terry



From your Favorite Race Fan

## Congratulations Engagement Announcement...



Congratulations to **Heather Dombroski** and **Rick Carter** as they announce their engagement. They are the children of Kayla and Reuben Anderson of Green Bay and Bonnie and Mike Carter, Marquette, MI. The couple will be united in marriage Summer 2010.

## Congratulations

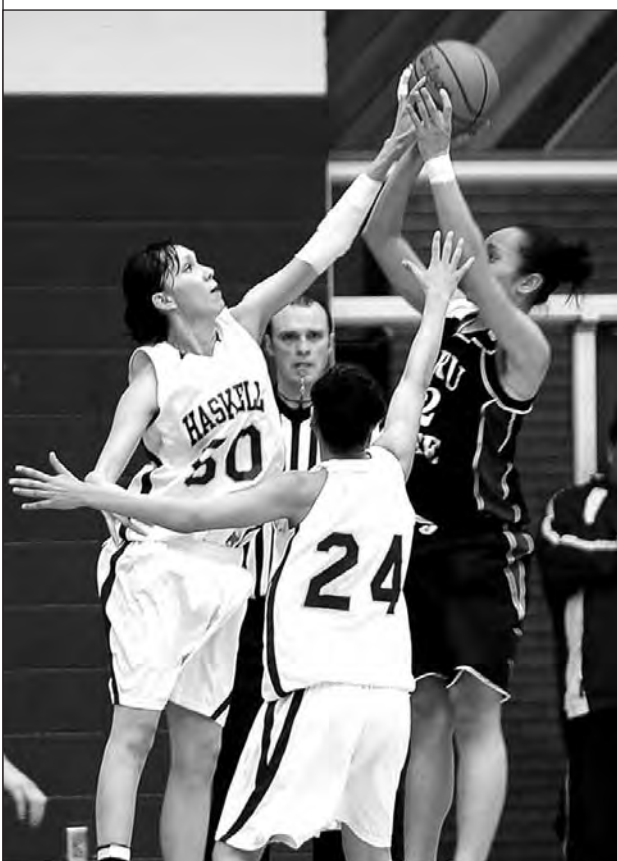
Way to go, **Samantha**  
On your graduation at Northern Michigan University



Mom and Dad  
Sonny & Orenda Hill

## Congratulations

**Maria (Stevens) Parker**  
for making the All-MCAC First Team NAIA ALL American Nomination while playing basketball this year at Haskell University. Maria led the MCAC in scoring at 16.3 points a game, ranked 2nd in blocked shots and seventh in rebounds!! Also, congratulations to you and your sisters, Margaret & Lois on your teams' Championship win at the recent March Madness Basketball Tournament!



We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments!  
Mom, Dad, and the Stevens gang!!

## kalihwisaks

NEXT DEADLINE is...

**Wednesday, April 29, 2009 @ 4:30 P.M.**

with a

**PUBLISH DATE of...**

**Thursday, May 7, 2009**

Questions, please call: 920-869-4277, 4279, 4280 or 4090 or email us at: [kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org](mailto:kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org)

## Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary May Calendar of Events

### Animal Stories for Preschoolers

Monday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. and again Monday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Children and their families can learn all about baby animals during Animal Stories for Preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the stories, "Over the Meadows," by John Langstaff and "Animal Babies," by Bobbie Hamnsa. 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.

### Trail Fitness Walk

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 12:00 p.m.

Walk for fitness on the Sanctuary trail system led by a Sanctuary Naturalist. We will walk for approximately 45 minutes over the lunch hour at a brisk pace. Some uneven terrain, not paved. Bring your pedometer! Cost is \$10.00 per Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$15.00 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671. Space is limited.

### Morning Bird Walks

Saturday, May 2, 9, 16 and Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20, 6:30 a.m.

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 a field guide. Weather permitting. No registration is required. For more information, call (920) 391-3671.

