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General Tribal Council meets for Annual Meeting, completes half of agenda

By Nate Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

Nearly 1200 General Tribal Council (GTC) members took to the Three Clans Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center for the GTC Annual Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010. The most anticipated item on the agenda was the Annual Report, which was moved up on the agenda to ensure it was heard completely.

The Treasurer's Report included a synopsis of the tribe's current economic condition as of September 30, 2009, which was the end of the 2009 fiscal year. The recently named Chief Financial Officer for the

tribe, Larry Barton, gave the presentation.

The Annual Report also included the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit Report as completed by the accounting firm McGladrey & Pullen. The detailed report showed no compliance findings and according to representatives from McGladrey & Pullen, an honorable accomplishment considering the size and compliance guidelines set forth on the tribe at the local, state and federal levels.

The main topic during the Treasurer's Report was the status and condition of the tribe's charters. Many GTC mem-

bers expressed concern over the perceived lack of information presented to the GTC from the five charters.

Common punching bag Seven Generations Corporation took most of the blows. Seven Generations' board chairman, Bill Cornelius, responded to concerns and was praised for the open dialogue he made available about the current condition of the company.

After the Treasurer's Report the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) gave updates on their roles within the committee, projects and goals for the upcoming year. Senior leadership

did the same before the Annual Report was accepted.

A laundry list of amendments to the current Oneida Election Law were passed by an overwhelming voice vote. Two-thirds vote was needed to pass the amendments. The list was highlighted by having election board members elected instead of selected at a caucus and reducing the number of members to nine from 12. The amendments also limit a candidate for the OBC and Appeals Commission to run for only one position and allows an OBC position winner to resign from their current position

effective prior to taking the oath of office not 30 days after being elected. For a complete list of the amendments adopted review the Annual Meeting packet mailed to GTC members' homes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. with the Old Business section of the agenda forwarded to the Semi-Annual meeting in July and the constitutional amendments moved to the budget meeting on Saturday, January 30.

The January 30 GTC meeting will focus on the fiscal year 2010 budget and will start at 10 a.m. at the Oneida Nation Elementary School.

VFW Post #7784 buries the past for the future

Kali photos/Dawn Walschinski

Members of the Robert Cornelius VFW Post #7784 buried a time capsule filled with newspapers, photos, letters to future grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and veteran memorabilia on Wednesday, January 6. The time capsule commemorates the new VFW building and the service of Oneida men and women in the armed services.

Right: "Littleman" Webster, Tommy Webster, VFW Commander Cletus Ninham, Gerald Kurowski and Ted Christjohn lower the time capsule into a hole outside of the #7784 VFW Post.

Bottom: Gerald Kurowski clears debris from the capstone. The time capsule will not be opened until after 2029.



Looking back at top stories of decade

2000
January 15

A General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting is held to update members on the New York Land Claims settlement options. Settlement master Ronald J. Riccio sets a deadline for the end of the January.

The State of New York offers \$120 million settlement to the Cayuga Indian Nation to settle land claim which had been in the courts for 19 years.

March
The Oneida Nation and Oneida Nation Electronics negotiated a settlement with Plexus of Neenah to settle a lawsuit. Oneida claimed in the suit

that Plexus generated a fraction of the business it said it would.

July
Airadigm files for bankruptcy. Oneida invested \$40 million in the start-up and owned 49.9 percent of Airadigm; Wisconsin Wireless owned 50.1 percent.

July 22
The GTC passes a 35% of net gaming revenue per capita payment.

August 22
Oneida Mason Street Casino opens.

November 4
The GTC approves a \$750 per capita plan over the next three years.

2001
September

Oneida tribal member Ron Cornelius of Buchanan, Mich. volunteers at the site of the World Trade Center days after two planes were high jacked by terrorist and crashed into the Twin Towers in New York.

2002
February

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin sues 20 private property owners in the land claim area in central New York State seeking trespass damages. The lawsuits were in response to a proposed deal between New York and the Oneida Nation of New York which was made without the Oneida of Wisconsin.

May 13

The Town of Hobart becomes the Village of Hobart.

May 16

Albany lawyer John Tabner is replaces Riccio as land claims mediator.

July 13

Oneida Business Committee (OBC) Election
Chairwoman – Tina Danforth
Vice-Chairwoman – Kathy Hughes
Treasurer – Mercie L. Danforth
Secretary – Julie Barton
Council members – Curt Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham,

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Decade in review

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Hoyan

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Loretta Metoxen, Tribal Historian, prepares traditional Hoyan Donuts on New Year's Eve at the Cultural Heritage House. Hoyan is a tradition that was prevalent when Metoxen was a child and has since been dimenished in the community. "As far as I know, since I could remember as a child, everybody made donuts," Metoxen said.



Jingle bells - Hey!



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Oneida Head Start and Airport Road Child Care held their winter program December 23, 2009 at Oneida Social Services. Students performed *Jingle Bells* in Oneida and English and other holiday favorites in front of a packed house.

Oneida Business Committee Wrap, December 23 & 30

By Nate Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

Present: Rick Hill – Chairman, Kathy Hughes – Vice-Chairwoman, Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Patti Hoelt – Secretary, Ed Delgado – Council member, Brandon Stevens – Councilmember, Tehassi Hill – Councilmember

Absent: Melinda Danforth – Councilmember

The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) held meetings on back-to-back Wednesdays to complete an agenda that included items from a meeting on December 9 that was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

Reports

The 2010 Census Complete Count Committee gave an update to the OBC in regards to activities and upcoming projects to encourage tribal members to participate in the upcoming census. The committee also reported on census jobs that are available in the area and stressed the importance of "tribal members counting tribal members." The report was accepted.



The next issue of the *kalihwisaks* will be published on Thursday, January 21, 2010

A report on the SEOTS facility update was presented to the OBC. The group is vetting possible locations for SEOTS and expects to present a final recommendation with a best fit some time in January. SEOTS is looking for a facility that suits the needs of community members that utilize SEOTS services. The report was accepted.

Travel Reports

Kathy Hughes, Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consultation, Lac du Flambeau, WI, November 19, 2009. An update on Indian health issues was given to Wisconsin tribes. The travel report was accepted.

Kathy Hughes, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes meeting, Mole Lake, WI, December 2 – 3. Thirteen tribes attended the meeting and discussed the soon-to-to be implemented state of Wisconsin smoking ban highlighted the topics. The report was accepted.

Tehassi Hill, Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee meeting, Grand Portage, MN, October 20 – 21. The meeting was held to benefit tribes in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin in their development and implementation of environmental programs. Councilman Hill's report was accepted.

Follow-Up Reports/OBC Directives

A concern was expressed over the lack of a security presence at the tribe's Head Start program. The accepted plan calls for a security officer present 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The plan was implemented December 3, 2009.

The General Manager was directed to provide a

recommendation in regards to Native Ways Workplace Giving Campaign. Native Ways raises money dedicated to solely help Indian Country. The General Manager recommended an incremental approach to the tribe's participation by introducing the program in fiscal year 2010 and roll out the entire program in fiscal year 2011. The recommendation was accepted.

General Tribal Council

A petition seeking the purchase of a hyperbaric oxygen chamber was to be heard during the January 30 General Tribal Council meeting. A letter was received by the Secretary's office from the petitioners requesting withdrawing this request. The OBC accepted the letter.

New Business

A resolution opposing the use of roundabouts at the intersection of Highway 172 and Pine Tree Road was rescinded by the OBC.

A housing resolution that barred the Oneida Housing Authority from using outstanding debt owed to other entity's as grounds for disqualification for housing eligibility was accepted by the OBC.

The OBC heard board appointment recommendations for four boards. Marlene Garvey was appointed to the Environmental Resource Board, Danielle White and Charlene Elsie Cornelius were appointed to the Oneida Library Board, Shannon Hill was appointed to the Oneida Personnel Commission, and Janet Malcolm, Wendell McLester, and Cletus Ninham were appointed to the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee.

Councilwoman Melinda Danforth requested support for an

appointment to the Council on Offender Reentry. A letter of support was requested be sent to Governor Doyle and Department of Corrections Secretary Raemisch reflecting the tribe's support. The request was approved.

A memorandum of agreement was approved between the Federal Highway Administration and the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office. The agreement addresses mitigation steps to ensure if any Native American remains were discovered the appropriate steps were to be followed.

Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises (OTIE) requested support to increase their funding to increase their bonding ability, which would lead to increased revenues. The OBC identified OTIE's potential and forwarded the request to the Chief Financial Officer for further study and review.

Travel Requests

Rick Hill, White House Holiday reception, Washington D.C., December 14 – 16. Retro-approval was requested and approved.

Tehassi Hill, Third Annual Tribal Casino and Hotel Development conference, Temecula, CA, February 16 – 18. The travel request was approved.

FY 2010 Cost Containment Exemptions

The OBC heard a

request to allow Oneida Nation School System students to travel to the National Science Fair in Albuquerque, NM. The trip will take place in March and is expected to be funded through community fundraisers. The OBC approved the travel and if there were a shortfall in funds raised, the remaining balance would be funded through the tribe's COKE fund.

A travel request for Debbie Thundercloud to the 24th Annual Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair, Las Vegas, NV, February 21 – 24, 2010. The fair will assist the General Manager in updating the tribe's economic development plan. The travel request was approved.

A request to extend the additional duties of the Safety Manager in the Gaming Employee Services area for an additional six months was extended.

A request to fill the Assistant Gaming Manager – Finance with an interim employee was approved. The term is set to run from November 29, 2009 to July 3, 2010.

Additional duties compensation for a Gaming Electrician was approved as the compensation for the already hired employee was less than hiring an additional employee.

Retro-approval for a procedural exception to pay five dollars addition-

al per hour for holiday pay for gaming employees to work Christmas and New Year's Eve was approved.

Approval was given to a temporary seven percent wage increase for replacement of an employee on a three-month medical leave. The wage increase is expected to run from November 30, 2009 to February 28, 2010.

To ensure proper staffing levels, a limited term employee was approved in the Purchasing Department.

A request to re-assign the Interim Surveillance Director to Surveillance Director was denied, but the interim status was extended until the posting can be posted and filled.

The Records Management limited term employment contract was extended through the cost containment period.

A Child Care/Head Start teacher position was approved for posting to ensure federal regulations and compliance was met.

The interim status for the current Internal/Enterprise Division Director was extended for 90 days.

Head Start was authorized to fill the vacant Family Services Worker position and a bus driver position.

The next OBC meeting is scheduled for January 13 at the Norbert Hill Center at 9 a.m.



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Passing On...



Butler, Mary Lois

December 22, 1945 – December 26, 2009

Mary Lois Butler, age 64, of 9809 Sunrise Lane, Two Rivers, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, at the Aurora Bay Care Medical Center in Green Bay.

Mary was born Dec. 22, 1945, in Green Bay to the late Harry and Lucille Germiot Rentmeester, and was a 1964 graduate of the St. Joseph's Academy in Green Bay. She married Jerry Butler, Sept. 7, 1969, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Green Bay.

Mary worked as the administrative assistant for the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mishicot for many years. She was a member of Holy Cross where she served as Past President of the Holy Cross School Board. She also served on the Finance Council of the church for many years.

Mary enjoyed painting and doing genealogy research. She liked flower gardening and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jerry; one

son and daughter-in-law, Joel and Mollie Butler, of Shorewood; two grandchildren: Jean-Jacques, and Lucie Lois Butler; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Charles and Mary Rentmeester, of Marshfield; Gerald and Patricia Rentmeester of Sun City, Ariz. She is further survived by her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Paul and Karen Butler, of Green Bay; Christine "Chris" Dunbar, of Green Bay; Craig and Becky Filliatreux, of Wausau; Pam Butler of Baileys Harbor; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jerome and Norma Butler, of Green Bay; nieces, nephews, other family members and by many special friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday Dec. 31, 2009, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mishicot, with the Reverend Paul Paider officiating.

The Lambert-Eckert Funeral Home of Mishicot assisted the Butler family with funeral arrangements.



Withington, Jeffrey C.

June 28, 1960 – December 24, 2009

Jeffrey C. Withington, age 49 of Crystal, MN, loving husband, father and son, passed away suddenly of a heart attack on December 24, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; children, Katie and Michael; parents, Etta (Powell) & Paul Withington, Sr. (MN); brother, Paul Jr. (Rebecca) of Seattle, WA; many cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Jeff, a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, was born in Milwaukee, WI, and moved to MN at age 2 and lived there all his life except for his time in the military. Jeff joined the US Navy at age 17, was stationed in San Diego, the Phillipines and the Persian Gulf during the 1980 US Embassy hostage situation. Jeff worked for the US Postal Service as a Letter Carrier for 15 years before attending Brown Institute. He continued to work full-time for USPS while taking evening classes to earn his degree in



Computer Networking. Jeff worked for various companies in Mpls in computer networking and support for the last 10 years, a career he greatly enjoyed.

Jeff was very active with the Church of the Epiphany Episcopal, Plymouth, MN. He served 2 terms on the Church Board and led youth class for J2A. Jeff was in AA for the last 26 years of his life.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandmother Amelia (Skenandore) Powell, great-grandparents Rose (Metoxen) and Jamison Skenandore.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 11 AM at Epiphany Church of the Episcopal, Hwy 169 & Nathan Lane North. He was laid to rest at Gethsemane Cemetery, Crystal, MN.

Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel, 7300 42nd Ave. No. assisted the family with arrangements. www.gillbrothers.com NEW HOPE 763-531-1777

Service agreement between Oneida and Green Bay

By Becky Webster

Senior Attorney

In the last edition of the Kalihwisaks, the Law Office discussed the history of Service Agreements with our surrounding neighbors. This week's article will focus on the Service Agreements with the City of Green Bay.

The Tribe and the City of Green Bay first entered into a Service Agreement in 1996. This agreement focused on Oneida Housing Authority homes, most of which are located in the Three Sisters Subdivision, and was dubbed a PILOT – Payment in Lieu of Taxes. The Tribe still makes payments to the City under this PILOT as well as under an additional Service Agreement which addresses services to the other properties the Tribe owns.

