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2013/2014 best in everything ethnic

About Milwaukee Ethnic News

Milwaukee Ethnic News is published bimonthly by Urban Anthropology Inc. and is managed by volunteer anthropologists. The purpose of the newsletter is to offer ethnic organizations and individuals opportunities to share news and information about their cultures. The newsletter does not receive funds from any external source. See more info on last page.

Scholarships available for Latino youth Que pasa en Mexican Fiesta?

Again this year, the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (WHSF)/Mexican Fiesta provide opportunities to improve academic success and quality of life of the Latino community, while perpetuating Latino culture throughout the area and the country. WHSF/Mexican Fiesta and LULAC Councils of Wisconsin 319 & 322 are working together to provide scholarships to deserving young Latino men and women who aspire to higher education.

The Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, Inc. /Mexican Fiesta and LULAC Councils of Wisconsin 319 & 322 have awarded more than 100 scholarships for Hispanic students every year. High school seniors and college students can apply at http://mexicanfiesta.org/scholarships.php.

The best in ethnic places, events, programs and foods

Milwaukee has over 250 ethnic organizations. All provide valuable resources for their members and the wider society. This year *Milwaukee Ethnic News* has selected some of the best places, events/programs, and foods.

The best in ethnic places

The best urban ethnic place? Our choice is the United Community Center, the home for Latino Arts, Bruce Guadalupe School, the Walter Sava educational facility, blocks of well-maintained housing, and many, many more services.



The best suburban ethnic space? Our choice is the elegant Polish Center of Wisconsin,

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Milwaukee's ethnic best (cont.)

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located in Franklin. It was fashioned after a Polish manor and the views inside and out are breathtaking. Programs abound.



The best decision in ethnic places? Our choice is the Italian Community Center located in the Third Ward. The Italians could have elected to build this center in the suburbs where many ended up after the Italian Third Ward was cleared for urban renewal and freeway building. But they made the decision to build the center in the old neighborhood.



The best ethnic place on the upswing? Our choice is Norway House on Milwaukee's south side. Norway House does not only provide resources for Wisconsin Scandinavians. It also serves a number of other local ethnic groups in Milwaukee.



The most hopeful ethnic place? Our choice is the new development of Bronzeville, which promises to return some of the rich social and cultural spaces that belonged to the original Bronzeville, before it was torn down by freeway building and urban renewal.



The most needed ethnic place? Our choice is the Germans. Almost every neighborhood in Milwaukee bears some evidence of the German history in Milwaukee, and yet this ethnic group has no center in the city.

The best ethnic programs and events

The best organized programs? Our choice is the Polish community. Whether it's Polish Fest, a pierogi festival, or a vodka-tasting event, activities proceed without a hitch.



Milwaukee's ethnic best (cont.)

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The most educational program? Our choice, hands down, is the Milwaukee Holiday Folk Fair. A visitor can learn just about everything there is to learn about the history and practices of Milwaukee's ethnic groups. But multiple returns are required.



The best free events? There are three worth noting. The Czech organization, Sokol, puts on free movies about every six weeks at the Norway House. The films are highly educational about Slovak and Czech populations. A second choice is the (online) Black Holocaust Museum that provides evening forums for discussions of racial issues. A third choice is the French Film Festival held at the UW-M Union Theater, with some of the best selections in French films available anywhere.

The most unique program? Our choice is the Strnad exhibit at the Milwaukee Jewish Museum. This exhibit told the story of a Prague dress designer and her husband who tried to immigrate to Milwaukee during the 1940s, but instead perished in the Holocaust.



The most enjoyable event? Our choice is the American Indian powwow at State Fair Park. The Grand Entry, dancers, crafts, and drumming are all jaw-dropping activities.



The best "let your hair down" event? Our choice is the Annual Kaszub Picnic on Jones Island every August. This is everyone's opportunity to learn about the historic fishing village of Jones Island, while enjoying a whole lot of food, drink, and socializing.



The best street event? Our choice is Juneteenth Day held on Martin Luther King Drive each Juneteenth Day. What makes this event particularly meaningful is that it is held in the actual neighborhood of the African American community—not in a distant park.

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Milwaukee's ethnic best (cont.)

