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Blood Drive- 8B
Oneida hosted one of its most successful blood drives on Friday, February 13 collecting 57 pints, 17 pints over their goal. The total pints could potentially save the lives of 171 people.

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Top: A snow snake competitor throws a pole down the track at the Culture Heritage Center. Right: Ron Hill Sr. makes his approach as other participants look on. The Oneida Museum team took home the win.



Festivities

Oneida gives input on proposed Hwy. 54 changes

By Dawn Walschinski

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) along with the Oneida Planning Department and Environmental Department hosted three sessions for community members to learn about plans for Highway 54 through Oneida and give input on the details on Thursday, February 12.

Highway 54 will be constructed just north of the current highway with a new bridge. The old bridge and roadway will become a foot-path for pedestrians and cyclist. An emergency road will be added for access to Site I near the ball park.

At a break out session, one of the coordinators asked attendees if they wanted to narrow the lanes or keep the

• See 2A, Hwy 54



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Manager of Eco Services Michael Finney, far right, explains design plans to participants of the Highway 54 morning session held Thursday, February 12 at the Radisson Inn Hotel and Conference Center. Participants gave input on details such as native plants, murals under the bridges, and the railing on the new Highway 54 bridge. Construction will begin in 2011.

By Michelle Danforth

Special to Kalihwisaks

On February 23, 2008, several departments of the Oneida Nation had participated in a Snow Snake event hosted by Cultural Heritage. Snow Snake is a traditional winter game played by men. Due to the fact the game is considered a medicine game, women are not allowed to play. The track is similar to a luge track and the objective is to throw the furthest. Each pole is 3–6 feet long with a diameter of around one inch and looks like a snake when it travels down the track. After each person of a three member team throws, the furthest throw is marked. After all the teams have thrown a point is awarded to the team that had thrown the furthest and the process starts again.

In the end, David Metoxen of the Oneida Museum threw the furthest distance of 705 feet in a show down clinching a win for the Museum team.

Oneidas, opponents differ on Supreme Court ruling

By William Kates

Associated Press Writer

VERONA, N.Y. (AP) – The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling Tuesday that a Rhode Island tribe isn't eligible for trust land could doom the Oneida Indian Nation's pending trust request, said a lawyer for two upstate New York counties fighting the application.

The Supreme Court decision hinged on whether trust land was available to a tribe that was not formally recognized by the United States in 1934, when the trust law was enacted. The court ruled that a tribe not recognized in June 1934 was not eligible, and the Narragansett tribe was not recognized until after that date.

The Oneidas have asked the federal government to place 17,000 acres of upstate New York into federal trust, where it would be exempt from state and local laws and taxes. The Department of Interior has recommended putting about 13,000 acres into trust, a decision that is being challenged in several lawsuits in federal court.

One of those lawsuits, filed by the state of New York and by Madison and Oneida counties, argues that the Oneidas were not eligible for trust land for precisely the same reason as the Narragansetts, said attorney David Schraver, who represents Madison and Oneida counties.

"We think the decision is relevant to our lawsuit," Schraver said. "We do not believe the Oneidas were a federally recognized tribe when the IRA was enacted in 1934."

The Oneidas specifically rejected the Indian Reorganization Act in 1934, which means it would never apply to them, the lawsuit claimed.

The Oneidas, however, said their case is different from the Narragansett tribe and the Supreme Court decision has no bearing on them.

"This decision turns on

• See 3A, NY Oneida

CCR celebrates 10 years of helping abuse victims

By Nate Wisneski

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Gene Red Hail, Oneida Domestic Violence Coordinator, knows it takes a committed group of individuals to protect victims of domestic abuse. That group celebrated its tenth anniversary last week.

The Coordinated Community Response (CCR) team was established by the 1994 Violence Against

Women Act and is funded through the Services Training for Officers and Prosecutors Grant. It is geared to protect abuse victims in the Oneida community through training and prevention.

The group was formed to get area agencies such as judges, prosecutors, district attorneys, and advocates in the same room to not only protect victims, but also hold abusers accountable. The

group is compiled of Outagamie and Brown County agencies and tribal agencies.

"Through (the Violence Against Women Act) we were able to identify these agencies to start this collaboration. Working in this field you need allies to help protect women. Through this collaboration we can track (abusers) from county to county," said Red Hail.

During CCR's 10 years of service their main goal has not varied and remained simple. "Men are changing their lives and knowing that accountability can lead to helping them understand a belief system that dictates power and control is not our way," said Red Hail.

The CCR team also serves as a cultural bridge for surrounding communities and Oneida. "When this first

started (participants) had their own thoughts about native communities, they were afraid to ask and disrespect," Red Hail said. He was able to answer questions and address misconceptions.

The CCR team is heralded as a model program by the United States Justice Department for its use of a multi-jurisdiction approach

• See 2A, CCR Anniversary

From Page 1A/Highway 54 construction will begin in 2011

Duck Creek bridge at its current width.

“I say tear it down,” suggested Helen Arce.

“No!” exclaimed three people near her.

“That bridge has been there since I was a little girl,” declared Andrea John.

Discussions included the design of a railing on the new bridge, a mural underneath the bridges, and slowing traffic through Oneida.

The DOT will replace stop lights at Highway 54 and Highway 172 and at Highway 54 and Seminary Road and replace them with round-a-bouts.

“The main point of the round-a-bouts is to slow traffic down,” said Chad DeGrave of the DOT. “That improves safety for pedestrians.”

The speed limit through Oneida will be slowed to 35 miles per hour. It’s hoped that

the changes will discourage the semi-truck traffic that has been increasing steadily over the past few years.

Kristy Jordan enjoyed the opportunity to see the proposed changes, and the chance the make suggestions. “I’d like to see more color in the landscapes,” said Jordan.

Community Planner Leanne Doxtator stated her department has had a good experience working with the DOT.

“They’ve been very cooperative, just about everything we’ve asked them to do, they’ve done,” said Doxtator.

Construction in Oneida is scheduled to start in 2011. The Wisconsin DOT will pay for most of the construction while the Bureau of Indian Affairs will add funds through the Indian Reservation Roads program.



Graphic courtesy of State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation

This graphic shows the future Highway 54 and bridge parallel to the current roadway which will be converted to a pedestrian and bike path. Also shown is the emergency access road to Site I by the ball park.

OBC meeting wrap February 25, 2009

By Nate Wisneski

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The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) met for their bi-weekly meeting on Wednesday, February 25. Below is a brief breakdown of the meeting.

Attendance: Kathy Hughes – Vice-Chairwoman, Patty Hoeft – Secretary, Ed Delgado – Council Member, Trish King – Council Member, Melinda Danforth – Council Member, Brandon Stevens – Council Member, Tehassi Hill – Council Member

Follow Up Reports/OBC Directives From Previous Meetings

Oneida Recreation Report
Oneida Tribal General Manager, Debbie Thundercloud, advised with her report the Governmental Services Division recommends keeping the Oneida Recreation Department in its current state and separate from the Boys and Girls Club. There is a General Tribal Council meeting scheduled for May 30th and the OBC directed the General Manager’s office to prepare a report describing the achievements and challenges of the Oneida Recreation Department.

Benefits Book for Tribal Membership
Per General Tribal Council

(GTC) resolution number 08-19-95-A all tribal households were to receive a book explaining all benefits available to tribal members. All of the benefits are still being compiled in the Assistant General Manager’s office and is scheduled to be printed around mid-June and delivered during the Semi-Annual meeting.

Pros and Cons of Smoking Ban in Gaming Facilities

The OBC heard a report that compiled a list of pros and cons of a smoking ban within the tribal gaming facilities. According to the list submitted, smoking casino patrons make up 20 percent of the total casino goers. The OBC recognized the importance of employee health but recognized a 20 percent decrease in customers would affect services and programs offered. The OBC advised of strong support for a smoke-free Wisconsin and that a possible state-wide smoking ban may be passed in June or July of this year. The report was accepted with more debate expected as it will appear on a future Legislative Operating Committee’s agenda.

New Business Paid Time for Selected Color Guard Members Who are Employees

The OBC heard a resolution asking that veterans

selected to represent the tribe not have to take personal time as they are serving the tribe. The OBC directed the Chief of Staff’s office to develop a report where finances would come from to fund this unbudgeted item and develop procedure on how veterans are selected to participate. The report is expected back to the OBC in 60 days.

Special Election

A special election was approved for June 27, 2009. Open positions include spots on the school board, Trust and Enrollment Committees, Land and Appeals Commissions, and the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging. The deadline for interested parties to submit application packets will be May 8, 2009.

Tribal Logo Usage

Professional bass fisherman and tribal member, Shawn Skenandore, requested permission to place the Oneida Tribal logo on his boat and shirt for the 2009 fishing season. Currently, there are no restrictions to hinder any tribal members from using the logo. The need to limit the logo’s liability needs to be addressed. The OBC agreed to let Skenandore use the logo as long as an agreement is reached to protect the tribe and limit its use.

Travel Requests

NIGA Tradeshow, April 13-16, 2009, Phoenix, AZ

A request was submitted to approve 21 people to represent the Oneida Tribe at the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) 2009 Trade Show and Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. The OBC struggled sending that amount of people during the struggling economy and trimmed the list to 10.

Retro-approval to attend the Ihanktonwan Decolonization Summit, February 19-22, 2009, Marty, South Dakota

The travel for Council Woman Melinda Danforth was retro-approved.

Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Midwest Tribal Consultation, March 26-26, 2009, Bloomington, MN

Travel for Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes was approved.

The OBC went into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

John honored for dedication



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Rose Mary John, right, was honored during the February 25 Oneida Business Committee for her 28 years of service to the Oneida Tribe. She is retiring after serving those 28 years in the retail area. Councilwoman, Melinda Danforth, left, presents John with the Oneida blanket.

From Page 1A/CCR Anniversary



Kali photo/ Nate Wisneski

The CCR team meets Wednesday, February 18 at the Oneida Police Department. The group celebrated their 10-year anniversary during the meeting. Agencies from Outagamie and Brown Counties along with tribal department meet monthly to combat domestic violence.

“We are setting protocol for other tribal communities. We have gone to other tribal communities to teach our model program,” said Red Hail.

With the success of the CCR Red Hail can begin to reach out and try to use the group to implement broader changes across the tribal

community. He would like to see a domestic violence code developed for the Oneida Tribe. “We need it. I know some view it as a threat. When we lived in our long-houses there were 10 families. We lived with certain beliefs back then, you did not physically assault family, you are a protector and

provider. If you wanted to break it off, the man had to leave and the community protected the women. As an Oneida value we need to have the community hold the abuser accountable,” he said.

The CCR team meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Oneida Police Department.



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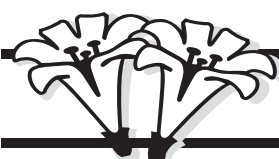
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Passing On...



Skenandore, Amberly Lynn Ann "Bamboo" May 23, 1964 – February 13, 2009

Amberly Lynn Ann "Bamboo" Skenandore, 44, of Oneida, died unexpectedly Friday afternoon, February 13, 2009 at a local hospital. The daughter of Larry Skenandore and the late Anna (Sims) Skenandore was born May 23, 1964 in Chicago. She was a fun-filled, enthusiastic young woman who was full of energy. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed being the life of the party. Amberly was an avid Chicago Bear Fan, and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her children, Jake, Jessieanna, and Bronson, her father Larry (Anna) Skenandore, grandmother, Lydia Skenandore, four siblings, Larry, Jr., Kristen (Dean) Loos, Steven



(Julie) and Michael (Tracy), nieces and nephews, Dakota and Chase, Dean, Jr., Krystal, Savanna, and Aubrey Anna. She was preceded in death by her mother, Anna, and her grandfather, James Skenandore.

Funeral services were held at 11:00AM Monday, February 16, 2009 at the Oneida United Methodist Church, Freedom Road, Oneida with Rev. Earl L. Smith, officiating. Burial services were held on Tuesday at St. Michaels Cemetery in Palatine, IL.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 North Tenth Street, DePere, WI assisted the family with arrangements. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the Skenandore family.



Johnson, Adeline September 15, 1935 – February 21, 2009

Adeline Johnson, 73, the dear wife of Arthur Johnson, left his side on Feb. 21, 2009, to be with her savior.

Adeline and Arthur were married Oct. 10, 1977.

She was surrounded by those who loved and cared for her as she loved and cared for them. Adeline was born on Sept. 15, 1935.

Adeline was a member of the Oneida Assembly of God and was dedicated to her friends, family, and her church. She and Art loved to spend time visiting, eating out and attending events at their church.

She worked hard her entire life to raise her family and enjoyed having them visit. She liked to laugh and joke with everyone and shared her sense of humor lovingly. Her smile and laughter will be greatly missed by all who know and love her.

She leaves at her home, her husband, Arthur, and granddaughter, Sara. Adeline is further survived by her children, Ron and Susan Melchert, Tim and Debbie Melchert, Mike and Patty Melchert, Frank and Liane Melchert, George (Kim) Melchert, her daughters, Beverly Allen and Jerald Denny, Teresa (Steve) Polar, Molly and daughters-in-law, Debbie Melchert and Elaine Shepard; her stepsons, Edwin and Jenny Johnson, and David and Nancy Johnson. Adeline is further survived by her sister, Ruth Harding, and brother, Dixon Skenandore.



She is further survived by 37 grandchildren, and 42 great-grandchildren, and family and friends.

She will be joining her sons in heaven,

who preceded her in death, Larry, Roger and Chris Melchert, and their father, Raymond Melchert, and stepson, Raymond Johnson. She will also be greeted in heaven by her parents, Louise and Elias James Skenandore, and her brothers and sisters, Henry, Tom, DeGuy, Hansen, and Chancey, Nancy Metoxen, Alvira Green, Angeline Powless, Jeanette Doxtator, and Jane Skenandore.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at WOODLAND WORSHIP CENTER, 760 Airport Dr., Oneida, with Pastor Lonnie Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Oneida Assembly of God Cemetery.

The family would like to thank everyone for the care given to Adeline as she prepared for her journey. A special thanks to the caregivers and staff at St. Vincent Hospital, St. Vincent Dialysis, Unity Hospice and everyone who prayed, visited and sang the Oneida hymns for her.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 North Tenth Street, DePere, WI assisted the family with arrangements. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the family.



Melchert, Gaynora "Kay" Locklear October 14, 1932 – February 7, 2009

Lumberton, N.C.—formally of Oneida, WI., Mrs. Gaynora (Locklear) Melchert, 76, died Saturday February 7, 2009 at Personal Touch Family Care Home.

Mrs. Melchert was born in Robeson County NC, on Oct. 14, 1932, the daughter of the late Thurm and Lula Locklear. She was married to the late Antone Melchert Jr. She is survived by two daughters; Dell (Joe) Brooks of Lumberton, NC, Linda (Randy) Jorgenson of Oneida, WI, two sons; Charles T. Hunt of Seymour, WI and Terry A. Melchert of Green Bay, WI; two sisters, Juanita Humphery and Dorothy Vanover, both of Jacksonville, NC; one brother, Wade Locklear of Jacksonville, NC; 14 grand-

children and 16 great-grandchildren.

Gaynora (Kay) was formerly employed at the Radisson Inn, Green Bay. She was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and enjoyed gardening and fishing.

Funeral services were held at 2:00pm Wednesday February 11, 2009 at Riverside Church of God with Rev. Gary Chavis and Rev. Ricky Carter. Burial followed in the Locklear Family Cemetery on Gaddy Rd, Fairmont, NC.

Her family in Wisconsin will be holding a memorial for those who were unable to attend the funeral in North Carolina; at the home of Linda Jorgenson on March 1, 2009 from 1PM to 3PM.

More than 1,000 mourn Crow tribal chairman Venne

CROW AGENCY, Mont. (AP) – More than 1,000 people attended the funeral of Crow Tribal Chairman Carl Venne here Thursday.

His casket was draped in an American flag and an Indian blanket for the funeral Mass celebrated in the Crow Agency multipurpose building.

Dozens of floral arrangements lined the front of the building.

Photos of Venne were displayed, including a large image of Venne in his tribal regalia chatting with then-presidential candidate Barack Obama. Obama campaigned

on the Crow Reservation last May and was adopted into the tribe by the Black Eagle family.

The White House issued a statement Monday in which Obama expressed his sorrow at Venne's passing.

"It was only a few short weeks ago that I last saw Carl, leading the spectacular delegation of Crow Nation horsemen in the Inaugural Parade," the president said. "We join the Crow Nation and fellow citizens everywhere in observing the loss of Chairman Venne."

At the funeral Thursday, Democratic Sens. Max

Baucus and Jon Tester, Gov. Brian Schweitzer and Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger all spoke words of praise for the tribal leader.

"To me, Carl was many things, a statesman, a leader, a veteran, an adviser and a tireless advocate for the Crow nation," Baucus said. "Most importantly, Carl was my friend."

Venne died early Sunday at his sister's home in Hardin of natural causes stemming from heart disease. He was 62 and was the first chairman of the Crow tribe to pass away in office in more than 80 years.