On March 9, 2009, the Tribe and the City signed a renewed Service Agreement after almost a year of meetings. That year of meetings provided an opportunity for the Tribe and City to educate and inform each other about our respective governmental operations and services as well develop an understanding of each other's jurisdictional authority.

Aside from the payment formula discussed in last week's article, the main components of this Service Agreement include:

- payment for storm water management

costs the City bears;

- a contribution to the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary;
- an understanding that the City will forward all neighborhood peace and safety issues (zoning, building, nuisance and land use regulations) involving tribal members and/or tribal land on the Reservation to the Tribe for enforcement pursuant to tribal laws;
- assurance that the City will not object to the Tribe's fee-to-trust applications provided the Tribe owned the land at least 3 years or a tax exempt entity owned the land for at least five years; and
- a commitment to collaborate on mapping issues, share land use statistics and explore ways the Tribe and City can work together to save costs in providing governmental services to the community.

Modeled after the May 29, 2008, Service Agreement between the Tribe and Brown County, this Service Agreement with the City is founded on mutual respect and serves as a pledge that both governments are committed to maintaining positive government-to-government relationships. This Service Agreement will serve as a guide when the Tribe renews Service Agreements with our other neighbors.

The next article will focus on the governmental services addressed in the Service Agreements.



Skolaski, Paul M.

June 11, 1947 – December 27, 2009

Paul M. Skolaski, age 62, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2009 at San Luis Manor in Green Bay following a short illness. He was born June 11, 1947 son of Madge (Bingham) Skolaski and the late Paul A. Skolaski.

On September 7, 1976 he was united in marriage to Cheryl Skenandore in Madison. Paul enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife Cheryl and their four children: Lucinda Skolaski, Paul A. (special friend Jerilyn) Skolaski, Michael (special friend Danielle) Skolaski, Michelle Skolaski, all of

Oneida; eight grandchildren; mother Madge Skolaski, Madison; one sister Elizabeth; three brothers: Dan, Jim and Dickie.

He was preceded in death by a sister Kathy.

Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour assisted the family with arrangements.

Memorial services were held at 11am on Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour with Clifford Cornelius officiating.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.muehlboettcher.com



Prendiville, Thomas J.

March 20, 1938 – December 24, 2009

Thomas J. Prendiville, age 71, passed away Christmas Eve, December 24, 2009 at his home. He was born March 20, 1938 in Ireland son of the late John and Mary (Lane) Prendiville. On April 18, 1964 he was united in marriage to Carol Jorgenson in New York.

Tom worked at Diana Manufacturing for 28 years and the Oneida Casino until his retirement. He and Carol have resided in Chetek for the past two years. He enjoyed his 40 acres in Chetek and loved watching the wildlife, feeding the birds and will always be remembered for his teasing.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; and their children: John (Myla) Prendiville, Las Vegas; Patrick (Shannon) Prendiville, Oneida, Shane (Mary) Prendiville, Minneapolis; 8 grandchildren: Cassandra, Stephanie,

Theresa, Zachary, Stacey, William, Destiny and Angel; four sisters: Hanna (Vincent) Mc Sweeny and

Philomena (Patrick) McCloskey, both of Ireland; Christinia Naughton, CA; Catherine (Wayne) Anderson, CA; one brother John (Claire) Prendiville, NY.

He was preceded in death by one son, Thomas P. and two sisters, Eileen Dwyer and Maureen McNama and two brothers, Maurice Prendiville and Aeneas Prendiville.

Funeral services were held at 11 am on Thursday, December 31, 2009 at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Oneida.

Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour assisted the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.muehlboettcher.com



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June 27, 1981 – January 10, 2003

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your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.

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Students bound for NM thanks to fund raising event

By Steven J. Gandy
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Budget constraints and a down economy have put community members in a position to have to raise funds in order to carry on a tradition that has spanned over a quarter of a century.

For the past 27 years, students that placed high in the annual local school science fair we given a chance to compete in the National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair held in Albuquerque, NM. Unfortunately, budget cuts in the school system have led to that program's demise.

Not wanting to see such a worthy tradition fall to the axe of budget cuts, a few local parents and community members decided to do what they could and try to raise the money themselves to send the kids to New Mexico.

Elaine Doxtator spear-headed the effort in late November and began calling friends and community members she had worked with in the past to raise funds.

"I heard about how the budget was cut and I didn't know how much it was and I figured somebody should do something about that. I called some people together that have done fundraisers before with me and we decided we'd just go ahead and do it," Doxtator said.

Doxtator and her group of volunteers were attempting to raise \$5500, the amount needed to send four students and two chaperones to Albuquerque.



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Briana Doxtator collects money during fundraising event held for Science Fair students.

Fundraising continued through the day and the total amount raised was not available at the time of print.

Regardless of the total take for the days sales, the students will be traveling to National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair thanks to help from the Oneida Tribe's COKE fund.

"If we fall short of our goal, the tribe will work with the Coke program to get the rest and if we go

over our goal of \$5500, the rest of the money will be donated to the school's art program because their budget was cut also," Doxtator said.

Doxtator was quick to point out that she was not only person who volunteered a great deal of effort to the cause. She said Stephanie Muskavitch and Renee Betters were co-sponsors of the fundraiser and also put forth a great deal of time organizing the fundraiser.

"This is team work, not just one individual person doing everything. As a team, we've worked together before," Doxtator said.

In addition, Joleen Kaquatosh donated chili she made from 25 pounds of hamburger.

Funds were also being raised through the silent auction of a painting donated by Scott Hill.

2010 Census recruiting for short term jobs

Statewide Testing for Locally-Based Census Takers Happening Now

CHICAGO - The U.S. Census Bureau's Chicago Regional Census Center recently announced some very positive employment news: about 48,000 people are now being recruited across the State of Wisconsin to work as census takers for the 2010 Census between December, 2009 and June, 2010. Tests for these positions—which pay between \$11.50 and \$15 per hour—are taking place through January at locations throughout the state.

"These jobs allow people to work in—and for—their neighborhoods," said Stanley D. Moore, Chicago Regional Director. "Even though most are part-

time, temporary jobs lasting two to six weeks, working on this once-a-decade headcount allows census takers to be a part of history," he added.

Conducted every decade since 1790, this constitutionally mandated enumeration of the U.S. population determines the number of seats Wisconsin will have in the House of Representatives. It also affects the apportionment of political districts as well as leads to the accurate distribution of community funding for schools, roads, neighborhood improvements, elderly care and the like.

The Census hires locally, and applicants are required to take a basic skills test and undergo a background check. Most jobs also require U.S. citizenship, a driver's license, use of a vehicle and the ability to go door-to-door to interview

residents. Since the U.S. population is more diverse than ever, in many areas, the Census will need to hire people who are bilingual.

Testing times and locations across Wisconsin are available by calling,

toll free, **1-866-861-2010**. More information about the positions, including application forms and a practice test, are available at the 2010 Census website: **www.2010censusjobs.gov**.

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Upcoming Events

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2010

January 6

ONSS Science Fair Fundraiser
WHEN: Wednesday, January 6, 2009
TIME: 11:00AM – 6:00PM
PLACE: Parish Hall
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January 10

Test for Census Jobs
WHEN: Sunday, January 10
TIME: 2:00pm
PLACE: Oneida Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road, Oneida, WI
Interested in Working for the 2010 Census? Participate in a Testing Session to be Considered! All applicants must bring two forms of identification to the testing location and pass a written test. For more details about acceptable identification, testing locations and to download a Practice Test, please visit: www.2010censusjobs.gov or call **1.920.321.1308** or **1.866.861.2010**.

January 16

Test for Census Jobs
WHEN: Saturday, January 16
TIME: 2:00pm
PLACE: Brown County Public Library, 515 Pine St, Green Bay, WI 54301
For more information: www.2010censusjobs.gov or call **1.920.321.1308** or **1.866.861.2010**.

January 18

Animal Stories for Pre-schoolers
WHEN: Monday, January 18
TIME: 1:00pm
PLACE: Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary
This program is designed to introduce your preschooler to wildlife in an informal setting that will hopefully foster and appreciation and ongoing interest in the out of doors. \$2/Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$3/non-resident. Pre-registration is required:(**920**) **391-3671**.

January 20

Oneida Ladies VFW Post #7784 Meeting
WHEN: Every third Wednesday
TIME: 5:30pm. TO 7:00pm
PLACE: New VFW Building
The meetings are Pot Luck and the Oneida Ladies VFW Post #7784, Robert Cornelius Annual Membership Fee is \$15.00, and is due now! Please bring it with you to our next meeting. If you would like to join, the one time fee is \$20.00 and then \$15.00 annually!

January 28

Cook, Energize & Move
WHEN: Thursday, January 28
TIME: 5:00pm - 7:30pm
PLACE: Turtle School Home Ec Room
Free class! Come cook a quick, healthy meal! Join us for a healthy dinner, nutrition lesson and fitness activity. Pre-registration is required. Call Sylvia at **920-496-5352**.

January 30

HUGE Craft & Vendor Sale
WHEN: Saturday, January 30
TIME: 10:00am to 4:00pm
PLACE: Radisson - Turtle & Bear Rooms
Table fee \$20, all proceeds go to March of Dimes
Call Wendy **920-490-3063**

Tuesdays

Compassionate Friends - Oneida Chapter
WHEN: 3rd Tues of every month
TIME: 6:30PM – 8:00PM
PLACE: Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road
Compassionate Friends is a support group Supporting Family after a Child Dies. Questions contact: Julie Denny or Jean Williquette at **920-469-4135**.

Tuesdays

Women's Talking Circle Group
WHEN: Every Tuesday!
TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
PLACE: Wise Women Gathering Place, 2483 Babcock Rd.
Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle Group. Come and enjoy a cup of hot tea in the presence of women of all ages sharing and caring. Talking circles and fun activities. FMI contact Marlene Summers or Bev Scow at Wise Women Gathering Place **920-490-0627**.

Fridays

Women's Support Group
WHEN: Fridays
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
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...
(920) 869-4280, 4279, 4090 or 4277
Announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.

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From 1A/Top stories of the decade; from 2000 to 2009 a decade of change

Brian Doxtator, Trish King, Oneidas are able to vote in Milwaukee for the first time at the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) offices.

July 22
Hobart Police Officers Robert Etter and Stephanie Markins are killed when Tyson Kreuscher intentionally hits their squad car.

Oneida announces a 10 year partnership agreement with the Green Bay Packers for the sponsorship of the Oneida Gate on Lambeau Field.

July 28 – August 4
Team Wisconsin returns from the North American Indigenous Games held in Winnipeg with 16 medals.

2003
A railroad easement returns 133 acres of land to Oneida.

April 24
Oneida and Wisconsin sign a new gaming compact that expands casino games, betting limits and hours for gaming. The compact can be renegotiated in 25 year intervals.

June 6
The Oneida Community Health Center holds a grand opening of its new 65,000 square feet building.

2004
September 21
Oneida members travel to Washington, DC for the opening of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian.

October 25
Senator John Kerry makes a presidential campaign stop at the Oneida owned Radisson Hotel.

November
Oneida and Hobart sign a three year service agreement.

December 13
The GTC accepts a proposed settlement with the State of New York concerning the Oneida Land Claims.

2005
January
Students of the Oneida Nation School System raise relief funds for survivors of a tsunami that hit Asia and Africa.

June 28
Wisconsin Governor Doyle signs the tribal consultation policy into law. The policy aims to improve government-to-government communications between Wisconsin Cabinet agencies and the 11 tribal nations of Wisconsin.

The 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City overturns a \$248 million land claim judgment awarded to the Cayuga Indians and dismisses the claim. The court declared that the Cayuga waited too long to bring their case to court.

July
OBC Election
Chairman – Jerry Danforth
Vice-Chairwoman – Kath Hughes
Treasurer – Mercie Danforth
Secretary – Patty Hoeft
Council Members – Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham, Trish King, Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado.

August 3
The Oneida Casino Travel Mart off Hwy 29 opens.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) bans hostile and abusive Native American nicknames from post-season tournaments.

August 29
Erwin Cottrell, 20, was struck and killed by a vehicle while walking across Highway 172 on Babcock Road. The vehicle and driver have yet to be identified.

Oneida creates Help Oneida Nation Offer Relief (HONOR) fund to raise relief funds for survivors of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast. Tribal Member Julia McLester travels to Gulfport, Mississippi as a Disability Program Navigator.

Land Claims Mediator John Tabner resigns stating the case can only be resolved through litigation.

Members of the Oneida Longhouse will travel to New York to receive strands wampum that are part of the Katsistowan^ or Big Fire to bring back to Wisconsin.

October 31
The Oneida Farm receives a High Honor Award from the Harvard Project’s H o n o r i n g Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nations.

December 21
Oneida purchases 1500 acres from the state after it won the bid for the Sanger B. Powers Correctional Facility property for \$9,136,725.

2006
March
Seymour Boys Basketball team wins Division 2 State Championship. The team has six Oneida Members. Guard Mike King is named to AP All State Game.

June 12
Oneida announces the Walk of Legends project to erect 24 monuments near Lambeau Field dedicated to Packer players such as Ray Nitschke and Reggie White, as well as to historic Oneida ties to area football teams through players such as Tom Skenandore and Jonas Metoxen.

July
Team Wisconsin has a successful outing at The North American Indigenous Games held in Denver, Colorado.

2007
March 8
Oneida member Carl Artman is sworn in as Interior Department’s Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

May 2

Oneida Retail opens the Packerland One Stop which houses a convenience store, smoke shop, casino and restaurant.

May 21
U.S. District Judge Lawrence Kahn rules Oneida is not entitled to property, but may to profits the state of New York made reselling that property. Oneida appeals the land decision, the state of New York appeals the damages would could potentially cost \$500 million.

July 18
The Oneida Housing Authority Board of Commissioners is stripped of its powers by the OBC. A letter from Kevin Fitzgibbons, Administrator of the Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) raised concerns about excessive travel and meeting stipends made by board members.

August 11
The GTC passes a \$5000 per capita payment to members under 62 and a \$10,000 per capita payment to members older than 62. The money will come from a reserve fund that had been created to help Oneida in case of an emergency. The GTC also requires member who attend GTC meetings be paid a \$100 stipend.