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The best in ethnic foods

The best ethnic feast? Our choice is the Norway House's Torsk dinner, held about once a month, seasonally. The food is incredible if you love fresh cod boiled in a butter sauce and spicy Norwegian meatballs. There is also the opportunity to socialize with Scandinavians at the long serving tables.



The best ethnic single menu item? Our choice is the incredibly delicious sambusas served at the East African food booth at the Holiday Folk Fair.



Are you Pomeranian from Poland?

Looking for sources for genealogy info?



The Pomeranian Genealogy Association can help you. Below is info from their website at www.ptg.gda.pl/index.php/default/lang/en-utf-8/

The Pomorskie Towarzystwo Genealogiczne (PTG), which in English translates to the Pomeranian Genealogical Association, was founded by a group of amateur genealogists who had known each other only from discussion groups. They met together in person June 15, 2005. The initiators of the establishment of an association at that time were: Anna Stachowska, Joanna Jendrzejewska and Stanislaw Pieniazek.

After many discussions, in April 2011 decision was taken to establish a registered PTG, which was a continuation of the idea of association. It was registered in the National Court Register at July 6th, 2011. The ancestors of most of us lived in Gdansk Pomerania, but above all, we share a passion for searching for our own roots.

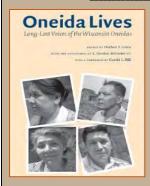
We are happy to answer all questions.

Where to find us? Detailed information on how to reach us physically are available on our website: www.ptg.qda.pl.

Also see the following website for more info: http://www.geneszukacz.genealodzy.pl/langeng

Ethnic Wisconsin in books

NON-FICTION



In this intimate volume edited by Herbert Lewis, the long-lost voices of Wisconsin Oneida men and women speak of all aspects of life: growing up, work and economic struggles, family relations, belief and religious practice, boarding-school life, love, sex, sports, and politics. These voices are drawn from a collection of handwritten accounts recently rediscovered after more than fifty years, the result of a WPA Federal Writers' Project undertaking called the Oneida Ethnological Study (1940–42) in which a

dozen Oneida men and women were hired to interview their families and friends and record their own experiences and observations.

www.nebraskapress.unl.edu

FICTION.



"My dear Meyer," chided the old historian, "why should anyone be surprised by shootings at the Tall House? Have you looked into its past?"

The young anthropology intern was more than willing to look. Meyer Hoffmann's voracious curiosity led him on a course of inquiry about the Tall House, those who'd lived there, and the neighborhood itself. As zealous Meyer uncovered information about the Tall House's history, he blundered to false conclusions as of-

ten as he stumbled onto correct ones. The only thing Meyer knew for certain was that everything about these shootings connected to forced ethnic migrations of the past. Yet no one—not the guests, not the neighbors—acted very concerned about these shootings. After all, weren't they designed to be victimless? Perhaps, initially. But that changed. www.MECAHMilwaukee.com

When the family of Leroy Cyrus decided to board him at the sumptuous



Tall House, the resident social justice workers didn't know how to respond. Cyrus, now demented, was once a person of interest in the murder of the best friend of the Tall House's proprietor, Sherilyn Riddle. She questioned whether it was ethical to interrogate a man with Alzheimer's disease. One boarder that had no problems with the ethics of this investigation was anthropology student, Meyer Hoffmann. He'd do whatever was necessary to solve this and

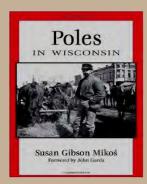
possibly related murders. But the question was—how can he know if the information he gleaned from Cyrus was true, fabricated, or based on false memories? www.MECAHMilwaukee.com



Kids in Cultures educates (while entertaining) children on key concepts of diversity, including culture, ethnicity, and multicultural societies. Kids learn about these concepts through stories of children in various

eras and cultural settings in SE Wisconsin. The authors are authorities in their fields. Stories include "Mammoth meat," "Barbara Smith is German?" "Showing up is important: A Hmong virtue," "Firefly nights: An urban Oneida story," "Snow falls in Bronzeville," and "The Braves take the World Series: A Polish and Mexican story." <u>www.MEC-AHmilwaukee.com</u>

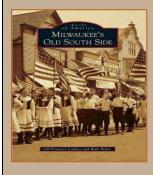
NON-FICTION



In this all-new addition to the People of Wisconsin series, author Susan Mikos traces the history of Polish immigrants as they settled in America's northern heartland. The second largest immigrant population after Germans,