Burial Thursday was in the

Hardin Fairview Cemetery.

Venne was a counselor at Little Big Horn Community College when he ran for the tribe's highest elected office in 2002. He was elected to an unexpired term after former Chairman Clifford Birdinground resigned while under federal indictment. Venne was re-elected in 2004 and 2008.

Under the Crow Constitution, vice chairman Cedric Black Eagle will serve as interim chairman. The constitution requires an election within 60 days of the declaration of vacancy.

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whether a tribe was recognized by the United States in 1934 and, therefore, has no applicability here," said Peter Carmen, the tribe's chief legal counsel.

In a statement, the tribe said the United States' annual delivery of treaty cloth to the Oneida Nation for more than 200 years was evidence of its recognition of the Oneidas under the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua. The Oneidas rejected any claim that the

United States did not recognize the Oneida Nation in 1934.

Additionally, the Supreme Court was "very clear in the Sherrill decision that trust land is available and appropriate for the Oneida Nation, and this decision obviously does not change the Supreme Court's direction," the statement said, referring to an earlier ruling by the nation's top court in favor of the tribe.



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son Scott and friend Deb, and wife Marilyn



In Loving Memory
of our Mother...

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Gollnick honored as Caretaker of the year

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The Caretaker of the Year award has been given out for many years now. This year there were several very good nominations for the award, and the person selected was the nominee of the staff at Division of Land Management. In past years, it has been awarded to a very dedicated employee of Division of Land Management.

This year is different. The recipient, this year is Bill Gollnick, the Oneida Tribe's Chief of Staff. We all recognize Bill for his contribution to the community. While he distinguished himself in many areas including: Serving on the National Advisory Council on Indian education appointed by

President Clinton; Receiving awards for Outstanding Public Affairs and acknowledgement of his Outstanding and Dedicated service to the National Indian Gaming Association;

Awards from the WI Indian Education Association and Great Lakes Intertribal Council. He has served the Tribe in a variety of positions for more than 30 years.

But beyond those accomplishments, Bill has also been a staunch supporter of the efforts of Land Management. There are



Bill Gollnick

some values that we all hold dear to our hearts. These are values that are understood without being said. There may be three values that we live with every day. I am speaking of our value of respecting the veterans and holding them in high esteem. Next we all value the sacrifices and legacy of the elders. And third we all respect and thank Mother Earth for her bounty.

Bill Gollnick lives these values. He has always thought of the consequences of his actions on these three values. In regard to the land,

Bill has been a caretaker on a grand scale. He works on the lands in New York. He works for the land in Wisconsin with all the neighboring municipalities and he supports the many environmental initiatives the Tribe sponsors. He was involved with the acquisition of the Sanger B. Powers Reformatory; he worked on the Thornberry Creek Golf Course acquisition, and cooperates and collaborates with our neighbors by establishing mutually beneficial service agreements.

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United States 2010 Census

Bureau Hiring

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Gross household income must be AT OR BELOW this amount

Brown County (location of purchase property)

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
36,200	41,350	46,500	51,700	55,800	59,950	64,100	68,250

Outagamie County (location of purchase property)

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
38,000	43,450	48,850	54,300	58,650	63,000	67,350	71,700

Contact Nicole Rommel at (920) 869-1690 ext. 1823

nrommel@oneidanation.org

Oneida Division of Land Management

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



Calendar

2009

February 27

Oneida Nation Museum Open House

WHEN: Friday, February 27
TIME: 11:00AM – 4:00PM
PLACE: Oneida Nation Museum, W892 Cty. Rd. EE
The Oneida Nation Museum will feature new exhibits, free hor d'oeuvres and a one day sale at the gift shop. Snow date of March 6. Call 920-869-2768 for more information.

March 7

Seuss-A-Bratton Time

WHEN: Saturday, March 7
TIME: 11:00AM – 1:00PM
PLACE: Oneida Community Library
Dr. Seuss wants you to come join us for Green Eggs and Ham. Pictures will be taken, story time and activities. Call 920-869-2210 for more information.

March 7

Third Annual Flap Jack Flippin' Larry

WHEN: Saturday, March 7
TIME: 8:00AM – 11:00AM
PLACE: Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road
All the pancakes you can eat! Includes porkies and beverage. \$6 per person, \$5 seniors, children 2 and under FREE. Meet a March of Dimes Ambassador Family. Raffles, bake sale, beanies, pancake eating contest - win a prize! Sign up for the March of Dimes Walk on April 25. Sign up with Team Oneida and get a Team Oneida cap!

March 14

Writer's Workshop

WHEN: Saturday, March 14
TIME: 10:30AM – 3:30PM
PLACE: Arts Cottage, 1270 Packerland
Spring Poetry Workshop – Kukwite-ne. Instructors: Gladyce Nahbenayash and Mildred "Tinker" Schuman. Open to all tribal people. Event is free! Call 920-490-3833 for more information. Funding for this is made possible by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board and the Oneida Tribe of Indians through the Oneida Nation Arts Program.

March 26

Oneida Community Spring Cooking Class

WHEN: Thursday, March 26
TIME: 5:00PM – 7:00PM
PLACE: Turtle School Home Ec. Room
Come join us for a healthy meal, nutrition lesson, and children's activity! Must register at least 2 days prior to class. Limited to 20 participants. Call Sylvia to register at 920-496-5352. Sponsored by the Oneida Living in Balance Team.

March 30

4th Annual Family Fun Night

WHEN: Tuesday, March 30
TIME: 4:00PM – 7:00PM
PLACE: Turtle School
Healthy families rock at the 4th Annual Family Fun Night! Join us for fitness activities: Wii game challenge, Wii Fit, Dance, Dance revolution, Fisher Price Smart Bike, basketball shoot, face painting, giveaways. Rock Star Nutritionist Jill Jayne Live Concert featuring Nutrition, Music and Movement. Pizza to follow presentation. Sponsored by Oneida Community Health Center Diabetes Grant.

April 25, 2009

MATC A Return to Tradition Powwow

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

Tuesdays

Women's Talking Circle Group

WHEN: Tuesday evenings
TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
PLACE: Community Education Center Conference Room, 2632 S. Packerland
Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle Group. Come and join us as we discuss a healthy lifestyle, relationships, children, jobs and overall wellness. For more information: Contact Marlene Summers or Bev Scow at Wise Women Gathering Place 920-490-0627.

Mondays

Teaching Powwow Drum

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

Fridays

Women's Support Group

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

To include events in this section please call the kalihwisaks office at (920) 869-4280, 4279, 4090 or 4277. Announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.



NCAI launches stimulus website

Site to house vital information for tribes

WASHINGTON-February 18, 2009-The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the largest and oldest Indian organization, launched a new website today, www.ncai.org/stimulus, that provides vital infor-

mation for tribal governments regarding the funding streams made available through The American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), including bill analysis, grant application deadlines and news and updates on each agency.

“We want to make sure tribes have the information they need to participate in the economic recovery of the United States,” said NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson Pata. “Tribes need to know about grant deadlines, the process of obtaining funding and how to make use of the money that is available.”

The website will serve as a central clearinghouse of information on all areas of ARRA including transportation, housing, law enforcement, education, health, energy and other infrastructure needs. It also includes news

and updates about the Act and upcoming grant application deadlines. Each agency will determine how money will be expended, and the website will assist tribes in navigating the process.

“There is \$3 billion available to build critical infrastructure in Indian Country if tribes have the information they need to access the funds,” Johnson Pata said. “The new website will be the one-stop-shop for all tribal stimulus information.”

The site includes a resources section with links to agency information and an analysis section with the full language of ARRA and the NCAI analysis by topic area. The Frequently Asked Questions section will include questions and answers pertaining to the Act, such as how tribes can apply for ARRA funding and how funds can be used. NCAI will

also be partnering with sister Indian organizations to continually provide updated analysis of implementation of the bill.

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public

regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

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Michigan lawmakers OK deal with tribal casino

LANSING, Mich. (AP) _ The state will get a slice of revenue from a planned Native American casino southwest of Grand Rapids, thanks to a deal approved by both chambers of the Legislature.

The House approved a resolution on the compact with the Gun Lake tribe by a voice vote Thursday. A similar resolution was approved by the Senate earlier this month.

The 2007 compact was negotiated between the tribe

and Gov. Jennifer Granholm. The federal government put 147 acres of land into trust for the casino in Allegan County's Wayland Township this year.

The state will receive 8 percent of the casino's take from slot machines for the first \$150 million. The state will get 10 percent or more from slot revenue above that amount.

The compact requires gamblers to be at least 21.

The tribe's full name is the

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, but it is also known as the Gun Lake tribe.

A groundbreaking date has not been set. The casino is expected to open 12 to 16 months after construction begins.

States often seek compacts with tribes to gain some regulatory authority and generate revenue for the state treasury. Without a compact, states risk missing out on revenue from casinos that the federal gov-

ernment would allow to open anyway.

In return, compacts offer tribes a measure of territorial protection from gambling competition. Compacts also can foster cooperation between tribes and surrounding local governments.

The Gun Lake casino is expected to employ about 1,800 people and have about 2,500 electronic gambling machines and 80 gaming tables.

Iconic Oregon firm turns 100 In Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) ~ The iconic Oregon company Pendleton Woolen Mills celebrated 100 years in its namesake city last week as a gathering where a photo of founder Kay Bishop looked down on his great-great grandson, mill president Mort Bishop III.

Kay Bishop, an English immigrant, opened Oregon's second woolen mill in Salem in 1863. He died in 1900 and the family began looking at Pendleton as a possible mill site because of its nearness to abundant wool and its reputation as an early commercial hub.

Pendleton residents put together \$30,000 in bonds to attract the company, which moved there in 1909 and pro-

duced its first blankets that September.

Joseph Rawnsley was an early designer responsible for some of the mill's most famous designs including the Chief Joseph blanket and the President Harding blanket.

“Despite his English ancestry, Joe was attracted to the Indian way,” Bishop said. “He would live with tribal peoples for periods of time and then return to the woolen mills with an amazing sense of color, design and appreciation for Indian spiritual symbols derived from nature.”

Mayor Phil Houk told those at the celebration that he never has to tell others where Pendleton is located. The mill and the Pendleton Round-Up have made the

town famous beyond its size.

In the back of the room where the celebration was held is a picture of former President Warren G. Harding running his fingers over a blanket designed in honor of his 1923 visit, in what would be his last trip. He died in San Francisco before returning to Washington, D.C.

And there's one of the hit group Pendletones, named in honor of the mill's wool shirts and who later changed their name to The Beach Boys.

Viginia Tubbs of Pendleton said the anniversary gave her a flash of nostalgia.

She recalled how her son Kelly sold wool from his three or four sheep about 40 years ago.

“He would take the wool to

the back door of the mill and sell it,” she said. “They even accommodated little kids. He was on top of the world.”

The company looks to its reputation in hard economic times. “The tough times are when people gravitate to brands that have stood the test of time,” he said.

Bishop said his company is feeling the pinch as others do but says the anniversary gives them “a positive, upbeat, authentic message that's vivid and real.

“We kid around,” Bishop said, “that we are of the cloth.”

Information from: East Oregonian, <http://www.east-oregonian.info>

How government stimulus plan will affect you

By The Associated Press

An examination of how the economic stimulus plan will affect Americans.

Taxes:

The recovery package has tax breaks for families that send a child to college, purchase a new car, buy a first home or make the ones they own more energy efficient.

Millions of workers can expect to see about \$13 extra in their weekly paychecks, starting around June, from a new \$400 tax credit to be doled out through the rest of the year. Couples would get up to \$800. In 2010, the credit would be about \$7.70 a week, if it is spread over the entire year.

The \$1,000 child tax credit would be extended to more low-income families that don't make enough money to pay income taxes, and poor families with three or more children will get an expanded Earned Income Tax Credit.

Middle-income and wealthy taxpayers will be spared from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax, which was designed 40 years ago to make sure wealthy taxpayers pay at least some tax, but was never indexed for inflation. Congress fixes it each year, usually in the fall.

First-time homebuyers who purchase their homes before Dec. 1 would be eligible for an \$8,000 tax credit, and people who buy new cars before the end of the year can write off the sales taxes.

Homeowners who add energy-efficient windows, furnaces and air conditioners can get a tax credit to cover 30 percent of the costs, up to a total of \$1,500. College students _ or their parents _ are eligible for tax credits of up to \$2,500 to help pay tuition and related expenses in 2009 and 2010.

Those receiving unemployment benefits this year wouldn't pay any federal income taxes on the first \$2,400 they receive.

Health insurance:

Many workers who lose their health insurance when they lose their jobs will find it cheaper to keep that coverage while they look for work.

Right now, most people working for medium and large employers can continue their coverage for 18 months under the COBRA program when they lose their job. It's expensive, often over \$1,000 a month, because they pay the share of premiums once covered by their employer as well as their own share from the old group plan.

Under the stimulus package, the government will pick up 65 percent of the total cost of that premium for the first nine months.

Lawmakers initially proposed to help workers from small companies, too, who don't generally qualify for COBRA coverage. But that fell through. The idea was to have Washington pay to extend Medicaid to them.

COBRA applies to group plans at companies employing at least 20 people. The subsidies will be offered to those who lost their jobs from Sept. 1 to the end of this year.

Those who were put out of work after September but didn't elect to have COBRA coverage at the time will have 60 days to sign up.

The plan offers \$87 billion to help states administer Medicaid. That could slow or reverse some of the steps states have taken to cut the program.

Infrastructure:

Highways repaved for the first time in decades. Century-old waterlines dug up and replaced with new pipes. Aging bridges, stressed under the weight of today's SUVs, reinforced with fresh steel and concrete.

But the \$90 billion is a mere down payment on what's needed to repair and improve the country's physical backbone. And not all economists agree it's an effective way to add jobs in the long term, or stimulate the economy.

Energy:

Homeowners looking to save energy, makers of solar panels and wind turbines and companies hoping to bring the electric grid into the computer age all stand to reap major benefits.

The package contains more than \$42 billion in energy-related investments from tax credits to homeowners to loan guarantees for renewable energy projects and direct government grants for makers of wind turbines and next-generation batteries.

There's a 30 percent tax credit of up to \$1,500 for the purchase of a highly efficient residential air conditioners, heat pumps or furnaces. The credit also can be used by homeowners to replace leaky windows or put more insulation into the attic. About \$300 million would go for rebates to get people to buy efficient appliances.

The package includes \$20 billion aimed at “green” jobs to make wind turbines, solar panels and improve energy efficiency in schools and federal buildings. It includes \$6 billion in loan guarantees for renewable energy projects as well as tax breaks or direct grants covering 30 percent of wind and solar energy investments. Another \$5 billion is marked to help low-income homeowners make energy improvements.

About \$11 billion goes to modernize and expand the nation's electric power grid and \$2 billion to spur research into batteries for future electric cars.

Schools:

A main goal of education spending in the stimulus bill is to help keep teachers on the job.

Nearly 600,000 jobs in elementary and secondary schools could be eliminated by state budget cuts over the next three years, according to a study released this past week by the University of Washington. Fewer teachers means higher class sizes, something that districts are scrambling to prevent.

The stimulus sets up a \$54 billion fund to help prevent or restore state budget cuts, of which \$39 billion must go toward kindergarten through 12th grade and higher education. In addition, about \$8 billion of the fund could be used for other priorities, including modernization and renovation of schools and colleges, though how much is unclear, because Congress decided not to specify a dollar figure.

The Education Department will distribute the money as quickly as it can over the next couple of years.

And it adds \$25 billion extra to No Child Left Behind and special education programs, which help pay teacher salaries, among other things.

• See 8A, Stimulus

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Editorial Commentary



By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks Managing Editor

Not feeling too honored

The debate over the use of Indian mascots for schools is back in the spotlight in Wisconsin. State Senator Spencer Coggs and Representative Jim Soletski have sponsored a bill that would require the state Department of Public Instruction to investigate complaints about race-based names, nicknames, logos or mascots.

Opponents of the bill claim Indian mascots were intended

to honor Native Americans. Supporters of the bill are many Native Americans who don't feel all that honored. They've tried to tell this to Indian mascot supporters, but they don't seem to understand. Or listen. Or care.

Perhaps rather than trying to explain why race based mascots are hurtful, we should use a symbol that's close their hearts and within the experience, their grandmother.

Let's imagine a school approaches you and states they admire your grandmother and her way of life, and want to honor her by using her name and image as their mascot. You say, gee, that's

swell, but she's kind of shy, I don't know if she wants that kind of attention. The school replies well, we were just telling you to be polite, and walks away.

The school comes back with a draft of the mascot. The drawing depicts a blue haired woman with thick glasses, a bulbous nose and big false teeth. You argue the mascot looks nothing like your grandmother and she has all of her teeth, but the school says this is the final design, and they're just doing their best to honor your grandmother's memory. You tell them she's still alive and doing well, but they walk away unhearing.

