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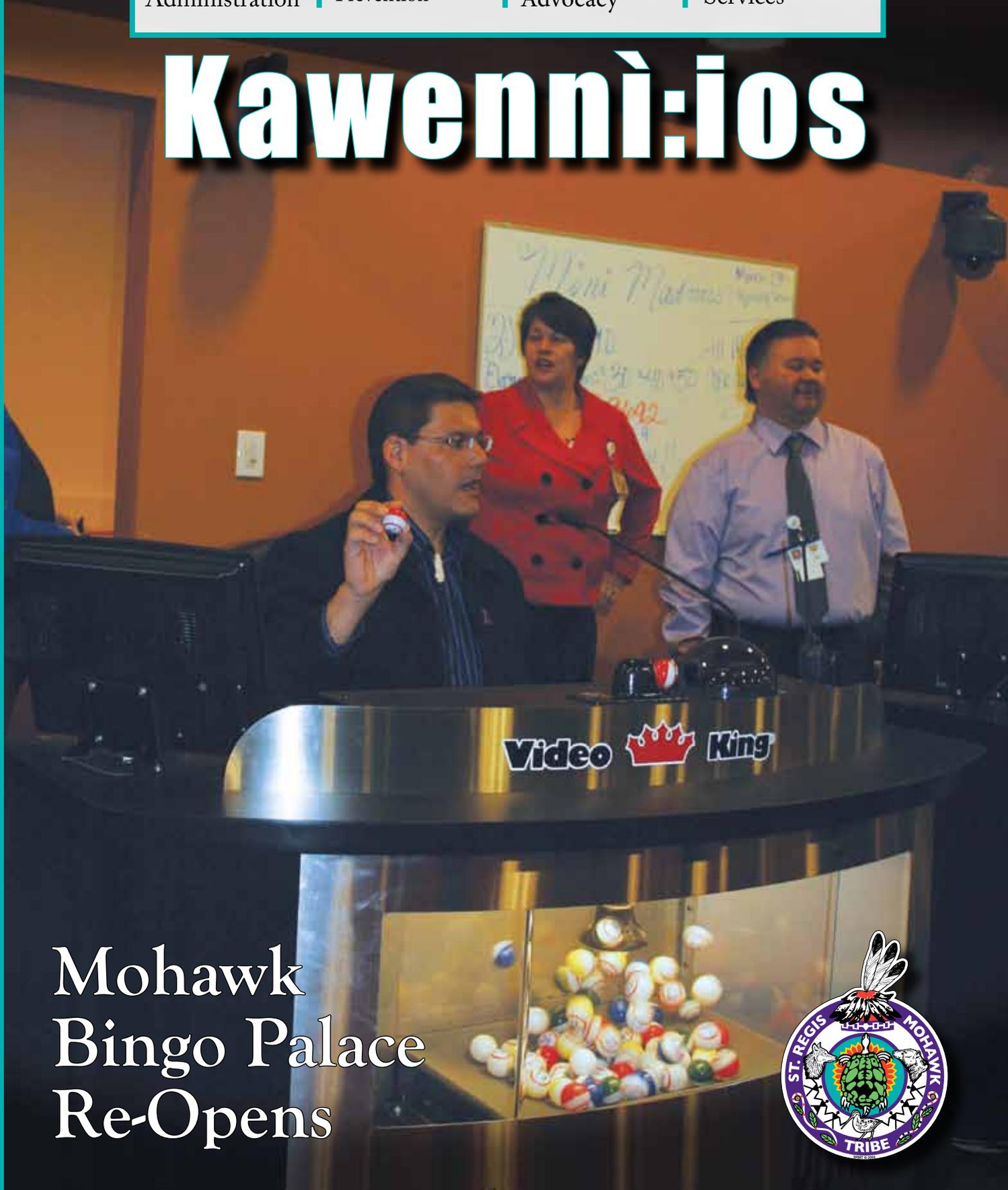
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Business Feature

1st Class Seconds At New Location

By Anthony Tillman, Economic Development Planner

1st Class Seconds, a gently used clothing store, opened its doors for business December 8, 2009. It was located on the east end of Akwesasne, but has recently moved to a more central location at 340 State Route 37 at the Tree Top Boutique Building. Owner Beverly Lazore has received a lot of compliments on her new location and her new marketing campaign to increase sales.

Her first new marketing idea came while out shopping. Beverly noticed that a lot of retail businesses offer frequent buyer cards and she decided to implement a frequent buyer's card for her business. For every \$10 dollars spent the customer receives a punch on

Mrs. Lazore knows the importance of making a dollar stretch so her motto is, "Dress for success on \$20 or less!" Just recently 1st Class Seconds were asked to participate in the Winter Carnival Fashion Show themed, "How to and how not to dress for an interview." The fashion show was a success and all the models wore outfits that were \$20 dollars or less.