Poles put down roots in all corners of the state, from the industrial center of Milwaukee to the farmland around Stevens Point, in the Cutover, and beyond. In each locale, they brought with them a hunger to own land, a willingness to work hard, and a passion for building churches.

www.wisconsinhistory.org/whspress



The Old South Side has always welcomed ethnic groups. In the late 1800s, the area was developed by immigrant Poles who became the dominant population for over 100 years. While other Milwaukee ethnic neighborhoods gradu-

ally dissipated in the mid-20 century because of assimilation pressures, freeway building, or urban renewal, the Old South Side remained solidly Polish. A survey nearly a half century later revealed that people of 110 national backgrounds now lived in the area. www.arcadiapublishing.com

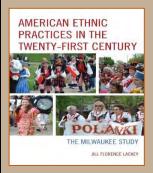
Ethnic Wisconsin in books, continued



A Time of Terror: A Survivor's Story by James Cameron is the only account ever written by a survivor of a lynching. Thanks to America's Black Holocaust Museum and its parent organization, the Dr. James Cameron Legacy Foundation, the book is now available again to a general audience. The Foundation has preserved this fascinating out-of-print book by publishing and distributing a revised 3rd edition. This new edition includes five never-before-published chapters, photographs, and information for stu-

dents and teachers. The Foundation will also properly preserve and store Dr. Cameron's original manuscript. www.abhmuseum.org

NOW IN PAPERBACK



American Ethnic Practices in the Early Twenty-first Century: The Milwaukee Study is a work based on a twelve-year research project conducted by Urban Anthropology, Inc. The qualitative study examined current strength of ethnicity and the contributions that ethnic practices have made to the wider society. The work takes a new approach by focusing on ethnic practices. The most prominent findings in the book were the ways that community-building activities of ethnic groups contributed to the wider society,

and how this, in turn can help restore a needed balance between individualism and collectivism in the United States. www.lexingtonbooks.com

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Don't miss our

Annual Fish Fry

This is a great opportunity to get to know FFGM and opportunities to learn about culture, history, geography, and much more.

Friday, April 17 at

Serb Hall

5101 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee 5:30 pm - Social Hour 6:30 pm Dinner

Only \$15 per person for this delicious dinner of chicken and fish served family style

Norwegian Language Classes

Beginning and intermediate/advanced Norwegian language classes will be held at the Norway House. Ole Wiersholm will be the native Norwegian-speaking instructor. The textbook for both classes will be *Norsk, Nordenn og Norge,* by Kathleen Stokker & Odd Haddal. The cost for either course is \$55 for members of Sons of Norway, and \$65 for non-members. Times and dates for the next session are to be determined. Anyone interested in the classes should contact Don Reed at 262-797-8146.

Please send your reservation and check made out to FFGM to Doris Small, 1932 Cliff Alex Ct. N. Waukesha, WI 53189. Deadline April 1, 2015
Name(s)
Number attendingat \$15.00 per person Enclosed

2ND ANNUAL ESCUELA VERDE GREEN TIE GALA - MAY 2, 2015

EVENT: 6-1 Ipm # Semi-formal Attire

6:00 - Tour of New Building

6:30 - Cocktall hour and Heavy Appetizers

7:30 - Year in review and keynote's remarks

8:30 - Live auction begins

10:00 - Short auction closes

Urban Ecology Center Menomonee Valley Branch 3700 W Pierce St



TICKETS: \$50 / \$40 FOR EV PARENT, VOLUNTEER, AND ALUMNI PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT: HTTP://EVGREENTIEGALA.MIVOZ.COM

Publisher focuses on ethnic Milwaukee

Presents opportunities for local writers



Milwaukee Ethnic Collection of Arts and Humanities (MECAH Publishing) recently opened in Milwaukee. Its goals are to:

- Interest readers in the cultural diversity of Milwaukee and its surrounding communities.
- Produce products that fit one or more of these arts and humanities: history, anthropology/archaeology, folk art, art history, museums, literature (including poetry and fiction), language, architecture, and religion.
- Target the products to <u>lay audiences</u> of all ages (e.g., non academic).