You go to a game, thinking the school couldn't possibly have gone through with their proposal, but they have. The

students in attendance are dressed in lime green polyester pants suits and walk around with canes and walkers. You try to tell them your grandmother is much more stylish and able bodied, but they say they're just trying to show school spirit.

You take your seat and can see the foam mascot "Granny" in all her blue hair glory. All around you, sports fans chant "Go, Granny!" and "Make us cookies!" At half time, cheerleaders dressed in muumuus hobble through a rendition of the Charleston. You approach the cheerleading coach later to inform her your grandmother wasn't around for the Charleston craze in the 1920's, but she tells you she's done extensive research on your grandmother and you don't know what

you're talking about.

You go to another game at another school hoping the other school will help point out how ridiculous this mascot thing has gotten. You're shocked when you visit the campus and see effigies of your grandmother hung by nooses in trees and along fences. Everywhere there are banners saying "Kill Granny!" "Scalp Granny" and "Take away her Metamucil!"

Enraged, you go to the school and demand that they change the stereotypical mascot. They tell you how much money they would have to spend to change, and how they would be losing a piece of their school's culture and history, and if you don't feel honored, that's your own dang fault.

You, members of your family, and your grandmother protests outside the school stadium before a game. You're verbally assaulted by lime-

green pants suited fans wearing way too much blue eye shadow.

"What's your problem?" "Old farts!" "Go back to the nursing home!" they shout while throwing cookies at your grandmother.

Tell me, at what point in this story did you and your grandmother feel honored? Are the student athletes at the Oneida Nation High School supposed to feel honored when they play a school with Indian mascots, and the insults the Oneida students face are not very different from the opposing student's school spirit chants and tomahawk chops? Am I supposed to feel honored when the Green Bay Packers travel to our nation's capital to play the Washington Redskins? If mascots are you're way of honoring our culture, history and people, please, feel free to go honor yourself.

Letters & Opinions...

Scriptwriter thanks ONHS Staff & Students

I want to thank the Oneida Nation for inviting me out for the ONHS student's screenwriting workshop. I appreciate everything the Arts Board, Johnson O'Mally Foundation, Christine Klimmek, Beth Bashara, and Freida Clary did to make it possible.

I could see Lynn Adrian and her students put her heart and soul into this project.

With people like Chris Powless and Cindy Thomas mentorship these kids chances of these children succeeding is increased dramatically.

Being the grandson of a Scottish immigrant, I found the story of the Oneida people's influence on the America Constitution intriguing. To learn the Oneida Nation's influence allowed us all to live free in this one NATION we now call America.

Live your destiny,

Arthur McClen
Author of "True American" and screenwriter of "Under the Same Sky"
www.TimelessDestiny.info

Delgado looking out for casino employees

Kudos to Ed Delgado, that quiet spoken, deep thinking man on our Business Committee.

This is not the first time he has looked out and stood up for all the people of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. He has a good heart and a true connection to the wants and needs of his people.

Once again he brings forth a true concern which should be for all our people; smoking in the work place.

Some time back I wrote to the Kalihwisaks about the same concern.

Tobacco has always been part of our culture; chewing, dipping and cigarette smoking are not traditional ways.

I've watched our people working in the casinos and smoke shops, too - fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, grandmothers, grandfathers and worst of all expectant mothers, not to forget our cliental - breathing in deadly second hand smoke as part of their job!

Our mission statement reads:

"Together we provide the best care by supporting, protecting and promoting a

healthy quality of life for our Oneida people and community."

Thank you,
Donna Ysebaert

Virtues of Seventh Generation

Hello, nation, I am hereby transcribing this as a means to inform/assist the citizens that we can through, cohesiveness, all ascend to new plateaus. We are no longer in the 1800's, but in the new millennium. It should no longer be of relevance as to what lineage nor quantum one decrees. What is relevant, however, is what one strives to set forth in our nation. I have always sought to combat dissonance, while helping to solidify the infrastructure, thus promoting the virtues of the, "Seven Generation" philosophy. It has always been my inclination that we are a great sovereign nation, thus no member so be oppressed.

One entity I believe is definitely in need of change is the Gaming Division. It seems employees have been quite reluctant in asserting their rights, this is quite an abomination, yet it continues to transpire. My resolve to this would be to be open to new ideas, revise to the "Blue Book" of policies and procedures, and devise of a code of ethics that coincides. Perhaps we should also implore upon allowing further mediation, as

a means to resolve conflicts. Under no circumstances should an employee be scrutinized for working hard, while striving to promote cohesiveness and equality. It should be imperative that accountability preside at all facets; from front-line to executive positions, thus eradicating or at least marginalizing circumvention, and encumbrance that permeates.

In spite of this I believe our nation is also making tremendous strides, in which I commend all entities. It is quite imperative that we diversify are assets, as well as our ways of thinking. We can only ascend cohesively, hence through collective reasoning at various "General Tribal Council" meetings, all voices should be heard.

Conclusively, if we as a nation can eradicate or at least alleviate the ambiguities that currently permeate, we can truly preserve for the next "seven generations", I wish to thank the nation for I have been rendered! As I may reiterate, "When I ascend to new plateaus in life, so to shall others"!

Sincerely,
Thomas Espinosa
thomasespinosa63@yahoo.com

Thank you, Oneida, for supporting Caleb

With heart felt gratitude I would like to thank the Oneida Community for your


overwhelming support for our son Caleb. Caleb's surgery was successful but his full recovery will take 6 months to a year, so your continued prayers for him will be very much appreciated!

We would like to thank Seven Generations Corporation, the Trust Department, Indian Child Protective Board, Communication's Department, GLIS, Tsyunhehkw^, Francine Valentino and Dennis King of DK Images for their generous donations to our raffle.

We would also like to thank Bob Ninham, Jamie and Jason Bartlett, James and Erin Fish, Dustin Fish, Rhiannon Boyd, Vange Danforth, Rocky Hill, Tina Hackett, Lisa Williams, Rhonda Bowman, Neva Archiquette, Lindsay Powless, Vicki Matson, Faye Ninham, Rose Melchert, Wanda Diemel, Sue Doxtator and Mary Ann Archiquette for donating your time and effort in helping us. We would especially like to thank Jeanette Ninham, who always goes above and beyond her role as Grandma!

It is heart warming to see our community come together; and even more so when we need one another. The kind words, prayers, monetary gifts and support will go a long way in Caleb's recovery.

Yaw^ko
Tana and Jason Aguirre



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Dawn Walschinski – dwalschi@oneidanation.org
If you have any questions, please feel free to call (920) 869-4277.

Guardian ad Litem Training Offered

Free to community members

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System is holding a Guardian ad Litem Training at the Radisson Inn on **March 19-20, 2009.**

This training is provided by the Wisconsin Judicare. This training is for those interested in practicing in our justice system as a guardian ad litem and for those interested in learning what a guardian ad litem does.

The training is free to community members. Other interested persons will need to pay \$30.00 to cover materials.

- What is a guardian ad litem?**
In cases involving child custody and the placement of children, the judge will often appoint a guardian ad litem (GAL) to represent the best interest of the children.
- Why is a guardian ad litem needed?**
A GAL is needed because children are usually not able to identify and state all of their needs and interests and the best way to meet them.
- What does a guardian ad litem do?**
A GAL investigates all relevant aspects of a child's life and makes recommendations to the Court as to where the child should be placed and other services or conditions necessary for the best interest of the child.
- Who can be a guardian ad litem?**
In the Oneida Tribal Judicial System, non-attorneys may be a guardian ad litem if they have completed the necessary training or have previous experience as a GAL. Qualities often associated with GALs:
 - ☐ Understand families and children
 - ☐ Neutral and impartial observer
 - ☐ Ability to gather information through interviews, documents and other sources as needed
 - ☐ Good writing skills
 - ☐ Good speaker
 - ☐ Good organization skills

Please call **Tober Brzezinski at 497-5800** if you have questions or are interested in attending. To ensure your space and materials, you **must apply before March 9, 2009**, there is limited seating. If you are unable to attend this training it will be offered again soon.

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Oneida Business Committee Meeting Minutes

The following meeting results have replaced the full minutes of the Business Committee meetings to help save space and reduce costs. These results entail the heart of the BC's actions in the meeting, however, the full version of the minutes can be accessed on the Business Committee's website at **www.oneida nation.org** or by contacting the Tribal Secretary's office at **920-869-4451**. The internet can be accessed at the Oneida Library and Community Education Center.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING January 14, 2009 • Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Chairman Rick Hill - meeting chair, Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Edward Delgado, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr., Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Regular Session Follow up Reports/BC Directives

Approve consideration of two options of per capita payments to re-direct for land purchases

Action: Tribal Secretary to recommend GTC meeting date for General Tribal Council's consideration at Jan 28, 2009 OBC regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Evening meeting for reports

Action: Schedule adopted for boards, committees, and commissions to start reporting to the Business Committee on a quarterly basis starting Jan 28 at 5:15 p.m., to continue every fourth Wednesday of the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Inclement GTC weather date

Action: Inclement GTC weather date procedure deferred to the February 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for most recent air-quality control studies, evaluations conducted at Oneida casinos and One-Stops

Action: General Manager, Gaming General Manager and Chief Financial Officer directed to bring back a pros and cons report regarding a smoking ban for the Feb 25 Business Committee meeting. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Benefits book for tribal membership

Action: Report accepted, requested regular updates on the progress and at the next meeting a clear definition of what they are doing with the benefits book. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents Resolution

Action: Resolution 01-14-09-A Appointing Brandon Stevens to Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents adopted with the change of the fifth whereas that should state “and government official.” For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Brandon Stevens. Not present: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

Oneida Child Protective Board Recommendations Resolution

Action: Resolution 01-14-09-B Appointing Lois Strong, Beverly Anderson and Shirley Barber to the Oneida Child Protective Board adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorizing Moving the Business Development Unit Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer Resolution

Action: Resolution 01-14-09-C Authorizing moving the Business Development Unit Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer adopted. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

100-Day-Plan definition of oversight Resolution

Action: Resolution 01-14-09-D 100-Day-Plan Definition of Oversight adopted. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

100-Day-Plan Standing Committee report

Action: 100-Day-Plan Standing Committee report accepted and sent to a working meeting set up by the Tribal Secretary before the end of January. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Amend organizational chart and change the commerce section to gaming and commerce

Action: Defer the organizational chart and change the commerce section to gaming and commerce to a special work meeting in the near future. Motion carried unanimously. **Nov. 15, 2008 GTC recommended**

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Action: Tribal Secretary's office to bring forward a report regarding General Tribal Council directives from 2008-2009 thus far. Motion carried unanimously.

Training for BC on Headstart reauthorization

Action: Tribal Secretary's office to work with the Business Committee and John Pavek of Headstart to set up the training necessary regarding Headstart and their performance. Motion withdrawn.

Action: General Manager directed to set up training as necessary according to a memo stating that Mr. Dave Allen asked for their purposes of reauthorization for Headstart that the Committee be trained in this area and the General Manager will advise and plan accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconsider the proposed BC political appointment hiring work standards and procedures

Action: No Action. Accept Arlene Danforth's resignation from the Oneida Land Commission and post one vacancy for the remainder of the term ending July 2009

Action: Arlene Danforth's resignation from the Oneida Land Commission and post one vacancy for the remainder of the term ending July 2009 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Post all 2009 board, committee, commission vacancies at one time and send schedule to Kalihwisaks for posting

Action: Post all 2009 board, committee, commission vacancies at one time and send schedule to Kalihwisaks for posting approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Procedural exception to hire an LTE Records Management Director

Action: Procedural exception to fill the Records Management Director as an LTE for one year when the position can be posted approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Ron “Tehassi” Hill. Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

Retro-approve of TribalNet advisory board members

Action: Request for retro-approval TribalNet advisory board members approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Tribal Leaders Forum in San Diego, CA Jan. 23-24, 2009 Travel Request

Action: Retro-active approval travel request for Ed Delgado to attend the Tribal Leaders Forum in San Diego, CA Jan. 23-24, 2009 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

GLTIC meeting Jan 15, 2009 & blanket travel approval all GLTIC meetings through 2011 Travel Request

Action: Blanket travel for the chairman to attend all Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council meetings through 2011 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Procedural exception for seven students, one chaperone to attend the National AISES Science Fair, St. Paul, MN March 26-28, 2009 Travel Request

Action: Procedural exception for seven students and one chaperone to attend the National AISES Science Fair in St. Paul, MN March 26 through 28, 2009 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Procedural exception for FACE staff, superintendent to attend FACE training San Diego, CA Feb. 24-26, 2009

Action: Procedural exception for Family and Consumer Education staff and the superintendent to attend FACE training in San Diego, CA Feb. 24 through 26, 2009 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Finance Committee minutes Dec. 12, 2008

Action: Finance Committee minutes of Dec. 12, 2008 approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) Resolution for adoption of amendments to the Burial Law and dissolve Oneida Cemetery Board

Action: Resolution 01-14-09-E Adoption of Amendments to the Burial Law approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Dissolution of Oneida Cemetery Board approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: General Manager directed bring a status report on the efforts to correct the problems at the Cemetery with any recommendations on how to proceed regarding the moratorium currently in place to Jan. 28 OBC regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution adopting the motor vehicle fuel tax exemption for all Oneida tribal members

Action: Resolution 01-14-09-F the motor Vehicle fuel tax exemption for all Oneida Tribal members adopted. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Opposed: Patty Hoeft, Tina Danforth, Abstained: Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Treasurer's office requested to find the funding to support the resolution regarding the fuel tax exemption and the report come back on the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, Opposed: Ed Delgado, Tina Danforth, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr., Melinda J. Danforth. Tie vote: Chairman Rick Hill voted to oppose to break tie. Opposed: Rick Hill. Motion failed.

Action: Reorganize the fiscal impact of the adopted resolution for motor vehicle fuel tax exemption for all Oneida Tribal members as a cost of doing business for Oneida retail approved. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth Brandon Stevens. Not present: Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

Resolution adopting the Reservation of Chapters - Oneida Code: Employment Relations

Action: Resolution 01-14-09-G Adopting the Reservation of Chapters - Oneida Code: Employment Relations adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing March 10, 2009 for the Removal Law

Action: Public hearing date of March 10, 2009 for the Removal Law approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to the LOC bylaws

Action: Amendments to the LOC bylaws approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Affairs Update Retro-approve Employee Free Choice Act position statement

Action: Retro-approval of the Tribe's Employee Free Choice Act position statement approved, Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session Old Business

Oneida Seven Generations Corporation audit findings and follow-up

Action: Chief Financial Officer directed to provide a return on investment calculations for all tribal corporations for the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Internal Audit Department, Oneida Law Office and Finance Office directed to collaborate on evaluating the practice of using limited liability corporations to conduct business, with that report due at the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Recommendation for monthly financial statement reviews of corporate budget information and comparisons and application of the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees, and Commissions deferred pending the report from the Oneida Law Office on GTC Resolution 11-15-08-B. Motion carried unanimously.

Hobart Coordination Resolution

Action: Report regarding the Hobart Coordination resolution accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Amendment made to the main motion to add a paragraph inviting the Village of Hobart to speak on this or any issue. For: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth. Opposed: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion failed.

New Business Loretta T. Avent & Associates, Inc.

contract for political and strategic planning consultant services

Action: Retro-approval request for the Loretta T. Avent & Associates, Inc. contract to Nov. 17, 2008 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

William T. Cornelius renewal counsel contract

Action: William T. Cornelius contract effective Jan 1, 2009. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion carried.

Austin Straubel Airport lease extension and easement

Action: Report on Austin Straubel Airport lease easement arrangement accepted. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Amendment to the main motion made to refer the five acres to the Oneida Land Commission for possible acquisition. For Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Oneida Golf Enterprise Charter

Action: Resolution 01-14-09-H Oneida Golf Enterprise Charter approved including an annual audit to the Tribe and compensation of the board of the interim directors are compensated at \$250 per month. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Opposed: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Cameron Cunningham appointed as an interim board member to the Oneida Golf Enterprise board. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Philip Leroy King appointed to Oneida Golf Enterprise for six months. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstain: Tina Danforth, Trish King. Motion carried.

Action: Diane M. Zubella appointed as an intern board member to the Oneida Golf Enterprise board. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: James Elm appointed to the Oneida Golf Enterprise board. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Bobbi Webster appointed to the Oneida Golf Enterprise board. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Swearing in of interim appointments to the Oneida Golf Enterprise Board scheduled Thurs. Jan. 15, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the Business Committee Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Affairs Update Professional services agreement between OTIE and the Oneida Tribe

Action: Oneida Total Intergrated Enterprises professional services agreement with the Oneida Tribe excluding any waiver of sovereign immunity approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Attorney Brief WI Dept. of Revenue tax refund and sharing agreements

Action: Ed Delgado, Tina Danforth and Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. authorized to participate on the team to explore the issues with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue tax refund and sharing agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Amendment made to the main motion to include Retail, Law Office and Finance Office representation. Motion carried unanimously.