### Third Annual Spring's Wings Birding and Art Festival

Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Join artists, bird lovers and nature enthusiasts for Spring's Wings Birding & Art Festival, a fun-filled, family event. Browse various art exhibits, participate in a silent auction and hands-on nature crafts, enjoy the sights and sounds of the outdoors on a bird walk, visit with

live animals and enjoy many educational and fun activities throughout

the day.

### Evening Bird Walk

Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

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, a field guide and dress for the weather. Weather permitting. No registration is required. For more information, call (920) 391-3671.

For more information, visit the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Web site at [www.baybeach-wildlife.com](http://www.baybeach-wildlife.com).

## ONES Elementary School Honor List

### Elementary School

#### Highest Honors

Sophie Skenandore-Wheelock - 3.951  
Michaela Welch - 3.827  
Cierra Johnson - 3.803

#### High Honors

Peter King Jr. - 3.730  
Saquoia Metoxen - 3.655  
Jada Sitting Bear - 3.654  
Yohnehtote Danforth - 3.630  
Taliah Frederick - 3.630  
Marissa Danforth - 3.604  
Mariah Miranda - 3.581  
Louisa Mehojah - 3.557  
Sandra Torres-Mejia - 3.530  
Joseff Cornelius - 3.507  
Jermaine Running Bear - 3.507

#### Honors

Jade Cornelius-Daubon - 3.481  
Jenna Cornelius-Daubon - 3.470  
Cameron Hill - 3.456  
Sadie Wilber - 3.432  
Makayla Doxtater - 3.407  
Nevada Webster - 3.384  
Gavin White - 3.382  
Shienne Red Hail - 3.359  
David Doxtater-Hill - 3.310  
Vanecia Smith - 3.308  
Constance Webster - 3.284  
Lanora Danforth - 3.260  
Jacqueline Hill - 3.260  
Kiandra Gerald - 3.259  
Lexandria Metoxen - 3.259  
Devlyn Reiter - 3.235  
Ernesto Amezcuita - 3.199  
Brittney Hill - 3.186  
Florence John - 3.186  
Synala Smith - 3.186  
Kwnwahta Smith - 3.161  
Michael Robinson - 3.160  
Tabbitha Ninham - 3.136  
Kain Hill - 3.110  
Bradley Skenandore - 3.110  
Odessah Morgan - 3.076

Samual Aschik - 3.061  
Tekaluhiyaks Danforth - 3.061  
Noelia Ramirez-Gilsoul - 3.051  
Ta-Koma King - 3.024  
Brandon Barnes - 3.012  
Nyah Yellowbird-Stevens - 3.012

### Middle School

#### Highest Honors

Byran Halona - 3.834  
Cayman Berg-Morales - 3.801

#### High Honors

Josanna Cornelius-Daubon - 3.798  
Akacia Muscavitch - 3.668  
Briana Doxtator - 3.666

#### Honors

Aleah Jimenez - 3.481  
Noelle Metoxen - 3.452  
Muriel King - 3.408  
Kaylynn Powless - 3.389  
Angelica Schuyler - 3.389  
Ruby John - 3.387  
Aaron Hill - 3.278  
Tyler Stevens - 3.229  
Kylene Welch - 3.167  
Diego Metoxen - 3.146  
Nicholas Metoxen - 3.133  
Frederick Miller - 3.001

### Elementary School Perfect Attendance

Ava Belisle, Juan Castillo, Yohnehtote Danforth, Kiandra Gerald, Kailey Hill, Kain Hill, Bradley Skenandore, Brandon Skenandore, Carlos Smith, Joseph Smith, Thomas Stevens, Iselena Torres-Mejia, Sandra Torres-Mejia, Lanuhkwat Vandyke-Cornelius, Dylan Waupekenay

### Middle School Perfect Attendance

Emmitt Big Medicine, D'Angelo Garcia, Selina Garcia, Diego Metoxen

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# What to do about picky eaters

By Susan Beck, RD, CD

WIC Nutrition Manager

Is your child a picky eater? Do you feel you have your tried everything to get him or her to try new foods? Do you cook your children different meals than your own? If this sounds familiar then read on. Here are some tips to help your child learn to try and appreciate new foods.