1st Class Seconds is a local, friendly business that has outstanding customer service and is willing to go the extra mile for their customers. If you are in need of some new clothing but do not want to spend a small fortune please stop by 1st Class Seconds to see if they can meet your shopping needs.



Beverly and Winter Carnival Fashion Show Models

their card until they reach 10 punches. After reaching 10 punches the customer then receives 10 dollars of merchandise for free on their next visit. Her next big idea was to have a monthly drawing for 10 dollars off their next purchase. Beverly stated, "Some customers feel like they have won the lottery when they win the monthly drawing."

1st Class Seconds also has a Facebook page and would appreciate it if you would check out their page and like the page. Please come out and support your local business. ♦

*1st Class Seconds (In the Treetop Boutique Building)
340 State Route 37, Akwesasne, NY 13655
(518)358-4620*

Store Hours: Monday – Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Good Words of Welcome



Greetings from the Tribal Clerk's Office,

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits as we say good-bye to the snow, and hello to the warm weather! A few reminders I am including in this month's newsletter are as follows:

Voting:

If you are unsure of your voting status, please come into the office or phone and we can check your status for you. If you are eligible to vote, please ensure your information has been updated with our office.

(Election and Referendum Ordinance)

SECTION VII Eligibility of Voters

At the time of voting an eligible voter must:

- A. Be at least 18 years of age.
- B. Be an enrolled member of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.
- C. Reside in the United States or in the US portion of Akwesasne for at least six months prior to the election.
- D. Have their names on the most current eligible voters list.

Jury Duty:

If you have received a summons in the mail for jury duty from Franklin County or St. Lawrence County bring it into the office so we may write a letter on your behalf to have them remove your name from their selection list.

Tribal Identification Cards:

Tribal ID cards are available by mail for out-of-town enrolled members. Contact the office so we can mail the Tribal ID card application out to you. Evening and weekend appointments are also available to those who are away during the week.

Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For after-hours or weekend appointments, please contact the office to set up an appointment. 518-358-2272.

Niá:wen,

Corleen Jacco, Tribal Clerk

On the Cover: *Sub-Chief Eric Thompson Calls Bonus Bingo Game at Mohawk Bingo Palace Grand Opening on March 13, 2013.*

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The Public Information Office

Program Feature

By Alyson Cole, Production Assistant

The Public Information Office (PIO) is a program under Tribal Administration that works to positively enhance the image of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe through public opinion and public perception. To accomplish this we strive to keep the community informed on upcoming tribal events, services and the daily operations of all programs. Responsibilities of PIO include keeping positive relationships with media and surrounding communities, providing production of tribal meetings and inaugurations, and producing information to keep the people up-to-date.

The *Kawenni:ios* newsletter has been published for nearly five years. Over 2,600 are distributed locally and an additional 400 are mailed to tribal members who live away from Akwesasne. We also have list of about 200 subscribers who receive an email when the newsletter is on the website and ready for download. If you or a family member is interested in subscribing to the newsletter, our website has a link under publications where you can choose a mailed or emailed version.

Along with creating the monthly newsletter *Kawenni:ios*, PIO publishes program brochures, annual informational guides and advertisements for program services and events. The Tribe's internet, intranet, Facebook page and LED sign are all managed by program staff. To maintain an effective flow of information to the community, the office also works with each department to receive updates and accurate information in the event that there is something beneficial for public awareness.

With a broad range of daily and monthly tasks that have time restrictions, PIO consists of three employees

who work as a team to keep the flow of information consistent. Director David Staddon often works with Tribal Council to handle media inquiries, stage interviews and to produce press releases. He also often serves as master of ceremonies at community events such as inauguration, grand openings and other special events. Aimée Benedict, Publications Manager/Webmaster, is responsible for creating many of the publications that are produced for Tribal Programs. These include ads, brochures and the monthly newsletter. Along with me, Production/Administrative Assistant Alyson Cole, Aimee also keeps the internet, intranet and Facebook up to date by posting news, jobs and any other community announcements. Among these tasks, I am responsible for imputing news articles into the Tribes' database, handling media invoices and updating the Community Building LED sign.



