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The Oneida Recreation Department held their annual Breakfast with the Bunny event on Saturday, April 4 at the Civic Center in Oneida. Kids were treated with treats, food and presents.



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Three-time winner of the Einstein Project Science Award, Dustin Skenandore, donates this year's winnings back to the Einstein Project to continue promoting science education.



Derrick Denny - 8B
Oneida tribal member Derrick Denny has overcome two severe knee injuries and is playing college basketball. He led his team in scoring as a freshman.

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Treaty rights exercised during annual Fishing Ceremony



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The Oneida Tribe held their annual Fishing Ceremony on Friday, March 27, 2009 on the west bank of Duck Creek at Pamperin Park. The ceremony opens the spring fishing season and is a thanksgiving for a successful fishing harvest. Fishing the waters of Duck Creek has been an Oneida tradition dating back more than 150 years. Above: A brave fisherman pulls his net from the cold water of Duck Creek to check for any caught fish. Left: Buffalo Creek performs an honor song to finish the ceremony.

Thornberry Creek at Oneida open for business

By Steven J. Gandy
Kalihwisaks

Thornberry Creek at Oneida re-opened its doors on April 1 after securing its license to sell alcohol from the Village of Hobart. A golf course, bar, restaurant, pro shop and banquet hall make up the facility which is, in part, open year round. Chris Vokracka, Director of Food and Beverage, said, "We're a full service golf course open year-round for food and beverage, although we do have limited hours in the winter." Thornberry Creek at Oneida will be swinging into the golf season with spring hours beginning April 13. "We will be open daily at

• See 2A, Thornberry



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Thornberry Creek at Oneida re-opened to the public on April 1, 2009. A prayer ceremony was held at 4pm before the doors opened to the public at 5pm. Customers are seen commiserating shortly after the doors opened at the Pine Tree Sports Pub & Grill.

ONSS students rake in awards at AISES



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Oneida Nation School System students that participated in the 2009 American Indian Science and Engineering National Science Fair were honored by the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) for their success at the Wednesday, April 8 OBC meeting. Councilwoman Melinda Danforth (left) congratulates (left to right) Yohnehtote Danforth, Aaron Hill, Aleah Jimenez, Noelle Metoxen, Diego Metoxen, Cayman Berg Morales, and Byran Halona. The students were given certificates of appreciation for their success by the OBC.

By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks

Seven Students grades 5-8 from the Oneida Nation School System brought home 16 awards from the 22nd annual American Indian Science and Engineering (AISES) National Science Fair in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 26-28, 2009. Oneida Nation Elementary School Principle Yvette Peguero had high praise for the students. "This was the best group of students we've ever taken in the 20 years we've been doing (AISES). They were great, they were respectful, it was also the most awards we ever won," said Peguero. "They did wonderful."

• See 2A, AISES

OHA reaches out to homeless

By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks

As the national economic crisis deepens, the Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) is reaching out to meet the needs of tribal members. According to Cary Waubanasum, a case worker for the Transitional Living Program of OHA, there are approximately 35 Oneida individuals and families who have contacted her department because they are in need of shelter. "They are without a home, and that means they are living in their car, in a homeless shelter or other program, or on the verge of being homeless from eviction, or doubled up with a friend or family member," said Waubanasum. She stated there are more Oneidas who are being helped by other programs in Brown and Outagamie counties. While outside providers have noted an increased demand for services, requests from Oneida members have remained steady with demand peaking in the fall and winter. "We do have a documented need, and it is our hope that we can expand our transitional living services," said Waubanasum. OHA has four transitional housing units for families. Residents of the units pay reduced monthly rents. "I provide the supportive case management services for them, and that entails home visits, case plans and other supportive programs such as parenting classes, family counseling, alcohol and drug counseling if needed, budgeting," explained Waubanasum. OHA also helps residents save money and clean up their finances. "One of the main things I've had to deal with every family is cleaning up their financial history so they can qualify for rental programs here and in Green Bay or Outagamie County," she said. OHA has received a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Housing Grant of \$1.4 million under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to build new homes and rehab rental units. Waubanasum stressed the importance of programs such as OHA working together with other tribal programs such as grants and social services as well as county programs to meet the needs of Oneida members. "We need competent and qualified service providers to help families and individuals get back on their feet." Along with transitional housing, OHA offers rental units for elders and the disabled along with two to five bedroom units for families. Rents are based on income, and waiting lists are based on need and family size. Applications are available online at or contact the Oneida Housing Authority at (920) 869-2227.

Oneida Recreation gets jump start on Easter with Breakfast with the Bunny



Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

Myron John from the Oneida Veterans hands an Easter Egg to three-year-old Chase Bain (middle) while Makiah Goodeagle (right) waits patiently for her chance to get an egg during the Oneida Recreation's Breakfast with the Bunny at the Civic Center on Saturday, April 4. Kids were treated with eggs from various tribal departments, breakfast, gifts, and a photo with the Easter Bunny.

Medical transit process clarified

It has been three months since the transition of the two Community Health Nursing Department Transportation Aids to Oneida Public Transit Authority. In collaboration with our newly formed partnership, we continue to smooth out the wrinkles in this new process and work to improve customer service. When you call Transit to request the free medical transportation, the dispatcher will first check the two designated medical transportation schedules. The dispatcher will let you know if there is availability or not. Should these schedules be full, the dispatcher will offer you a regular Transit ride and let you know your cost. The medical transportation service is the same as before. But now if there is no available medical

transportation, you don't have to make a separate call to Transit. The dispatcher will assist you in finding the transportation you seek. Below are a few clarifications for this new process: 1. All medial transportation requests must go through the dispatcher. The medical transportation drivers do not accept transportation requests directly. 2. If you are requesting medical transportation, you must identify this to the dispatcher when you call. 3. The dispatcher will request the following information from you; your name, home address, where you are going, and what time you would like to be picked up. 4. If you require assistive devices such as walkers or

wheel chairs, please let the dispatcher know at the time of your request. 5. Transit requests a three day notice for all medical transportation requests. Medical transportation requests with less than 3 days notice can be provided only as these designated schedules permit. 6. Also, Transit requests riders' call the day of their transportation to verify pick up time. Should you run into problems with this new process, please do not hesitate to contact the dispatcher at Transit. This individual is dedicated to ensure your riding experience is a pleasant one. Oneida Public Transit Authority at (920) 833-1658.