Products that relate to urban centers of southeast Wisconsin and highlight cultural diversity will be considered, and can include any of the following:

- Nonfiction books (e.g., small museums in southeastern Wisconsin, the history of Pentecostal churches in Milwaukee).
- Fiction books (e.g., a mystery set in Milwaukee, a book for young people with a local immigration theme).
- Documentaries (e.g., the Irish of southeastern Wisconsin; a reproduction of a play with a Milwaukee theme).

MECAH Publishing

Milwaukee Ethnic Collection of Arts and Humanities

MECAHMilwaukee.com

Kids in Caltures

Book tells stories of Milwaukee ethnic children of various eras



A work written for children and about children released by MECAH Publishing

Kids in Cultures is a fully-illustrated book written for students grades 4 through 8. The stories describe life in various cultural groups during salient periods of history in Southeastern Wisconsin. A study guide is included, as the stories teach students about ethnicity in general and ethnic groups in particular. Stories include:

- Life in Great Lakes prehistory
- Current Hmong culture
- A Polish/Mexican exchange in the 1970s
- African American/Jewish life in Bronzeville in the 1940s
- Growing up German
- Urban Indian playtime (Oneida)

To order this volume, contact Jackie Freeman at infoMECAHMilwaukee@Gmail.com

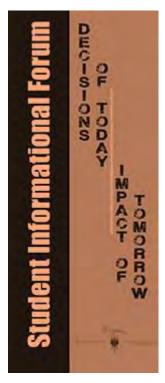
Tour the Old South Side Settlement Museum





Learn about the families and ethnic groups that settled this neighborhood by touring an historic house and its settlement rooms.

To reserve a group tour, call (414) 271-9417. The museum is located at 707 W. Lincoln Avenue.



Second annual student informational forum

Saturday, March 28th, 2015 11am - 4pm (Registration starts at 10:30am)

Become an agent of change for a healthier future

At the forum you will obtain information about scholarships, internships and workshops. Plus you will be able to do Networking with Hispanic Professionals of our community.



Keynote Speaker: AIDA L. MAI -SONET GIACHELLO

Real People, Real Stories from Hispanic Professionals

Speakers and Panelist to be announced

Event FREE, with Laptop Raffle Donated by Fiesta Garibaldi & Chicken Palace restaurants

Register now at http://mexicanfiesta.org/Stu-dent-Forum.php

Fashion show of Czech and Slovak costumes



March 22, 2015 11:30 Norway House, 76th and Oklahoma

Milwaukee Sokol/Sokolice invites you to a luncheon and style show featuring many authentic Czech and Slovak costumes including the dressing of a bride. A light lunch of Czech chlebičky, bakery and beverages included.

\$12 per person

Tickets available for purchase at the Czech Dinner or from Ann Cramer at (920) 236 - 9101

Indigenous language classes

Anishinaabemowin is the language of a group who refer to themselves as "the People of the Three Fires"—the Odawa, Potawatomi, and Ojibwe—who migrated from the eastern Atlantic area to the Great Lake Lakes watershed thousands of years ago.

It was one of several languages used during the fur trade era when the city of Milwaukee was founded and it is the language the Territorial Governors and geographers were referencing when they began using the terms "Wisconsin" and "Michigan."

It is currently used in more than two hundred Anishinaabe communities including right here in Milwaukee.



All ages are welcome but children should attend with an adult.

When:

Mondays from 5 to 7 pm, January through April.