November 10
Oneida unveils the Nation Veterans Memorial.

2008
January 14
The United Amerindian Center (UAC) closes due to lack of funds.

April
SEOTS moves to a larger building.

May 6
Oneida Nation High School students in the Iroquois Music Class participate in the Wisconsin School Music Association State Competition. The students get a superior rating in the Miscellaneous Special Ensemble.

May 10
The GTC approves bringing the annual per capita up from \$800 to \$1200, and the creation of an endowment fund to fully fund future per capita payments.

May 23
Carl Artman steps down from his position as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

June 28
The GTC approves the purchase of the 325 acre Thornberry Creek Country Club.

July 5
OBC Election
Chairman – Rick Hill
Vice-Chairwoman – Kathy Hughes
Treasurer – Tina Danforth
Secretary – Patty Hoeft
Council Members – Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Melinda Danforth, Ron “Tehassi” Hill, Jr.

August 3-10
Oneida members of Team Wisconsin brings home 29 medals from the North American Indigenous Games held in Cowichan, British Columbia.

September 19
The Oneida Hymn Singers receive 2008 Lifetime Honor award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

October 19
Oneida sponsored a gala to celebrate the christening of the USS Green Bay.

November 21
Oneida opens a recreation path on the former Green Bay and Lake Pepin Railway.

2009
January 17
The GTC approves the Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus (OLIPP) to take the place of the Oneida Burial Fund. Members will get a \$15,000 life insurance policy.

March 9
The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and the city of Green Bay sign a 15 year service agreement, payments of \$250,000 for services provided by Green Bay.

March 25
Cole House is the first American to win the Grand Prix Waregem cycling race in Belgium.

April 1
Thornberry Creek at Oneida opens its doors for business.

April
Oneida purchases Unilever Building at 909 Packerland Drive for approximately \$3 million.

May 12
Oneida holds a ceremony to release 5000 trout fingerlings to Trout Creek which has been restored as a cold water stream. The trout will be ready for fishing in two-and-a-half years.

October 6
French Consul General Jean-Baptiste Main de Bossiere honors World War II Oneida veterans Allen Green, Edmund Powless and Warren Skenandore with the Medal of Knight of the Legion of Honor from the Government of the French Republic, France’s highest military and civilian award.

November 5
President Obama meets with 386 tribal leaders, including Oneida Chairman Rick Hill, at the White House Tribal Nations Conference.

November 11
The Robert Cornelius Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7784 reopens its doors to a new building that replaced the 67 year old structure and will house the Veterans and Barb Hill.

According to Hill, she gave birth to her son ten days prior to her expected due date of January 11.



Oneida Nation Museum



Come Join us for the unveiling of our New Exhibit's

Friday - February 26, 2010

With snow date of

Friday - March 5, 2010

Location : W 892 County Road EE, De Pere, WI

Hours: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Refreshments provided

Any Question you can reach us at 920-869-6539

First Oneida Baby in 2010

By Steven J. Gandy
Kalihwisaks

For many people 2010 will signify a year of new beginnings and firsts. Nothing could be truer so quickly for the Hill family as Anthani J. Hill was deemed to be the first Oneida baby born for 2010.

Baby Hill’s mother, April Hill, said, “When I got to the hospital there was three of us (expectant mothers) there and my sister-in-law was telling me that I had to be the first New Year baby at the hospital.”

Although Hill was not the first baby born that day, he was the first Oneida baby born in the area.

Baby Hill was born on January 1, 2010. He weighed in at 7lbs 14ozs and measured 20.5 inches in length. He was officially born at 10:45 pm at St Mary’s Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

April Hill, is doing well and is enjoying her time with her new son. Maternal Grandparents for Baby Hill are Mike and Barb Hill.

According to Hill, she gave birth to her son ten days prior to her expected due date of January 11.



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Anthani J. Hill was born into the world on January 1, 2010 at 10:45 pm. He is the first Oneida baby in the area in 2010.



Rick Hill
Chairman

Hoyan! I hope the new year finds everyone taking care of themselves, each other and our community to keep our Oneida Nation strong. Oneida is feeling the effects of the economic downturn being experi-

Chairman's Corner...

enced at the national, state and local levels. This is reflected in our financial situation and the measures being taken to control expenses while maintaining our current level of governmental programs and services to the membership. In response to this economic reality, we are forced into action and my office is working with the Chief Financial Officer's office to develop revenue generation strategies in coordination with our tribal business units and tribal corporations. To adapt to the economic times, we have

to change how we do business. We have been holding regular meetings to establish priorities, strategies and proposed actions that can result in increased revenue sources utilizing our existing resources and entities. Part of this process is to identify those core competencies and skill sets within the tribal organization so that we can optimize our existing resources and then maximize those resources to be more productive. With our tribal corporations, they were created by corporate charters

for specific purposes and they are doing what they are intended to do. However, the corporations have limited resources that frequently limit their business activities and their ability to grow and generate increased revenues for Oneida. Oneida must find a way to support our corporations and their business activities that are identified in their corporate charters. Our corporations need the organizational and community support to succeed and prosper for the benefit of the Oneida Nation and the membership.



ing the January 4, 2010, Annual GTC meeting, such as corporate reporting. Until such time, we will continue to work together to identify revenue generation strategies that will carry us through these hard times. To do this, we need to come together and support one another, and more importantly, support our corporate entities that exist to make money for the Oneida Nation. Please contact my office with any questions or comments.

OBC Forum...

Shekólih, Constitutional Amendments

Most of you have already heard about the work being done to complete amendments to our tribe's constitution, and everyone 18 years and older should have received a survey asking about your thoughts on the proposed changes. The amendments were scheduled to be formally introduced to the General Tribal Council (GTC) on Monday, January 4, 2010; however, the meeting adjourned before this item was reached. Subsequently, this item will be added to the January 30, 2010 Budget meeting agenda. I did an article on the amendments back in August, 2009, but because this is such an important topic for our Nation, I have been asked to run this article again to reiterate what the changes will mean for us, and try to clear up any misinformation and confusion about

what these changes will be.

Background Effort to change our Constitution has been made for about the past 15 years. Many community members have put their time and hard work into creating new constitutional language to effectuate change, but ultimately, some of the proposed changes were too controversial to get a solid community consensus in order to move forward. Although we have not realized a new constitution through previous work, there are 5 constitutional amendments currently being proposed for adoption. The proposed amendments up for your consideration were brought out at a public hearing held a year ago and at that hearing it was evident that there was sup-



Melinda Danforth
Councilwoman

port to process the next steps. I am not able to guarantee that we will be successful this go around, but I want you to know we are going to make our best effort to succeed by limiting the changes to the 5 specific areas identified at the hearing. I will speak to amendments shortly, but before I touch on the amendments, I want to share an outline of the process as a general reference for you.

Process

Before any amendments can be made to our constitution, several things must occur. The proposed amendments must first be agreed upon by a majority of the people. Since there has already been one public hearing which indicated support, the next step of finalizing

the specific constitutional language associated with each amendment is currently underway. Once the new language is completed, it will be brought forward to the General Tribal Council (GTC) in "draft" form for your approval. As of today, it is being planned that the draft language will be formally presented at the annual GTC meeting in July 2010. Additionally, there will be community meetings/public hearings taking place, starting this month, so please watch for date, time and location postings in mailings and in the Kali. Hearing from you on the proposed amendments will be extremely important and as a reminder, you can always contact my office directly with your suggestions. After sufficient support to move forward has been received by GTC in

• See 7A
Councilwoman
Danforth

Tribal Budget Meeting: Jan. 30th @ 10:00 A.M.

The Tribe continues to have serious cash flow problems. The present poor economy has resulted in less money being spent at our casinos, at our golf course, and at our hotels. As a result, less money is available to pay the bills that the Tribe has to pay employees, utilities, debt, and taxes, as well as having to provide financial help to some of its struggling corporate entities such as the Golf Course and Radisson Hotel. The last three Business Committee (BC) meetings have brought home the issue of the Tribe having difficulties in meeting its financial obligations. Specifically:

- At least 3 times in the last few months, the Tribe was just barely able to meet payroll, in fact, funds in the most recent instance had to be taken from another account in order for the Tribe to meet its financial obligations for that week. And those funds must be paid back.
- The (BC) on December 30th, had to authorized a cash trans-

fer of approximately \$190 thousand dollars for the month of Jan. 2010 to the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation because of declining revenues at the Radisson.

• The recently purchased Oneida Thornberry Creek Golf Course will need an influx of more than a half-million Tribal dollars for FY 2010 to break even.

• Poor planning regarding problems and delays in the installation of the new Bally's computer software into Oneida's Casino Slot machines has resulted in lost revenues beyond the revenues being lost as a result of the poor economy.

As your elected representative, I feel that it is my responsibility to provide you with the truth. When the news is good and positive, we all feel good and positive. Those kinds of articles are fun to write and to read. But during hard times when we are having trouble just coming



Ed Delgado
Councilman

up with enough money to meet the Tribe's financial obligations, I believe you need to be adequately informed so you can help make the important and maybe hard decisions that the Oneida Tribe may be facing in the near future.

Wage Cap of Either \$90,000 or %100,000 Annually

With the economy the way it is today, businesses and governments effected by the poor economy have been forced to cut the wages of its top executive staff. Today, our Tribe is suffering from significant declining revenues. It is my position as an elected leader of this Tribe, that during these hard economic times, the Oneida Tribe can not afford to continue paying its top executive staff wages that are 3 and 4 times higher than the wages of our average wage earner. It is my hope that the General Tribal Council can pro-

vide a solution to that issue as a majority of Business Committee, thus far, has failed to do so.

Smoking Ban and Our Gaming Compact

Chapter 101 of the State's legislative code was recently amended. The amendment will prohibit smoking in buildings frequented by the public, effective July 1, 2010. Our Tribal attorneys say that those buildings include restaurants, bars and casinos. We, the Oneida Tribe, through our agreement (Gaming Compact) with the State, under Section XIV, we have agreed to the following: "In regard to any facilities utilized for Class III gaming under this compact, the Tribe shall enact ordinances setting forth public health and safety standards for public buildings, electrical wiring, fire prevention, plumbing, and sanitation that are at least as restrictive as those standards set forth in Chapter 101 of Wisconsin Statutes..." Regarding compliance with our compact, thus

• See 7A
Councilman Delgado

Treasurer's Report

By Cristina Danforth
Tribal Treasurer



Hoyan-Happy New Year:

Warm winter greetings to all of you. As you aware, we as a Nation are experiencing our share of financial distress. The current recession has impacted our gaming and general business revenues. Despite this fiscal hardship, we as a Nation and government shall continue to monitor the fiscal landscape of Oneida.

The Oneida Business Committee has approved cost containment measures last September and continues to address exceptions on a case-by-case basis. I would like to encourage and applaud those areas of the Tribe who keep the principles of cost containment at the forefront of their decisions and operations. From a fiscal standpoint, we as an organization spent beyond our resources in fiscal year 2009. This increase in expense has contributed to our deficit at the year end which was - \$2,199,036. As a Nation, we can no longer afford to spend, allocate, donate, and sponsor events at the rate we have done in the past. Looking forward, we will continue to see a decline in revenues which will prohibit our ability to fund extra items beyond which is a true necessity. It also means my staff and I will be monitoring areas which historically have overspent their budgeted funds. I will need the support of the organization, government, and community to do so and I ask your assistance at this time.

The FY2010 Budget will be available for your consideration at a January 30, 2010 GTC

meeting to be held at the Oneida Elementary School at 10:00A.M. Prior to the GTC meeting, there will be two (2) more community meetings held on the proposed 2010-2012 budget: 1) January 13, 2010, in Oneida at 5:30 P.M. in the Business Committee conference room at the Norbert Hill Center; and 2) January 19, 2010, in Milwaukee at the SEOTs office building at 6:30 P.M. This year's budget had to be reduced by \$25 million due to a decline in resources and revenues. The Oneida Business Committee further reduced and adjusted the 2010 proposed budget by \$8.9 million in an effort to fund other requests. I am hopeful that GTC will approve the budget and authorize myself and the CFO Larry Barton to monitor, review, recommend, and direct areas to be more fiscally responsible and efficient while pursuing standards to keep the organization balanced and fiscally conservative.

I'd also like to thank my staff-Diane House, Larry Barton, Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies, Terry Cornelius, Denise Vigue, and Lee Thomas for their time and commitment as they provide assistance, information and reports to the community, government, and business entities. They are very dedicated and hard working; we are very fortunate to have them working on behalf of the Nation.

See you later this month and throughout the year-stay positive and stay warm. We can get through these tough times together.

Respectfully,
Tina Danforth
Treasurer

JANUARY OBC MEETING
January 13th
at 9 a.m.

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of
each month

Public Hearing Notice

11:30AM • Norbert Hill Center (BCCR)

January 21, 2010

Purpose:
Amendments to the Child Custody, Placement and Visitation Law to clarify the transfer of cases from other courts of competent jurisdiction to the Oneida Appeals Commission.

Purpose:
Amendments to the Child Support Law to clarify the transfer of cases from other courts of competent jurisdiction to the Oneida Appeals Commission. See also Paternity.

Purpose:
Amendments to the Paternity Law. The purpose of these amendments is to clarify the transfer of cases from other courts of competent jurisdiction to the Oneida Appeals Commission. See also Child Support.

January 28, 2010

Purpose:
Adoption of the Divorce, Annulment, Legal Separation Law to enable the Tribe to exercise its sovereign right to grant married couples divorces, annulments, and legal separations. This law would also allow the Tribe to divide marital property and establish maintenance orders, when appropriate.

Purpose:
Adoption of the Marriage Law to enable the Tribe to exercise its sovereign right to regulate marriages conducted on the Reservation. This law would allow the Tribe to issue marriage licenses which would be recognized by the State, decide who would be allowed to conduct marriages and establish penalties for those people who intentionally avoid the law.

Purpose:
Amendments to the Real Property Law to update the Law and make it consistent with other proposed law. Amendments to the law would ensure that the Law does not conflict with the Divorce, Annulment, Legal Separation Law, in the event the Divorce, Annulment Legal Separation Law is adopted.