The first thing to remember is to RELAX. Children can be picky at times and we can deal with that. Children may go through stages when they only want peanut butter and jelly. As parents and caregivers we need to be patient and calm. We can provide pleasant yet structured meals and snacks. This means we have planned meals and snacks throughout the day for our child and ourselves. We shouldn't allow our child to have a snack anytime they want and that rule should apply to us as well. Remember to plan for at least one hour between the last snack and the next meal. Your child will be more apt to try new foods if she is hungry.

Secondly, let's think about responsibility. Ellyn Satter RD., MS., a child

feeding expert and author of Child of Mine: Feeding with Love and Good Sense, describes what she calls the "Division of Responsibility". The parent's responsibility is to choose and prepare foods, provide regular meal and snack times, make eating pleasant and model proper eating behaviors. This includes what, where and when children eat. The child's responsibility is whether to eat the food and how much they are going to eat. We can not force our children to eat. It is their responsibility to choose to eat a food or not.

The third way to help your child try new foods is to introduce it several times. A child may need to experience a new food from ten or more times before accepting it. Experiencing a food does not mean just tasting it. You may start by introducing the food to your child at the grocery store. Let him see, hold and smell it. Tell him about it. Then have it with a meal and show your child how much you like it. Remember, it is his or her decision to try or eat it. Offer but do not force the child to taste or eat the new food. Keep introducing the

new food at different meals or snacks. The more your child experiences the food the more apt he or she will be to try and eventually accept it.

Finally, remember that your child will not like all foods and may never accept some foods. This may mean she will never like your favorite. We as parents need to accept this and let our children make up their own minds about new foods.

Now that we are ready to introduce new foods here are a few tips when offering them.

- Stay calm and be patient.
- Provide a pleasant and positive experience. No

- pressure and no forcing.
- Don't expect too much or acceptance too quickly.
- Set a good example and model the behavior you want to see. Let your child see you try, eat and enjoy the new food yourself.
- Start small, offer small portions so you don't overwhelm him or her with the new food.
- Pair foods. Offer the new food with familiar and well liked foods.
- Respect your child's decision each time. There will always be another chance to try a new food, especially if parents are willing to keep trying.
- Repeat the process. Keep

offering new foods. Remember it may take ten to fifty exposures to a food before acceptance.

- Refuse to be a short order cook. If your child does not want to eat what is on the table then he or she can wait for the next meal. They will not starve.
- Do NOT offer a reward for trying a new food. If you need to reward a child he or she will automati-

cally think the new food must be bad.

These tips will help you to provide the best atmosphere for your child to try new foods. While they may not be the perfect solution they can guide us all to help our children become more accepting of new foods. Just remember to relax and be patient; getting children to try new food can definitely be trying, but you can do it.

## Diabetes? Some beat it, but are they cured?

By Jamie Stengle

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — JoAnne Zoller Wagner's diagnosis as prediabetic wasn't enough to compel her to change her habits and lose 30 pounds (13 kilograms). Not even with the knowledge her sister had died because of diabetes.

"I didn't have that sense of urgency," said the Pasadena, Maryland, woman.

But nine months later, doctors told Wagner her condition had worsened. She, too, now had Type 2 diabetes.

That scared her into action.

Now, two years later, the 55-year-old woman has slimmed down. She exercises regularly and her blood sugar levels are back in the healthy, normal range. Thanks to her success, she was able to avoid diabetes medication.

Diabetics like Wagner who manage to turn things around, getting their blood sugar under control - either escaping the need for drugs or improving enough to quit taking them - are drawing keen interest from the medical community.

This summer an American Diabetes Association task force will focus on this group of patients and whether they can be considered "cured." Among the points of interest:

- What blood sugar range qualifies as a cure and how long would it have to be maintained?
- How might blood pressure and cholesterol, both linked to diabetes, figure into the equation?
- And what if a "cured" diabetic's blood sugar soars again?