OBC Meeting Wrap April 8, 2009

By Nate Wisneski
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The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) worked through their agenda during the April 8, 2009 OBC meeting. In an interesting note, this was the first OBC meeting available via teleconference with the SEOTS office in Milwaukee. Attendance: Rick Hill – Chairman, Kathy Hughes – Vice Chair, Patty Hoeft – Secretary, Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Council Members - Trish King, Melinda Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Tehassi Hill, and Ed Delgado
Follow Up Reports/OBC Directives From Previous Meetings
Oneida Recreation Report
Arlouine Bain, Recreation Director, presented another report in regards to the ultimate goals of the Recreation Department and the feasibility of opening recreation centers on the weekends. Also, Bain proposed cost estimates to upgrade the current Civic Center. Improvements include new tile, cabinets, counter, and the repair of a structurally damaged wall. The upgrades would cost an estimated \$27,098. The department would also like to increase their staff to include two summer interns increased to full time to accommodate the request that fosters a more

competitive sports program and cover absences due to call-ins. To have the Recreation Department open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays would cost \$155,619 annually. The OBC accepted the report and recommended that a pilot program be developed that would implement Saturday hours for the Recreation Department.
SEOTS Building Renovation Update
In March of 2008 SEOTS entered their current location and in July a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) was formed to address the remodeling of their current office space to make it more user-friendly. Those plans were placed on hold due as an option to purchase the building became available and may allow for more extensive remodeling. A recommendation in regards to purchasing the property should be ready and made to the OBC by the May 6 Business Committee meeting. The Oneida Library Board and Oneida Personnel Commission's reports were moved, per their request, to the April 22 meeting in which reports to the OBC are now heard during evening hours to incorporate more community involvement.

New Business
Take an Elder to Lunch Week
The OBC adopted a resolution in which the committee supports a resolution that all tribal members and employees are urged to invite an elder to lunch. The resolution was also tied into setting May 29, 2009 as the date for the Honor the Elder Lunch at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.
SEOTS Pilot Status
Since the conception of the SEOTS office it has held a pilot status. The SEOTS Advisory Board Chair, Jackie Zalim, requested through a memo, that this classification be removed. "After long success and bright future of (the SEOTS office), the SEOTS Advisory Board recommends a change to remove the "Pilot Status" from the records," she said. The OBC approved the recommendation.
Travel Requests
Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, April 22, 2009, Washington D.C., Kathy Hughes. The OBC approved the travel request. Share the Care 2009 Cancer Conference, May 6 – 7, 2009, Lac du Flambeau, WI, Kathy Hughes. The OBC approved the travel request. The next OBC meeting will be April 23 at 9 a.m. in the OBC Conference Room.

From Page 1A/TCAO open for season

11 am on the 13th of the month serving a wide variety of sandwiches, wood fired pizzas, entrees, salads, soups, appetizers...all the fun stuff," Vokracka said. Thornberry's restaurant and bar, The Pine Tree Sports Pub and Grill, is a casual dining experience open to the public and is available for all types of gatherings. "We can do your fantasy football draft and we have Wi-Fi out here for your business needs. Pretty much anything that you can think of for a party from five people to the 300 we can do," Vokracka said. "We have 24 high definition televisions out here. We'll be showing every NFL football game to doing some of the mixed martial arts pay-per-view events; if you want to see it on TV this a good spot to come out and watch." There are two courses at Thornberry Creek at Oneida with a total of 36 holes. The original double-holed course is a unique blend of nine fairways and 18 holes. The

course is designed to offer an 18-hole experience by offering two hole/pin options for each fairway. There are separate, designated tee boxes for each pin placement with a higher degree of difficulty on the "second" set of pins. In addition, the Championship Course is a traditional 18-hole course featuring some wide open fairways, beautiful water and sand bunkers throughout the course. Currently the original course is open and available for play. Mark Becker, PGA Director of Golf, said, "Conditions on the course will be great. We still have a little bit of winter kill from the heavy snows over this past off-season, but the course is going to be, overall, in fantastic shape coming out of winter." Spring rates are currently being offered for the original course. The cost to walk nine holes is \$12.50. Becker expects conditions to dry up

at the course in the next week and will then offer nine holes and a cart on the original nine at \$17.50 (spring rates). The opening of the Championship Course to open is a bit further off due to the protected areas on the course and the fact that the course lies on lower ground that tends to take longer to dry out. "I would say, we're looking at a couple of weeks at this point for the championship 18 (to open)," Becker said. The Championship 18 at Thornberry Creek has won the Best of the Bay award the past two years in the Best Golf Course in NE Wisconsin category and is in the running again for 2009. "Our main focus is to accent the golf course and make sure that we're the best facility in NE Wisconsin," Vokracka said. "Our goal is to serve high quality foods at reasonable prices with top quality service while serving the customer and taking care of their needs."