February 11, 2010

Purpose:
Repeal of the Parent Policy Leave (Parent Leave Policy). The repeal of the Policy would require all employees to take leave without pay or utilize personal or vacation time when taking time off of work to attend a child's educational event.

Public Hearing Process


Testimony:
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.

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

If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed law or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via email phuff@oneidation.org Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 920-869-4376.

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

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Upcoming Special GTC Meetings

January 30, 2010 - FY2010 Budget and Hyperbaric chamber purchase meeting

July 5, 2010 – Semi-Annual GTC Meeting

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From 6A/Councilman Delgado

far the Oneida Tribe has done nothing to comply with the Compact's requirement other than working with other Wisconsin Tribal leaders to try and carve out an exception to the new law. I believe we must be careful. We must protect Indian gaming interests as contained in our compacts. Most importantly, currently, Wisconsin tribes have an exclusive right to operate gaming in Wisconsin and we can-

not jeopardize that exclusivity by not complying with our compact requirements because if we loose that exclusivity, we would never be able to compete with non-Indian entities conducting gaming in the State.

On the health side of the smoking ban issue, it is a proven fact that second hand smoke causes lung cancer and other health related illnesses that cause early death. What do we say to our

Oneida workers who have worked in our casinos and retail stores for many, many years, inhaling second hand smoke eight hours a day, forty hours a week, year after year? The people working in our casinos and retail stores deserve long and healthy lives as do the Oneidas who frequent our casinos and retail stores not knowing that the air they are breathing is not healthy. Thanks for reading.

Vacancies

Oneida Golf Enterprise:
Five (5) vacancies

Qualifications:

- One member will have financial expertise which include current or past employment experience in the banking industry
- One member will have experience with golf course management through current or past employment
- One member will have business management experience which includes experience in the hospitality industry.
- One member will be a Tribal manager with experience and knowledge of marketing, advertising public relations, and experience with Oneida Nation policies, procedures and current programs.
- One member will have

experience in general business management procedures from current or past employment.

- All qualified applicants should possess a working knowledge of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

Deadline: 4:30, January 15, 2010

Anna John Nursing Home Commission:
Two (2) vacancies

Qualifications:

- Two members of the Anna John Nursing Home Commission may be professional persons or members of the general public.
- All other members of the Commission must be enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe.
- Terms of office shall be two years.

Deadline: 4:30,

February 8, 2010

Oneida Arts Board
Two (2) vacancies

Qualifications:

- The Board shall consist of Seven members
- Four members of the Board shall be enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe
- Terms of office shall be 3 years
- Maximum time served by a member is two consecutive three year terms.

Deadline: 4:30, February 8, 2010

To receive a blank application, visit the government webpages of oneidation.org or you may contact the Tribal Secretary's Office at TribalSecretary@oneidation.org or by calling (920) 869-4364.

JANUARY OBC Regular Meeting dates January 13th & January 23rd Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month

2010 GTC meetings
FY2010 Budget and Hyperbaric Chamber Purchase Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010
10:00 a.m.,
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
Oneida Nation Elementary School

Semi-Annual
Monday, July 5, 2010
6:00 p.m.,
Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.

Location to be announced

Pardon Application Deadline

January 22, 2010

for the March 18, Pardon Hearing.

Purpose: A pardon is a formal and public act of forgiveness of a crime. The pardon is available to tribal members only and is effective within the Oneida Tribal employment system.

To receive a pardon application, please contact Delilah McKinney in the Tribal Secretary's Office at **920-869-4421**.

From 6A/Councilwoman Danforth

July, the next step will be to invoke what is known as the “Secretarial Election.” This election processes must be requested and managed in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). This is a lengthy and time consuming effort that must be done in very specific steps; in general however, the process includes first “registering” voting tribal members for the secretarial election for a certain period of time before the election, and then having a percentage of those registered voters, turn out and vote for the constitutional amendments in that election. (Please note: there is an alternative process to waive the requirements to registering voters. That waiver process is in the federal register and is being researched for GTC consideration.)

Once we have held a successful secretarial election to adopt the amendments, there will be a transition

period which is currently under development; however, not finalized. I realize that some of this sounds redundant, which is why we will be making our best efforts to keep you apprised of the progress being made. And again, if you have questions about the process, please call my office.

Amendments. The 5 constitutional amendments being proposed are as follows: First, is an amendment to remove the Bureau of Indian Affairs Secretary of Interior out of the approval process for changing our constitution; the second amendment is to change the required voting age from the current age of twenty-one (21) to eighteen (18); third, is an amendment to allow absentee balloting for the triennial election; the fourth is an amendment is to change the tribe's official name from the “Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin” to

the “Oneida Nation of Wisconsin”; and a fifth amendment being requested is to include a constitutionally authorized Tribal Court.

There are pros and cons to each of the amendments presented and there will be people on both sides with points of view to support or not support the amendments. No matter what your point of view is, I encourage you to take the time to dialogue with your friends and family about the potential impacts of these amendments and what it means for us as a Nation.

I thank you for your time and attention on these important amendments and questions can be directed to me or Lisa Summers, Legislative Assistant through mail at P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155, via phone at 920-869-4478, 920-869-4461 or through email at mdanforth@oneidation.org and lsummer2@oneidnation.org.

Oneida Ladies VFW Post #7784, Robert Cornelius Post

ALL VFW LADIES AUXILIARY MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. At the New VFW Building

January 20, 2010

February 17, 2010
March 17, 2010
April 21, 2010

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The meetings are Pot Luck.

The Oneida Ladies VFW Post #7784, Robert Cornelius Annual Membership Fee is \$15.00, and is due now!

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Indian tribes buy back thousands of acres of land

By Timberly Ross
Associated Press Writer
OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) ~ Native American tribes tired of waiting for the U.S. government to honor centuries-old treaties are buying back land where their ancestors lived and putting it in federal trust.

Native Americans say the purchases will help protect their culture and way of life by preserving burial grounds and areas where sacred rituals are held. They also provide land for farming, timber and other efforts to make the tribes self-sustaining. Tribes put more than 840,000 acres (340,000 hectares) - or roughly the equivalent of the state of Rhode Island - into trust from 1998 to 2007, according to information The Associated Press obtained from the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Freedom of Information Act.

Those buying back land include the Winnebago, who have put more than 700 acres (280 hectares) in eastern Nebraska in federal trust in the past five years, and the Pawnee, who have 1,600 acres (650 hectares) of trust land in Oklahoma. Land held in federal trust is exempt from local and state laws and taxes, but subject to most federal laws.

Three tribes have bought land around Bear Butte in South Dakota's Black Hills to keep it from developers eager to cater to the bikers who roar into Sturgis every year for a raucous road rally. About 17 tribes from the Dakotas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana and Oklahoma still use the mountain for religious ceremonies.

Emily White Hat, a member of South Dakota's Rosebud Sioux, said the struggle to protect the land is about "preservation of our culture, our way of life and our traditions."

"All of it is connected," White Hat said. "With your land, you have that relationship to the culture."

Other members of the Rosebud Sioux, such as president Rodney Bordeaux, believe the tribes shouldn't have to buy the land back because it was illegally taken. But they also recognize that without such purchases, the land won't be protected.

No one knows how much land the federal government promised Native American tribes in treaties dating to the late 1700s, said Gary Garrison, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs. The government changed the terms of the treaties over the centuries to make property available to settlers and give rights-of-way to railroads and telegraph companies.

President Barack Obama's administration has proposed spending \$2 billion to buy back and consolidate tribal land broken up in previous generations. The program would pay individual members for land interests divided among their relatives and return the land to tribal control. But it would not buy land from people outside the tribes.

Today, 562 federally recognized tribes have more than 55 million acres (22.3 million hectares) held in trust, according to the bureau. Several states and local governments are fighting efforts to add to that number, saying the federal government doesn't have the authority to take land - and tax revenue - from states.

In New York, for example, the state and two counties filed a federal lawsuit in 2008 to block the U.S. Department of Interior from putting about 13,000 acres (5,260 hectares) into trust for the Oneida Tribe. In September, a judge threw out their claims.

Putting land in trust creates a burden for local governments because they must still provide services such as sewer and water even though they can't collect taxes on the property, said Elaine Willman, a member of the Citizens Equal Rights Alliance and administrator for Hobart, a suburb of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Hobart relies mostly on property taxes to pay for police, water and other services, but the village of about 5,900 lost about a third of its land to a trust set up for the state's Oneida Tribe, Willman said.

So far, Hobart has been able to control spending and avoid cuts in services or raising taxes, Willman said. Village leaders hope taxes on a planned 603-acre (244-hectare) com-

mercial development will eventually help make up for the lost money.

The nonprofit White Earth Land Recovery Project has bought back or been gifted hundreds of acres (hectares) in northwestern Minnesota since it was created in the late 1980s. The White Earth tribe uses the land to harvest rice, farm and produce maple syrup. Members have hope of one day being self-sustaining again.

Winona LaDuke, who started the White Earth project, said buying property is expensive, but it's the quickest and easiest way for tribes to regain control of their land.

Tribal membership has been growing thanks to higher birth rates, longer life spans and more relaxed qualifications for membership, and that has created a greater need for land for housing, community services and economic development.

"If the tribes were to pursue return of the land in the courts it would be years before any action could result in more tribal land ... and the people simply cannot wait," said Cris Stainbrook, of the Little Canada, Minnesota-based Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

Thirty to 40 tribes are making enough money from casinos to buy back land, but they also have to put money into social programs, education and health care for their members, said Robert J. Miller, a professor at the Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, who specializes in tribal issues.

"Tribes just have so many things on their plate," he said.

Some tribes, such as the Pawnee, have benefited from gifts of land. Gaylord and Judy Mickelsen donated a storefront in Dannebrog, Nebraska, that had been in Judy Mickelsen's family for a century. The couple was retiring to Mesquite, Nevada, in 2007, and Judy Mickelsen wanted to see the building preserved even though the town had seen better days.

The tribe has since set up a shop selling members' artwork in the building on Main Street.

"We were hoping the Pawnee could get a toe-hold here and get a new venture for the village of

Dannebrog," Gaylord Mickelsen said.

On the Net:
Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhiteEarthLandRecoveryProject>
<http://nativeharvest.com/IndianLandTenureFoundation>

<http://www.indian-landtenure.org/CitizensEqualRightsAlliance>: <http://www.citizensalliance.org/>

Dorgan says he will not seek re-election in fall

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) ~ North Dakota Democrat Byron Dorgan said Tuesday he will not seek re-election to the Senate in November, a surprise announcement that dealt another blow to Democrats already struggling to protect their Senate majority.

Dorgan, a moderate who was first elected to the Senate in 1992 after serving a dozen years in the House, said he reached the decision after discussing his future with family over the holidays. Dorgan, 67, said he "began to wrestle with the question of whether making a commitment to serve in the Senate seven more years was the right thing to do."

"Although I still have a passion for public service and enjoy my work in the Senate, I have other interests and I have other things I would like to pursue outside of public life," he said in a statement.

Dorgan's decision stunned members of his party, who control the Senate but are facing spirited challenges from Republicans in several states. Democrats were confident heading into the new year that Dorgan would run for re-election even as rumors intensified that Republican Gov. John Hoeven would challenge him in November.

Early polling showed Dorgan trailing Hoeven in a hypothetical contest, and Democrats expected a competitive race if the matchup materialized.

Hoeven has not announced a candidacy but national Republicans expect he will. Democrats insist they will field a strong candidate to run in Dorgan's place, and recruitment already was under way Tuesday. Democratic Rep. Earl Pomeroy, who was first elected to the House in 1992, could be interested in seeking the Senate seat, along with Heidi Heitkamp, a former

state attorney general and tax commissioner who was defeated by Hoeven in the 2000 gubernatorial race.

In a statement, Pomeroy praised Dorgan's long service to North Dakota and the nation. "His extraordinary influence in the United States Senate, particularly as a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, will be sorely missed in North Dakota," Pomeroy said.

Obama also praised Dorgan, citing his work on energy issues and for supporting farmers and the state's Indians, and for "standing with North Dakota's families through difficult economic times."

"Michelle and I extend our gratitude for his service to our nation and our very best wishes for the future for him and his family," Obama said in a statement.

Dorgan's announcement could complicate efforts by Democrats to maintain their advantage in the Senate, where they hold an effective 60-40 majority, including two independents who align themselves with Democrats. That's just enough to break Republican filibusters if all 60 stick together.

Many Democratic incumbents could face challenges in 2010 amid high unemployment rates, concerns about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and anger at incumbents.

At least four Democrats, including Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and five-term Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd, are in serious trouble. Dorgan's decision means Democrats now will have to defend open seats in three states. The others are Delaware and Illinois, where Sens. Ted Kaufman, who has Vice President Joe Biden's old seat, and Roland Burris, who has President Barack Obama's old seat, aren't

running for full terms.

Republicans, for their part, are defending six open seats, in Ohio, Florida, Missouri, New Hampshire, Kentucky and Kansas.

Electoral politics aside, Dorgan's decision also could have ramifications for another of Obama's top priorities - climate and energy legislation. With no re-election race and nothing to lose, Dorgan could be even more of a wild card on the issue than he already has been. There's no telling how the moderate Democrat will vote if the Senate takes up the legislation this year.

Representing a large oil and coal-producing state, Dorgan opposes the bill backed by the White House and Democratic leaders that would put a limit on heat-trapping pollution and would allow companies to swap valuable emissions permits. Dorgan instead has pushed an energy bill that would boost renewable energy production and oil drilling and wait to tackle global warming pollution.

Dorgan said his decision "does not relate to any dissatisfaction that I have about serving in the Senate. Yes, I wish there was less rancor and more bipartisanship in the U.S. Senate these days. But still, it is a great privilege to serve and I have the utmost respect for all of the men and women with whom I serve."

Dorgan is chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and leads his party's policy committee as a member of the Senate Democratic leadership team. He has been advocate for farmers and ranchers in his home state and secured funding for renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and biofuels.