"For right now, we're not saying they're cured, but the bottom line is... good glucose control, less infections," said Sue McLaughlin, president of health care and education for the American Diabetes Association. The organization has no estimate of how many people fall into that category.

Being overweight is the leading risk for Type 2 diabetes. Genetics also plays a role, and blacks, Hispanics and American Indians are at greater risk than whites.

Nearly 57 million Americans are prediabetic. Another 18 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, while the diabetes association estimates almost 6 million more Americans have diabetes and don't know it. About 90 to 95 percent of diabetics have Type 2, the kind linked to obesity.

The future is potentially even gloomier, with one study estimating that one of every three children born in the U.S. in 2000 will eventually develop diabetes.

But the news isn't all bad. Thirty minutes of daily exercise and a 5 to 10 percent loss in body weight can lower the odds of dia-

betes by nearly 60 percent and is more effective than medicine in delaying its onset, according to a diabetes prevention study.

Still, such lifestyle changes are often difficult.

"It sounds like such a nonmedical recommendation, and yet it's the thing people say is the toughest to implement," said McLaughlin, the diabetes association official.

For Wagner, it meant changing not just her diet, but her lifestyle. A teacher, she now cooks most of her meals at home and avoids the sweets in the school lounge. She also tries not to stay late at work, using the extra time to exercise and make healthy meals.

Whatever the route, weight loss is key, doctors say.

"There is no special diet. You've got to eat fewer calories than your body burns," said Dr. Robert Rizza, a Mayo Clinic endocrinologist and former president of the American Diabetes Association.

Many doctors stop short of calling these successful patients cured.

Dr. Philipp Scherer, director of the diabetes research center at University of Texas Southwestern, describes diabetes as a one-way road. He said it can be stopped in its tracks with diet and exercise, but there's no turning back.

Dr. Kevin Niswender, an assistant professor in the department of medicine at Vanderbilt Medical Center, said "technically, you could call somebody cured," but that patient still needs to be followed closely.

Doctors caution that, for some diabetics, lowering blood sugar may be only temporary. Stress, weight gain and other factors can push it back to unhealthy levels.

"Blood sugars can come down to normal. Then the issue is how long does that last?" said Dr. Sue Kirkman, vice president of clinical affairs for the diabetes association. "Sometimes people start putting weight back on and their blood sugars come back up."

In other cases, patients are diagnosed so late that blood sugar levels can't be brought back to normal, even with weight loss, she said. As the disease progresses, even those who made diet and lifestyle changes might eventually have to go on medications.

That's one reason Wagner and some other diabetics who've managed their disease through diet and exercise are also reluctant to consider themselves "cured."

"American culture, our environment, is not conducive to having good health," said Wagner. She believes diabetes will always be lurking in the background, waiting for her to slip.

## Law and Legislative Reference Offices move to Social Services

Due to mechanical upgrades of the Norbert Hill Center, the Law Office and Legislative Reference Office will be temporarily relocated to the east wing, third floor of the Social Services Building beginning Thursday, April 30th.

Staff will be available

for a very limited time during the week of the move and all areas should plan accordingly.

A tentative move back date has been scheduled for the week of Sept 7, 2009.

Personnel can be reached through their current phone numbers.

## Are you potential royalty? Prove it at the annual Miss Oneida Pageant.

It's never too early to start planning for the Miss Oneida & Jr. Miss Oneida Pageant...

June 18, 2009 will be here before you know it!

We are looking for ambitious and positive young ladies who want to represent the Oneida Nation & have fun while doing it.

MISS ONEIDA: ages 18-25 ~~ JR MISS ONEIDA: ages 13-17

All participants must:

1. Be single w/No children (never been married)
2. Be an enrolled Oneida or in process of
3. Have no previous or pending misdemeanor or felony convictions
4. Possess knowledge and understanding of the Oneida culture and history

If you have any questions or need ideas call...