From Page 1A/22nd Annual AISES

Yohnehtote Danforth, Byran Halona, Aaron Hill, Aleah Jimenez and Noelle Metoxen took home first place medals, Diego Metoxen won second place, and Cayman Berg Morales placed third in his category. In addition to placing in their categories, the group brought back seven special awards: *BNSF Railway & Transportation Award* Byran Halona - \$50.00 cash award *Discovery Education 3M, Young Scientist Challenge* Byran Halona - Certificate and eligibility to compete in scholarship award *NASA Space Explorers* Byran Halona - Pendleton Blanket *Knight Eagle Award: In honor of reversing affects of colonization* Noelle Metoxen - Gift Certificate & books *Sundance Educational & Consulting Excellence Award*

Cayman Berg Morales - \$50.00 cash award *United States Public Health Service Outstanding Achievement Award* Aleah Jimenez - Certificate *Richard LaCourse Memorial Award: Excellence in visual, written & oral communication* Yohnehtote Danforth - \$100.00 cash award *AISES Math Competition:* 3rd Place: Byran Halona 4th Place: Yohnehtote Danforth The young scientists thought the experience was positive and enjoyed working on their projects. "Lots of times you can ask questions about things you don't know, but they can also be things that you would like to know about," said eighth grade student Berg Morales who studied the effects of sports drinks on blood pressure and heart rate. Sixth grade student

Holona was inspired to pursue a career with NASA after being presented a Pendleton blanket by an astronaut. "I sleep with it every night," said Holona who compared the effects of incandescent lights to fluorescent lights on solar panels. The students were impressed with the other projects on display; however, fifth grade student Danforth garnered praise for her exhibit comparing sea sponges to manufactured sponges. "One judge said Yohnehtote could have competed at the high school level," said Peguero. While the projects were hard work, there were some side benefits, according to 8th grade student Metoxen who studied what temperature popcorn cooks best. "It was fun eating all the popcorn," she said.

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Milan, Jesse C.

March 3, 1971 – March 23, 2009

Jesse C. Milan, 38, De Pere, passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday March 23, 2009. He was born March 3, 1971 in Sturgeon Bay to Phyllis Metoxen and the late Jesse



Bernie (Kitty) Weideman, Cleveland, OH., his cousins; Vicki, Bonnie, Margaret, and Leanne, Bernard Jr., and Karen. Jesse's step grandmother Annie Bashell,

Milam. He was a graduate of East Green Bay High School, and had worked security for the Oneida Tribe and the Island Resort and Casino. Jesse liked to watch wrestling with his brother, and listen to 80's Heavy Metal.

He is survived by his son Jason, his mother Phyllis (Duane) Bashell, Green Bay, his sister Jennifer Milam and her husband Tony Montgomery, Sturgeon Bay, and his brother Duane Bashell Jr. of De Pere. Jesse is further survived by two nephews; Taylor and Kenny, his aunts; Stella (Hank) Huff, Sturgeon Bay, Wanda Lemieux, Sturgeon Bay, his uncle;

Sturgeon Bay, and his good friends; Joe DeBouche, and Chantelle Skenadore also survive.

He was preceded in death by his father Jesse Charles Milam, as well as his maternal and paternal grandparents, and his uncle John Weideman, and aunt Romona Waters.

A graveside service for Jesse will be held at 10AM on Saturday April 18, 2009 at Bayside Cemetery in Sturgeon Bay.

The RYAN FUNERAL HOME, De Pere is assisting the family with arrangements. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to express online condolences to the family.



Elsemore, Madeline A.

February 12, 1933 – December 10, 2008

Greenville, ME – Madeline Elsemore, 75, died December 10, 2008, at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, ME. She was born February 12, 1933, in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, daughter of Ward and Mildred (Doxtater) McReynolds.

She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Garland and her husband, Mark of No.

Conway, NH; a grandson, Jerrod of Colorado Springs, CO; brothers Ward McReynolds of Huntington Beach, CA; and Wayne and his wife Jean of Green Bay, Wisconsin; several nieces and nephews; and her cat Cleo.

There are no public services planned at this time. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Greenville, ME



Hargrove, Alivian Sage

April 7, 2009

Alivian Sage Hargrove, infant daughter of Luke and Jennifer (Berg) Hargrove, Green Bay passed away Tuesday afternoon, April 7, 2009.

She is survived by her parents; brothers, Cayman, Jackson and Laken; maternal grandparents, Shellie Berg, Green Bay; David Danforth, Oneida; paternal grandparents, Phil and Tamie Hargrove, Oconto Falls;

great-grandparents: Geraldine Berg, Louise Hargrove and Betty Jansen; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Friends may call at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour on Friday, April 10, 2009 from 10 AM until the time of services at 11 AM with Bob Brown officiating. Burial in the Oneida Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.muehlboettcher.com.

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Caretakers Corner

BIA: Trust land is not subject to state, local taxation or regulation

Hobart's Storm Water Management Special Assessment can not be imposed on Oneida Trust Land

Last year, the Tribe first received notices of the Village of Hobart's Storm Water Management Special Assessments on the property tax bills for tribal fee and tribal trust property, as well as for several parcels of individual trust property. The Tribe immediately notified the BIA and asked for their assistance to stop the Village from imposing these assessments. Last fall, the Tribe received a Notice of Issuance of Tax Certificate from Brown County. This Notice stated

that if the Tribe did not pay these assessments, the County would take ownership of the property in two years. The Tribe has since paid all these assessments levied against tribal fee land under protest, but continued to refuse payment of the assessments levied against the trust property.

Since last year, many tribal members owning their own fee land and trust land received similar notices and called the Tribe to find out what they should do. The Tribe sent out letters to tribal members letting them know their options. Some people chose to pay the assessments, others chose not to.

On February 5, 2009, the Tribe received a letter from the Village stating the Village

was not going to issue a liquor license for Thornberry Creek at Oneida until the Tribe put these assessments into an escrow account. After deliberating the issue for some time and negotiating the terms of the agreement with the Village, the Business Committee and the Village signed an escrow agreement on March 26, 2009. The agreement included an escrow for the Storm Water Management Assessments. According to this agreement, if the Tribe and the Village cannot resolve the issue of whether the Village has the authority to impose these assessments within 90 days, either the Tribe or the Village may file an action in federal court to have the court resolve the issue.

On March 27, 2009, the Tribe received a copy of a letter the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) sent to the Village and the County concerning the assessments. The BIA cited several court cases and explained that trust land is not subject to state and local taxation or regulation and concluded that the Village's Storm Water Management Assessments could not be imposed on trust land. The BIA then asked the Village and the County to "take immediate action to delete this property from the tax certificate list and terminate further collection action."