Baylake Bank - TCGC acquisition term Note B

Action: Retro-approval of Resolution 01-14-09-I Baylake Bank - TCGC acquisition term Note B approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Case update OBC v. HRD docket no. 08-ADV-006

Action: Case update OBC v. HRD docket number 08-ADV-006 accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Hobart storm water management special assessments - Tribal fee land

Action: Law office's recommendation to pay the storm water fees and late payment penalties imposed against tribal fee land within the Village of Hobart under protest and to continue to communicate with the Department of Interior regarding the Village's attempt to impose storm water fees against tribal trust land and individual trust land approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Committee Audit Committee minutes Sept. 25, 2008

Action: Sept. 25, 2008 Audit Committee minutes accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING January 28, 2009 • Business Committee Conference Room Meeting called to order at 9:15 A.M.

Present: Chairman Rick Hill - meeting chair, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Edward Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Council member Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr.,

Regular Session Follow up Reports/BC Directives

Standing Stone Limited relationship

Action: Standing Stone Limited relationship report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Standing Stone Limited relationship report referred to the Chief Financial Officer through the Treasurer's office for further review. Motion carried unanimously.

Analysis of U.S. economic crisis on Trust Committee investments

Action: Analysis of U.S. economic crisis on Trust Committee investments report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed GTC dates regarding consideration of two options of per capita payments to re-direct for land purchases

Action: Proposed General Tribal Council dates regarding the consideration of two options of per capita deferred to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Benefits book for tribal membership

Action: Benefits book for tribal membership deferred to the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Cemetery update

Action: General Manager's report on the Oneida cemetery accepted and Enrollments and the Trust Committee directed to report at the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting on how they will assume the responsibility for managing the cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Resolution

Action: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee resolution deferred to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

To move the Oneida Law office as a direct report to the Oneida Business Committee Resolution

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-A moving the Oneida Law Office as a Direct Report to the Oneida Business Committee adopted. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Trish King. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Quality of Life Survey 2008 findings

Action: Presentation of the Quality of Life Survey 2008 findings approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve CIP package for the VFW Building - CIP project #08-003

Action: Activation of the CIP funds project #08-003 and \$600,000 for the project approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: General Manager directed to report on the Central Oneida plan in March. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Township, Outagamie County-Seminary Rd. Construction Project Agreement #AGF2008017

Action: Oneida Township, Outagamie County-Seminary Rd. construction project agreement #AGF200817 deferred to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Pending GTC petition for Oneida Housing Authority

Action: Petition calling for a GTC meeting about the Oneida Housing Authority denied, the Tribal Secretary directed to send a letter to the petitioner explaining the reasons for the denial and the Business Committee directed to prepare a report on the Oneida housing program for the Semi-Annual meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Pending GTC petition for Oneida Recreation Center

Action: General Tribal Council petition for the Oneida Recreation center deferred to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Pending GTC petition for Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber

Action: General Tribal Council petition for the hyperbaric oxygen chamber deferred to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to set up video conferencing system for attached meetings

Action: Authorization to set up the video conferencing system with the Tribal Secretary's office responsible for coordinating this project approved. Motion carried unanimously.

“Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country” conference Mar. 18-21 Scottsdale, AZ Travel Request

Action: Councilwoman Melinda Danforths request to attend “Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country conference March 18 through 21 in Scottsdale, AZ approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Retro-approve to attend USS Green

Bay Commissioning Jan. 25, 2009 Long Beach, CA Travel Request

Action: Vice Chairwoman's request for retro-approval to attend the USS Green Bay Commissioning Jan. 25 in Long Beach, CA approved. Motion carried unanimously.

NAFOA's Winter conference Feb. 9-11, 2009 Las Vegas, NV Travel Request

Action: Treasurer Danforth's request to attend the Native American Financial Officers Association winter conference Feb. 9 through 11 in Las Vegas, NV approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Retro-approve to attend Harvesting Clean Energy conference Jan. 25-28, 2009 Billings, MT Travel Request

Action: Councilman Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr.'s retro-approval request to attend the Harvesting Clean Energy conference Jan. 25 through 28 in Billings, MT approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

Public Hearing March 17, 2009 for Child Support Law & Rules

Action: March 17 approved as the date for the Child Support Law and Rules Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing March 17, 2009 for Paternity Law

Action: Paternity Law Public Hearing date of March 17 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Affairs Update Resolution encouraging tribal citizens participate in the political process

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-B Encouraging Tribal Employees to Participate in the Political Process adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring primary “Get Out The Vote” letter to tribal members who reside in the Village of Hobart

Action: Spring primary “Get Out The Vote” letter to tribal members who reside in the Village of Hobart approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Present: Vice Chairwoman Chairwoman Kathy Hughes (Meeting Chair), Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Edward Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Rick Hill - Chair, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. - Council members, Tina Danforth - Treasurer until 3:21 p.m., Melinda J. Danforth - Council member until 3:23 p.m. Chairman Rick Hill, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Council member Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr.

Executive Session New Business

Contract vendor “U Build a Book” for printing Tribal School yearbooks.

Action: “U Build a Book” contract approved with section 21 jurisdiction has been crossed out and no waiver of sovereign immunity granted. Motion carried unanimously.

Pardon recommendation for Todd Metoxen

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-C Granting Pardon of Todd Metoxen adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Pardon recommendation for Gerald L. Skenadore

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-D Granting Pardon of Gerald L. Skenadore adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Pardon recommendation for Lola Skenadore

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-E Granting Pardon of Lola Skenadore adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Pardon recommendation for Shane M. Skenadore

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-F Granting Pardon of Shane M. Skenadore adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Pardon recommendation for Aga Webster

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-G Granting Pardon of Aga Webster adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Pardon recommendation for Elizabeth L. Denny

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-H Regarding Pardon of Elizabeth L. Denny adopted. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth, Trish King. Motion carried.

Pardon recommendation for Bruce Dickenson

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-I Regarding Pardon of Bruce Dickenson adopted. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Personnel issue

Action: Personnel issue recommendation to add some language for reviewing the policy approved and respond. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Tribal member concern with minor's trust account

Action: Chairman and the Trust Committee authorized to send a letter in

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response to the Tribal member's concern with minor's trust account. Motion carried unanimously.

Change custodian of investments on March 2 to Northern Trust

Action: Resolution 01-28-09-J Approving a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for the Northern Trust Company Master Custody Agreement adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Seven Generations Board responsibility

Action: Three Seven Generations Corporation board members: Brenda Mendolla Buckley, Jennifer Hill-Kelly and James Van Stippen removed for cause as stated in the Oneida Seven Generation Corporation bylaws Article 13. Section 12. For: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Trish King, Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth. Vote tied. Meeting Chair Kathy Hughes opposed to break tie. Motion failed.

Personnel issue

Action: Gaming General Manager's resignation effective Feb. 11 accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Sub-committee consisting of Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Councilman Ed Delgado, Tribal Treasurer Tina Danforth, and Councilman Brandon Stevens requested to review the Gaming General Manager

job description, contract review and structure and provide a recommendation at the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session New York Land Claims

New York Development team update
Action: New York Development verbal update accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: New York Development team to provide a recommendation for the board development at the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

New York Land Claims settlement Update

Action: New York Land Claims settlement verbal update accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Enterprise Development Authority report

Action: Resignation of Scott Dacey accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Business Committee Evening Reports Agenda

Regular Session At 5:15 P.M.

Present: Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado, Trish

King, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Chairman Rick Hill, Council member Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Boards, Committees, and Commissions Reports

Bay Bank

Action: Bay Bank quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Tribal Integrated Enterprises
Action: Oneida Tribal Integrated Enterprises (OTIE) quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation

Action: Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

Action: Oneida Seven Generations Corporation quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee
Action: Trust/Enrollment Committee quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Operating Committee

Action: Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

Oneida Business Committee Special Meeting Results

January 29, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:04 A.M.

Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Chairman Rick Hill - meeting chair, Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Edward Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Executive Session New Business

Proposed property acquisition

Action: Report on the possible property acquisition accepted and the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer directed to provide updated report at Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 a.m.

Oneida Business Committee Emergency Meeting Results February 03, 2009 - Business Committee Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Chairman Rick Hill - meeting chair, Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Edward Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Executive Session New Business

1. Call to Order: Rick Hill - Chair at 9:05 a.m.

Appointment of interim Gaming General Manager

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to rescind the Business Committee action on Jan. 28 to accept the Gaming General Manager's resignation to be effective Feb. 11, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried. (2/3 vote required)

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Gaming General Manager's resignation to be effective Feb. 28 with his last work date to be Feb. 14 and the following two weeks to be vacation, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

ried unanimously.

Meeting Recessed

Action: Meeting recessed until 11:00 a.m., Feb 4, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Reconvened from February 3, 2009

February 4, 2009 - Business Committee Conference Room
Meeting called to order at 11:10 a.m.

Present: Chairman Rick Hill - meeting chair, Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Edward Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Executive Session

Appointment of interim Gaming General Manager

Action: Interim appointment of Louise Cornelius to the Gaming General Manager starting Feb. 15 approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:37 a.m.

Duck Creek Coffee holds grand opening



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

The owners of the new coffee shop Duck Creek Coffee Company, LLC celebrated their grand opening Friday, February 13. Current and former members of the Oneida Business Committee along with Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt, sixth from left, Brown County Executive Tom Hintz, behind Schmitt, and Wisconsin State Representative Tom Nelson, third from left, second row, joined in the ribbon cutting celebration with owners Paul and Jill Ninham, pictured third and fourth from the left. Family and friends joined in the celebration. Duck Creek Coffee shares a suite with Bear Paw Keepsakes at 2667 West Mason Street. They serve a variety of coffee and espresso drinks along with fresh baked pastries.

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This money may go out much more slowly; states have five years to spend the dollars, and they have a history of spending them slowly. In fact, states don't spend all the money; they return nearly \$100 million to the federal treasury every year.

The stimulus bill also includes more than \$4 billion for the Head Start and Early Head Start early education programs and for child care programs.

National debt:

One thing about the president's \$790 billion stimulus package is certain: It will jack up the federal debt.

Whether or not it succeeds in producing jobs and taming the recession, tomorrow's taxpayers will end up footing the bill.

Forecasters expect the 2009 deficit _ for the budget year that began last Oct 1 _ to hit \$1.6 trillion including new stimulus and bank-bailout spending. That's about three times last year's shortfall.

The torrents of red ink are being fed by rising federal spending and falling tax revenues from hard-hit businesses and individuals.

The national debt _ the sum of all annual budget deficits _ stands at \$10.7 trillion. Or about \$36,000 for every man, woman and child in the U.S.

Interest payments alone on the national debt will near \$500 billion this year. It's already the fourth-largest federal expenditure, after Medicare-Medicaid, Social Security and defense.

This will affect us all directly for years, as well as our children and possibly grandchildren, in higher taxes and probably reduced government services. It will also force continued government borrowing, increasingly from China, Japan, Britain, Saudi Arabia and other foreign creditors.

Environment:

The package includes \$9.2 billion for environmental projects at the Interior Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. The money would be used to shutter abandoned mines on public lands, to help local governments protect drinking water supplies, and to erect energy-efficient visitor centers at wildlife refuges and national parks.

The Interior Department estimates that its portion of the work would generate about 100,000 jobs over the next two years.

Yet the plan will only make a dent in the backlog of cleanups facing the EPA and

the long list of chores at the country's national parks, refuges and other public lands. It would be more like a down payment.

When it comes to national parks, the plan sets aside \$735 million for road repairs and maintenance. But that's a fraction of the \$9 billion worth of work waiting for funding.

At EPA, the payout is \$7.2 billion. The bulk of the money will help local communities and states repair and improve drinking water systems and fund projects that protect bays, rivers and other waterways used as sources of drinking water.

The rest of EPA's cut _ \$800 million _ will be used to clean up leaky gasoline storage tanks and the nation's hazardous waste sites.

Police:

The stimulus bill includes plenty of green for those wearing blue.

The compromise bill doles out more than \$3.7 billion for police programs, much of which is set aside for hiring new officers.

The law allocates \$2 billion for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, a program that has funded drug task forces and things such as prisoner rehabilitation and after-school programs.

An additional \$1 billion is set aside to hire local police under the Community Oriented Policing Services program. The program, known as COPS grants, paid the salaries of many local police officers and was a "modest contributor" to the decline in crime in the 1990s, according to a 2005 government oversight report.

Both programs had all been eliminated during the Bush administration.

The bill also includes \$225 million for general criminal justice grants for things such as youth mentoring programs, \$225 million for Indian tribe law enforcement, \$125 million for police in rural areas, \$100 million for victims of crimes, \$50 million to fight Internet crimes against children and \$40 million in grants for law enforcement along the Mexican border.

Higher Education:

The maximum Pell Grant, which helps the lowest-income students attend college, would increase from \$4,731 currently to \$5,350 starting July 1 and \$5,550 in 2010-2011. That would cover three-quarters of the average cost of a four-year college. An extra 800,000 students, or about 7 million, would now

get Pell funding.

The stimulus also increases the tuition tax credit to \$2,500 and makes it 40 percent refundable, so families who don't earn enough to pay income tax could still get up to \$1,000 in extra tuition help.

Computer expenses will now be an allowable expense for 529 college savings plans.

The final package cut \$6 billion the House wanted to spend to kick-start building projects on college campuses. But parts of the \$54 billion state stabilization fund _ with \$39 billion set aside for education _ can be used for modernizing facilities.

There's also an estimated \$15 billion for scientific research, much of which will go to universities. Funding for the National Institutes of Health includes \$1.5 billion set aside for university research facilities.

Altogether, the package spends an estimated \$32 billion on higher education.

The Poor:

More than 37 million Americans live in poverty, and the vast majority of them are in line for extra help under the giant stimulus package. Millions more could be kept from slipping into poverty by the economic lifeline.

People who get food stamps _ 30 million and growing _ will get more. People drawing unemployment checks _ nearly 5 million and growing _ would get an extra \$25, and keep those checks coming longer. People who get Supplemental Security Income _ 7 million poor Americans who are elderly, blind or disabled _ would get one-time extra payments of \$250.

Many low-income Americans also are likely to benefit from a trifecta of tax credits: expansions to the existing Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit, and a new refundable tax credit for workers. Taken together, the three credits are expected to keep more than 2 million Americans from falling into poverty, including more than 800,000 children, according to the private Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

The package also includes a \$3 billion emergency fund to provide temporary assistance to needy families. In addition, cash-strapped states will get an infusion of \$87 billion for Medicaid, the government health program for poor people, and that should help them avoid cutting off benefits to the needy.

Healthy Families Rock!

4th Annual Family Fun Night

Sponsored by: Oneida Community Health Center Diabetes Grant

Where: Turtle School
When: March 30, 2009
Time: 4:00-7:00 PM

Join Us For Fitness Activities:

- ★ Wii Game Challenge
- ★ Wii Fit
- ★ Dance, Dance Revolution
- ★ Fisher Price Smart Bike
- ★ Basketball Shoot
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Giveaways

"Rock Star Nutritionist"
Jill Jayne

Live Concert Featuring:

- Nutrition**
- Music**
- Movement**

Pizza to follow presentation

What's News in Indian Country

Public hearing set on Wisconsin Indian logos

MADISON, Wis. (AP) – People will get a chance next month to tell lawmakers what they think about a bill that would permit education officials to prohibit American Indian mascots in schools.

The Assembly Education Committee plans a public hearing on the measure March 17 at the state Capitol.

The bill calls for the state Department of Public Instruction to investigate complaints about race-based names, nicknames, logos or mascots.

School boards would have a chance to argue the logos or mascots are benign. If the state superintendent finds the complaint has merit, he or she would order the school board to drop the offending moniker within a year or face \$100 to \$1,000 in fines each day it continues to use it.

Ruling may not block tribal land buys in Minnesota

By Steve Karnowski
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) – A U.S. Supreme Court decision Tuesday limiting the federal government's authority to hold land in trust for Indian tribes might not affect a wealthy Minnesota tribe that's relied heavily on trust land to expand its reservation, local Indian law experts said.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, which owns the Mystic Lake Casino, has expanded its original 250-acre reservation to more than 2,800 acres in Prior Lake and Shakopee by using casino profits to buy land and put it in trust. That has sometimes put the tribe at odds with local governments because doing so takes the land off the property tax rolls and potentially affects the ability of the cities to grow.

Tuesday's decision by the high court applies to tribes recognized by the federal government after the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act. That excludes most Minnesota tribes, but the Shakopee tribe didn't win federal recognition until 1969, according to the tribe's Web site.

Sarah Deer, a professor of Indian law at the William Mitchell College of Law, said that while Justice Clarence Thomas, who wrote the majority opinion, apparently sought to close the door on tribes that were recognized after 1934 taking land into trust, Justice Stephen Breyer tried to leave an opening.

In his concurrence, Breyer suggested that that tribes not recognized by the federal government before the 1934 law might still have been under federal jurisdiction.