Alyson, Aimée and David Review Newsletter

Current projects of the program include helping with the organization of the upcoming Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Hotel grand opening and the recently completed 2013 Akwesasne Business Directory. Collectively, PIO develops and implements all internal and external communication policies, edits documents, coordinates meetings/events and ensures communication between divisions. The office also serves as the liaison for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and the community. The Public Information Office is located on the top floor of the Community Building and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Brochures and other publications are available to the community in office. For more information staff can be reached at 518-358-2272. ♦

Tribal Administration

Program Feature

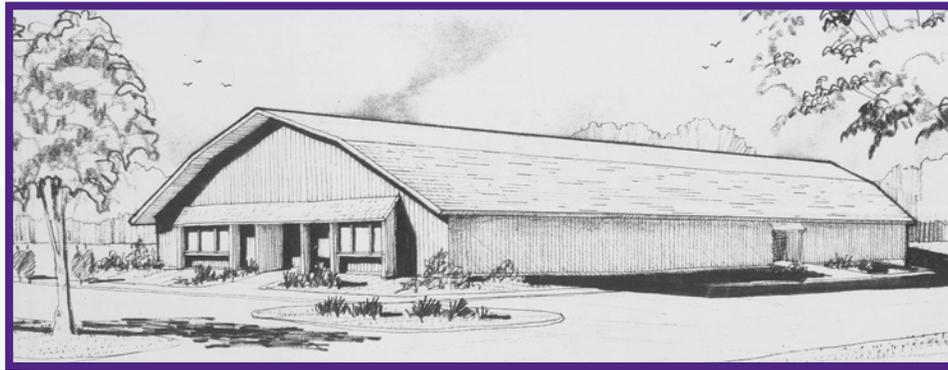
By Tsiorasa Barreiro, Executive Director

The purpose of Tribal Administration is to ensure the existence of an effective and efficient day to day Tribal operation that is responsive to the community, Tribal Council and Tribal programs.

In September of 2012, I accepted an offer to serve as the Executive Director of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. It's an exciting opportunity to help shape the future of our Tribal operations, and our community services. It is also an immense responsibility that requires dedication and each and every day. I'm proud that the team we have built exhibits these qualities and shares in the philosophy of service leadership. My immediate team in Tribal Administration consists of Gloria Herne and Starr Thomas who are both Assistant

The Administration Team provides direction and management for the Tribal Program's organizational activities and operations to maintain compliance with state, federal and tribal regulations.

In 2013, Administration has been focused on the daily operational and service efficiencies as well as policy development, corporate compliance and the completion of the Employee Handbook. Leadership development is very important. Our expectations are that Division Directors and Program Managers lead by example, and work towards maintaining a culture of accountability and professionalism at the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. Many challenges await, such as the Federal sequester and the unknown impacts it may bring, but so long as



Administration is currently in planning stages for a new Tribal Administration building to replace this 'temporary' Community Building built in 1976, pictured above.

Executive Directors. Betty Roundpoint is our office manager and has years of knowledge and insights that are invaluable to all of us.

I report directly to Tribal Council and work cooperatively with Council on identified issues of concern.

Approximately eighteen Tribal employees report directly to the Executive Director. This group consists of Division Directors, some Program Managers and Tribal Administration Department Directors. Tribal operations has approximately 593 employees at this time.

our management team is strong our Tribe will succeed.

Tribal Administration has an open door policy so all staff and community members are free to come and see anyone in the Administration Office at any time. Due to the numerous team meetings we participate in, an appointment is preferred.

We are working hard to assist the tribe and the community in "Building a Better Tomorrow." ♦

Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency Prevention Program

By Chelsea Sunday, Prevention Specialist

There is never a dull moment in the lives of the A/CDP Prevention squad, whether through our daily teachings to the children in our schools or through our monthly activities. We are also gearing up for a busy summer of programming and an exciting line up of events with the Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment. Through our community involvement, we hope to raise awareness about chemical dependency and related issues and provide a wide range of opportunities that promote positive and healthy lifestyle choices.

Our program follows the Risk and Protective Factor Model of Substance Abuse Prevention. Protective factors create a buffer against the risk of negative influence by reducing the likelihood that youth will engage in problem behaviors. Research has identified that the following are protective factors: social bonding to family, school, community and peers, healthy beliefs, clear standards for behavior and individual characteristics. For bonding to serve as a protective influence, it must occur with peers or adults who communicate healthy values and set clear standards for behavior. With that said, our program provides education, activities and events that are important for our prevention efforts.

Since we were last featured in *Kawenni:ios*, our program has been on many adventures to aid in the reduction of drug and alcohol abuse in our community. We were pleased to have implemented prevention

programming with various summer programs such as the Johnson O' Malley program, the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club and Akwesasne Child and Family Services. Youth have also been offered monthly activities designed to expose youth in Akwesasne to new, fun, challenging and cultural diverse activities such as zip-lining, the Nutcracker Ballet, a visit to Snowflake Kingdom at Winterlude and our Cultural Enrichment Week.