Tribal members who have questions can contact the Oneida Law Office.

Oneida Division of Land Management

Disposal of unwanted materials should be priority

The Oneida Division of Land Management is the entity designated by the Oneida Nation as responsible for managing all tribal real property assets. We take this responsibility seriously and strive to keep tribal properties free of debris accumulation. We have initiated some major clean up projects in the past couple years, including the removal of over 500 tires at one location and an illegal dumping site on Government Rd. We have demolished several residential and farm buildings that were in poor condition, posing safety and liability concerns. These sites have been totally rehabilitated through the assistance of the Environmental Division and Department of Public Works.

This work has been done at a substantial cost to the Oneida Tribe. The Department of Public Works has dedicated staff and equipment to keep costs to the Tribe at a minimal. Alternate funding sources, such as grants, have supplemented the cost of the clean up, but at the sacrifice of other more productive measures to enhance our tribal lands. To assist in defraying costs we've also allowed tribal members the opportunity to demolish buildings/structures, where liability con-

cerns are at a minimal. This is accomplished through the individuals entering into a Salvage Agreement with the Division of Land Management. We have had a number of projects successfully completed in this way. But we have also had bad experiences where we've assumed additional liability/costs due to this allowance, i.e. salvager using the site to dump additional materials that need to be specially disposed of or removal of primary support beams for their salvage value, leaving the structure in an extremely hazardous condition.

As tribal members it is also our individual responsibility to properly dispose of recyclable items, hazardous waste, and household garbage. Information is available through the Environmental Division to assist in knowing where items can be properly disposed of. Items too large for garbage containers can either be delivered to the transfer station at the former Brown County Landfill on W. Mason St. or arrangements can be made through the Tribe's waste management vendor.

We also ask that should you see anyone illegally dumping garbage, large items, hazardous materials or

tires on tribal property, you contact the Oneida Police Department with information such as names, license plate numbers, description of vehicles, and time and place. Once a non-tribal enters tribal property they are subjecting themselves to the

enforcement of our laws upon them. Unfortunately, it is not only non-tribal members committing these acts. If we all act in a more conscientious manner we can provide a more pristine environment for the generations to come.

Is Your Dream A Home Near The Golf Course At Thornberry Creek?

If it is, then read on.

As you know, the Tribe has purchased the Thornberry Creek Golf Course and it includes 3 residences. Soon the Land Office will be announcing two D.R.E.A.M. homes that will be available for purchase. The third one has an existing lease until the end of this year. At that time it could be available to an Oneida tribal member. We need to know if there are Oneida tribal members who are interested and can afford the house.

This home is valued around \$300,000. Currently, we are looking to see if there is any interest from tribal members to purchase it. A Dream Home is sold at the appraised value of the house, but the land around and under remains in the name of the Tribe, but the home buyer is provided with a long term lease. The home buyer also must maintain insurance and pay the improvement portion of the taxes until the land goes into trust status.

Following is an estimate of the cost for this house:

House is appraised at \$300,000.
Down payment is 5% which is \$15,000.
The mortgage is for \$285,000 at 6% interest rate.

Approximate monthly payments:

Mortgage: \$1500 Taxes: \$535 Insurance: \$100
The approximate total monthly payment is **\$2135.**

This article is written to see if there is any interest out there. If we find out that there is an interest, we will follow our usual procedure of:

- 1) Advertising it in the Kalihwisaks
- 2) Having two open houses
- 3) Taking applications.

So, if you are an Oneida enrolled tribal member and are interested in hearing more about this beautiful home and you are looking for a new home, call Nicole Rommel in Financial Accounts at the Division of Land Management 920-869-1690 ext. 1823 or e-mail nrommel@oneidana-tion.org.



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The Quality of Life Survey results

Submitted by the Statistics Office

This is the second article communicating the results of the 2008 Quality of Life, a survey that gathers data on various social, cultural, health, economic, educational, governmental and other issues. Last month was focused on the general results of the survey. Beginning with this month, the key findings will be focused on individually.

The key finding for this month is: The majority of the Oneida Nation has favorable ratings for both their neighborhood and the Reservation as a place to live. In addition, respondents consider their neighborhood safe at night and are quite satisfied with their overall quality of life. This topic will be discussed in detail. Keep in mind that

Tribal members from all over the U.S. participated in this survey, although, an emphasis was placed on members living on the reservation.

Respondents were asked questions about the Oneida Reservation and their own neighborhood. Respondents were first asked to rate the Oneida Reservation as a place to live. The majority of respondents rated the Oneida Reservation as an excellent or good place to live (20% excellent; 49% good). 16% of survey respondents chose N/A. This was most likely because the respondent did not live on the reservation and therefore could not rate it as a place to live.

Respondents were also asked about their neighborhood as a place to live. 82% of respondents living on the Oneida Reservation rated

their neighborhood as excellent or good. 69% of respondents living off-Reservation rated their neighborhood as excellent or good.

The survey also asked about safety. Respondents were asked how safe they feel being alone at night in their neighborhood. On-reservation respondents feel safer than off-reservation respondents (91%; 83%). Overall, 88% of respondents strongly or somewhat agree that their neighborhood is safe at night when alone. Respondents with income less than \$10,000 hold the lowest level of agreement at 76%, while respondents with income \$75,000-\$99,999 had the highest level of agreement at 95%.

The final discussion topic is overall life satisfaction. Overall, respondents were

either very satisfied (37%) or somewhat satisfied (51%). On-reservation respondents were slightly more satisfied than off-reservation respondents (90%; 85%). Age was also a factor in overall life satisfaction with satisfaction increasing as age increased. 76% of respondents between 18 and 24 were very or somewhat satisfied while 92% of respondents 65 and over are very or somewhat satisfied.