Deer said that seems to create "wiggle room" for another way tribes can take land into trust. She said tribes such as the Shakopee could argue that they didn't have formal recognition prior to 1934, but that the federal government has acknowledged their existence all along.

"It basically just means there's another box to check off for the tribes," she said.

Thomas Heffelfinger, a former U.S. attorney for Minnesota who now practices Indian law, also said Breyer's concurrence may provide an out for tribes that can show they were under federal jurisdiction. He said that's likely to be decided case by case.

"I suspect that the Shakopee tribe would have a strong argument going back to the 1862 Dakota War for being under federal jurisdiction regardless of when they were formally recognized," Heffelfinger said.

Deer said she doubts Tuesday's ruling could be used to challenge land that's already been placed in trust for tribes. She said the federal Quiet Title Act precludes that.

Willie Hardacker, the Shakopee tribe's legal counsel, said he would need to check with the tribal council before commenting. Prior Lake City Manager Frank Boyles didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Shakopee City Manager Mark McNeill said he hadn't heard about the ruling.

"I'll be very interested to see what it's about," he said.

McNeill said the city of Shakopee has never disputed the right of the tribe to buy land like anyone else, but that the city has had problems with how the Bureau of Indian Affairs handled the notification process. He said the city recently reached a resolution with the federal agency that will allow them to talk about the impacts of tribal land acquisition and how they can work together going forward.

Wis. bill requires Indian logo investigations

By Todd Richmond
Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. (AP) – Wisconsin schools may have to drop their American Indian logos or face hundreds of dollars in fines under a bill a Democratic lawmaker has proposed.

Schools have been moving away from American Indian logos and nicknames for years. More than three dozen still use them, however, according to a fiscal estimate attached to the bill.

The bill calls for the state Department of Public Instruction to investigate complaints about race-based names, nicknames, logos or mascots. School boards would have a chance to argue the logos or mascots don't discriminate or amount to harassment or stereotyping.

If the state superintendent finds the complaint has merit, he or she would order the school board to drop the offending moniker within a year or face \$100 to \$1,000 in fines each day it continues to use the logo.

"It's 2009. It's time we put this behind us. It's the Native American's heritage, first and foremost. If they're not feeling honored, then it's time to get rid of it," said the bill's author, Rep. Jim Soletski, D-Green Bay.

Like many other Midwestern states, Wisconsin has dozens of towns, counties and cities with names derived from Indian languages. The name "Wisconsin" is derived from the French version of the Miami Indian word for the Wisconsin River, according to the state Historical Society. That history has been reflected in school nicknames across the state.

Academia began moving away from the nicknames in the late 1980s to avoid offending American Indians. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse changed its nickname from the Indians to the Eagles in 1989.

Several states, including California, Oklahoma, Kentucky, New Jersey and Vermont have tried to introduce legislation banning racially offensive mascots since 1992, but nothing has

passed, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Wisconsin lawmakers also have tried, but failed, to pass bills similar to Soletski's in the past decade.

Former Wisconsin schools Superintendent John Benson sent a letter to school districts urging them to change American Indian logos to more ethnically sensitive ones in 1994. Current Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster sent out a similar request in 2005, citing an American Psychological Association resolution that said use of such mascots and logos could have a negative impact on students, particularly American Indians.

Since 1991, 32 state school districts have dropped references to American Indians, according to the Wisconsin Indian Education Association's "Indian" Mascot and Logo Task Force.

La Crosse Central High School, for example, changed its Indian-on-horseback logo to a knight in the mid-1990s but kept its Red Raiders nickname. The Tomah High School Indians became the Timberwolves in 2007, and the Wisconsin Rapids School Board voted 4-3 last year to shorten its Red Raiders nickname to Raiders and redesign its mascot.

But 38 districts with American Indian mascots, logos or nicknames haven't changed them, according to the mascot task force.

The Mukwonago School District uses the Indians nickname and an American Indian in a headdress as a logo. Superintendent Paul Strobel said they reflect the area's past and the state shouldn't dictate to local leaders.

"It's our identity. We take pride in the fact that's supposed to be a name taken in a positive light," Strobel said. "We recognize there is accountability and responsibility in using that name. We've done that."

The Mosinee School District did away with its Indian mascot years ago but voted in 2005 to keep the nickname.

"The older generation has a harder time with this issue.

They just have a hard time understanding how this could be perceived as no longer politically acceptable," Superintendent Jerry Rosso said.

Task force chairwoman Barbara Munson, an Oneida Indian, said her children went to Mosinee High School. While social studies classes presumably teach diversity, student athletes are still exposed to racial stereotypes when they play schools with American Indian nicknames, she said.

"My culture, the Oneida culture, values peace," Munson said. "The Indian mascot in Mosinee is kind of tied to ideas of being fierce and warlike. ... It's just one more layer of things kids have to figure out."

Soletski said it isn't up to individual districts.

"The common argument is

we're honoring American Indians," he said. "If American Indians don't want to be honored, it's their choice."

The bill's prospects look good. Democrats control both houses of the Legislature and Assembly Speaker Mike Sheridan, D-Janesville, has signed on a co-sponsor. The bill would still need Gov. Jim Doyle's signature to become law, but Doyle is a Democrat, too. He issued an opinion in 1992, when he was attorney general, saying an American Indian logo or mascot could constitute discrimination.

Doyle spokeswoman Carla Vigue declined to comment on the bill, but said if the logos and nicknames are offensive, the state should "make a change."

The Assembly version of the bill is AB 35. The Senate version is SB 25.

Wis. tribal leader calls for road improvements

By Todd Richmond
Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. (AP) – State and tribal governments must work together with federal officials to improve northern Wisconsin's infrastructure, the chairman of the S o k a o g o n - C h i p p e w a American Indian tribe told the Legislature on Tuesday.

Arlyn Ackley implored legislators during the fifth annual State of the Tribes speech to help add lanes to northern Wisconsin highways in hopes of drawing Chicago tourists to the region.

"We can do a lot of this together to get these things accomplished," Ackley said.

The state Senate and Assembly met in the Assembly chamber along with representatives of Wisconsin's 11 American Indian tribes to hear the speech. Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Eugene Bigboy was scheduled to give the address, but health problems prevented him from traveling to Madison, Ackley told lawmakers.

He filled in for Bigboy on just a few days notice, and

deviated greatly from a written draft of the speech, saying it was hard for him to stand up in front of everyone and just read.

In a wide-ranging address, he said four-lane highways around northern Wisconsin would help draw people and encourage trade. The tribes have worked hard to ensure plenty of fish swim in northern lakes to draw tourists, he added.

He said life for the Sokaogon-Chippewa has been difficult and the tribe is struggling.

He complained about American Indian children leaving through foster care and adoption, changing reservation life. Census workers regularly undercount American Indians and Wisconsin's tribes want to make sure they're counted fairly and accurately in 2010, he added.

He praised the Great Lakes Compact, a federal treaty that prevents thirsty regions from drawing water from the Great Lakes. The pact was ratified last year.

"Water is life," he said.

Judge rules against NY tribe in cigarettes case

AUBURN, N.Y. (AP) – The Cayuga Indian Nation cannot continue selling untaxed cigarettes to non-Indians at its two upstate New York stores, a state judge has ruled.

In a decision released Wednesday, State Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Fisher

said the Cayugas must obey his earlier order blocking the sales at the LakeSide Trading stores in Union Springs and Seneca Falls until a dispute with county officials is fully reviewed by an appeals court.

The Cayugas will appeal Fisher's ruling, said Lee Alcott, a tribe lawyer.

"The decision fails to recognize the root of the problem, which is that until Indian tax exemption coupons are issued, there is no way for the nation to determine whether it is selling to Indians or non-Indians, which was precisely the issue the appellate court has resolved in the nation's favor," Alcott said.

The state has not put in place the coupon system that will exempt Indians from cigarette taxes. A state appeals court has barred the state from enforcing the tax law until the coupons are avail-

able.

Alcott said the two stores will remain open, although nation officials haven't decided whether to continue selling untaxed cigarettes.

Local authorities raided the on Nov. 25, saying they were violating state law by selling cigarettes without charging the required tax and claiming \$485,000 in state excise taxes.

The Cayugas say they are exempt from collecting the taxes because their businesses are protected by their sovereign nation status.

Fisher ruled in December that the tribe doesn't have sovereign rights to sell tax-free cigarettes at its stores. Fisher also said the counties could prosecute the Cayugas on tax-evasion charges. On Friday, local prosecutors revealed that grand juries in Cayuga and Seneca counties have

returned sealed indictments in the dispute.

The Cayugas temporarily closed their stores and appealed Fisher's December ruling. The tribe reopened the stores Jan. 30 after the midlevel Appellate Division issued an injunction.

Fisher said the injunction did not mean the nation could resume selling untaxed cigarettes.

"It's a good day for the taxpayers of New York state," Cayuga County District Attorney Jon Budelmann said of Fisher's decision. "We never said (the Cayugas) can't sell cigarettes, just untaxed cigarettes. If they stop selling untaxed cigarettes, people will have to buy them lawfully and it will level the playing field for other small businesses."

In a separate decision, Fisher ruled the counties may keep the 17,600 cartons of cigarettes sheriff's deputies seized from the stores during raids in November. The Cayugas had asked for the return of the cigarettes, along with computers and business records.

Because cigarettes are considered perishable, Alcott said the nation will sue the counties for \$500,000 to replace their products if they go stale.

Oneida Community Spring Cooking Class!



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Time: 5-7 pm
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In the News with... Cultural Heritage

“As the state population grew, the demand for lumber grew with it. The white emigrants looked on the pine of the Oneida Reservation similarly to the way others viewed the gold discovered at Dahlonega in the Cherokee country of Georgia or later, the gold of the Sioux Black Hills. The politicians – including the Indian agents supposedly looking out for Tribal interests – and entrepreneurs wanted Oneida timber any which way they could get it.”

~ Loretta Metoxen, Tribal Historian

Logging and the Oneidas

When the Oneidas migrated to Wisconsin, their new home was covered largely by White Pine Forest. It was the same great white pine of their creation and their ancestral lands in New York.

Loretta Metoxen wrote, “The Oneida only wanted to clear enough land to adequately provide food for their families and to use what timber they needed to build comfortable homes and out buildings for their crops and livestock. As the state population grew, the demand for lumber grew with it. The White emigrants looked on the pine of the Oneida Reservation similarly to the way others of them had viewed the gold discovered at Dahlonega in the Cherokee Country of Georgia or later the gold of the Sioux Black Hills. The politicians (including Indian agents supposedly looking out for Tribal interests) and entrepreneurs wanted Oneida timber any which way they could get it.”

By 1840s the Oneida had a Grist Mill, Blacksmith Shop, and eventually at least three Saw Mills along Duck Creek. Over the decades, the Oneida began to use more and more of the forest as a source of income.

“The Oneidas used black ash trees to make baskets to sell in the surrounding communities,” says Metoxen. “Barrels were the card-board boxes of the 1800’s. Oneida’s cut hoop poles from poplar saplings and willow with which to bind the barrels. They sold red and white oak to manufacturers in the area to make barrel staves. At Christmas time, Oneidas sent off many barrels packed with greens (hemlock and cedar boughs) to the cities to supplement their subsistence living.”

According to Metoxen, The question eventually

arose, who owns the trees? The Oneidas purchased the land from the Menominee Nation with the signing of the 1821 and 1822 treaties. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of Interior took the position that since the United States held the Oneida Reservation in trust, and trees were part of the resource attached to the surface of the land, that the timber then was owned by the United States. Any minerals below the surface would be similarly held. Under this premise, Oneidas were prevented from cutting any timber for their own benefit. The only way they could gain some income was if the Indian agent had arranged a contract with a local mill. The Oneida man would be paid for his labor and the contract monies would go into the U.S. Treasury.

In 1871, the Green Bay and Lake Pepin Railroad crossed the Oneida Reservation. The Railroad Company needed railroad ties and the Oneidas were eager to supply the need. They were, however, prevented from doing so. Several men cut an order of ties and placed them along the track. The ties were confiscated by the agent and the event was reported to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. The ties eventually laid next to the track and rotted.

The Supreme Court of the United States upheld the position of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Cook Case of 1873.

At that time the Tribal members began to think allotment was better for them because they could then cut and sell the timber on their individual parcels without being charged with federal offenses. However, the Dawes Allotment Act wasn’t passed in Congress until 14 years later and so the Oneidas still had to live with the restrictions of the US Government.



Photo (above) courtesy of UW-Stevens Point Archives

Above, Loggers stack large logs on a sleigh driven wagon. Below, another horse-drawn wagon pulling lumber on a smaller scale.



Above photo courtesy of Oneida Museum
Below photo, C. Garwood, Landscape photographer, Baltimore, Md.

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M. L. MARTIN,
Indian Agent.

Green Bay, Dec. 5, '66.



Oneida Pride showcase their skills



Kali photos/ Steven J. Gandy

The Oneida Pride lacrosse team consists of 3-5 grade students wishing to learn the skills of lacrosse. The team held a pie auction and game on Friday, February 20 at the Turtle School. The money raised was used to fund the lacrosse banquet at the end of the year. Above, a Pride player shoots on goal with a defender in his way during the game. Right, two players jockey for position during the Pride's game.



March Madness arrives early

Kali photos/Steven J. Gandy & Nate Wisneski

WIAA tournament play for girls basketball started on Tuesday, February 24. Right, Carissa Metoxen scores on a fast break during the Oneida Nation Thunderhawks' game against St. Mary's Central in Menasha. The T-Hawks lost 68-18 and finish the season with a record of 6-15. The Thunderhawks were lead by Shanica Hill's 9 points.

Below, Seymour's Emily Doxtator, goes to the hoop strong during the third quarter of their first-round game at Seymour High School. Doxtator lead the Thunder with 13 points as they won 45-31 against the Clintonville Truckers. Seymour (14-7) will play at Oconto Falls Thursday, February 26.



ATTENTION

All 2009 Graduating High School Seniors!

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

DEADLINE to submit photos: Friday, May 1st, 2009*

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

Any special congratulatory messages **WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION.**
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If you would like to be showcased in the Special 'High School Graduate' Section of the Kalihwisaks, **PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING BY FRIDAY, MAY 1st, 2009**

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

Only the above information will be included with submission

Please include a SASE so the photo can be mailed back to the rightful owner.

Send photos to: Yvonne Kaquatosh c/o Kalihwisaks-Graduate Special,
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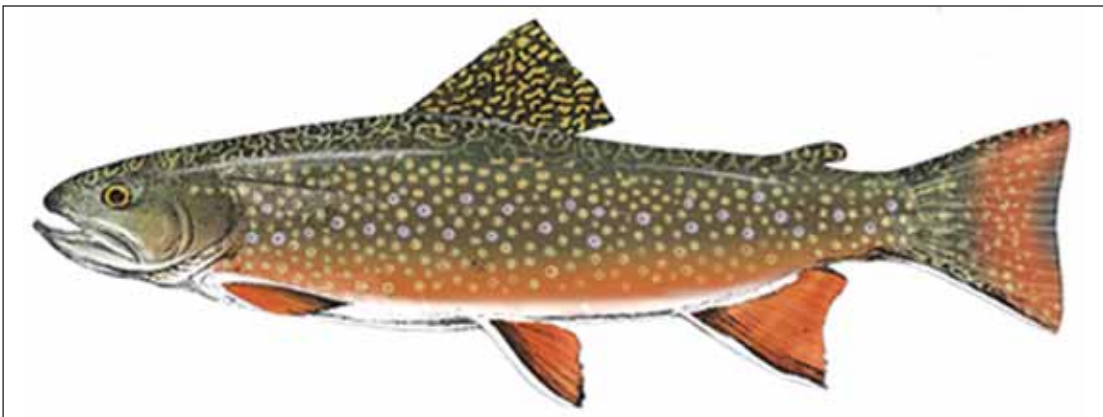
Putting the ‘Trout’ back in ‘Trout Creek’

By Jim Snitgen

Water Resources Supervisor

How many of us can remember the clean, cold stream worthy of the name “Trout Creek”? It's been a long time since this stream held the fish for which it was named. Residential and agricultural development in the Trout Creek watershed eventually caused the habitat and water quality to become too poor for the sensitive trout to survive. Efforts to restore the watershed health began about 10 years ago, focusing on reducing agricultural runoff, and restoring wetlands and in-stream habitat. Through the efforts of the Oneida Tribe and state, local, and federal partners, Trout Creek is once again healthy enough to support sensitive aquatic animals, including the Redside Dace, which is considered a species of “special concern” in Wisconsin.

It is now time to put the Trout back in Trout Creek! The US Fish and Wildlife



Submitted graphic

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is raising brook trout fingerlings to be released into Trout Creek in Oneida in early May. However, there is about a three year wait for the fish to develop a health population before trout fishing will be allowed in Trout Creek. Attempts to rehabilitate the Trout Creek watershed have been ongoing for the past 10 years.