Rich Figueroa at  
(920) 496-5026



Fantastic Prizes for Miss & Jr. Miss Oneida 2009-2010!!

Applications are available in the Main Office at the Norbert Hill Center or they can be printed off the Oneida Nation website at [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org) under the subheading of Culture & Traditions. You can also call the above number to have one mailed.



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### DIRECTIONS TO HOME:

From Land Management take Hwy. 172 East to South Pine Tree Road, and turn right. Follow South Pine Tree Road for about 3.5 miles, the home will be on left side of the road.

### DOLM Address:

470 Airport Dr.  
Oneida, Wisconsin 54155  
Local: (920) 869-1690  
Toll Free: (800) 684-1697  
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Estimated Monthly Payment: \$737.00  
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Applicants who have a minimum monthly gross income of \$3,221.00 are encouraged to apply.

Contact the Finance Department for more information.

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# DRUMS Across ONEIDA

**Oneida Elderly Service**  
**2907 S. Overland Rd.**  
**Oneida, WI 54155**  
**Ph. 920.869.2448**  
**Fx. 920.869.1824**



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

Otsi'khé'ta? Wahní'tale?

Thunder Moon

April 2009

## The National Society for American Indian Elderly

Is seeking local volunteers for the Summer Associate Program to work with the elderly.

The program is 10 weeks starting June 1 and end finishing August 16

### Recruiting:

#### • One Team Leader:

College student or recent graduate - Must be 18-24 years old

#### • Five Students:

18-24 years old

Must be college student,

recent graduate or in High School

Summer Associates can do direct service activities, they can build trails, work on a clean up project, garden projects, an elder chore service or something else that is a needed in our elder community

The living allowance for Summer Associates is \$200.00 per week

You can apply on the AmeriCorps VISTA site

at <https://my.ameriacorps.gov/mp/listing/publicRequestSearch.do>

The program type is AmeriCorps VISTA, choose Wisconsin the state you plan to serve in and you should check the box for summer. Please note that you want to serve with the Oneida Tribe Elderly Services, in Oneida Wisconsin.

Questions please call 920-869-2448 and ask for Claudia Skenandore

## ELDERS AND EVERYONE... ...DRUMS CONTACT

*From the desk of Linda Douglas*



I am with Elderly Services and will be the main contact for the DRUMS Across Oneida newsletter. Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, concerns, complaints, etc.

Thank you for your attention. My phone number: 920-869-2448 email [ldouglas@oneidanation.org](mailto:ldouglas@oneidanation.org)

## Living Today For A Better Tomorrow

**Calling All Elders  
You Are Cordially Invited**

### To attend the "Older Americans Month" of May festivities!!!

- May 8th : An evening of Dance and Socializing at the Norbert Hill Cafeteria 6:00pm to 9:00pm Live Music by "The Rockin Daddy's" Wide variety of music...oldies...country...etc... Light refreshments...door prizes...dance contests and prizes... Guaranteed Fun!!! Put on your dancing shoes!!! No Charge!!!
- May 14th : Trip to Two Rivers for the "Spring Sing" The "Oneida Singers" will be performing plus many more other groups
- May 16th : Youth and Elder Fishing Event at Finger Lake Plus a live band : The "Rockin Daddy's"
- May 18th : Trip to Milwaukee SEOTS, enjoy a motor coach trip...lunch with the elders...bingo...tour their new facility 30 seats available, so 1st come 1st serve...
- May 28th : ONCOA Bingo at the Senior Center...many great prizes...entertainment by various staff members... from 1:00pm till ?????????? seating for 80

**\*\*\*Sign up sheets at the Senior Center\*\*\***

If you have any questions call : 920-869-2448 ext. 6844 ask for Joyce Ann Hoes

### Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups 32nd Annual Convention: The Changing Face of Aging July 23-24, 2009

For more information  
please contact CWAG at 800.366.2990,  
608.224.0606, 608.221.6124 or 608.221.6111  
Please also visit our website at [www.cwag.org](http://www.cwag.org)