A/CDP Superheros: Melerena, Chelsea, Karonbiotha & Megan

As part of community partnership building, the A/CD Prevention program established the Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment. The coalition hosted many successful events for the community this past year including the gruesome adventure through our "Zombie Infested Obstacle Course." Community members also experienced the magic of Christmas during "Cookies and Crafts with Santa." Participants also saved the day during the

"Akwesasne Komic Kon" where they were able to dress as a superhero or their favorite sci-fi character.

A major focal point for our program is our classroom involvement with the Saint Regis Mohawk School, Saint Regis Mohawk Head start and Salmon River Central School. We implement the "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum with students from Head Start to grade seven. During these sessions students learn goal setting, decision making, identifying and managing emotions, bonding with others, communicating



Culture Enrichment Week



Zombie Infested Obstacle Course

effectively and the dangers of drug use. We also offer one on one education and educational presentations to grades eight to 12. Each lesson is taught through fun and informative activities that teach students about healthy living. We here at the Prevention Program take pride in our time with the students and work to give them the best information available so that they can make the best choices for themselves.

Our program also facilitates a five-week Adolescent Education Group that gives them the skills to understand the disease of chemical dependency. During our sessions participants are provided with age-appropriate tools necessary to evaluate personal feelings, develop coping skills and improve self-worth. The activities and discussions help them to understand the effects of chemical dependency on themselves and their families.

At this moment in time, we have our sleeves rolled up, our work boots on and are ready to dig into the busy months ahead of us.

Let me give you a run-down of what is currently planned for our 2013 spring tour:

- April 12th and 13th – Boys Night Out
- April 19th and 20th – Girls Night Out
- April 22nd through 26th – TV Turn off Week
- April 27th – Me and My Guy Dance
- May 1st – Project Sticker Shock
- May 17th – Grim Reaper Day
- June 21st – All Night Graduation
- July 8th – Summer Programming Begins



Student of the Month

Our program takes this time to introduce two new faces to the Prevention team, Chelsea Sunday and Karonhiotha. With the help of our new teammates, the Prevention Squad is on a mission to provide safe and fun prevention services to the community. For

any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at (518) 358-2967 or stop into our office at the Akwesasne Business Center. ♦

Environmental Response Team

Environment Division Program Feature

By Craig Arquette, Environmental Specialist

The Environmental Response Team (ERT) was organized and established in recognition of the need for a community-based organization to respond to the release of hazardous materials. Such a release could threaten the health, safety, and welfare of community members and the environment. The ERT is comprised of Tribal employees who have technical backgrounds, training and education in the management of hazardous materials releases and control technologies. The ERT also works cooperatively with MCA's Environmental Response Team in addressing each other's major incidences.

A spill or incident is an occurrence where a hazardous material is dispersed into the environment or its container is damaged to such an extent that the contents can be expected to be released with the potential to cause injury to people or harm the environment. The ERT provides technical expertise, assistance and equipment at the incident and performs duties in accordance to their training.

The ERT is only authorized to respond during normal working hours, typically 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. To report a spill, call the Environment Division at 358-5937. After hours call the SRMT Police Department who then notifies the Environment Division.

The ERT has been responding to accidental spills of hazardous materials in Akwesasne since 1993. Before then, the Environment

Division had been responding to spills informally equipped only with shovels and kitty litter. Today the ERT is comprised of 12 staff members and outfitted with state-of-the-art personal protective equipment (PPE), absorbent pads and booms, decontamination stations and monitoring equipment. In addition the ERT has at its disposal two response vehicles, the newest being a 1984 International Harvester bus used to haul additional spill and decontamination equipment.

Funded yearly through an EPA CORE grant, the ERT responds mostly to petroleum-related product spills but has the capacity to respond to other materials as well. However, based on a 1999 highway study the products most likely to be encountered at a spill incident were petroleum products followed by caustics and acids. The ERT members are trained in 40-hour hazardous materials awareness and then are required to participate in eight-hour refresher courses yearly.



Amberdawn, Les and Matthew putting on Personal Protective Clothing in order to handle a leaking drum.

The role of the ERT is:

To respond to reported spills for evaluation and determination of the best method for correcting the problem;

To clean up the spill in accordance with standard operating procedures and personal protection guidelines; and

To provide support to other response agencies as required.