Associated Press writers Liz Sidoti and Dina Cappiello in Washington, and Dale Wetzel in Bismarck, N.D., contributed to this

WINTER SPECIALS

Happy Hour

Wednesday 4pm - 7pm
Thursday 4pm - 7pm
Friday 3pm - 6pm & 10pm - Close
Saturday 12pm - 4pm

Half Off Single Rail Mixers
Half Off 20oz. Tap Beers
Half Off House Wine
\$1 Off All Other Cocktails

Wednesday Specials

5pm-9pm
Nightly Dinner Specials

7pm-Close
\$3.25 Old Fashioned's & Manhattans
\$2.25 Domestic Bottles
\$3.25 Specialty Bottles
\$4.25 Import Bottles

Thursday Specials

\$0.25 Wings
\$9.99 All-You-Can-Eat Rib Basket

7pm-Close
\$1.50 Old Style & Pabst Bottles
\$4 Call Doubles

Friday Specials

Fish Fry
Fried Shrimp, Perch, Cod
Pan Fried Walleye
Baked Cod

\$2 Grasshoppers
Late Night Happy Hour 10pm - Close

Saturday Specials

All-You-Can-Eat
Prime Rib - \$21.99
Queen Cut - \$15.99
Other Nightly Food Special Also

4pm-Close
\$7 Domestic Pitchers
\$3.50 Bomb Shots
\$4 Captain, Bacardi, Jim Beam, &
Jack Daniels Dbl Mixers

Sunday Specials

All-You-Can-Eat
Tailgate Buffet - \$10 (Includes 1st Drink)
Broasted Chicken

\$1 Off 20oz. Tap Beers
\$3.25 20oz. Bloody Mary's,
Screwdrivers & Mimosa's

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at the Pine Tree Sports Pub & Grill

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4pm - Close
\$4 Double Mixers of Jack, Captain, Bacardi & Jim Beam
\$7 Domestic Pitchers
.25¢ wings
\$10.99 Two Topping Pizzas

Sunday - 10th & 17th

\$1 off all 20oz. Tap Beer
\$3.25 20oz. Bloody Mary's & Screwdrivers

Noon - 6pm
\$10 All-You-Can-Eat Tailgate Buffet

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Departmental Staff Directory

For more information regarding the OCIFS programs please contact the appropriate person listed or visit us at our website
<http://ocifs.oneidanation.org>

Oneida Nation Farms
 • Jeff Scofield at 833-7952

Oneida Tsyunhe'kw
 • Jeff Metoxen at 869-2141

Oneida Food Distribution
 • Don Miller at 869-1041

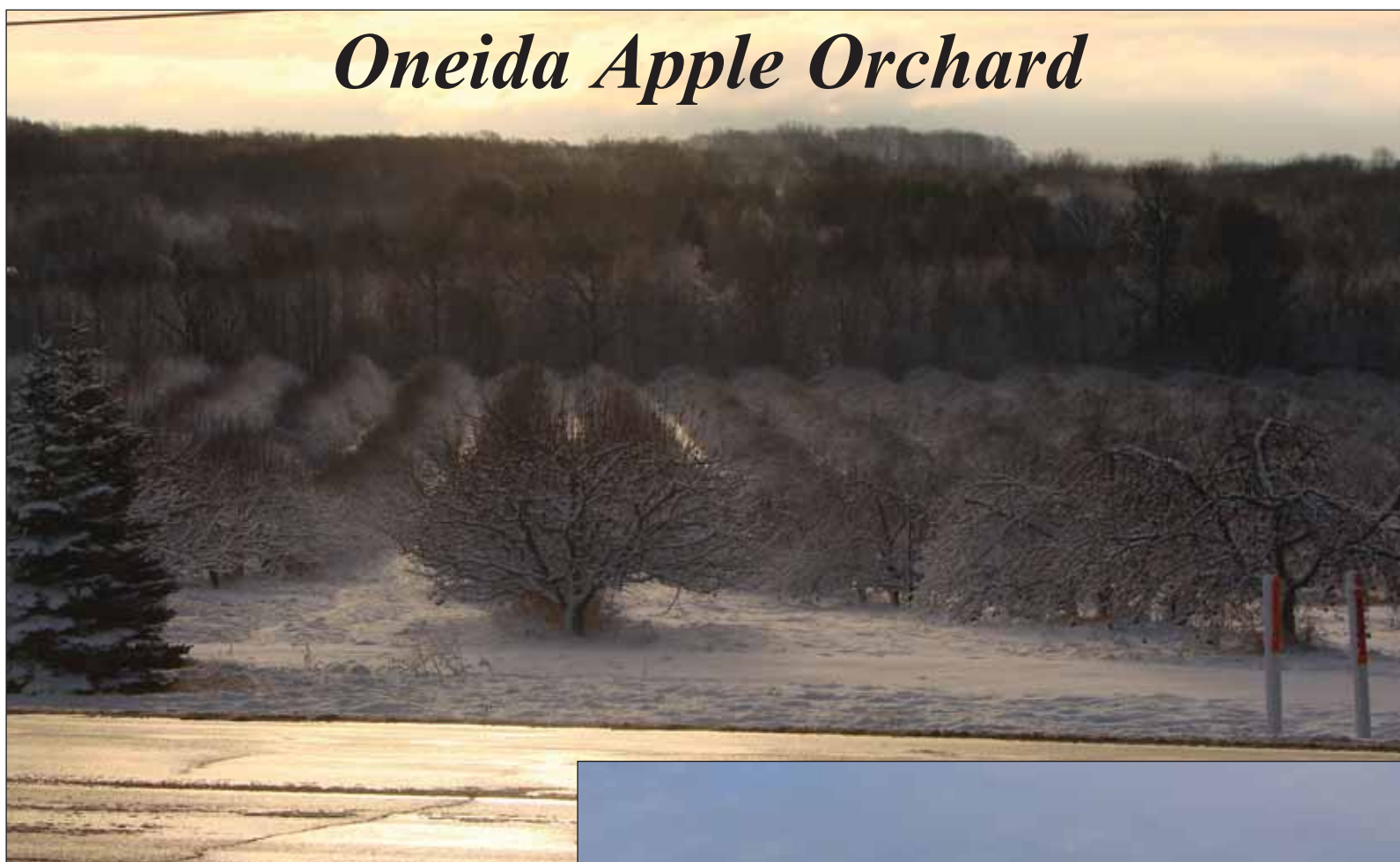
Oneida Health Center
 • Tina Jacobsen at 869-4899

Oneida Grants Office
 • Frieda Clary at 869-4263

Oneida Pantry
 • Gary Smith at 869-1041

Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems

Oneida Apple Orchard



The mission statement of the Oneida Orchard is in serving our customers by providing safe, nutritious, delicious apples and other produce of high quality. And that both human beings and nature has inherent worth and deserve our equal respect.

The Orchard is located just east of Oneida on Hwy 54, and is one of the most efficient and unknown jewels on the Oneida Reservation. With a minimum crew, the Orchard annually prunes the 4,500 trees they have, dig out the old trees that aren't productive anymore and plant new ones in their place. In addition, they have squash and pumpkins, youth tours (especially during the picking season) and have a surprising selection of products in their store.

The orchard is about 35 acres, with 35 different varieties. Out of which a large part of them are McIntosh, Cortlands and Honeygolds. But they also have some of the newer varieties such as Honeycrisp, Galas, Jonagolds and many more.

The orchard employs four people year around, but during harvest time they can increase that number by 10 people or more. They also have about six acres of pumpkins and a variety of fall squash, such as acorns, butternut, etc.

The Orchard started out with 25 acres of trees, mostly Macs, Cortland and Honeygolds. Since then they have planted more than 2,000 trees trying to update

the orchard with some of the newer, more popular varieties, like the Honeycrisp, Galas and Jonagolds. They also now sell the Oneida Farms natural Black Angus and buffalo, along with some grocery items.

The orchard has seen significant increase in the amount of people that are coming to pick their own apples. People seem to like picking their own apples, trying different varieties, seeing where the apples come from, and being able to ask questions about how they are raised, (pruning, varieties they can plant, etc). For store hours or additional information please call 920.869.2468 or visit us at <http://www.oneidanation.org/orchard/>

The orchard is one component of a much larger group called the Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS). This group's goal is to get a complete food system in place that could serve the Oneida community and surrounding communities.

Getting local, healthy foods to the community is one reason, but another one is economics. In this day of globalization, we feel it is important to spend that money in your local communities instead of giving it to huge corporations, or worse yet, to other countries. You can find out more about OCIFS by visiting our Web site at www.oneidanation.org/ocifs



Oneida Apple Orchard

Jeff Scofield.....	Agricultural Director
Roger Arms.....	Produce Supervisor
Heather Jordan	Produce Assistant
Nathan Scofield	Orchard Worker
Six (6)	Seasonal positions

Registration deadline moved to Tuesday • January 19, 2010 Apply Now!

For Children Ages 6-13



CHILDRENS IROQUOIS SINGING - Using the water drum and cow horn rattles children will learn Earth dances of the traditional Oneida People.

Tuesdays
4:15 - 5:00

Oneida Nation Arts Program
 (Chapel, behind Oneida Social Services)

ONEIDA CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Using folk Music and contemporary music, children will learn about choral music, and sing some Oneida Hymns.

Tuesdays
5:15 - 6:00

Oneida Nation Arts Program Cottage
 (1270 Packerland Dr.)

- **Winter season is January 19, 2010 to March 16, 2010.**
- **Spring Break**
- **Spring season is April 6, 2010 to May 25, 2010**
- **Performance TBD**

COST

1. Register for one music group for \$25.00 and add the second group for \$5.00 to total of \$30.00
2. Sibling discount: Children living in the same household, or biological siblings receive 80% off the initial \$25.00 fee. For ever other sibling that joins its only \$5.00 extra and another \$2.00 if he/she would like to sign up for both groups.

For more information and an application please contact Gabrielle Metoxen at gmetoxe2@oneidanation.org or 920-490-3834

South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

SEOTS Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8-4:30PM
CLOSED NOON TO 1:00PM
 Call for available weekend hours, **(414) 329-4101**

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you!

Check your Kalihwisaks for **SEOTS News** once a month or go to **www.oneidation.org** click on **SEOTS** for a listing of events. The office is located at:

6820 W. Wedgewood Drive • Ph: (414) 329-4101
(1 Block South of Morgan Avenue)

Activities Calendar

for the month of **February 2010**

- 1 Monday:**
Oneida Singers, 6:30PM – Bird Room
- 2 Tuesday:**
Senior Activity Day, 11:00AM - 2:00PM
 Luncheon Provided – Bird Room
Board Meeting, 6:00PM – Bird Room
- 3 Wednesday:**
WE INDIANS Reading Program, 6:00PM – Bird Room
- 4 Thursday:**
Craft Class, Dream Catchers, 6:00PM, Donation - Wolf Room
Teen Presentation, Nutrition and Diabetes Prevention, 6:00PM - 7:00 PM
- 5 Friday:**
Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM
- 8 Monday:**
Oneida Singers, 6:30PM – Bird Room
- 9 Tuesday:**
Senior Activity Day, 11:00AM – 2:00PM, Luncheon Provided, \$3 donation, Bingo
Board Meeting, 6:00PM – Bird Room
- 10 Wednesday:**
WE INDIANS Reading Program 4:00-6:00PM – Bird Room
- 11 Thursday:**
Craft Class, Dream Catchers, 6:00PM, Donation – Wolf Room
Cultural Heritage, 6:00PM, Randy Cornelius
- 12 Friday:**
Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM
- 15 Monday:**
Kids - Teens - Adults!, Sledding at Humboldt park, 1:00PM – Bring your own sled or saucer for sledding! Hot Chocolate and Pizza to follow at SEOTS. Need a ride to the park? Call SEOTS (414) 329-4101
 Please sign up if you plan on attending for pizza and hot chocolate - Free!
Oneida Singers, 6:30PM – Bird Room
- 16 Tuesday:**
Senior Activity Day, 11:00AM – 2:00PM, Potluck, Scrabble Tournament
Board Meeting, 6:00PM – Bird Room
- 17 Wednesday:**
WE INDIANS Reading Program, 4:00-6:00PM – Bird Room
Van trip to Oneida, 8:00AM, Med pick-up
- 18 Thursday:**
Craft Class, Dream Catchers, 6:00PM, Donation – Wolf Room
- 19 Friday:**
Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM
- 20 Saturday:**
Corn Bread Making Class, 10:00AM – 12:00PM, \$5 fee
- 22 Monday:**
Bingo trip to Oneida, Van leaves at 7:00AM
Oneida Singers, 6:30PM–Bird Room
- 23 Tuesday:**
Senior Activity Day, 11:00AM – 2:00PM
 Brown Bag
Craft Day
- 24 Wednesday:**
WE INDIANS Reading Program, 4:00-6:00PM – Bird Room
MAIRN Meeting, 12:00-2:00PM, Presentation TBA, Potluck - Bird Room
- 25 Thursday:**
Craft Class, Dream Catchers, 6:00PM, Donation – Wolf Room
- 26 Friday:**
Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM

SEOTS Mission...

Our mission is to strengthen our cultural connection and provide services and programs that enhance the well being of On'yote'a'ka in southeastern Wisconsin.

SEOTS Holiday Potluck Dinner

By Mark W. Powless

On Saturday, December 12, 2009, Oneida Tribal members in southeastern Wisconsin joined together for the S.E.O.T.S. (Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services) Holiday Potluck Dinner. The event was held in a spacious hall provided by Unity Lutheran Church on East Oklahoma Avenue in Milwaukee.

In years past, Oneida community events in the Milwaukee area have received funding from the Oneida Tribe. This year the economy and the resulting cost constraints have limited the availability of funds throughout the Tribe.

As a result, many individuals stepped forward to ensure that the Holiday Dinner would be a success. The S.E.O.T.S. Board contributed turkeys, hams, beverages, and also their time and energy at the event. The S.E.O.T.S. staff and several community members also contributed food, financial donations, and their time and energy to provide a fun and exciting afternoon.