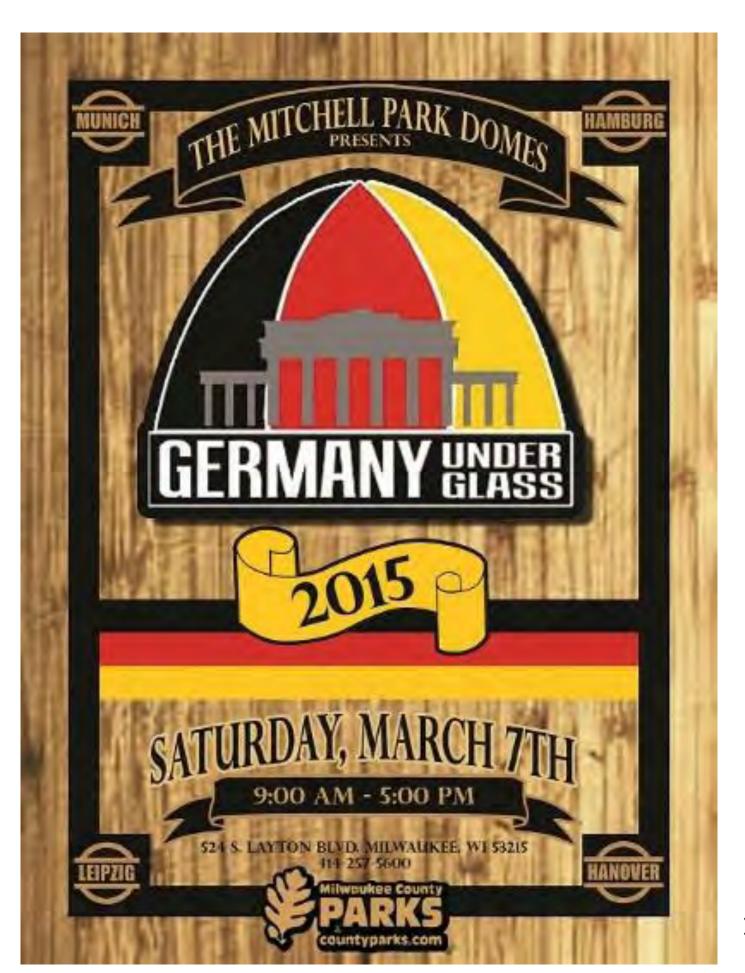
Where:

Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services, 6811 W. Morgan Avenue, Milwaukee,

For more information, contact Margaret Noodin at <u>noodin@uwm.edu</u>

Sponored by

First Nation's Studies, Milwaukee Public Schools, Forest County Potawatomi Foundation, Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services, The University of Milwaukee





You're Invited to Attend a German Stammtisch!

Come and meet new people, practice your German and have fun at a gathering place here in Milwaukee.

The ÜberTap Room

1048 N. Old World 3rd Street Milwaukee, WI 53203, (414) 272-3544 <u>www.wisconsincheesemart.com</u> Host: Ken McNulty

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6-8 pm

Meets regularly on the 1st Tuesday every month at a table reserved just for you. It's informal ... anyone can attend with no official membership necessary. There is no official program. And it's "dutch treat" ... you pay for what you drink and eat. The only "rule" is that everyone speaks German. It doesn't matter what your skill level is... just come and have fun!

FAQ's What's a stammtisch?

It's an old German tradition for a Gasthaus or café to set aside a table for a group of people who regularly get together to visit, talk, play cards and have social and political discussions.

What if my German isn't so hot?

That's OK. All levels are welcome. We have a mix of bilingual Germans, university students, foreign nationals and Americans who want to improve their German conversation skills. It's an informal atmosphere where we talk about travel, books, movies, news, politics... you name it.

What if I don't know anybody?

That's OK, too. Just come and you'll meet lots of other people who, like you, are interested in German language and culture.

How do I get there and where do I park?

The ÜberTap Room in downtown Milwaukee is very accessible and easy to find (just a few doors down from Usinger's.) There is street parking available and parking lots for a fee.

Questions? email: sabine.schwark@sbcglobal.net or theurich@ameritech.net

Did you know that . . .

Germans invented the donut?



The first written reference to a donut was the jellied variety (called *Gefüllte Krapfen* in German) in a cookbook from 1485. The cookbook, entitled *Küchenmeisterei* ("Mastery of the Kitchen") was published in Nuremberg and was one of the first to be reproduced with Johannes Gutenberg's printing press.

The early donuts had no holes. Once the price of sugar dropped in the 16th century, donuts became sweeter, and countries all across Europe began to adopt the sweetened versions of the jelly donut. Varieties with holes followed.







GROUPES DE CONVERSATION

All groups are free and open to the public!

RSVP: bonjour@afmilwaukee.org



Pétanque Happy Hour: Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.Join us for indoor Pétanque! In fact, it's indoor Bocce Ball but if enough Frenchies come, it will become pétanque. Come play or watch others play. Take advantage of InterContinental Hotel's happy hour. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

InterContinental Milwaukee 139 E Kilbourn Avenue in downtown Milwaukee.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 17. For all levels.



Apéro-trico:Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Join Alliance friends to trico-papoter and apéritiver at Camp Bar, 4044 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11. For all levels.



Trico-thé:

Come trico-papoter over a cup of tea at the Alliance Française. meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Next meetings: Wednesday, February 25 & March 25. For all levels.