The complete 2008 Quality of Life report is available on the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin website, www.oneidanation.org. If you have any questions/concerns about the Quality of Life survey please contact the Statistical Office at (920)869-4564 or via e-mail at stats@oneidanation.org.

Yukhikalatuse accepting submissions

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

The editors prefer that writers submit electronically to:

jstevens@centurytel.net or bbashara@oneidanation.org.

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

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

How the Iroquois League was created

Submitted by Nicolas Reynolds

Oneida Cultural Heritage

A long time ago, maybe hundreds or thousands of years before Europeans came to this continent, the Lotinuhsyu-n\$- (Iroquois Confederacy) covered much of what is called New York State. Although exact date when the League was formed is not clear, oral history has kept alive the account of how it happened, and perhaps more importantly, why it was formed.

Bob Brown, Cultural Advisor to the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, explained that long ago, the people were divided and constantly at war with each other. The Creator gives each person a purpose, a reason why they are born at a certain time and place. Because the people were continuously doing harm to each other, they often did not live to accomplish the purpose that they had been given. Bob Brown stated that "we were all created for a purpose, we all had a responsibility, but it was not the purpose of taking another's life." In response, the Creator sent the Peacemaker as a messenger to the people. He was sent to restore peace and to instruct the people.

The Peacemaker was born among the Huron People, who are related culturally to

the Iroquois groups. The Huron have a language that is similar to the Mohawk people. As it was, the Peacemaker went first to Kany<keha-k@= (People of the Flint, or the Mohawk). He spoke to them of the way that the Creator had intended for them to live, and they were the first to accept his message. He then moved to the west, to the On<yote>a@= (People of the Standing Stone, or the Oneida) and shared his message with them. They too accepted his message.

When the Peacemaker came to the Onutak#ha-k@= (People of the Hills, or the Onondaga), the people did not accept the Peacemaker because of their fear of Thatat@lho>, who had great power. It was determined that if they could persuade all of the other nations to unite, they might be able to persuade Thatat@lho> to listen to the Peacemaker.

The Peacemaker continued west and approached Khayuka>a-k@= (the Cayuga). The Peacemaker visited two places among the Khayuka>a-k@=. The people who lived in the Northern land were called the people of the Mucky lands and the people who lived in the lower territories were called people of

the Great Pipe. They were the next to accept the message of the Peacemaker. The last group that the Peacemaker approached were Tsitwana>a-k@= (People of the Mountain, or the Seneca).

After the Peacemaker had visited all of the five nations, the four nations who had accepted agreed to converge in the territory of the Onondaga and began to unite and try to appease Thatat@lho>. Many of the Onondaga people agreed with the message that the Peacemaker brought, but they still feared Thatat@lho>. It was then that they planted the Great white Pine as a symbol of peace and specified that it would be planted in the land where Thatat@lho> lived. To further encourage him, it was decided that the council of chiefs would meet at Onondaga, that they would always come before Thatat@lho>.

Thatat@lho> eventually agreed and the Iroquois Confederacy was solidified. Although it is difficult to determine how old the League is, its purpose continues to remind the Lotinuhsyu-n\$- that they are here for a purpose and they each find a portion of their identity through that connection.



Calendar

2009

April 13

Mother Earth Water Walk Gathering

WHEN: Monday • April 13
TIME: 12:00PM - 1:00PM
PLACE: Ohsnusha Lake, 3703 Hillcrest Drive
A group of women will begin walking from the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic Ocean. Our community will gather to support their efforts to raise clean water awareness. For more information visit www.motherearth-waterwalk.com For local information, call 920-490-0627.

April 14

Celebrate Cancer Control Month

WHEN: Tuesday, April 14
TIME: 5:00:PM - 6:00PM
PLACE: Oneida community Health Center
Dr. Edward Szabo will give an educational presentation along with a health center update on cancer screening guidelines. Enjoy a light snack. Please contact Oneida Health Promotion for more information at **920-869-2711**.

April 17

Bay Area Vipers Brat Fry

WHEN: Friday • April 17
TIME: 9:00AM - 5:00PM
PLACE: Festival Foods, West Mason Street
The Bay Area Vipers are hosting a brat fry at the Festival Foods on West Mason Street. All funds generated will be used to kick off the 2009 football season. Thank you to all who support the Bay Area Vipers. Call 920-655-4290 for more information.

April 18

Bill Danforth All – Native Bowling Tournament

WHEN: Saturday • April 18th
TIME: Registration begins at 12:00pm
PLACE: Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley
23rd annual tournament. Men's and Womens divisions, must be at least 18 y/o. \$30 entry fee, cash only. Payout based on # of bowlers. Contact **920-869-2955** for more information.

April 19

Green Gardening Tips and Compost Demonstration

WHEN: Sunday • April 19th
TIME: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
PLACE: Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Rd.
Come out to Green Bay Botanical Garden and learn some ways to green up your garden with more than just your plants! Learn about interegrated pest management, mulching picking plants that need less water and fertilizer, and how to make your own compost. It's fun, it's free and you can use these ideas at home. No registration required. Call **920-490-9457** for more information.

April 25, 2009

MATC – A Return to Tradition Powwow

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

May 16

Oneida Youth and Elder Fishing Day

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

Tuesdays

Women's Talking Circle Group

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

Mondays

Teaching Powwow Drum

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

Fridays

Women's Support Group

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

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BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

Radisson Wins Again

**2008 winner
of the
President's
award**

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The employees of the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center were recognized for their superior customer service as the hotel was awarded the distinguished President's Award for 2008.

The award is presented by the Radisson Hotels and Resorts to recognize their hotels and resorts that have consistently provided exceptional guest satisfaction and brand engagement.

"It feels good from a pride standpoint but we more importantly can use it to market the hotel," said Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation President Lance Broberg. "We can tell customers you are staying at the best Radisson in the United States."