Tribal member Robert Wolf and his son, Robert Wolf Jr., donated the use of their blow-up castle. The inflated castle attracted the many children at the event and provided a space for them to jump around and expend their youthful energy.

Discovery World, located at 500 North



Submitted photo

Oneida tribal members fill their plates during the SEOTS Holiday Potluck Dinner on Saturday, December 12, 2009.

Harbor Drive in Milwaukee, donated a family membership to S.E.O.T.S. for the event as well. Discovery World offers interactive science, technology and freshwater exhibits, learning labs, theaters, television and audio studios, and fresh and saltwater aquariums. The membership was given as a prize for a children-only Bingo game.

The bountiful buffet of potluck food included

turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, Spanish rice, fresh fruits and vegetables, and a wide array of delicious homemade desserts. There was more than enough tasty food for everyone in attendance!

The afternoon concluded with several Bingo games. Prizes included the membership to Discovery world and gift cards to the Pick N' Save grocery stores.

A special yaw^ko is extended to S.E.O.T.S. staff member Deb Ushakow for organizing the event and the volunteers. Also to the S.E.O.T.S. Board, Robert Wolf, Robert Wolf Jr., Discovery World, and all the volunteers for making this a great community event and keeping alive the Oneida value of twahwahtsilay^ (all of us are family).

Oneida Bingo Trip

Join SEOTS on Monday, January 25th for the monthly trip to play Bingo at Oneida Casino. All participants receive a \$10 Bingo Certificate and a \$6 Meal Certificate. The van leaves at 7am from SEOTS and will be back in Milwaukee by 5pm. Space is limited, so call to reserve your spot.

Medication Distribution

If you utilize the SEOTS medication distribution service, please have your doctor FAX any new prescriptions directly to the Oneida Pharmacy (Fax: 920-869-1785). This will help ensure an accurate and timely delivery of your order.

Indian Council of the Elderly Weekly Meals

Visit the meal site at 631 North 19th Street every Monday and Friday (5pm the first Monday and Thursday of each month, 11:30pm all other Mondays and Thursdays). Enjoy a tasty meal, visit with friends, and play Bingo. Eligibility: Native American (plus spouse) must be 45+, Non-Native must be 60+.

Census Bureau Now Hiring!

The U.S. Census Bureau is actively recruiting Milwaukee residents for census jobs (details are at www.milwaukee.gov/2010census - click on "Jobs"). Plus, in the spring, the Census Bureau will be hiring thousands of Milwaukee residents for part-time temporary jobs including census takers at a rate of \$15 an hour. People interested in applying should call 1-866-861-2010 to begin the application process.

For your Information...

Housing Information

If you have any questions regarding housing in Oneida, contact Dawn Delebreau at Oneida Housing Authority: **(800) 236-2214**

Information Around The City

211 Impact – Simply call 211 for help with life/food/shelter/health/crisis intervention, etc.

Pow Wow AA Group – All Welcome, Thursday's - 8:00PM, 1st Baptist Church, 1576 So. 78th

• **Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center: (414) 383-9526**

• **Spotted Eagle Inc (414) 342-0706**

• **Domestic Violence – Milwaukee Women's Center: (414) 272-5132**

- Domestic Violence Task Force Contact Person – Bagwajikwe Madosh **(414) 345-8688**
- Indian Council for the Elderly Meals on Monday and Friday –11:30am, 631 N. 19th St. at Redeemer Lutheran Church - First Friday of the month at 5pm. Phone # **(414) 934-8096**
- Indian Community School **(414) 525-6100**
- American Indian Council on Alcoholism **(414) 671-2200.**

Would you like to join the SEOTS e-mail list?

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Stevens to perform at Heard Museum



Photo Courtesy Marianne Sadee

Jennifer Stevens' Student Recital-Asolo Song Festival, Paderno Italy, collaborating with Valerie Poole. Stevens will sing some of her own compositions written in Oneida and Lakota January 15.

By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks

Jennifer Stevens will be performing at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona as part of the Native You (NU) program held January 15.

"This is their first time having a Native American opera singer," she said.

Stevens will perform a 40 minute program with pianist Larry Loeber and

the Phoenix Symphony.

"I feel it's a huge honor and wonderful opportunity," said Stevens.

Stevens is looking forward to performing in front of members of her mother's family who live in Arizona.

"Some of my family members I haven't seen for years, and a lot of them haven't heard me sing yet," said Stevens. "I'm very lucky with both sides of my family are very supportive and

they're excited, they're getting the whole crew together."

A 20 year veteran of classical singing, Stevens performed at the Native American Music Awards in October and at the Asolo Song Festival in Paderno, Italy.

"I finally feel like I'm reaping the benefits of my hard work," said Stevens.

The NU program is free, call **602-252-8848** for more information.

ONEIDA CASINO

Concerts

IFC WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP WITH TRAVIS WIUFF
Fri., Jan. 8
\$30, \$40 & \$70 • 8pm



JAMES VAN PRAAGH
Fri., Feb. 5 • \$30 • 8pm

COMBAT USA FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP
Mon., Feb. 22
\$30, \$40 & \$70 • 8pm



John Tesh
Sun., Mar. 7 • \$20 • 8pm

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Tickets available at all Oneida Casino Ticket ★ Star locations, online at TicketStarOnline.com, or call 1-800-895-0071 to charge by phone. Limit 8 tickets per person, per show. No refunds.

FREE LOUNGE January

Jan. 10, 11 & 12 • 7:30pm & 9:00pm

JAMES INTVELD
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"RICKY NELSON REMEMBERED"
featuring
MATTHEW & GUNNAR NELSON
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Jan. 17, 18 & 19 • 7:30pm

Robert Gordon & The Gang They Couldn't Hang
Featuring:
Chris Spedding (Roxy Music)
Slim Jim Phantom (Stray Cats)
Glen Matlock (Sex Pistols)

www.myspace.com/robertgordonmusic
www.chrisspedding.com
www.myspace.com/slimjimphantom
www.myspace.com/glenmatlockandthephilistines

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Real life \$aving Success stories

By Lisa Miotke
Environmental Supervisor
Part 1 of 3

As you may know by now, we will be hosting the 3rd Annual Home Resource Fair on February 10, 2010, at the Vets Building from 2-6pm. This will be an interactive way to learn more about: buying a home, leasing land, home construction, mortgages, permitting, home efficiency, renewable energy, home maintenance, buyer beware topics, composting, healthy homes, and much more. We'd like to share some real life success stories of people here in Oneida, who are saving energy and money.

We interviewed Michael Troge, Project Manager in the Environmental, Health & Safety Division, about the efforts he and his wife, Tracy, have made with their home on Moore Rd. Here is what Michael had to say:

Q: When did you start your efforts with making your home efficient?
In 2001, shortly after we bought the house.

Q: What got you interested?

Buying the house and what we learned at the Midwest Renewable Energy Fair (held annual in Custer, WI).

Q: What steps have you taken towards energy efficiency?

- #1. Changed lights to CFL (compact fluorescent lights) & turn off our lights when no one is in the room,
- #2. Got rid of our old, less efficient, refrigerator and bought an Energy Star one,
- #3 Drained our pool and stopped using the pool pumps that went with it,
- #4 Bought a front loading washing machine,
- #5 Use a clothes line instead of using a dryer,
- #6 Use a wood stove for space heating,
- #7 Removing and framing window space on the north side of the house,
- #8 Replacing old windows.

Q: Have you seen results? How?

- #1 On our electric bill, we went from about 30 kWh/day to 10 kWh/day: 67% decrease
- #2 On our heating bill,

we went from about \$1,200 - \$1,500/year to about \$600/year for oil.

Q: After making your house much more efficient, what renewable energy systems do you now have?

A solar electric (PV) system and a solar hot water system

Q: How do you feel about the projects you have done so far?

Great! But I'm always finding things to improve upon. We replaced our asphalt roof with a metal roof and foam insulation this past summer - Not enough time has passed, but we think we feel a difference. I'm glad to be done with shingles!

Q: What is next for you?

- #1 Would like to increase the insulation value of the walls,
- #2 I'm in the process of experimenting with solar space heating,
- #3 Looking to replace some more windows and the patio door,
- #4 Investigating radiant heat with the existing wood stove,
- #5 Perhaps some more

solar electric, #6 Considering switching away from oil heating. Please join us at the Home Resource Fair on February 10, 2010, from

2-6 PM to learn more about all different aspects of buying a home, leasing land, home construction, mortgages, permitting, home efficiency, renewable energy, home

maintenance, buyer beware topics, composting, healthy homes, and much more. Please call Bill Koonz at 920-496-5350 if you have questions.

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Oneida Home RESOURCE FAIR
Build • Buy • Maintain • Design • Operate
Efficient, Sustainable & Healthy Homes

Date: February 10, 2010

Time: 2 - 6 PM

Where: New Vets Building

What: An inter - active community event

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Caretakers' Corner

Moving land from Fee Status to Trust Status

What is trust land?
Trust land is held by the United States of America for the benefit of an Indian tribe or a tribal member. The Tribe or tribal member retains usufructuary rights (right of use without ownership).

What is "fee-to-trust"?
Fee-to-trust is a process provided for by federal law for tribes to place tribally owned fee land into trust status. Trust status can only be conferred by an Act of Congress, a court decision or settlement, or, most commonly, through an application through the U.S. Department of the Interior. Land may be acquired for a tribe in trust status under several conditions, including when the Secretary determines that the acquisition of land is necessary to facilitate tribal self-determination, reservation economic development, or Indian housing.

Our Trust History
In 1838, the Tribe's treaty with the US set certain boundaries. All of the property within those boundaries was trust land, controlled only by the Oneida Tribe. With the allotments of 1891, the opportunity to allow Tribal members to sell their allotment ushered in the change in ownership from trust to fee. For many, many reasons; the land within the 1838 Treaty boundaries became mostly fee land by 1936. The Tribe still held treaty/trust land and a few individuals held onto their trust allot-

ments.

What We're Doing Today

Today, one of the functions of the Tribe's Division of Land Management is to put the Tribe's fee properties into trust status. This process is moving forward and has shown great success over the past 4 years as shown by the upper right hand graphic.

We have submitted 273 properties into the Trust process. Of those over 40 have made it through the system and we have about 230 being worked on now. Each year our applications are better, and it seems that they move through faster. The major roadblocks have been the turnover at the BIA office which brings in new staff that need to be trained, and the occasional change in BIA policies. With a steady staff at the BIA and our seasoned staff at Land Management, we could average 40 properties each year. If that happens, we can get through the current group in the next six years.

What Are We Planning In The Future?

Our vision at Land Management, is to complete the current submissions by the year 2016. At the same time, we are expecting to submit all of our recent acquisitions and probably begin working with individual tribal members to assist them in getting their individual fee land into individual trust.

We suspect that in early 2013, we will have made such good progress with Tribal Trust, our

office can dedicate some time to assisting individual land owners with the fee-to-trust process. We presently can give a land owner a checklist to follow, but we do not have the resources to go further than this. Also, the BIA has determined that Tribal Trust is its priority due to the tremendous backlog it is attempting to address. However, if the processes continue to improve, and our properties are addressed; the Tribe will then be able to assist individual members better in this process.

Individual Fee To Trust

Tribal members who have thought about starting the fee-to-trust process for their individual land should keep several issues in mind. First, individual trust is not a priority for our Tribe or the BIA. The BIA requires that the land be owned free and clear of all liens and taxes. The BIA requires an environmental assessment that shows the land has no environmental issues like underground tanks or oil spills. The BIA requires a survey. The BIA requires several other documents and explanations. The Oneida Tribe does not have the resources to assist with the costs of any of the reports needed. These costs are the responsibility of the landowner.

FEE TO TRUST FOR INDIVIDUALS

Prior to 1980, before the revised land acquisition regulations became effective, it was relatively simple to transfer fee lands into trust for individuals. Within the last

Year	Properties into Trust	Acres into Trust
2002	1	306
2003	0	0
2004	0	0
2005	1	26
2006	23	543
2007	10	758
2008	30	1456

Graphic courtesy of Department of Land Management

Land into trust from 2002 to 2008.

decade, lands were taken into trust for very few individuals. These individuals have very compelling justification and have a genuine need for their land to be accepted into trust. Individuals requesting Trust Status must have a legitimate need to place their land

into trust. Relief from paying their property taxes, alone, will not be sufficient reason.

The fee to trust process is a long process and could end up being very costly. All costs incurred for the fee to trust process is the responsibility of the individual

requesting trust status for their land.

When you request trust status for your fee land, you are requesting the services of the United States Government, more particularly the Bureau of Indian Affairs,

• See 3B
Fee to Trust

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March: 27th

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January: 30th All Dates: 9am-12pm
February: 27th
March: 13th

Contact to register and for more info: Cindy Young 920-490-3863
cyoung@oneidation.org
Check us out on the web: www.oneidation.org/adventures

From 1B/Fee to Trust expensive for individuals

to manage your land. When you sign the deed to the United States of America in Trust for yourself, you are giving up your right to act independently.

Once your land has been accepted into trust, everything associated with that land; harvesting of timber, leasing all or a portion of the land, granting passage, selling, gifting or mortgaging, as well as basic utilization of the property, must now be approved by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior or his representative. All regulations

must be met before the Secretary will approve a transaction. The transaction is not final until it has been recorded with the Aberdeen Title Plant in South Dakota, it isn't unusual for the approval and recording of simple requests to take longer than a year.

This is a list of some of the information needed for the fee to trust process.

- Your property must be located within the Oneida Reservation.
- You must be enrolled in the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin.
- The property must be

free and clear of all liens (No Mortgages, etc)

- You must provide a detailed written explanation of the need for this land to be placed into trust.
- You must provide evidence of the degree to which the applicant needs assistance in handling their affairs.
- You must show NEPA compliance - NEPA/Environment Assessment, 602 DM 2 Environmental Site Assessment ASTME 1527.
- You must provide a plat of survey for your

property containing a complete and accurate legal description.

- You must provide a recent tax statement (Taxes & special assessments must be paid.)
- You must provide a Title Commitment and, later, a Final Title Insurance Policy
- You must complete a Warranty Deed and Transfer Return.