Casse-croûte: Come practice your French! Bring a brown-bag lunch and enjoy the friendship of the French-speaking world. Meets every Wednesday from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Alliance Française. For intermediate to advanced levels.



La Table française: Meets one Thursday a month at a restaurant for informal French conversation.

Next meeting: March 5.

Contact <u>gcstone3@gmail.com</u> for details and reservations.

For intermediate to advanced levels.



Club de lecture: The Alliance's bookclub. Meets on the second Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (No meeting in February) For book or movie title, email: gcstone3@gmail.com. Next meeting: March 14. For advanced levels.

Legislators to draft legislation in response to Milwaukee refugee group advocating scholar-ship expansion



On February 10 this year, a group of refugees from the International Learning Center (ILC) of Neighborhood House of Milwaukee met with four Wisconsin State Legislators. The adult students met with Chris Larson, Evan Goyke, Jonathan Brostoff, and Chris Sinicki to discuss expanding a key college aid program for minorities.

The group, which included refugees from Southeast Asia and Africa, advocated for changes to the state's Minority Retention Grant, a college aid program that targets under-represented and under-resourced groups. The grant was originally legislated after the Viet Nam war and offered benefits only for refugees from Viet Nam, Laos, and Cambodia, in addition to African-American and Hispanic minorities. The ILC group wanted to see the grant's benefits expanded to include all refugees, as they are also minorities with low representation in higher education and/or low income.

Student from Burma initiated proposal

The proposal to change the Minority Retention Grant was initiated by an ILC student from Burma who attained his GED and then found he was excluded from significant college aid because he is from an ethnic group not specifically named in the grant. Sen. Larson, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, and Rep. Sinicki, who serves on the Assembly Committee on Education, agreed to draft legislation expanding language in the grant to make it more inclusive.



Czech Easter Egg Decoration

Learn how with Madison-based Czech Artist Jaroslava Sobiskova

> Monday April 6, 2015 7:00 - 9:00 pm Norway House 7507 W. Oklahoma Avenue

- Registration and a \$5 materials fee required to decorate eggs.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult as hot wax is used.
- No charge to watch and learn! Also view our history exhibits!
- To register call 608 770 2153 (or e-mail: novotny01@ sbcglobal.net) by March 31, 2015.



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Subscriptions

The newsletter is emailed to anyone wishing to receive it. People subscribing themselves and their friends went from 48 in June, 2012 to over 1,000 currently. If you wish your email or that of a friend to be added to the subscriber list, send the email addresses to JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net.

Submitting stories

Milwaukee Ethnic News is interested in stories from individuals, businesses, and organizations that have an ethnic appeal. These can be stories about an immigrant family, special ethnic events, or ethnic issues that need to be aired as guest editorials. Stories that show interethnic cooperation are most welcome.

Stories must be between 100 and 400 words. Some editing will be done to match our style guidelines and spatial constraints. We will write the stories for you if you simply send us a list of the information that you want included. A photo of less than 2 MBs is always required for a story to be published. Please do not refer us to websites to collect information or photos. If we write your story from the general information you send, we do not send proofs for approval.

Stories are always due on the 25th of the month preceding a publication month. At times later submissions may be allowed (ask first). Publication months are July, September, November, January, March, and May. Please send your stories to <u>JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net</u>.

Editorials

Milwaukee Ethnic News occasionally prints editorials that deal with controversial topics on ethnic topics. Guest editorials are also welcome, but need prior approval to be published.



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Ethnic Documentaries from Urban Anthropology Inc.

The Kaszubs of Jones Island: The People That Nobody Knew

Story of a fishing community that once thrived in the middle of an urban center, and then disappeared.

Urban Indians and the Culture of Collective Action

The cultural practices and local contributions of North American Indians in Milwaukee.

African Americans and the Culture of Contribution



The fall of Bronzeville and the contributions of African Americans in the city of Milwaukee.

The Amazing Adaptation of the Urban Hmong

When thousands of Hmong came to the United States, they made an incredible adaptation to a complex society, while keeping their own cultural practices alive.

The Varieties of Latino Experience



This documentary focuses on the diversity (as well as similarities) among various Latino groups in Milwaukee.

DVDs are \$25.00 each. All are based on studies done by cultural anthropologists. To order go to www.urban-anthropology.org/Paypalorders.html