The ERT grew out of specific need in the community and now has blossomed into a well-trained sophisticated unit capable of responding to various accidental spills. It is the help, hard work and dedication of the volunteer members of the ERT, whose very involvement is a testament to their high regard of the environment and human health. Working without hazard pay their only compensation is the knowledge that they are instrumental in preventing environmental damage to Mohawk land. ◇

Sexual Assault Advocacy

Three Sisters Program Feature

By Carrie Marlowe, Sexual Assault Advocate

The Three Sisters Program provides a place for victims and families to come and receive services that will lead to healing. Our mission to Akwesasne is, "Always Here to Protect, Empower and Guide our Sacred Families."

Within our program we make available confidential services such as, Safety Planning and 24-hour crisis response. The program includes Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Education -- what to do when it happens, helping to rebuild self-esteem, understanding the abuse, how to have healthy relationships, learning how to heal and how to protect yourself and family. Other topics are domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy – personal, medical, criminal justice, family court, housing, transportation, orders of protection, supervised visitation and exchange and safe house.

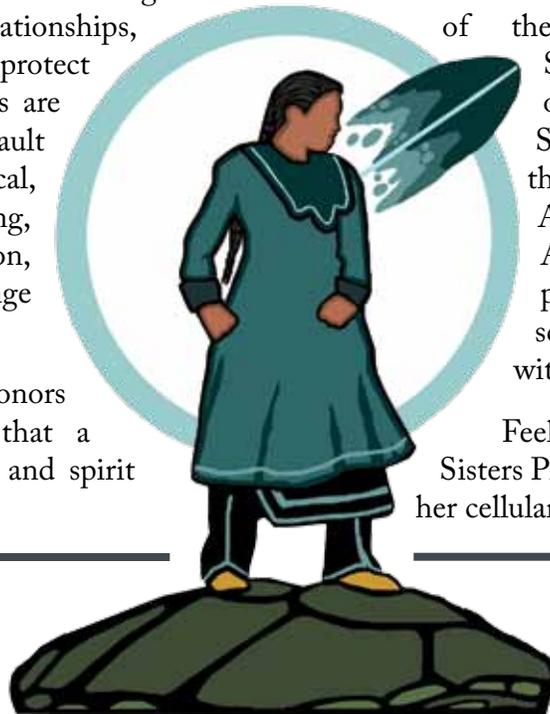
The Three Sisters Program honors our culture by acknowledging that a person's entire being, mind, body and spirit

must be well before they can heal. We recognize that both men and women can be victims and we all need help at different points of our lives. Based on comfort level, feel free to place a phone call to us at the office.

New with the program is Carrie Marlowe, the Sexual Assault Advocate. Born in the Midwest, her life's journey has taken her around the country allowing her to experience things from different cultures. Her education (BS in Psychology) supports the power that will direct her clients in the right direction with the support

of the other members of the Three Sisters Program and numerous others within the Akwesasne area. She will be introducing herself at the National Native American HIV/ Aids Awareness event sponsored by ACT NOW on March 20, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Mohawk school. Watch for upcoming events within the SRMT Kawenni:ios.

Feel free to contact Carrie at the Three Sisters Program (518) 358-4406 or 24/7 on her cellular phone (518) 651-7906.



It is reported that ONE out of THREE Native American women will be assaulted at least once in her lifetime. This could be your mother, sister, aunt, friend, even your daughter. It is believed that the number could be greater but many people do not report the incident for personal reasons. Here is a thought for you: it is possible that every other woman you know has been, or will be, sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

Let us not forget about the men. They are victims too, but reported far less than women. Nationwide, one in six men will experience some sort of unwanted sexual activity before their eighteenth birthday. Sexual assault is also commonly seen in burglary. The criminal uses the violent act to overpower the male victim by breaking their masculinity down. Because men are typically the strong member of the family, the man's pride gets in the way, forcing the man to deal with the assault alone and not reporting it. ♦

Pollen and Spores and Fungi... OH MY!

By Angela Benedict, Air Quality Manager

By now it should've started warming up, which means one thing, barbeques and lots of food -- no, actually I am just kidding. It means things are sprouting and blooming. Birds are singing, children laughing--wait a minute that sounds like a song! But the other stuff in the air is pollen, spores and fungi and unfortunately I am allergic to most, if not all of them.

Pollen comes from plants, is powder-like and can usually be seen on the ground and on cars and is a yellowish in color. Pollen is needed for plants to spread and fruit to be fruitful. Bees are good pollinators. They go from one plant to another and spread the pollen all over. The wind is the culprit that disperses pollen that attributes to hay fever.

Spores also come from plants, but is more for reproduction. Spores are fungi. They can come from molds, mushrooms, puffballs and others. Puffballs are really cool, not only can you eat them but they look awesome. When I was in college we had to know the kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus and species. The only one I remember today is the puffball because we made up a little mnemonic saying, "Welcome to club Basidiomycota, you have to be a puffball to get in." Silly but it worked because I have been out of school a long time I still remember it.