For a more comprehensive list contact Land Management at (920) 869-1890 ext 1810.

US Census essay contest

There will be an U.S. Census Essay Contest for Oneida Youth in the following categories:

- 5th and 6th grades - 100 words - Nintendo DS first prize
 - 7th to 9th grades - 500 word - prize TBD
 - 10th to 12th grades - 1000 words - IPOD first prize
- Basic questions for essay;
- What is a Census ?
 - Why is it important to list tribe as Oneida Tribe of WI ?

- Why is the U.S. Census important to you ?

Reference material can be requested from and completed essays sent to: Lloyd E Powless Jr P.O. Box 365 Oneida Wi, 54155 or lpowless@oneidanation.org

Deadline for essays is January 31, 2010

Winning essays will be put in the Kali and awards presented at the U.S. Census Big Truck event in March 2010.

Oneida Nation Community Education Center

2632 S Packerland Drive,
Green Bay, WI 54313

New Hours – Effective February 1, 2010

Monday thru Thursday:
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Hwy/construction classes

Need A New Career? Start A New Career Within Six Months!

Swan College will hold 4 informational meetings for people interested in learning more about its upcoming highway/heavy construction evening class.

The 24-week evening course, scheduled to start January 27, will provide individuals with training needed to find employment in the highway construction field, including segments on surveying, grades and slopes (elevations), trucks, heavy equipment and crane operation, earth moving, paving and structural work.

Meetings are scheduled for:

- 12:30 p.m. Saturday, January 9 and January 23 at Oneida Nation Community Education Center - 2632 S. Packerland Dr., Green Bay, WI

- 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 16 and January 30, at Harmony Café - 1660 W. Mason St., Green Bay, WI

The meetings will provide more details about the highway/heavy construction course. Representatives from the college also will be available to provide enrollment information and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (920) 217-6738 or email info@swancollege.org

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Professional Employment Opportunities

Two full-time academic staff positions

American Indian Student Services Coordinator

This individual is part of the Division of Academic Affairs and will coordinate retention services and support for current American Indian students. For position description and information on how to apply, go to:

<http://www.uwosh.edu/hr/unclassifiedjobs/AcademicAffairsAmericanIndianStSvcCoor.php>

Admissions Counselor/Student Recruitment Specialist American Indian Liaison

This individual is part of the undergraduate Admissions Office team and will recruit new first-year and transfer students, especially American Indian students. For position description and information on how to apply, go to:

<http://www.uwosh.edu/hr/unclassifiedjobs/AdmissionsCounselorStudentRecruitSpecforAmIndpop.dwt>

Candidates interested in both positions must submit separate applications for each position. Application review for both positions will begin on January 13, 2010 and continue until positions are filled.



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Location: Oneida Fitness Center

Times/Dates: 5:30-7:30pm

Jan 13th, Jan 20th, Jan 27th, Feb 3rd

Cost: \$160

\$125 (Tribal, Employee, or Fitness Member)

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Wisconsin Indian Education Association scholarship

Purpose

In keeping with its continuing commitment to higher education, the Wisconsin Indian Education Association is pleased to provide scholarship assistance to American Indian students attending institutes of higher education for the 2010– 2011 academic year. This scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship, not based on financial need.

Scholarship amount: \$1,000 (\$500/semester)
Four (4) scholarships will be awarded, one (1) in each of the following categories:

1. New or continuing student attending a vocational/technical/tribal college.
2. Entering freshman at a four-year college.
3. Undergraduate at a four-year college (second semester freshman, sophomore, junior or senior)
4. Graduate or Ph.D. student.

Requirements: Must be a Wisconsin resident and provide proof of Tribal Enrollment.

Application Procedures: To complete the application process for this award, the applicant must provide the following:

1. Completed Application form.
2. Copy of current or most recent school transcript. GED/HSED students are eligible only as continuing undergraduate or continuing technical college students.
3. Two (2) sealed letters of recommendation, one from a teacher, employer or other professional familiar with your academic potential. No family or relative letters of support.
4. A one-page typed only personal essay focusing on how you will apply your education.

Only complete applications will be reviewed. They will be scored as follows:

Letters of

Recommendation: 10 Pts.

Personal Essay 25 Pts
GPA 2.5 – 2.99 5 Pts / 3.0 – 3.49 10 Pts / 3.5 – 4.00 15 Pts

Maximum Possible Points: 50

Students scoring 25 points or less will not be considered.

No applications will be returned.

Application deadline: March 20, 2010 Faxes will not be accepted.

Send complete packet to:

Virginia Nuske,
Scholarship Coordinator
WIEA
P.O. Box 910
Keshena, WI 54135

Responsibilities of scholarship recipient:

1. Must meet application deadline with complete packet.
2. Must be maintaining at least a 2.50 Cumulative GPA.
3. Must be carrying sufficient credits to maintain full-time status
4. Must send a copy of grades to WIEA Treasurer at the end of semester to receive next semester's award.
5. Scholarship must be used for educational purposes.

All information submitted with this application is confidential and will be available only to authorized individuals.

Release of Funds:

Upon receipt of a copy of the student's semester course registration, \$500 will be released for the first semester. Upon receipt of the grade report and next semester's course registration, \$500 will be released. Submit information to WIEA Treasurer

Recipients only will be notified by mail and invited to attend a WIEA board meeting or annually conference.

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Legal
Notice

Setting Time and Notice to Creditors:
Request for information.
The following estates are being prepared for probate by the United States Department of the Interior and/or the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Appeals Commission, Office of Hearings and Appeals. All creditor claims must be filed on or before January 11, 2010.
Julius Charles
DOB 1/27/1909
DOD 04/12/2002
Peter Charles
DOB 06/02/1941
DOD 10/06/2009
Send all creditors’ claims and information relating to the decedent to the following address:
Tina L Figueroa, Land Title and Trust Specialist, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Division of Land Management, P.O.Box 365, Oneida WI 54155

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Public Hearing Notice

ONEIDA NATION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Repeal of the Parent Policy Leave (Parent Leave Policy). The repeal of the Policy would require all employees to take leave without pay or utilize personal or vacation time when taking time off of work to attend a child’s educational event.

When: February 11, 2010
Where: Business Committee Conference Room (BCCR)
Time: 11:30AM

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

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

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

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Kalihwisaks 2010 Schedule

DEADLINE	PUBLISH
December 30, 2009	January 7, 2010
January 13, 2010	January 21, 2010
January 27, 2010	February 4, 2010
February 10, 2010	February 18, 2010
February 24, 2010	March 4, 2010
March 10, 2010	March 18, 2010
March 24, 2010	April 1, 2010
April 7, 2010	April 15, 2010
April 21, 2010	April 29, 2010
May 5, 2010	May 13, 2010
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September 15, 2010	September 23, 2010
September 29, 2010	October 7, 2010
October 13, 2010	October 21, 2010
October 27, 2010	November 4, 2010
November 10, 2010	November 18, 2010
November 24, 2010	December 2, 2010
December 8, 2010	December 16, 2010
December 22, 2010	December 30, 2010
December 29, 2010	January 6, 2011

The deadline dates above are the dates that material must be submitted to the Kalihwisaks Office. **Deadline dates are Wednesdays** (every other) unless otherwise noted, and **Publish dates are Thursdays** (every other), unless otherwise noted*. Material can be dropped off at the Skenadoah Complex, 909 Packerland Drive, Green Bay, or mailed to: Kalihwisaks, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. Information may also be sent via e-mail or phoned in to: ykaquato@oneidanation.org Ph. #920-496-7317 and dwalschi@oneidanation.org Ph. #920-496-7318. You may also call 920-496-7319 or 1-800-236-2214. The Kalihwisaks fax # is 920-496-7497. Material must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the scheduled deadline dates. This is only a tentative schedule. If changes in the schedule are necessary, the revised schedule will appear in the Kalihwisaks.

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CORRECTION

The following birth announcement is reprinted from Dec. 3 due to numerous typographical errors. The Kalihwisaks apologizes for the error.



Daelycia Giovannina Teller

Daelycia Giovannina Teller, newborn daughter to Duane (Toatsieman) and Kristy Teller, was born on Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 weighing 7 lbs 14 oz and 20 ¼ inches long. Maternal grandparents are Sherry & Warren Kriescher. Great Grandmother is Marvel Denny. Paternal Grandparents are Duane Teller Sr. and Desdamona Kluklewitz. Daelycia was welcomed by three other siblings, sister Desdionna and brothers Desmon and Duane III. Daelycia was born at Lovelace Hospital in Albuquerque, NM.



Annalease Jacklynn Avina

Annalease Jacklynn Avina was born on Tuesday, December 2, 2009 at St. Francis Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. The proud parents are Ashley Funk and Sam Avina. The maternal grandparents are Annie and Roger Funk. The paternal grandparents are Beth and Bob Avina. The great grandmother is Kathaleen Morehouse (Tootie). Annalease was also welcomed by other family members.

Happy Birthday


Happy Belated 90th Birthday to **Marcella Powless** On December 8



“Thank you to everyone who attended my party, for the cards, gifts and great time.”

Happy Birthday

To my boyfriend **Tom** On January 7 And to our son **Benny** On January 18



Love Always, Mama (Julia)

Happy 27th Birthday

George January 5th



Many more happy birthdays to come, Son. Kunolukhwa, Mom

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mom & Dad!!!



Love, Noah, Katelyn, and Jacobi

Updates from the Oneida Royalty

Sheku,

My name is Lauren Hoeft, my Oneida name is Yoliway^teyeliwak, which means “With a purpose-she sings”, I am Miss Oneida 2009-2010. It has been a fun several months since I was crowned in June! I would like to thank everyone who has helped me get to this point. Rich Figueroa has been a rock for me since I was crowned, helping out with any questions or problems myself and Jr. Miss and Lil’ Miss have had. Iris Metoxen has been an



Miss Oneida Lauren Hoeft

She ku’

My name is Jasmine Polar. I am currently Jr. Miss Oneida 2009-2010. In these last seven months I had a lot of memorable moments I will never forget. So far I went to the following powwows; Hannahville, Bear River Watersmeet, MI, Carter, WI, Baraga, MI, Indian Summerfest in Milwaukee, Three Sisters and the Oneida Veterans here in Oneida, and the Hunting Moon at the Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee. Most of them were in the summer when I was on the powwow trail with my Grandma Norean and the rest of my family. The powwow’s ranged from



Jr. Miss Oneida Jasmine Polar

amazing help with everything and anything, always one step ahead of us if we needed her and is a great asset to the program. Lois Powless and the Oneida singers were absolutely amazing and welcoming in teaching me Oneida hymns for my talent when I ran and I am honored to be able to sing with them. And of course, thank you to all of my family and friends

traditional to contest. Going to all these powwows’s as Jr. Miss Oneida was an amazing experience because, I got to meet a lot of new and interesting people. I didn’t just represent Oneida on the powwow trail; I also had other opportunities to represent the tribe here in our community. I got invited to go and honor three of our veterans at the French Republic Metal of Knight’s of the Legion ceremony; I went to the

for their wonderful support and guidance, I don’t know where I’d be without them. Since June, I have had the honor of participating in many events, one of them being our own 4th of July powwow, it was my first powwow as Miss Oneida and I had a wonderful time meeting so many people and making sure everyone had a good experience. Another one of my favorite events I had the ability to participate in was Indian Summer in Milwaukee. I had so much fun being able to represent Oneida, meeting other royalty and presenting an award at the

Thornberry Creek at Oneida golf course for the Diabetic Dinner, the Relay for Life, the Oneida Parade, and most recently, the Green Bay Christmas

Parade. That was amazing! I love the parades! Getting to see all those people, “it just makes me feel good that I am representing the Oneida Nation.” As of recent, I have been working on some bake sales to raise

money to go to Albuquerque, New Mexico for Gathering of Nations powwow to support Miss Oneida in Competing in Miss Indian World. I have plenty of memories with Little Miss (Katy Bermke), Miss Oneida (Lauren Hoeft), Iris Metoxen, Rich Figueroa, my mom Stephanie Ninham, my grandmother Norean Metoxen, and close family members.

Sawehnisliyo’hak (Have a good day) Jasmine Polar Jr. Miss Oneida 2009-2010

She ku’

Hello, my name is Katy Bermke. I was crowned Little Miss Oneida on July 3rd, 2009. Since then I have been able to meet a lot of people in the community. Since the start of my reign I have been to many different events.

Not getting the Kalihwisaks? Contact the **ONEIDA Enrollment Office** 1-800-571-9902

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NEXT DEADLINE is...

Wednesday January 13, 2010 @ 4:30 P.M.

with a **PUBLISH DATE of...**


Thursday January 21, 2010

Questions, please call: **920-496-7318, 7316, 7317 or 7319 or email us at:** kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org

Events like; Packer Family Night, Big Apple Fest, Harvest Days, Veterans powwow, Three Sisters powwow. I’ve even been able to represent the Oneida Nation at the Keshena powwow. But, the biggest one was Indian Summer. That one was a lot of fun, very tiring but, at the same time very educational. I would like to give a thank you to all the eld-

ers, veterans, and the others who shown me the way and given me a helping hand. I would also like to give a special thank you to Ellie, Aunt Pat, Uncle Hank, Faron, Evon, and my family for being there and helping me. Love you all and thank you.

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Thunderhawk

ONHS Boys Basketball Update

By **Dylan Wheelock**

ONHS senior, and Thunderhawk Times Staff

So far this season, the boys basketball team is 2-6 with wins over NEWCHAA and Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO). The team's 1-3-1 defense continues to work pretty well, but the team is struggling to put up points on offense. Dylan Wheelock continues to be the squad's leading scorers at 18.5 points per game. Other teams have begun to play zone against the Thunderhawks, something

Wheelock said he "doesn't like because it's tough to get the ball inside" and it forces his teammates to take shots from the perimeter. Game highlights for the season so far include sophomore Anthony Cornelius's 30 points against LCO, likely a team record for a sophomore. The team hung with Division 1 Milwaukee Madison on Tuesday, December 15, pretty well, Wheelock said, "but we just slipped in the fourth quarter."