Service is currently raising about 5,000 Brook Trout eggs collected in Ash Creek by Wisconsin DNR last fall. The “fingerlings” will be ready to enter the stream approximately the beginning of May. Don't get your fishing poles just yet. These trout will need time to mature and begin reproducing in the stream. Brook trout do not reproduce until they are about three

years old, we will need to give them some time. In the meantime, we will be monitoring water quality and the trout populations. We will be stocking Brook Trout fingerlings for the next three years to help build a healthy, successful Brook Trout population.

Although Trout Creek is getting healthy again, the work is not done. We all

share the responsibility of keeping it healthy. We are planning an Oneida trout stocking ceremony for early May. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event. For more information, please contact Stacy Gilmore, Water Resource specialist, at **920-496-5325**, or Jim Snitgen, Water Resources Supervisor, at **920-496-5333**.

Seasons of a Trout

Natural reproduction occurs in many streams, including those stocked with hatchery fish. On most of these waters stream productivity, habitat and water quality limit reproduction and growth. Few wild fish reach adulthood in these waters,

so they are stocked with hatchery fish. There are a few streams where conditions are suitable for reproduction and growth. These waters are not stocked with hatchery trout.

SPRING

Developing eggs, still in redd, hatch anytime from February to March. Hatch date depends on stream temperature.

Fry, still living in bottom gravel, live off yolk sac. When this sac is used up, the fry emerge from the gravel. This usually happens in April through early May. Fry eat plankton, the microscopic animals in the stream. Fry are 1 1/2 inches long when they emerge.



SUMMER

To hide from predators, young trout spend time in shallow water hiding under and around rocks. They eat small insects and plankton. Depending on the stream, young trout may be three to four inches long by the end of the summer. In the wild, fewer than 10 percent of these fry survive the first year.

Three-year-old fish are getting ready to spawn for the first time. The eggs develop in the female and grow larger each day.



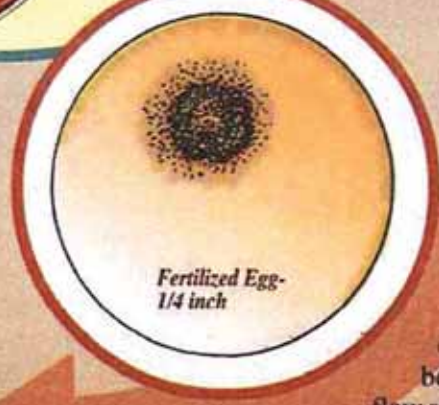
WINTER

Fertilized eggs develop. Oxygen comes from the steady flow of water. Nutrition for the eggs comes from the egg yolk. Temperatures must stay within the 35-degree to 55-degree range for brook and brown trout eggs to hatch. Rainbow trout eggs don't survive when temperatures drop below 40 degrees.



FALL

Females select a spot for the nest, called a redd. Gravel bottoms with a steady flow are ideal. Using her tail she clears a spot for the eggs. A three-year-old fish, about 10 to 12 inches long, will release 500 to 1000 eggs. Fertilized eggs, about 1/4-inch round, sink into the spaces between the gravel.



Reducing Pesticide Exposure

By Ana Barton

Eco Services

In the last issue I wrote about how agricultural practices can degrade both our environment and our water quality. It can also affect our health through the ingestion of harmful pesticides. So, how do we reduce our exposure? First we should all consider better agricultural practices. Even if you don't have a farm, you have the power to choose the foods you consume and support farmers who do not to use pesticides and degrading agricultural practices. We have some wonderful resources here in Oneida. There is Tsyunhehkwa farm. It is a third party certified Organic Farm. They have grass fed beef, free range chickens and eggs, and seasonal turkeys. They are also our main supplier of heirloom white corn. Their retail store offers food products like kanastohale, corn soup, pickles, jam, dried fruits, nuts, maple syrup and corn mush. Another resource is the Oneida farmer's market. Going to the farmer's market gives you an opportunity to meet the farmers. You can ask them questions like, “do you use pesticides on your crops?” This is a great way to exercise your buying power. Ideally an all organic diet is best. Many conventional

stores like Festival, Woodman's and even Wal-Mart carry organic food. The price is a little higher but I have found that when eating an organic diet, not only are you able to eat smaller portions, but the food tastes so much better! With the added nutritional content and no pesticide residue this is a great way to lose weight and live healthier.

The National Research Council (NRC) report Pesticides in the Diets of Infants and Children concluded that dietary intake represents the major source of pesticide exposure for infants and children, and this exposure may account for the increased pesticide-related health risks in children compared to adults.

A study conducted by the National Center for Environmental Health in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, measured the pesticide residue in children's urine for 15 consecutive days. The children ate conventional diets for 4 days, then an organic diet for the following 5 days, and then resumed a conventional diet for the remaining 7 days. The result was a huge decline in the pesticides residue in the children's urine during the days they consumed an all organic diet.

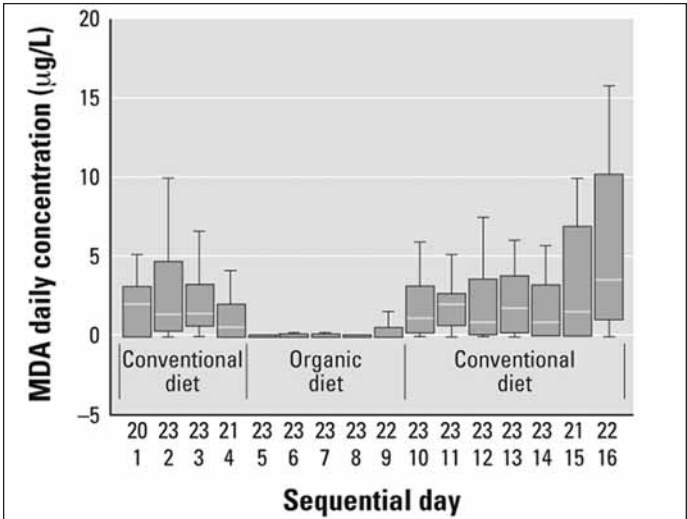


Figure 1. Box plots of DVWA of MDA concentrations in 23 children 3–11 years of age for 15 consecutive days in which conventional and organic diets were consumed. The top row of numbers on the x-axis represents numbers of children.

Can't afford organic?

Consider buying local. Food that was grown outside the U.S. typically has higher levels of pesticides, not to mention a larger carbon footprint. Rather than buying out of season fruits and vegetables from international sources, try frozen foods. These have been shown to have lower pesticide levels.

Let's not forget that as a

sovereign nation, each tribal member has the right to ask their government to draft and enforce policy to protect our environment and our health.

If anyone would like more information on organic foods, or resources in the area, please feel free to e-mail me at abarton@oneidation.org or call me at **920-496-5330** ext 5337.

Hunter's Safety Course

To register contact the Oneida Conservation Department at

920.869.1450

Class Requirements:

- \$10.00 fee per student
- Must be 10 years old

Class Location:

Oneida Community Education Center
2632 Packerland Dr. • Green Bay

Time: **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Scheduled Dates: *Every Monday & Wednesday (4 weeks long)*

1st Class:
3/2, 3/4, 3/9 & 3/11

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- Must be at least 14 years of age, and
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- Enrolled with a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe, or the descendant of an Oneida Tribal Member or live within Reservation Boundaries.

Applications are available with your Yes Advocate, school guidance office, and the Oneida Center for Self Sufficiency 2640 West Point Road, Green Bay, or you may call Jodi Van Cuyk at 490-3791 and an application will be mailed to you.



Application

Deadline is

May 20, 2009

Please Note:

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Elementary School
Highest Honors

Michaela Welch - 4.000
Cierra Johnson - 4.000
Sophie Skenandore-
Wheelock - 3.956
Aleena Escamea - 3.868
Peter King Jr. - 3.822

High Honors

Taliah Frederick - 3.795
Zhaida Wilbanks - 3.795
Sadie Wilber - 3.733
Lexandria Metoxen - 3.694
Michael Robinson - 3.666
Yohnehtote Danforth - 3.653
Constance Webster - 3.643
Jenna Cornelius-Daubon -
3.642
Synala Smith - 3.638
Mariah Miranda - 3.601
Sandra Torres-Mejia - 3.565
Nevada Webster Jr. - 3.538
Brittney Hill - 3.516
Jermaine Running Bear -
3.514
Makayla Doxtater - 3.507

Honors

Joseff Cornelius - 3.488
Jade Cornelius-Daubon -
3.455
Shantel Wilber - 3.455
Saquoia Metoxen - 3.435
Jada Sitting Bear - 3.435
Florence John - 3.423
Gavin White - 3.412
Tabbitha Ninham - 3.386
Sonny Nacotee - 3.335

Esperanza Cruz - 3.334
Cameron Hill - 3.334
Mason Hebb - 3.331
Ethan Schuyler - 3.331
Shienne Red Hail - 3.283
Yakira Tate - 3.257
Jacqueline Hill - 3.237
Kain Hill - 3.229
Charles Cornelius Jr. - 3.212
Bradley Skenandore - 3.206
Niko Pocan - 3.185
Marissa Danforth - 3.180
David Doxtater-Hill - 3.136
Clara Denny - 3.128
Donald Counard Jr. - 3.104
Kwnwahta Smith - 3.103
Dakota Doxtater-Hill - 3.103
Mya Ackley - 3.049
Kiandra Gerald - 3.026
Samual Aschik - 3.001
Ta-Koma King - 3.000
Michaeline Cornelius - 3.000
Nyah Yellowbird-Stevens -
3.000

ONES Elementary School
Perfect Attendance

Tiara Barber, Jeremiah Berg,
Joseff Cornelius, Kamey
Counard, Taliah Frederick,
Kiandra Gerald, Mason Hebb,
Brittney Hill, Justin P. Hill,
Jaycob Johnson, Richard
Longcore, Louisa Mehohaj,
Jermaine Running Bear,
Carlos Smith, Joseph Smith,
Iselena Torres-Mejia, Sandra
Torres-Mejia, Yanet Torrest-
Mejia, Michaela Welch

Middle School
Highest Honors

Cayman Berg-Morales -
3.930
Akacia Muscavitch - 3.882
Byran Halona - 3.863

High Honors

Briana Doxtator - 3.785
Nicholas Metoxen - 3.724
Diego Metoxen - 3.584
Noelle Metoxen - 3.579
Aleah Jimenez - 3.543

Honors

Frederick Miller - 3.444
Vance Starr - 3.427
Ruby John - 3.416
Kaylynn Powless - 3.334
Cody Cornelius - 3.316
Kylene Welch - 3.287
Angelica Schuyler - 3.250
Aaron Hill - 3.241
Damien Schuman - 3.235
Amanda Williams - 3.215
Devonte Pointer - 3.187
Mitchel Cornelius - 3.156
Michael Guyette - 3.125
Autumn Rain Pocan - 3.111
James Hebb - 3.074
Selina Garcia - 3.066
Sheldon Skenandore - 3.057
Julian Webster - 3.019

ONES Middle School
Perfect Attendance

Cayman Berg-Morales,
Emmitt Big Medicine,
Eveyonna Ortega

The Real Head Start Program

By John Pavek
Director of the Oneida Head Start
Program

The Oneida Head Start Program has been part of what happens for three and four-year-olds for over 42 years. As time has gone by the heart of the program has progressed into a rather dynamic force in the lives of the Head Start families. Many believe that Head Start is a nice little education program. It is more—much more. Here are a number of examples of what happens with the Oneida Head Start Program.

The first full week of August we saw 140 children and their parents come to the Three Sisters Head Start for “screening”. As the children arrive they are screened in a number of areas. Children are seen by audiologist who screens for hearing problems. Of all the children screened over 20 needed to be sent on for more testing for potential hearing problems. In either area if problems are found then there is a strong possibility that children that need glasses will start the program with them. With the hearing problem a child may receive a hearing aid or if the problem isn’t severe enough, the teachers wear voice amplifiers so that the child can hear all the directions given to the children.

Children are also screened for heights and weights. The problems we find here are usually related to a child

being overweight. If the problem is severe a consultation with the tribal dietitian is arranged.

Children are also screened for ability and for learning problems. Children are placed in groups where we believe they will thrive. Our teachers are trained to provide for individual differences and if there are large differences were that the teachers require incorporate remedial offerings in their lesson plans.

We also have concerns for children who may be showing behavioral problems. A mental health worker may be called in to assist the teacher and the parents. In all of the things I have discussed so far parents become an integral part of the solution to any problems.

To make sure all of us are on the same page with each child we have monthly staffings. Each child’s progress is discussed in the presence of teachers, family service workers, nurse and/or parents and also the Assistant Director. If things aren’t going as well as we believe the group will devise a remedial plan.

The children’s curriculum has three components this year. The basic curriculum is called the “Creative Curriculum” it is a scientifically based curriculum that has been developed for 3 and 4 year olds. The classrooms are physically structured to accommodate the goals of the curriculum. Head Start also uses something called the “Conscious Discipline”. It is a system of strategies that helps children develops control over their own behaviors. This year we will be introducing a program called, “I am Moving, I am Learning”. With this program we promote gross motor activity and good eating habits for children.

Our Family Service Workers are busy throughout the year. This department helps recruit families for Head Start. They will assist the parents in setting goals, in getting more education and in getting help for any other goal the parents set. The Family service Workers also provide educational classes for parents, develop social programs such as family nights, grandparent feast, etc.” This department sponsors a “Fatherhood Outreach” program and has a contact program for incarcerated parents.

The Oneida Head Start program provides transportation for the students to and from home and to field trips for all classrooms. It also provides food service for the children

which include breakfast, and lunch.

Parents are kept well informed of the progress of their children. Teachers enter daily data into the computer and parents can “click on” to see how their child is doing on a weekly and sometimes daily basis.

Therapy is provided for children who need services through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Oneida Early Intervention Program. Services can be provided in Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy. An Exceptional Educational needs person is also assigned to help children and parents with concerns they might have in regards to their children.

The Oneida Head Start program also maintains a strong relationship with the seven school districts that border the reservation. Those school districts will provide services at our sites or in their schools if the child is in need of strong services. Behind all of these special services there is a nurse from the Oneida Health Center who makes sure all of the health needs and special needs of your children are being fulfilled.

By a resolution of the Business Committee in 1993 and with the guidance of Debbie Thundercloud the Oneida Head Start program was asked to expand. With great cooperation of the leadership of the Oneida Child Care Program, we have open up a classroom at the Airport Road Child Care center, and there is a second classroom open at the Oneida Head Start wing of the Norbert Hill building.

There are many other things that go into the Head Start program. It is hoped that you can see beyond the fact that it is more than a “cute education” program. Speaking about education, the Oneida Head Start program has 28 staff members and of them 22 have college degrees.

The regular Head Start program is supported by a grant from the Federal Government which is in excess of \$850,000. The required tribal match brings this total to over \$1,000,000. The State of Wisconsin provides \$77,250 for one classroom to help support the Oneida Head Start program. We also receive monies from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction grant for the food program which consist of breakfast and lunch for the children.

Trust Scholarship

The Oneida Trust Scholarship was established as a financial resource to assist eligible enrolled Oneida Tribal members in securing higher education opportunities.

The Trust Scholarship is targeted to applicants who are in need of fulfilling college entrance requirements in order to become official accepted into an accredited post-secondary education institution.

The scholarship can assist with: Required pre-requisite credited classes, post-graduate preparation and admission exams, such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT or related preparatory course work.

The Trust Committee respectfully request that all recipients of this scholarship keep in mind the prospect of returning to the Oneida Tribe to share their acquired knowledge, experience, and education.

Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, be in academic good standing (2.0 grade point average for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students).

The Trust Scholarship is a one-time scholarship up to \$2,500.

For an application, contact the Higher Education Office at 920-869-4033 or 800-236-2214 x 4033.

Partners in Education

Youth Apprenticeship Program

Green Bay, Wis. – The Partners in Education (PIE) Youth Apprenticeship Program is entering its 15th year working with high school students and area businesses and industries to grow our future workforce. The class of 2011 is currently completing the applications, with a due date of March 2, 2009. Applications should be submitted to the school to work coordinator in their district.

“It is exciting to know there are more than 200 high school sophomores exploring the opportunities Youth Apprenticeship offers them. In times of economic hardship, students are looking to their future and wanting to get

a head-start on their careers, “said Melinda Pollen, Youth Apprenticeship program manager at the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. “Despite businesses operating in a lean fashion, the truth of the matter is that, in five years or so, our baby boomers will be eligible for retirement. These students, the ones that are in high school, taking post-secondary classes at NWTC, and receiving hands-on training in our community, can help to fill the gaps we will have in most every industry, from auto to welding to information technology to health care and engineering.”

There are currently 72 high school juniors and seniors working at 49 businesses

throughout the Greater Green Bay Area. There are 20 additional students, taking classes at NWTC, for whom we are looking for worksites. If your business is interested in learning more about the Youth Apprenticeship Program, or would like to get involved, please contact Melinda Pollen (9 2 0 - 5 9 3 - 3 4 0 7 ; mpollen@titledown.org) or Nancy Schopf (920-593-3413; schopf@titledown.org).