Fungi is a large group and includes yeasts and molds. But not all molds. Slime molds and water molds are not included in this group because they lack certain traits. But that's too in-depth for this article. Fungi can be parasites on plants, animals (including humans) and other fungi. Fungi can be used as drugs/medicine

such as penicillin and *Ophiocordyceps Sinensis*. Used in traditional Chinese medicine, all you need to know is it has a variety of beneficial effects. You just don't want to know where it comes from. Fungi can also be used as pest control and bioremediation.

Now for the reason of this article: allergies and hay fever. We have a season for allergies and hay fever,.

But what if in the future (because of climate change) our winters didn't last long or didn't get cold and that allowed allergy and hay fever season to be all year long? I don't want to live like the "boy in the bubble" although at times it might be kind of nice. This is something I think we really need to think about. It is thought that our area in the northeast will be rainier and if the rain washes the pollen and spores out of the air how will regeneration or pollination occur? I don't know if you've noticed but I have, that bees/hornets are not around as much. Good for the people who are allergic to bees but bad for the flowers and plants.

The plants, trees, grasses, molds and fungus are all part of the circle of life, they all play their part whatever that may be.

I was told once that eating local honey would help with my allergies, but as a diabetic I have never tried it. Maybe if the species change I won't be as allergic, either that or I will just be allergic to more things.

So for now and the next seven generations, let's think about the types of pollen, spores and fungi we have and what can we do to live around it with our allergies and hay fever. ◇



Bingo Palace Celebrates its Move to Casino Property

By David Staddon, Editor

On March 13, 2013, tribal officials, casino officials, guests, members of the media and Chamber of Commerce officials gathered in the newly-relocated Bingo Palace, which opened its doors to the public on Wednesday March 6, 2013. The purpose of the event was to unveil the Bingo Palace to the community.

Bingo General Manager Emily Lauzon kicked it off with words of welcome to all those in attendance. She also gave thanks and acknowledgements to the staff, past and present, who make the Bingo Palace a success and worked so hard to make the move from the old property. Akwesasne Mohawk Casino CEO Patrick Bassney followed her noting the success of bingo and thanking those who made the difficult move and thanked Tribal Council for their support.

Tribal Chief Randy Hart was also on hand and provided thoughtful remarks about the success of bingo and some of the early struggles and challenges they overcame. "I must give credit to the earlier members of tribal council who had the vision to start our gaming industry which is so important in supporting the tribe's programs and services," he added.

The Bingo Palace opened its doors on May

24, 1985 with a 2,000 seat bingo hall and with 188 associates. Three associates continue to work from that time are Lynn Mitchell, Lisa Laprade and Brenda Johnston. It now features 277 Class II gaming machines, electronic bingo and will soon feature Cosmic Bingo®. "We moved to this location to transition the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino and a Poker Room into the resort property. It features a 150 room hotel/spa featuring, four

dining outlets and the Cascades Lounge," noted Lauzon, Bingo General Manager.

Wednesday's special event also included a special "Bonus Bingo" with Tribal Sub-Chief Eric Thompson calling the bingo game. (See front cover). The lucky winner received \$500. Guests were also treated to

samples of the delicious dishes from the Palace Café and tours of the facility including the soon-to-be opened hotel and resort. "We expect the move to be beneficial for the growth of the Mohawk Bingo Palace. Guests will have the best of both worlds: bingo and the amenities of the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort. On our first night, we had an attendance of over 293 bingo players. We have many new faces coming to try out the games," added Lauzon. ♦



L-R: Patrick Bassney, Brenda Johnston, Chief Randy Hart, Sub-Chief Eric Thompson and Emily Lauzon

Monthly Tribal Meeting

Enniskó:wa / March 2, 2013
Chaired by Chief Paul O. Thompson

Agenda

1. Introductions:
 - Welcome
 - Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
2. Casino Expansion Update
 - Colleen Thomas
3. Diabetes Center for Excellence Update
 - Ernie Thompson
4. Environment Update on USET/Hogansburg Relicensing
 - Ken Jock/Tony David
5. Healing to Wellness Drug Court Proposed TCR Presentation
 - Micaelee Horne
6. New Business
 - Salmon River School Board – Emily Lauzon
 - 94 Procedures Act – Chief Randy Hart
 - Election and Referendum Ordinance Final Amendments – Michele Mitchell
7. Reading of Action Items
 - Tribal Clerk
8. Adjournment

Action Items from March Meeting

1. A presentation from the water department on the water system.
2. A more in-depth/informational educational report from the higher education department. (Ex. Why are students are dropping out or withdrawing, how many are attending a 2 year/4 year, how many females/males...)