This is the eighth time the Radisson has won the award since 2000 and its ninth overall. "It really is expected (to win the award). We think the award really encompasses the whole product because it's based on the customer's voice. If we don't get it, it's



Kali file photo

The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center was recognized for the superior customer service by the Radisson Hotels and Resorts. This is the eighth time the hotel and conference center won the award since 2000.

kind of a disappointment," Broberg said. "It's infiltrated our culture."

Radisson management realizes that awards like these are a full team effort by all employees. "All employees in all areas have a stake in things. Part of our guest satisfaction is everything from the check-in process, cleanliness of the rooms, food and beverage experience, billing, and

checking out. Every employee, manager, and area of the hotel has a part in it," said James Elm, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center General Manager.

Broberg believes a well executed business plan will lead to notoriety. "We don't necessarily chaste after awards. We try to create a good business model, then awards will follow," he said.

The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center is owned and operated by the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation, a tribally chartered corporation of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. The hotel consists of 408 guest rooms and suites, over 30,000 square feet of meeting, convention and event space with three restaurants and lounges.

Understanding the new Home Buyer Credit

Bay Bank's TIPS...

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

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

tax relief.

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

The new law contains certain eligibility requirements including the following:

- To be eligible for the new credit, homes must have

been purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2009 and before Dec. 1, 2009.

- Because this is a tax credit, it can only be claimed on a home owner's federal tax return, and cannot be applied at the time the home is purchased to reduce the price. However, since it is a credit and not a credit-loan, it does not need to be repaid.
- The credit is equal to 10 percent of the home's purchase price up to a maximum of \$8,000.00
- The tax credit is reduced for buyers with a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) of more than \$75,000.00 for single taxpayers and \$150,000.00 for married taxpayers filing a joint return. The tax credit is reduced to zero for taxpayers with MAGI of more than \$95,000.00 (single) or \$170,000.00 (married) and is reduced proportionally for taxpayers with MAGIs between those amounts.



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

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

For more information on the First-Time Buyer Tax Credit visit; <http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com/home.html>

Bay Bank's TIPS...

Be a Smart Shopper:

Plan, Spend and Save

With the holiday season recently over and bills filing in, you might think that your discretionary budget is spent for the rest of the year. But before you decide to forgo Aunt Sally's birthday gift, or put the romantic getaway with your loved one on the back burner, keep in mind that there are ways to spend without breaking the bank, and ways to plan ahead to save for the big purchases. A good starting point is to ask yourself how much you spent last year on such items. Do you have a specific amount of money that you want to spend this year?

Nothing erodes your extra cash more than impulse buying-especially when the TV ads, catalog glossy pages and front-of-the-aisle displays grab your attention. Plan first-then spend.

Hopefully, you have some kind of spending plan in place for 2009. If not, then this advice will come in handy as you plan your shopping trips now and throughout the year.

When building a budget, there are three kinds of expenses to track:

- **Fixed expenses.** These happen every month, like rent or a car payment, and they're usually the same each month.

- **Variable expenses.** Like fixed expenses, these happen every month, but they vary with usage or the season. Examples include food, utilities, even gasoline.

- **Discretionary expenses.** These are up to us to choose how much we want to spend, and how frequently. This is where special-occasion spending gets a line item in your budget.

You will save yourself hundreds, if not a thousand dollars or more, if you budget your special occasion or seasonal spending in advance. And over time, those savings can really add up!

Even if you don't know exactly what you want to buy for your spouse, significant other or friends, you can still plan your spending. Just think about how great sticking to your budget would make you feel afterwards. You will have shopped carefully and cleverly for each gift recipient, giving them something they loved, and you'll be able to do it without going over budget or spending money you don't have.

Planning Your Spending

To begin building a special-occasion budget, first set aside an amount that you think you can spend. For example, let's say you want to spend \$400 on birthday gifts over the course of the year. Next, count the total number of people you will be buying gifts for, remembering friends as well as family.

For this example, let's say you have one sweetheart, three family members and four friends to buy for, or eight people total. You can divide your \$400 by eight and commit to yourself that you won't spend more than \$50 per person. Of course, your special someone is likely to get the bulk of the amount for their birthday, so maybe you want to spend \$250 on him or her, and the rest on the others. That's an easy fix: you can portion the amount per person any way you want, as long as it adds



up to your total budget amount.

Next, make a list of potential gifts for each person, put in the price tag numbers and add up your total. Did you keep to your \$400 spending budget? I hope so. If not, consider putting back the 14 karat gold in exchange for a less expensive gift for Mom (trust me she wants you to be thrifty).

Now that you have your list together, shop early. You won't be tempted to overpay at the last minute because you're under a time crunch. Plus, shopping early will allow for more options and selection.

Don't feel pressured to spend the entire \$400 at once over a few days of shopping. After all, you'll need your paycheck to keep paying your fixed expenses. It's okay to set aside a modest amount from each check, and do your shopping periodically, scanning for good bargains and just the right gift for a special loved one. If you haven't shopped early in the past 2009 is the time to start.

The moment has finally arrived where you've budgeted, saved and scouted all the birthday gift goodies. So how should you pay for your gifts? Where possible, spend your own money, whether it's cash in your pocket, a debit expenditure or a check from your checkbook balance. Spending your own money in a responsible way will help avoid the need to make large payments when next month's bills arrive. My advice is to only charge to a credit card the amount of money you can pay off each month. That's being a smart shopper!

Carrying a lot of cash can be a security issue, especially around special occasion days when pick-pockets and thieves are looking for people out to spend money. Checks have similar limitations-be honest, how many of you record each check deduction in your ledger?

Debit card transactions are not only convenient, but with online banking, PIN debit transactions are recorded almost instantaneously and let you see every night where your balance stands. Debit card transactions let you track your finances daily and assess how you're doing with your \$400 allocation.

Most importantly, whether using cash, checks, debit or credit cards, guard your information carefully. Be safe at ATM's, never give secure information away over the phone and never give your PIN to anyone, for any reason. If your information is stolen, report it immediately.