For more information about the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and its programs, call 920-437-8704 or visit www.titledown.org.

ONEIDA
FACE Program

Family And Child Education

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

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

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beautiful new educational resource opened last fall
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Trades Center
expanded technical learning building opened late last summer
featuring classroom and shop facilities for students enrolled in apprenticeship programs, welding, electrical, office skills and other classes and workshops

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Join
the campus community at 2:30 p.m. for a short program in the Cultural Learning Center's main room celebrating CMN's Sweet 16 ~ 1993 - 2009

Thunderhawk

ONHS artists on display

By Garrett Miller
ONHS senior

March is Youth Art Month. The Youth Art Month Regional Show was held at Green Bay's Art Garage on Saturday, February 21. Three ONHS students—Eli Ninham, Coleman Stevens, and Kalene Beechtree had their art on display at the event.

Two of those students, Coleman and Kalene, will also have their work on display at the State Capitol Rotunda Show as a celebration of Youth Art Month.

All of ONHS Art Instructor Becky Anderson's class will be going to Madison, on March 20 for the opening of the show.

THT photos

Clockwise from left: Coleman Stevens', Kalene Beechtree's and Eli Ninham's works of art are on display for Youth Art Month.



Eli Ninham: ONHS Star Wrestler

By Thunderhawk Times staff and High School Highlights from the ONSS monthly parent newsletter

Eli Ninham is a one-man wrestling team. Being the only wrestler on the team, Eli could easily give up, but he "refuses to let ONHS wrestling die."

While his season ended this past Saturday with a quick pin over a Menominee wrestler, the season itself was a bit of a grind. "I was out for most of

the season with a lower back injury, so I missed three matches," Eli said.

When asked what the highlight of the season was, Eli said, "being the only wrestler—carrying all of Oneida on my back with pride."

Eli was coached by former ONHS math teacher Thom Burke, though his daily workouts were with former ONHS students and wrestlers Scott Braatz and Lakwaho McLester.

He finished 4th in regional competition and 4th in the Fox Valley Lutheran invitational tournament. He figured his record for the season was 4-5. His fastest pin was this weekend. "58-seconds flat," said Eli.

Eli's season may have ended while other area wrestlers continue on until the state finals on March 6 and 7. But in the eyes of his fellow ONHS students, Eli is the real champion for fighting on as a one-man team.

Meet new journalist Cory Hill

Meet the New Journalist—Cory Hill

By Leticia Behringer and Thunderhawk Times staff

Cory Hill joined the journalism class already in progress on February 5. Since that day, according to teacher Denis Gullickson, "Cory has done a great job with his daily work. We are having a lot of fun in class and he's become a big part of what we do."

Cory plays basketball for ONHS. According to his coach, Scott Murray, he does have some skills. He has dreams of playing in the NBA in the future—probably for

the Cleveland Cavaliers where he thinks LeBron is going to be traded and they'll need someone to come in and fill his shoes." He says that he plans on going to college "just to play basketball." But he is also thinking about being a physical education teacher.

Cory is new to ONHS, having transferred from West De Pere this school year. He attended West De Pere schools from about second or third grade, but said, "I didn't like West De Pere anymore."

He lives with his grandma, Georgia, and his grandpa,

Jimmy, on Freedom Road across from the stone church. "Freedom Road, my road," says Cory.

His favorite classes, he says, are gym and journalism. His favorite teachers are "Gary and Denis." Other favorites include the colors red or blue, Burger King, rap music (especially Lil Wayne), pizza, Foot Locker, and, of course, basketball.

In his spare time, he likes to...play basketball.

His role model is LeBron James. His words to live by are, "listen to the teachers."

Going One on One with Jordan

A High School Baller's Fantasy Drive up the Key against Basketball's Greatest Player Ever

By Cory Hill
ONHS senior

Jordan sets up on the key. He may be the best ever, but not when he's playing me. I'm handling the ball, dribbling too quick for Jordan to see.

I'm thinking about Iverson when he broke off Jordan, probably the only guy to ever do it.

I'm going to slam it right in his face, just like LeBron would take it in.

I go left and take the ball in my right hand.

Jordan reaches out those long arms of his to swat the ball.

I'm in the air, soaring like a Thunderhawk.

It can't be this easy. It isn't.

The best-ever jams me back to the floor.

I roll backwards and regain my feet.

Jordan just smiles. The best-ever.

[Advisor's Note: February 17 is the "Best-Ever's" Birthday. This was written in celebration of a player with the following honors: Six-times NBA champion, MVP, 11-time all NBA team, Defensive Player of the Year, Nine-time All-Defensive First Team, Rookie of the Year, 14-time All-Star, 3-time All-Star MVP, Named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history, and 2-time Olympic gold medalist.]

Annual ski trip ahead

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

It's just around the corner - one of the most-anticipated events of every school year. It's the annual ski trip to Ski Brule, just across the border in Upper Michigan.

The bus will pull out of Norbert Hill Center at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10 and return about 7:00 p.m. that night. On board will be twenty to twenty-five ONHS students who have earned the trip with good grades, good attendance, and good behavior during the first semester. Chaperoning the trip will be four ONHS staff members.

Some seniors are really looking forward to the trip. Garrett Miller, who has been on the ski trip every year of his high school career, said he likes the trip "because it's a lot of fun." Josh Skenandore, said he is hoping the weather is just right. "Last year it was a little cold, but way better than the year before when it was all warm and sloppy."

Here Comes Desty!

By Leah Pociopa

ONHS sophomore

Everyone, I would like you to meet Desty Garrett.

Desty has seven brothers and one sister. She lives on the East Side of Green Bay. She recently gave birth to a baby daughter.

She has been going to school at Oneida Nation since second semester of last year.

Her favorite class here at ONHS is U.S History, which is taught by her favorite teacher, Laura Neuens.

Desty's future plans are, first, "to finish high school." Also, "To make sure my baby girl has a good life." Desty also is going to college to be a counselor.

In her spare time she likes to sleep, draw and color. Her favorite food is "pizza 'n' sour cream." Her favorite restaurant is Fazolis. As for colors, Desty "loves lavender." It's her "fave."

Her favorite store? Wal-Mart because "it's the 'everything I need' store." Her role model is ONHS special education aide, Richard Lambert.

Her words to live by are, "If you can live a better life, then live it."

It's a good thing Desty is in journalism, because she "likes to write."

If she could interview anyone from history, it would be "Jesus." If she could interview anyone in the world today, it "would be a prison warden."

My Scoop

Music? Not a problem!

By Jaylee Godfrey

ONHS sophomore

Who is to say that music is a problem?

If anything being able to listen to personal music devices during non-instructional time has helped students concentrate and take a little pressure off of work. This is a good thing!

Sources say that listening to their MP3 players help students actually do their work, while another source says that it helps them relax so that they can take their mind off of all the pressure they have to succeed.

While it is a good thing to have some pressure, helping students to relax and actually do the work is a good thing. More work is getting done with music than without it, in my perspective.

With a teacher you don't necessarily like, when they're done talking you don't have to worry about listening to their voice. It helps you work with a teacher while not actually having to deal with them the whole class.

While some students push buttons when it comes to taking their headphones out and turning off the music, actually having music allowed is a good thing.

You will most likely see better scores on work because it is much easier to think with music and making your head strain for answers. Music is hardly the problem.

Q & A with ONHS Athletic Director, Mike Hanke

By Doug Reed

Thunderhawk Times Assistant Editor

Q: What sports did you play when you were in school?

A: Football, Basketball and Baseball.

Q: Why did you become an athletic director?

A: There was a need after Lance Kelley left. I had served in this capacity at another school, so I felt I was qualified.

Q: Is it easy to become an athletic director?

A: A job as athletic director requires long hours.

Q: Is this job easy for you?

A: As long as one keeps organized and ahead of the schedule, things go well.

Q: Besides being a high school math teacher and athletic director, would you like to do anything else?

A: I would also like to teach history and Latin.

Q: Why did you decide to come to ONHS?

A: The school I had worked at closed, so I was available. I responded to an ad in the newspaper and the rest is history.

Q: What other school would you teach at if you weren't here?

A: I considered working in a high school in Colorado.

Q: Is it fun working with high

school kids?

A: Yes (for the most part).

Q: How much paper work is involved with the job of athletic director?

A: As "A.D." there is a great deal of paperwork.

Q: How much does a football jersey cost to be replaced?

A: To replace a uniform the cost is \$75.00 \$100.00.

Q: Is it hard to get coaches and referees to come to the games when they are on call?

A: As long I remember to keep them informed well ahead of time, there hasn't been a problem.

Q: Does anyone help you with the job?

A: I have a student assistant, Doug Reed, and others that I receive help from. These include the tribe's purchasing department—especially Mrs. Lisa Behringer, the maintenance department, and the financial department at the elementary school—especially Sue Duxtator and Nancy Blashka. I also receive great support from the administration—Shari Mousseau and Bob Ganka—and the board of education—Carolyn Miller and Debbie Danforth.

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As a part of the recent screen play writing workshop hosted by the school, ONHS students took the chairs of the Oneida Business Committee for part of the presentation. This group might just include some of the Oneida Nation's future leaders. (l to r) Eli Ninham, Quinn LaRock, Maria Guerra, Jade Duxtater, Brandon White, Leah Pociopa and Shanica Hill.

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Notice of
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ACTION: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is publishing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the proposed transfer of approximately 0.3 acres of Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin (Oneida Tribe) Fee Land to Federal Trust Status for non-gaming purposes. This land is known as the Former Installation Services Property and is located in Section 19, Township 24 North, Range 20 East, Village of Hobart, Brown County, Wisconsin (Tax Parcel HB-1695-20). The planned activity includes the development of a Single Family Residence and connection of utilities with local services. Based on the EA it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment; therefore an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

30 Day Comment Period:
The FONSI and the EA are available for review and comment for 30 days, from the date of publication in the Green Bay Press Gazette.

This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30 day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

Contact Information:
You may obtain a copy of the EA by mailing or faxing a written request including your name and mailing address to:

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Essential Functions:

- Supervise the daily accounting operations ensuring compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- Analyze and reconcile the general ledger, researching discrepancies and ensuring satisfactory resolution.
- Assist in the preparation of financial statements and reports for the Corporation ensuring they are accurate and timely, present to the Controller for review before distribution.
- Assist the Controller in compiling the annual budget including preparing and running the necessary historical financial performance reports.
- Maintain compliance related to regulatory licenses, permits, leases, contracts, legal agreements and ensure proper execution of operation taxes.
- Manage and perform all aspects of Accounts Payable responsibilities including, but not limited to:
 - » Set-up master accounts for vendors and service providers
 - » Prepares and processes weekly check run according to the Corporation policies and procedures ensuring that vendor timelines tied to discounts and rebates are met
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 - » Responsible for journal preparation pertaining to Accounts Payable
 - » Summarizes payments due and communicates cash needs to the Controller for approval
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 - » Reconcile accounts daily, documenting and problems found during reconciliation and providing appropriate resolution action plans.
 - » Correct billing and cash posting discrepancies as they relate to billing.
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 - » Prepare documents such as letters and account summaries in order to inform management and clients regarding the outstanding status of their accounts.
 - » Contact vendors and clients regarding outstanding balances seeking full repayment, implementing reasonable payment plan options as necessary.
 - » Ensures appropriate support documentation is obtained and attached to the invoices before payment is made
 - » Reconcile accounts receivable, guest ledger and advance deposit balances monthly.
- Income Audit responsibilities including but not limited to:
 - » Perform random cashier/bartender drawer audits, monitor and follow up on cashiers over and short reports.
 - » Prepare daily deposit by compiling all cash drops by different cashiers.
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 - » Balances the safe after all deposits are made as well as at the end of each day
 - » Perform month end inventories related to food, beverage and retail, maintaining updated prices and items
- Back up the accounting department when needed due to business levels, vacations or other absences.

Education & Experience Requirements:
College degree in Accounting or related area of study plus three or more years experience of progressive experience in a hospitality related accounting office or related operations. A combination of education and experience will be considered in lieu of degree.

Required Job Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:
Individual must be able to perform the following duties with or without reasonable accommodation:

- Knowledge of accounting operations to include all aspects such as accounts receivable, accounts payable, income audit and general ledger.
- Basic mathematical skills and ability to operate 10-key by touch.
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- Ability to effectively deal with guest and employee concerns in a friendly and positive manner. This involves listening to the nature of the concern, demonstrating empathy with the customer and providing positive and proactive solutions.
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Meg Waldo, Human Resource Director
Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation
2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay 54313

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54155

Public Hearing Notice

Purpose: Child Support Law and Rules.
The purpose of this Law and attached Rules is to give Tribal members, members of other Tribes who reside on the Reservation, and, in certain instances, non-Indians, the ability to have their child support cases heard by the Oneida Appeals Commission instead of state court. All Oneida Tribal Members, wherever they may reside, would be subject to jurisdiction of the Commission, as well as any Indians residing on the Reservation. A non-Indian would only be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission if he or she provided consent and if the other party was subject to the Commissions jurisdiction. See also Paternity.

Purpose: Paternity Law.
The purpose of this law is to give Tribal members, members of other Tribes who reside on the Reservation, and, in certain instances, non-Indians, the ability to have their paternity case heard by the Oneida Appeals Commission and establish or acknowledge paternity. All Oneida Tribal Members, wherever they may reside, would be subject to jurisdiction of the Commission, as well as any Indians residing on the Reservation. A non-Indian would only be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission if he or she provided consent and if the other party was subject to the Commissions jurisdiction. See also Child Support.

When: March 17, 2009
Where: Business Committee Conference Room (BCCR)
Time: 11:30AM

Purpose: Repeal of the Oneida Boxing Ordinance
In order to allow professional boxing matches to occur on the Reservation, including other styles of fighting, such as mixed martial arts utilizing contracts.

When: March 31, 2009
Where: Business Committee Conference Room (BCCR)
Time: 11:30AM

Purpose: Emergency Management Law Amendments
These amendments re-title the Emergency Management Law to “Emergency Management and Homeland Security”, update the Emergency Management Law, add amendments that address quarantine and isolation, and amend the purposes of the Oneida Nation Emergency Planning Committee (ONEPC).

When: March 31, 2009
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*

Construction Engineer/Inspector


Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises (OTIE) has an immediate opening for a Construction Engineer/Inspector working on various USH 41 construction projects in Brown and Winnebago counties. This position offers an excellent opportunity to work on construction projects in the capacity to assist the project leader providing project inspection, materials testing and construction oversight. A minimum of 2-5 years of engineering experience and knowledge of the WisDOT process preferred. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Evangeline Grace Garrett
Evangeline Grace Garrett was born February 9, 2009 to proud parents Desty Garrett and Marcos Munoz at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay. Evangeline was 7lbs, 10oz and 20 inches at birth.
Maternal grandmother is Pala M. Ableitner, paternal grandmother is Roberta Alloway.
Maternal great-grandmother is Sharon Funmaker.
Maternal great-great-grandmother is Marcella Powless.
Congratulations and love, Mom.



Emmerson Baines Madrid
Emmerson Baines Madrid, newborn son of Rita L. Thornton and Patrick L. Madrid Sr., was born November 24, 2008 at Aurora Bay Care Medical Center, Green Bay, Wisconsin. He weighed 5lbs 9oz and was 17 3/4 in long.

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NEXT DEADLINE
is... **Wednesday,**
March 4, 2009
@ 4:30 P.M.
with a
PUBLISH DATE
of... **Thursday,**
March 12, 2009
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Happy 2nd Birthday
To our
"Tinks" Kyah Rae
On February 28




Love you soooo much,
Gamma Sharon &
Papa Los

Happy Birthday
on March 5th
Helen Ann Webster
Wishing you good health and happiness all year!



Love you, the family

Happy Birthday
to my #1 Son
Rob Aragon Jr.
on March 1st
Wishing you all the Best that Life has to offer...



Love YOU! Mom, and your siblings... Kristi & Craig, T-Mo, Liana and of course your niece Carmella & the rest of our family up North


Happy Birthday
on February 25th
Matt McMahon
Hope you enjoyed your Special Day!
Von & Family

Happy Birthday
To our princess **Kyah**



Love you lots!
XOXO Momma, Daddy & Grandma Kathy

Happy 12th Birthday
Talon Elias Skenadore
On February 27th
Hope you have fun, check out the haircut. First real haircut you've never had.



Love Mom, Sachico and everyone else who loves you

Happy Birthday
Taryn E. Webster
on March 5th
Miss you every day and love you. Mom, Dad,



Sunshine, Talon, the girls Sachico and Nickles and everyone else who loves you baby.

Traditional Outfit Making


The Oneida Housing Authority will be teaching traditional outfit making for boys ages 5 years and older starting **MARCH 2, 2009.**

Space is limited to 15 youth, parents must attend. We will meet on **Tuesday & Thursday nights from 6 to 8 PM.**

The class will be held at the **Flying leaf Community Center in Site II.**
Cost for this class will be **\$25.00.**

On completion of there outfits we will bring them into the dance circle with an honor song at the **2009 Oneida Powwow.**
FMI, call Breezy at 869-6669.