3. A copy of the Roger Thomas decision and how much it's costing.
4. An explanation of what happened to the licensing of the pharmacy.

Follow-up on Action Items from February Meeting

1. To contact the Freedom School and find out if they have a safety plan in place.
Follow-up: Chief LaFrance and Sub-Chief Thompson have requested the information and are awaiting response..
2. To have the Referendum question on the governance informational meeting and feedback recorded for public record (2/12, 2/19, and 2/26).

Follow-up: The Tribal Clerk has confirmed that the meetings will be transcribed as well.

3. To add the field house information to the Tribe's website.

Follow-up: Done.

4. To add the election ordinance final draft amendments to March's monthly meeting.

Follow-up: The Public Information Office will provide copies of the final draft of the amendments at the next monthly meeting.

5. To have our lobbyist in Albany reach out to Rob Williams to set up a meeting RE: Nation to Nation Trading .

Follow-up: The Tribe's lobbyist is working on securing a date.

6. To ask Rod Cook for an educational report on how the students are averaging.

Follow-up: A handout is provided showing: Total number of students, average, GPA average, age, 2 year or 4 year, male or female, and Massena/Salmon River figures for the past three years. ♦

Calendar

Onerahókha / April

- 3 - Head Start Registration - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - ECDP building
- 4 - Burn Permit Applications - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Community Building lobby
- 6 - Monthly Tribal Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Community Building lobby
- 9 - Diabetes Extravaganza - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Let's Get Healthy office
- Social Security Administration - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's office

New Faces

Jeffrey Beekhoo
 Patrick M. Cook
 Jamie T. Desnoyers
 Jade Gabri
 Emily Gardner
 Allena D. Jacobs
 Steven King
 Carrie Marlowe
 Elizabeth Perkins
 Kayla N. Point
 Patick Pritchard
 Ruth Smoke
 Shailei S. Square
 James Stanly
 Deanna Tarbell
 Starr Thomas
 Chester Thompson

Network Systems Engineer
 Night Security
 Habilitation Aide
 Environment Technician
 Habilitation Aide
 Home Health Aide
 Youth Worker
 Sexual Assault Advocate
 Tutor
 Habilitation Aide
 Habilitation Aide
 Home Health Aide
 Home Health Aide
 Habilitation Aide
 Advocate
 Assistant Executive Director
 Bus Driver/Helper

Broadband
 Three Sisters
 Family Support
 Environment
 Family Support
 IHS - Outreach
 Intensive Preventive Program
 Three Sisters
 Johnson O'Malley
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 Three Sisters
 Administration
 Office for the Aging

Giving Back

Sports Association - \$ 5,500

Funerals - \$2,000

Community Events - \$9,350

Jobs

- Summer Student Interns** - Environment
- Habilitation Aide** - Family Support
- Night Security** - Partridge House
- Youth Advocate (Male)** - Intensive Preventive Program
- Health Promotions Specialist** - Let's Get Healthy
- IRA Manager** - Community & Family Services

All current positions with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe are posted on the Tribe's website at :

www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Positions with our gaming operations are posted on the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino's website at:

www.mohawkasino.com.

Construction Services Update

Planning & Infrastructure Program Feature

By Ernie Thompson, Director of Planning and Infrastructure

Construction Services has recently completed a number of projects during the 2012-13 construction season. The projects are as follows:

McNeil Road Water Line Extension - Indian Health Service

3200 feet of eight inch water main was extended from Helena Road to nine homes in the McNeil Road area. Perras Excavation of Massena, New York was the successful bidder on this project and completed this project in ten weeks. Final costs for this project including design, inspection and construction were \$237,000.

Mill Street Water Line Extension - Indian Health Service

1700 feet of eight inch water main was extended from Route 37 to eight homes in the Mill and Pearl Street area. Lazore's Construction of Akwesasne was the successful bidder and completed the project in eight weeks. Final costs including design, inspection and construction was \$174,000.

Central Pump Station Installation - Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Expansion

This project was completed in May 2012 at a final cost of \$297,000. Construction was accomplished using Delaware Engineering for design and construction administration, Lazore's Construction for pump station installation and Siewert Equipment was the vendor for the pump station equipment that was directly purchased by the SRMT. This installation was quite intricate as existing pump station was kept in operation until new station was installed. The existing wet well was core drilled while still in operation. The project is located on St. Regis Road near the entrance of St. Joseph Cemetery. This project is necessary because of increased flows anticipated from the casino expansion and new hotel.

Broadband Hub and Central Office

Construction Services will be overseeing the construction of this facility that will be located on

Route 95 directly beside the IGA. This project will be put out to bid by April 1, 2013.