The bottom line: If you save \$150 on birthday shopping, and then saved that much every month for the next 40 years, investing it at a 10% tax-deferred return, you will end up with more than \$1 million! You'll become a millionaire, and it all starts with becoming a smart shopper.

Business Brief

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Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...



Vice-Chairwoman
Kathy Hughes

MAST (Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes) Impact took place in Washington DC February 16th to the 18th. Half the time was spent in sessions getting reports from DC staff with the primary focus being on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly referred to as the Stimulus Package. The purpose for going to DC by

Mast is to get face to face interaction from persons working with issues affecting Indian Country. Generally, we want to be able to talk directly with our Senators and Congressman but this time we met primarily with their staff, covering issues from health care, housing to roads.

I attended a training session in Minneapolis on March 10th and 11th addressing a handbook the Bureau has released on processing fee to trust applications. Oneida is a part of a consortium with three other tribes but the training was for all tribes in the Area. Because this process has been known to be very time consuming and complex it is advantageous for the Tribal personnel working on these applications to get together and share questions and possibly improve on the process. We are fortunate

to be a part of the consortium and getting land put into trust. The work of our staff with the consortium continues as we acquire property and we know that with each application there will be timely review and processing. The Carcieri decision may present some issues for Tribes that did not recognize the IRA (Indian Reorganization Act) but, fortunately, Oneida is not one of them. We are confident our fee to trust applications will continue to be processed in the same manner in which they have been handled for the past couple of years. Our goal to re-acquire the reservation is a very public statement and in no way is going to be hindered by this recent Supreme Court Decision.

A consultation session took place in Minneapolis, MN for Region V of HHS. It was hosted by MAST. Tribal

Leaders attend this type of session in order to express the needs of their respective reservations to the bureaucracy. This session is actually a preliminary gathering to prepare for the Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation session the end of April in Washington DC with the Secretary of HHS and his deputies. Through the consultation in Washington DC we

hope to have influence over what will appear in the budget for further support of Indian Country. One of the more significant impacts in the past that many of you are familiar with is the funding for the Special Diabetes Project, which included research dollars that have brought about better methods of maintaining and controlling diabetes.

For all you golfers out

there, Thornberry Creek at Oneida is finally open. We know our issues with this business and Hobart are a long way from being resolved but it appears there may be an interest in talking about it. That is a start to coming to terms. Time will tell.

Easter is this Sunday, hope your Easter egg hunts are all on dry land and the sun is shining on all the fun.

Letters & Opinions...

Support Appreciated!

To all supporters,

We would like to thank all of the wonderful people that took the time to come out and those of you that called to place orders from the fundraiser that was held on 3-25-09 for our very much loved family member Nichole M. Andrews who was traumatically injured in a drunken driving accident. We thank those for the many raffle donations and to all those backers out there who brought us plenty of goodies to sell. A very special thank you to Paula Christjohn who helped in the prep for the big day and help frying bread and what ever else we needed her for. And a big thanks to Jaime Beine who was there to be an all-around hand where ever we needed her also. Our family could not thank you and your families enough for all your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

*Fred and Marie Andrews,
Joey, Nichole and the whole
Hill family*

Thank You...

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to you all. God bless each and everyone of you and your family and friends for your help, it is very much appreciated it will help our family in a big way. Our family has been truly blessed through this all and we would like

everyone to know that we pray for each of you and your families as you have done so for us. With that being said, God bless all of you and a big thank you all.

Fred and Marie Andrews

Update from Little

Miss Oneida

Sheku,

Since my last article I have attended the Honor the Youth Powwow and also the Native American Celebration which was held at St. Norbert College. I had the opportunity

to visit and handout Christmas cards to the elders at Anna Johns Nursing Home. As of right now I am currently enjoying school and spending time with my family. I plan on seeing everyone at this years Carnival. Lastly I would like to wish my home girl Tashina Red Hail aka Miss Oneida good luck as she participates for the title of Miss Indian World in New Mexico.

Yaw^ko

KeVonna Neal

Little Miss Oneida 2008-2009



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OBC Forum...

TRANSPARENCY

The following is, in part, a reprint from my last Legislative Forum article: If any of us owned a business, we'd want to know everything about it. If we didn't know how the resources were being used; If we didn't know where the money was going; And/or if we didn't know the effectiveness and fairness of our business dealings; We would soon be out of business. The same goes for the Oneida Tribe. The Tribe, its government, its businesses, its corporations, its land – All of it belong to the Oneida people.

Unfortunately, you the Oneida people have for a long time, been deprived of the information about their Tribe. Oneidas have been deprived of important information regarding your resources and how they are being spent - Oneidas have been deprived of important information regarding who their government and corporations do business with - And Oneidas have been deprived of knowing about the effectiveness and fairness of the governmental and business institutions that they own. The good news is changes have been made, and more are on the way.

Tribal Member access to Audits:

For many years, Oneidas have been deprived of the right to review most Tribal audits. Governmental leaders said the Law would have to be changed before Tribal members would have access to the audits. As Audit Committee Chairman, I insisted that Tribal Law did not disallow Tribal members from viewing Tribal audits. My view was recently upheld by an Oneida Law Office interpretation. Consequently, in February, the Audit Committee passed a Standard Operating Procedure which provides the process for Oneidas to review all Tribal audits. The first step in the process is to contact my office by phone or by e-mail. My office phone is 920-869-4415, and my e-mail is edelgado@oneidanation.org

Limited Liability Corporations:

A few months before to the last General Election, a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), whose owner(s) appeared to have ties with Natures Way LLC, proposed a business venture regarding the Thornberry Golf Course. The venture seemed to have been tremendously beneficial to them, and tremendously unbeneficial to Oneidas. Luckily, the Tribe's Chief Financial Office carefully researched the initiative and exposed its ill-advised consequences. The Business Committee soon after put a stop to it. I feel as though the CFO saved the Tribe



Ed Delgado
Councilman

millions of dollars and a lot of embarrassment. Additionally, a recent audit on the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation identified weaknesses in the manner of how Tribal corporate boards report to General Tribal Council, and how little we Oneidas know about the LLCs who the Tribe does business with and the people who oversee Tribal business initiatives. Consequently, the Business Committee recently created a subcommittee to develop a plan by which the following will occur:

- © Require that Oneida's corporate entities report to General Tribal Council in the manner that is provided in their corporate charters.
- © Insure that the LLCs that do business with the Tribe's corporate entities reveal the names of their owners.
- © Require that Tribal corporate board members reveal their individual financial statements.
- © Require that Oneida Business Committee members also provide their individual financial statements, and
- © Prevent our corporate entities from doing business with LLCs whose owners or representatives have in the past, not been good business partners.