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Registration Deadline: July 15, 2009

#### Registration Choices

	Early Bird Registration Deadline 6.29.09	Late Registration Deadline: 7.15.09
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Convention, July 23-24, 2009	\$130	\$155
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only: Thursday, July 23 - Includes Luncheon Banquet and Awards Dinner Banquet	\$85	\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only: Friday, July 24 - Includes Luncheon Banquet	\$65	\$90
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trip to Lambeau Field and Hall of Fame Museum - Thursday afternoon (includes entry fees and transportation)	\$30	Early Bird Only \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Oneida Reservation Tour Thursday Afternoon	Free	Early Bird Only N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Oneida Reservation Health Center Tour	Free	Early Bird Only N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Achievement Awards Banquet Only - Thursday evening	\$30	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Statesmanship Breakfast Friday, July 24 (For Senior Statesmanship Alumni only, no extra cost)	\$0	\$0

Hotel: Please call the hotel to make your room reservations, but pay CWAG directly to obtain a special tax free rate! Room costs must be included with this registration in order to receive this special tax free rate. When making reservations, please make sure to specify you are with the CWAG convention! Call 888.201.1718 or 920.494.7300 to reserve your room!

\*\*\*Convention Room rates are available until June 29, 2009!\*\*\*

\$99 per night/single/double occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

\$104 per night/three-person occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

\$109 per night/four-person occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Includes \$30 Casino Package, complimentary breakfast buffet and assorted hotel coupons.)

\*\$30 in cash to use in the casino or reduce the cost of the room rate from \$99 to \$69.

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: ☐ Wheelchair ☐ Vegetarian Meals

Refund Policy: Cancellations prior to July 15, 2009 will be refunded, minus a \$30 handling charge. No refunds for cancellations made after close of business on July 15, 2009.

For Office Use Only: Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Check. # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council invites you to ...**  
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**Wednesday, May 6 & Thursday, May 7, 2009**  
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 Stevens Smith, Ph.D  
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 or (715) 588-1034 or  
 Joseph Bonfoey at [jbonfoey@glitc.org](mailto:jbonfoey@glitc.org),  
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## Oneida Elderly Services ANNUAL



**Supports: Roberta Kinzhuma Scholarship**

**Date: Friday, June 26, 2009**

**Time: 10am to 3 pm**

**Location: Former Towers Foods**

(N7360 Water Circle Place, Oneida, off Hwy 54, behind Little Bear Development Ctr and Oneida Post Office)

**Rummage, Car Wash,  
Lunch, 50/50 Raffle**

(Mealsite will serve breakfast only)

**Entertainment Contributed by  
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**Volunteers are wanted! Please contact Hillary at  
Elderly Services 869\*2448  
For more information call Claudia Skenandore at  
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## Elder's Meditation of the Day

"But each of us must find out for himself or herself what their gift is, so that they can use it in their life."

- Jimmy Jackson, OJIBWAY

The old people say, everyone has a song to sing. This song is the reason we are on this earth. When we are doing what we came on this earth to do, we know true happiness. How will we know our song? Pray. Ask the Great Mystery, "What is it you want me to do during my stay on earth?" Ask. He will tell you. He will even help you develop yourself to accomplish His mission.

**Great Spirit, help me find my song and let me sing it.**

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**5:00 - 10:00 pm**

*Open Karaoke  
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*with*

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**SATURDAY  
JUNE 6**



*Main Stage*

**12 - 1:00**

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**1:20 - 2:40**

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**3:00 - 4:15**

**Buffalo Stomp**  
*Country Rock*

**4:45 - 6:00**

**Road Trip**  
*Top 40 Rock*

**6:30 - 7:45**

**Slim Jim Phantom  
&**

**Jamie James**  
*of The King Bees  
Rock n Roll*

**8:30 - 10:00**

**Branscombe Richmond  
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**SATURDAY JUNE 6**

**12:00 - 4:00 pm**

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