Crews on McNeil Road Waterline Extension



2012 Scattered Sites: Water Connections and Septic Systems

We are awaiting our 2013 allocation from Indian Health Service. The 2012 allocation was \$565,700 which was a substantial cut from our 2011 allocation of \$700,000. We are also expecting substantial cuts in funding from Indian Health Service for 2013. Applications are taken on an ongoing basis.

Roads Maintenance

The 2012 allocation from BIA is approximately \$106,000. The 2011 allocation was \$178,000. Budget cuts are being made in this area as well. We are anticipating cuts in this funding due to the budget woes of the United States government (sequestration). This funding is used to maintain sixteen tribal roads throughout the territory.



Diabetes Center for Excellence Taking Shape

Road Construction

After a few years of waiting for required funding, the Drum Street Road project will be finally put out to bid with an anticipated start date of summer of 2013. The limits of construction will be at the Cook Road and Snye Road intersection to the intersection of County Road 43. Fishers Design Associates from Syracuse NY has completed the design work. The Bureau of Indian Affairs provides the funding for this project.

Diabetes Center for Excellence - HUD, AHA, SRMT, USDA, Community Fundraising

This project is presently in construction. The bids were taken on March 22, 2012 with Heritage Homes being the successful bidder. After some deletions and adjustments to the bid, the project was awarded and construction began in August of 2012. The project is constructing a 13,000 square foot facility to house the *Lets Get Healthy Program* and the *Healthy Heart Program* of the SRMT Health Services. The facility will house

offices, treatment rooms, a therapy pool, locker rooms, shower facilities, fitness areas, a teaching kitchen, workshop and conference areas for these programs. The total budget for this project is \$3.2 million funded by the entities listed above. Completion for this project is anticipated to be mid summer of 2013.

Personnel News

In 2012, three new positions were added to the Department. Brent Herne, a Clarkson College civil Engineering graduate is employed as a construction manager. He will be primarily involved in water, roads and sewer projects. Brent is presently the resident engineer at the Diabetes Center of Excellence project. Once the Drum Street project begins Brent will be managing that project.

Nolan Jacobs joined the Department in the spring of 2012 as a GIS Technician. Nolan is tasked with mapping all of our water and sewer infrastructure using GIS coordinates. This will enable us to locate hydrants, gate valves, sewer manholes, etc., from our computers.

During the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino expansion, Colleen Thomas was assigned to that project and will be returning to our department to assume a new role as the Capital Projects Manager. The casino expansion is slated to be completed by April 1, 2013. Her primary focus in this new role will be the development of the new administration building for the SRMT as well as developing a master plan for the tribal property behind the Generations Park area.

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Genetically Modified Alligators to be Introduced into St. Lawrence Seaway

By *Loof Lirpa*

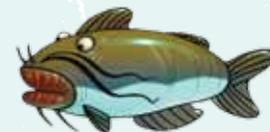


The federal government has selected the St. Lawrence Seaway to host "an in-depth study into the breeding and habits of several species of genetically-modified fresh-water alligators." Two hundred alligators are scheduled to be released into the St. Lawrence Seaway and its tributaries beginning in the summer of 2013. "These alligators will be genetically programmed to eat only invasive species, like the ferocious round goby," exclaimed the Tribe's Water Resources Program Manager Tony David. "When the gobies are all gone, the alligators won't have anything to eat, and would starve rather than harm our native fishery." In the meantime, local residents are cautioned to avoid swimming in the St. Lawrence for the next few years, just to avoid incidental nibbling by the gators. "Once we determine that the population of round gobies has been eliminated, we will bring in some of the folks from hit television series 'Swamp People' to take out the alligators," added David. This activity is expected to provide an economic boost to the region.



"Retail outlets in Akwesasne will be able to carry a variety of new products such as alligator boots, purses, shoes and luggage," said Steven Cook, Director of Economic Development. "They can also sell alligator meat, which is very popular in the South. I hear it tastes like chicken."

The experiment is also designed to determine whether the alligators can survive in the cold climate of northern New York and Canada. The federal government was originally going to be spending \$1.9 million to release 250 alligators to conduct the study, but due the recent federal budget sequestering, the amount was reduced to \$1.3 million. A representative from the National Biological Foundation was quoted as saying that there would probably be a noticeable decline in the populations of the round gobies in the local waterways because, "The gators will eat about 20 pounds of fish each per day, more as they get older." Furthermore, fishermen are forbidden from catching the gators until the experiment is complete. "Now we need to work on another scheme to see about getting rid of the Zebra mussels," declared David. **APRIL FOOL!!!** ◇



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