Happy Birthday
to our
Richard, Dodo Marlene and Kyah
on February 26 & 27



Love, your entire family


Happy Birthday
Happy 43rd Birthday to our Mom
Lisa Skenandore



On February 25, 2009
With lots of love, your daughters, Amanda and Michelle


Happy Birthday
on February 26th
Apache Bright Star Stevens-Danforth
Hope it's happy!
Love your family

Missing You
"Peter's Girls"
Bables ~ Chipmunk ~ Scooter



Missing you madly
Love Always,
Your Dad
"Lone Wolf"
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Happy 18th Birthday
Marissa Christjohn



Because this birthday greeting, Daughter Is meant for you today It's filled with wishes for the best That life can bring your way, You've always been so wonderful So very special, too, That nothing but the very best Is sent, with love for you!
The Christjohns

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Recent blood drive exceeds goal of 40 pints collected

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks
The results are in for the most recent American Red Cross blood drive held at Oneida Family Fitness and according to the data submitted by Dave Liethen of the American Red Cross, conditions were perfect to break a long standing record. Unfortunately, the total was just shy of the 2002 record.

“We collected 57 pints on a goal of 40. This is the most pints of blood we have collected since May 2002, when we collected 61 pints,” Liethen said.

The 57 pints collected has the potential to save three times as many lives.

“The blood collected on (February 13) potentially helped save the lives of 171 people,” Liethen said. “A big thank you goes out to Rita Kamps and the rest of the staff in the Oneida Employee Health Nursing Department, the staff at Oneida Family Fitness [and] especially Amy Griesbach and Serena Hernandez who lined up so

many appointments.”

Rita Kamps regularly works with the American Red Cross to schedule blood drives on the reservation. In addition, she also works with other various tribal entities to bring everything together so that workers and donors have an enjoyable and gratifying experience.

Kamps said, “Employee Health Nursing would like to thank all donors, directors, managers and supervisors for allowing employees to come to donate, the calling recruiters at the fitness center, especially Serena Hernandez who got 38 appointments for us, Apple Spice Junction for providing the sandwiches and everyone else that helps with preparations and the clean-up after the drive. Without your help things would not go so smoothly and our drive would not have been such a great success.”

The goal of the February 13 blood drive was 40 units of blood and with the great success of this most recent drive

that goal has now been bumped up.

“We surpassed our goal of 40 by 17...in fact, the Red Cross has upped our goal to 45 so we need your continued

support to keep meeting that goal,” Kamps said.

Individuals unable to donate can rest assured that they will have another chance in May or before if they so

choose.

“The next blood drive has yet to be determined. Anyone who did not get the chance to participate in this blood drive but would still like to donate

can find a blood drive on line at www.givebloodgivelife.org or by calling **1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543)**,” Liethen said.



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Volunteers and workers collected 57 units of blood during the most recent American Red Cross blood drive held at Oneida Family Fitness.

Booklet offers ways in which social advocacy groups can help the poor

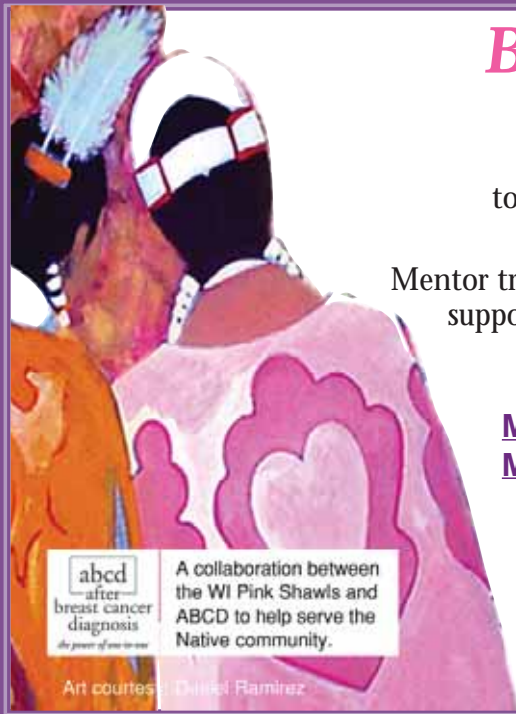
The Parish Local Giving Projects booklet is now available to social concerns committees and persons involved in St. Vincent de Paul societies.

The 24-page booklet, which has been compiled by the Department of Stewardship and Pastoral Services of the Diocese of Green Bay, describes initiatives and lists contacts for parish outreach projects serving local low-income persons. The directory will be updated as more projects are submitted.

Free copies are available at <http://sites.google.com/site/c>

dgbpsm/Home/file-cabinet. For a paper copy, please submit a check for \$5 payable to the Diocese of Green Bay with "Parish Local Giving Projects" in the memo line. Address the envelope to Patty Young, Diocese of Green Bay, P.O. Box 23825, Green Bay, WI 54305-3825.

For further details, contact Brother Steve Herro, O. Praem., diocesan social concerns director, at 920-272-8299, 1-877-500-3580 ext. 8299 (toll-free from 920 and 715), or sherro@gbdioc.org.



Be a Volunteer Mentor for... for ABCD (After Breast Cancer Diagnosis)

Mentors are the heart of ABCD's Mission to offer free, personalized information and one-to-one support to people affected by breast cancer.

Mentor training will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to offer support to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients as you mentor them on a one-to-one basis.

The schedule for the two-part Training Session is as follows:

March 7 – Session 1:

March 14 – Session 2:

Oneida Health Center • Oneida, WI
South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services
• Milwaukee, WI

Advance registration is Required. Transportation available.

For more information or to register, contact the following:

Jackie (ABCD) at: 414.918.9222
Deb Ushakow at: 414.329.4101

ONEIDA Dental Clinic CLOSING

To improve the services for our patients in the Oneida Community, the Dental Clinic will be implementing an electronic dental record, to replace our existing paper charts. This will be completed in two phases.

Phase one...

will be scheduling, walk-out ledger for patients, electronic charting, dental claims and pre-treatment estimates.

Phase two...

will include digital x-rays.

**The Dental Clinic
will be CLOSED**

March 3, 4, 5, 2009

for staff to be trained in phase one.

**The Dental Clinic will be
OPEN**

• *Monday, March 2 &
Friday, March 6*

Friendship hath the skill and observation of the best physician, the diligence and vigilance of the best nurse, and the tenderness and patience of the best mother.

~ Edward Clarendon

Celebrate
National Nutrition Month
by
participating in a
Health education presentation
“Know Your Nutrition”
with
Susan Beck, RD
Jill Caelwaerts, RD
Beth Scheelk, RD, CLS
Betty Schwantes, RD, CDE

Enjoy a light snack & receive: Helpful information on label reading, calorie needs, smart diet tips and gift.

When: Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Time: 5:00 –6:00 pm
Where: Oneida Community Health Center

Please contact Oneida Health Promotion
For more information (920) 869-2711

Free balance, foot sensation testing offered



**Free Balance Screenings
March 19 and April 23**

Balance problems are a leading cause of falls. St. Mary's has state of the art equipment that provides specialized testing to pinpoint problem areas with balance. Have your balance tested and learn how you can protect yourself from injuries, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call **920-498-4267** to register.

**Free Foot Sensation
Testing March 24 and
May 12**

If you have foot pain or numbness, you could have neuropathy. Have your foot sensation tested and learn about therapy procedures that can provide relief for this condition, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Call **920-498-4267** to register.

All screenings are held at St. Mary's Rehab Services, 1727 Shawano Avenue, 3rd floor.

DRUMS Across ONEIDA

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Oneida, WI 54155

Ph. 920.869.2448
Fx. 920.869.1824



Senior Center-Meal Site
134 Riverside Dr.
Oneida, WI 54155

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Fx. 920.869.1526



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Maple Sugar Moon

February 2009

Snow plowing information and routes

by Oneida Elderly Services
In 1994 (ONCOA) Oneida Nation Commission on Aging, a nine (9) member elected advisory board to Elderly Services, took action to establish a priority of serving older & disabled adults. Older elders are identified as seventy (70) and over. This age group is identified nationwide as the most economically, socially and physically needy. Services are provided based on priority, staffing and funding availability.

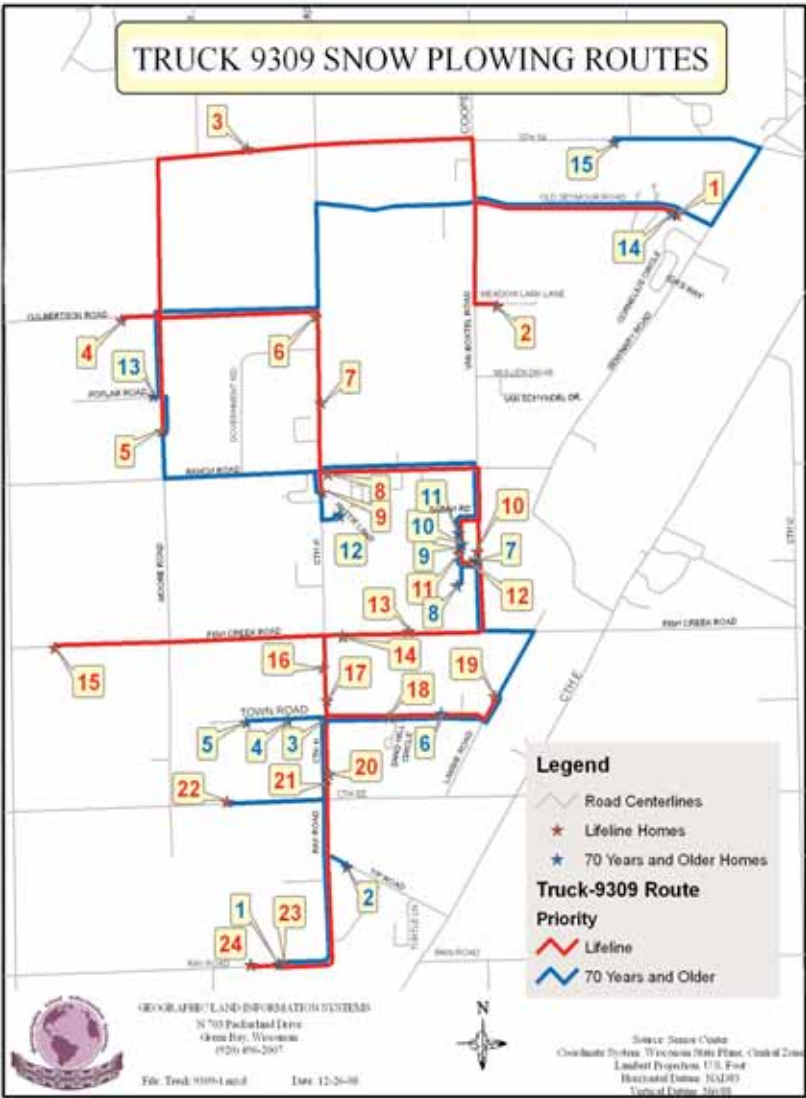
Criteria for snowplowing: Oneida enrolled elders who own their own home. Priority for snowplowing:

1. Elders on Lifeline
2. 70 years and older
3. 55 to 69 years who are disabled/handicapped and living alone
4. all other elders on the plow list

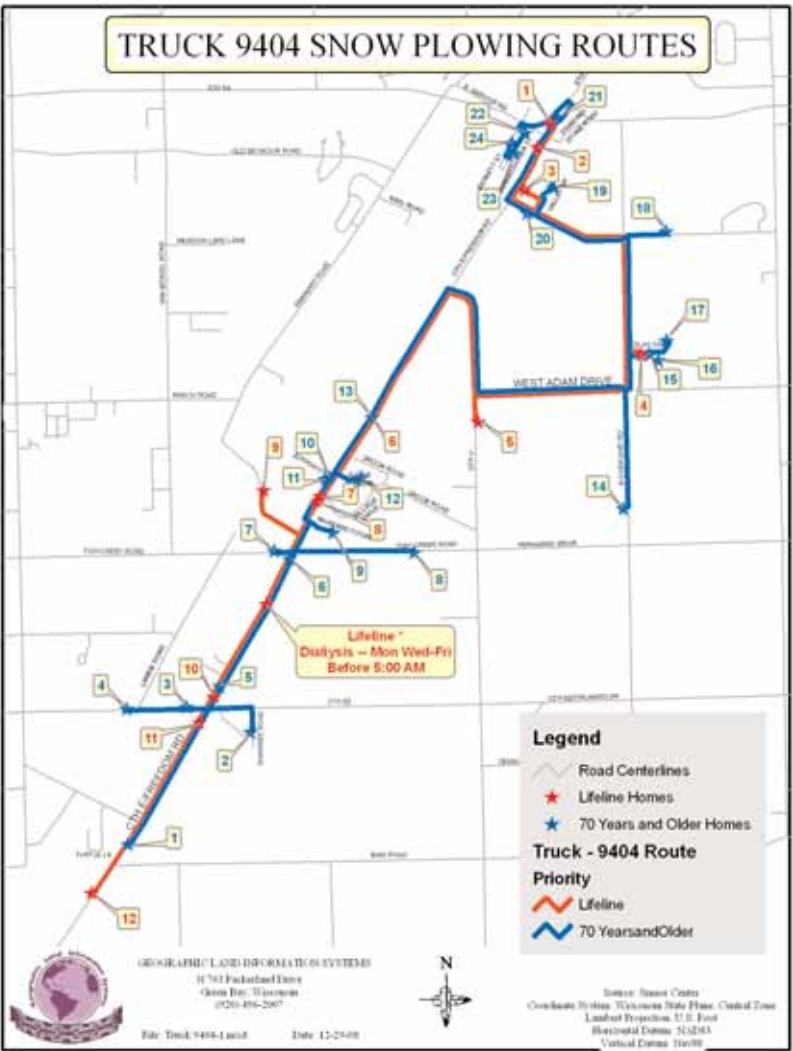
We update the snowplow list, on a regular basis, for health and other concerns. It is the elders' responsibility to keep Elderly Services up to date about health concerns.

Service area for snowplowing: Brown & Outagamie Counties within the Oneida Reservation Boundaries.
We have three (3) trucks, each with two (2) staff. Schedules are done by grids within the Reservation boundaries and each truck has a snow plow list and route based on their area. Each driver knows the boundaries of the reservation. If we have a truck breakdown - our back up is Department of Public Works (DPW). Currently we have 114 elders on the snowplow list.

Snow plowing starts with the first measurable snow fall of three (3) inches or more. Teams may begin at 4 am for times of large snow-fall. There may be times when the snow plowing teams will clear a path for emergency vehicles and will return later to finish. Snow shoveling is completed while the plowing is being done.
For service requests and to update your health status information, please contact our Service Coordinator, Cheryl Ault at (920)869-2448. Family participation is greatly appreciated in our efforts to assist our elders in maintaining an independent, healthy, productive and quality lifestyle. Thank you for your patience, respect and confidence in striving to continuously improve delivery of all services to elders.



The next publish date of DRUMS Across ONEIDA will be March 26th



Living Well: With Chronic Conditions A Self-Management Workshop

If you, a loved one, or someone you know suffers from a chronic condition, take advantage of the **free** workshop held at the Oneida Elderly Services Building.

- Arthritis
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Other Dementia's
 - Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Obesity
- Cancer

- High Blood Pressure
- Stroke
- Pain
- Tobacco Use & Related Conditions (COPD, Emphysema)
- Asthma
- Cystic Fibrosis

Facilitators-Dates & Times
Richard Summers, Loretta Mencheski & Cheryl Ault

Wednesday's 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Oneida Elderly Services
Conference Room
April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29th
May 6th

Light Refreshments

To Register Sign-up at the Senior Center Meal Site
134 Riverdale Dr Oneida WI

- 10 min. per class
- 16 max. per class
- Attendance at every session is highly encouraged
- No Cost

Elder's Meditation of the Day

"The first factor in the revolution of consciousness is the mystic death of the ego- the death of negative thinking, negative personalities. We must purify the soul of the inner enemies. Every time a defect manifests- envy, gluttony, anger, lust, whatever-that impulse to the heart. Ask, 'Do I really need to invoke this?' And then honor the heart."

--Willaru Huayta, QUECHAU NATION, PERU

Attitude is a direction which we follow. If you have a positive attitude, it means you will lean towards a positive direction. If you have a negative attitude, it means you will lean away from the Spirit. Therefore, if we lean toward spiritual values, then our actions will become significant and important. If we lean away from spiritual values, our actions will become insignificant or unimportant. For example, if we love, we will lean towards it; we will prefer to express and embrace it.
Great Spirit, teach me the significance of spiritual values.

ELDERS AND EVERYONE... ...DRUMS CONTACT

From the desk of Linda Douglas

I am with Elderly Services and will be the main contact for the DRUMS Across Oneida newsletter. Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, concerns, complaints, etc. Thank you for your attention. My phone number: 920-869-2448 email ldouglas@oneidanation.org