"We really struggled to score in the Gresham Holiday tournament," Wheelock said. "That's where we lost to both teams we played." Wheelock continues to pour in the points in his effort to get at least one thousand career points. The school record is held by Maria Stevens, who put in 1,121 points in her career. The boy's record is held by Berto Hill with a tally of 1,084. As of Wednesday, January 6, Wheelock had 686. Going into the season he had 546 points

and figured he would need to average 19.7 to reach 1,000. He figures he will have to up his average 1.2 points per game to set the record. Asked if he thinks about these records when he approaches the games, Wheelock said, "It would be cool to get it. But I really want to win more games as a team this year than last. If we do that, the records will take care of themselves. I think, in its own time, it will come."

My Scoop

Technology

By **Jaylee Godfrey**

ONHS junior and Thunderhawk Times editor

With the advanced technology these days, it's no wonder why our country is lazy. Technology in some ways has destroyed communication among friends and family. But, in other ways it helps out in the way that if your family lives across the country, you can still talk or e-mail. But, people have become so obsessed with technology, they have become lazy. Technology is not just TV or the internet, it is video games! The younger generation spends their days caught up in a fake life of racing and fighting—potentially giving them ideas and setting a way of life for them. I think there are good and bad points to the evolving technology but, I don't think there are really any ways to limit it other than parents setting a time limit or not paying for the things that their kids want.

Students study Southwest through mosaics

By **Thunderhawk Times Staff**

Working together, social studies teacher Carol Johnson and special education teacher Carmen Metty are bringing social studies to life for ONHS students. As a part of studying the southwestern U.S., the two teachers brought in an artist to help the students create beautiful mosaics. The students got more than some learning out of it. "It was fun," said junior Megan Polar, "I learned about the textiles and the southwestern culture. It was very creative."

For those who think it wasn't challenging, sophomore Carl Tepiew said, "It was too much thinking. It hurt my head."

Metty, has a degree in art and is an artist herself. She thought some hands-on experience would bring the lessons in Johnson's social studies classes to life. "My friend, Johana Helein, is an Appleton-based Latino artist," said Metty. "I invited her to work with us on this because we were studying southwestern culture. Rosa John [Norbert Hill Center custodial department supervisor] catered a



THT photo/Becky Anderson

(l to r) ONHS teacher Carmen Metty and student Kaylynn Powless work on the mosaics done while studying Southwestern U.S. culture in Johnson's social studies classes. Photo by Becky Anderson.

Mexican meal as part of the event." The students weren't working to a particular design. "I would call the pieces the students did 'image puzzles,'" Metty said. "There were no

preconceived ideas. The idea was for students to create their own memories with pictures and other found objects such as door handles, mirrors, pieces of glass, tiles, and so on."

Johnson and Metty's next unit was on "Europe" and the hands-on part was working with ceramics and baking bread.

The Bermuda Triangle - Part 3

By **Danny McKinney**, ONHS senior

So far, we have taken a look at the history of the Green Bay Packer-Chicago Bear-Minnesota Viking rivalry and the intensity of that rivalry amongst fans at ONHS. This time, let's start with loss of the division north leaders the Minnesota Vikings against the Carolina Panthers 26-7. Brett Favre was 17/27, 224 YDS and 1 INT while Matt Moore was 21/33, 299 YDS and 3 TDs. The Panthers were able to shut down Adrian Peterson while Jonathan Stewart ran for 109 yards, The Panthers was able to sack Brett Favre 4

times and intercepted him once the whole game, while the Vikings only sacked Matt Moore twice. Now, onto probably the most-talked about game of the week The Green Bay Packers vs. The Pittsburgh Steelers 37-36. Ben Roethlisberger's stats were 29/46, 503 YDS, 3 TD and Packers were 26/48, 383 YDS, 3 TD. The Steelers and the Packers both had an outstanding game offense and defense with the Packers sacked Ben Roethlisberger 5 times but did not get any interceptions. The Steelers didn't really do anything on defense with only 1

sack the whole game. With no real running game for either team, both teams were able to establish their pass attack. In the 4th quarter as time expired Ben Roethlisberger found Mike Wallace with a Super Bowl-like catch in the end zone for the game winning touchdown. As for the Bears, Jay Cutler was 10/27, 94 YDS and 3 INT putting the Bears at 1-6 on the road with a record of 5-9. The best they could hope for was some good 4th round talent in the draft but it's another sad performance by another Chicago QB. Joe Flacco for the Baltimore Ravens was 21/29, 234 YDS, 4

TD and with that win gives the Baltimore Ravens playoff hopes. Speaking as a Bears fan, at this point Chicago should just bench their starters and let the season end safe so nobody gets hurt. In the final week of the season, it was the Packers over the Cardinals, the Vikings over the Giants, and the Bears cruised by the lowly Lions after kicking the Vikings in overtime the week before. Now, onto the playoffs for the Packers and Vikings while the Bears overhaul their coaching staff and plan for next season.

The Blindside

By **Jaylee Godfrey**

ONHS junior and Thunderhawk Times editor

I went to see the movie called, *The Blindside* and it was great. I would recommend seeing it. It's about this boy who has a troubled past and has to live on the streets. This woman lets him live in her house after seeing him walking out in the rain in the middle of the

night. This is his story of how he got to where he is and how he landed a big time career. It's also a true story; they showed real pictures at the end of the movie. Sandra Bullock plays in this movie and she does a great job. In fact, I love this movie.

All About Jasmin

By **Jaylee Godfrey**

Thunderhawk Times editor

Jasmin Webster is a junior at Oneida High but, she lives in De Pere. She thinks her class schedule this semester is "okay."



Jasmin Webster

Last school year, she got "mostly A's and B's." She says her favorite class is art and she "loves sports, especially basketball."

Jasmin listens to a variety of music such as

powwow, r & b, rap, and hip hop. Her favorite food is tacos but, she also loves pizza with cheese and mushrooms. Her plans after high school involve going to college to be a baby nurse. Ask her what she thinks of the job President Obama is doing she'll say, "Two thumbs up."

ONHS Annual Cover Contest Winners

Art Instructor Becky Anderson announced the winners of the annual ONHS Yearbook Cover Contest. First Place-Shanica Hill, senior; Second Place-Michael Arce, senior; Third Place-Kaylene Beechtree, sophomore; Fourth Place-Leah Pociopa, senior; Fifth Place-Jade Doxtater, junior. Hill's design will appear on cover of 2009-2010 High School Yearbook and the other designs will be featured throughout. The winners were selected by the vote of the staff and cash prizes were awarded. Photo by Becky Anderson.

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Obama begins work with health care negotiators

WASHINGTON (AP) – Congressional Democrats and President Barack Obama began work in earnest Tuesday on difficult issues still standing in the way of their sweeping health care overhaul after months of tortuous debate. Topping the list: How to help Americans pay for insurance premiums.

The Democratic-controlled White House and Congress are now closer to achieving near-universal health care than any of their predecessors. Extending health care coverage to 30 million out of nearly 50 million uninsured Americans brings the president close to achieving his top domestic priority.

Obama wants to sign legislation to extend insurance coverage by the time of his State of the Union speech, expected in early February. Separate bills passed by the House of Representatives and Senate, which must now be merged, would require

nearly all Americans to get coverage and would provide subsidies for many who can't afford the cost – but they differ on hundreds of details. Pocketbook concerns join abortion and the federal government's role in health care as the top issues for negotiators.

The negotiations are the last chance for Democrats to shape the legislation to deliver concrete benefits to Americans skeptical that it will help control skyrocketing premiums as it expands coverage to millions more.

At a White House meeting that stretched into Tuesday evening, the president and Democratic congressional leaders agreed on fast-track negotiations that would bypass the need for a formal conference to resolve differences between the House and Senate health care bills.

Obama met with Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Majority Leader

Steny Hoyer at the White House on Tuesday evening. Joining the discussion by telephone were Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. Dick Durbin who were out of town.

House Democratic leaders will head back to the White House on Wednesday afternoon. Staffers from the House and Senate will meet with administration aides this week to formally begin sorting through issues – with the White House taking a lead role in settling disputes, said a congressional leadership aide, who described the private meeting on condition of anonymity.

Republicans weren't invited to Tuesday's talks, and they complained that the Democrats intended to deliberate behind closed doors – though lawmakers often do so in the final stages of such complex legislation. Separately, the head of C-SPAN, the non-partisan public affairs net-

work, called for televising the discussions – as Obama once had promised.

House Democrats face the virtual certainty that they will not get the government-run insurance plan liberals had sought, a point Pelosi acknowledged after meeting earlier in the day with key committee leaders.

In exchange for losing the federal “government option,” House Democrats say they intend to press the Senate to make premiums more affordable for Americans. The outcome of the talks could mean savings of hundreds of dollars for families buying coverage through new insurance supermarkets created by the legislation.

White House officials say the bills have 95 percent in common. Maybe so, but the remaining issues could be hard to resolve in the few weeks Obama has in mind. Among them: whom to tax, how many people to cover, how to restrict taxpayer funding for abortion, whether illegal immigrants should be allowed to buy coverage in the new markets with their own money. The list goes on.

Concerns about affordability are paramount. Major subsidies under the bills won't start flowing to consumers until 2013 at the earliest. Even with federal aid many families would still face substantial costs.

The House would provide much greater financial help for households making as much as three times the federal poverty level, \$32,490 for an individual, \$66,150 for a family of four, according to a side-by-side analysis prepared by House Democratic staffers.

There could be common ground in a Senate proposal to raise payroll taxes on individuals making more than \$200,000 and married couples over \$250,000.

Moving Forward with the Dream'

15th Annual Community Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday to be held Saturday, January 16

(January 6, 2010 Green Bay) – Area residents from different cultural backgrounds are uniting next week to celebrate the life and legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Featuring multicultural dance performances, music, and the inspiring words of Dr. King, the 15th Annual Community Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday will be held Saturday, January 16, 2010, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, in the Student Center, on Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Green Bay campus. This vibrant celebration is free and open to people of all ages and cultures.

“I love the theme of this year's celebration, ‘Moving Forward with the Dream,’” said Dr. Jolanda Sallman, event co-chairperson. “To me, the theme speaks to the intention of our annual celebration, which is creating a community that embodies King's dream, and also acts as an invitation for each participant to take responsibility for his/her own role in creating the type of world in which the dream can thrive.”

The event will feature African, Hmong, and Native-American dance

performances as well as the reading of Dr. King's “I Have a Dream” speech. A light lunch featuring diverse cuisine, including sweet potato chips with okra salsa, will be served at a reception immediately following the program.

Brown County school children are once again participating in a poster/essay/poetry contest that shares this year's theme. Contest winners will be announced at the celebration.

The celebration is being organized by representatives from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, University of Wisconsin Green Bay, United Hmong and Asian American Community Center, Green Bay Public Schools, Green Bay Press-Gazette, University of Wisconsin Green Bay Learning in Retirement, St. Norbert College, Northeast Wisconsin African American Association, Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, and community volunteers.

Major contributors of this event include Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Procter & Gamble, University of Wisconsin Green Bay, and USBank. Additional support for the celebration has been provided by a variety of organizations that will be recognized during the celebration.

For more information about this event, call (920) 498-6997 or (920) 465-2029.

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For more information contact: Certified Zumba Gold Instructor, Edith Cornelius-Grosskopf 715-524-3194 Edijafr@yahoo.com

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Cook, Energize, & Move!

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Applicants with a min. monthly gross income of \$3,338 are encouraged to apply.

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In the News with...

Oneida Language Revitalization is Paramount

“It’s said that the strength of a language is measured by how many speakers there are and for us we have very few. So, with that in mind, it means that our language is in its weakest state ever”

~ Tracy Williams, Language House Director

Wa’tekwanuhwelatu! (I give you thanks)

PART I

The Oneida Language Revitalization Program (OLRP) works with 2 fluent first language speakers. We thank both of our grandmothers: Leona Smith is very dedicated to sharing her knowledge of the language with us and Maria Hinton is willing to help us whenever we ask. We would like say, to any fluent Oneida speakers out there reading this, we value and appreciate you. If there’s a willingness to be involved with our program we will try our hardest to accommodate your wishes.

OLRP has a total of eleven (11) employees. There is one (1) First Language Speaker, Leona Smith; one (1) Second Language Speaker, Leander Danforth and eight (8) Language Trainees. This year will be the third year we have been using language acquisition methods based on listening to natural conversation

between Leona and Leander and when we have visits from Maria or our relatives from Canada. We also listen to recordings of first language speakers (including ceremonial speeches and stories), working with stories (texts) documented by first language speakers from the late 1930s, working on ceremonial speeches (texts) and attending ceremonial events where the language can be heard.

The Language Program has an open door policy. We encourage anyone who is curious about Oneida language to come and visit us between the hours of 8am and 430pm, Monday through Friday. Also, just a reminder that there are two BC Resolutions 9-25-96-A and 8-02-00-C that are both geared toward supporting the use of Oneida language with all tribal members and employees.

Part II will be on the culture page in next month’s Kali issue. The article will be a more in depth look at strategies for language preservation.

Cultural Heritage

Talking Bear Coming to YouTube in January 2010

Shekóli

(Se goli)

Shekóli means hello

- group of people
- man to man
- man to woman

Coming soon to YouTube...Talking Bear who will be teaching Oneida Greetings.

Interactive tools make for a fun learning experience

Forrest Brooks and Stephanie Stevens are working under a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. They are working with the language curriculum and creating various interactive learning materials: flash cards, board games, online matching games, posters,

and RealEBooks. They are designing these learning tools so they are fun and educational. Eventually, all of the materials will be online for community members to use and benefit from. Maria Hinton has been a huge help in this process. Stephanie digitally recorded Maria

reading the Oneida language curriculum. Maria’s voice will be added into the online matching games, RealEBooks, and videos. The posters will also have a sound feature; you can click on the images in the poster, and hear the words. These materials

will enable the learner to hear how the words are pronounced by an esteemed first language speaker. Visit the website to try the current language learning tools, and check back often because more will be added in the near future.



Far left, Oneida Board Games being created; Above, animated matching game; left, YouTube - learn tasting words; below RealeBooks.



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