CAUTION ON GAMING LAW AMENDMENTS

The Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) is a subcommittee of the Business Committee. It is made up of the 5 Councilmen and Councilwomen of the Business Committee, of which I am one. One of the primary functions of the LOC is to prepare good laws that best serve the Oneida people. The LOC is currently working on amending the Tribe's Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinances. The following are my concerns regarding some of the amendments being proposed:

- (1) **The Fining of Gaming Employees.** Should the Oneida Gaming Commission be granted the authority to fine gaming employees? I do not support granting the Oneida Gaming Commission the authority to fine gaming employees.
- (2) **Placing Security Under the Supervision of**

Gaming Management.

Because casinos deal with so much cash, they are prime targets for criminals, or would be criminals. The Oneida Security Department is an important entity, which protects Tribal resources from those who would steal or defraud at our Oneida gaming facilities. Under the current gaming ordinance, the Oneida Security Department is under the Oneida Police Department. As a result, there are 3 entities in place to protect Oneida gaming resources, they being Gaming Management which conducts the operations – the Gaming Commission which observes the operations and sees to it that regulations are followed – and the Oneida Police Department which oversees the Security Department to provide an added insurance that no one steals or defrauds Tribal gaming money. The gaming ordinance amendment proposes to place the Security Department under gaming management. I do not support that initiative because it reduces the number of independent entities watching over and protecting Oneida gaming dollars and increases the ability of would be criminals to steal and defraud at Oneida gaming facilities.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE SPENDING

I recently submitted for Business Committee approval, a request for the Committee to reconsider the purchase of a building, which I believe to NOT be a good idea given the present economy and our recent dealings with Tribal employees because of that economy. The Business Committee, except for Treasurer Tina Danforth and myself, disagreed and supported going ahead with the purchase. My reason for requesting reconsideration was that our Tribal employees, because of the poor economy, were deprived of raises and bonuses this year. The Business Committee said the raises and bonuses could not happen because of the poor economy. The employees understood this and tightened their belts. Now, for the Business Committee to spend millions on a new building and at the same time make the employees endure no raises and bonuses, just simply does not seem right.

Thank you.



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By Patty Hoeft
Tribal Secretary



This page is designed to be a place where tribal members can stay informed about government meetings and events. We will continue to build this page to serve you.

OBC meeting results. For starters, you will find a report listing key Oneida Business Committee (OBC) actions approved at their meetings. Complete copies of meeting minutes can be found on the BC webpage at www.oneidanation.org.

Appointments. Notices about vacancies on the various boards, committees and commissions will be listed on this page in an easier to read format.

Evening meetings. Regular OBC meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. To increase tribal member access to meetings, the BC now requires boards, committees and commissions to deliver their quarterly reports to the OBC in the

evening at 5:15 every fourth Wednesday of the month. The next evening session of reports will be April 22.

Reporting and oversight. To improve its legislative and oversight roles, the BC established a standing committee for community development planning that meets the first Thursday every month at 9 a.m. The standing committee's next meeting is May 7. Now all tribal agencies responsible for community development including planning, environment, housing, land use and acquisition, and public works have a central place to report to.

More changes to come. A calendar of meeting dates listing General Tribal Council (GTC), BC, public hearings, special elections and other government meetings by Oneida boards, committees and commissions. For more information, please call the Tribal Secretary's Office at (920) 869-4364.

OBC Meeting Results

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 February 11, 2009 Business Committee Conference Room Meeting called to order at 9:17AM

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

REGULAR SESSION Travel Reports USS Green Bay Commissioning Jan 23-25, 2009 Long Beach, CA

Action: Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes USS Green Bay Commissioning travel report approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Follow up Reports/BC

Directives

Inclement GTC weather date

Action: Defer the inclement GTC weather date to the July 8, 2009 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

GTC dates considering two options of per capita payments to re-direct for land purchases

Action: Defer the proposed GTC dates considering two options of per capita payments be re-directed for land purchases to the Feb 25 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Pending GTC petition for Oneida Recreation Center

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to support a special General Tribal Council meeting regarding the recreation center petition for May 23, 2009. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Request to not set a date for the recreation center until more analysis has been completed made. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Request to set May 30 as a special General Tribal Council meeting date to hear the petition about the tribe's recreation center program and that the General Manager pro-

vide a report about the tribe's recreation program to the Business Committee at the Feb 25 Business Committee meeting. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

Pending GTC petition for hyperbaric oxygen chamber

Action: May 30, 2009 for calling of a special General Tribal Council meeting regarding the General Tribal Council petition on the hyperbaric oxygen chamber approved. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Action: Oneida Township, Outagamie County-Seminary Rd. Construction Project Agreement AGF2008017 for 30 days deferred. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Resolution

Action: Resolution 02-11-09-A Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee designating Tehassi Hill as an official trustee for all matters of this item adopted. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion carried.

Office of Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention/FY2009 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program 2009-2012 Resolution

Action: Resolution 02-11-09-B Office of Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention/FY2009 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program 2009-2012 adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Re-post three vacancies on the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee for 30 days

Action: Request to re-post three vacancies on the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee for 30 days approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Roy Redhail as Social Services alternate for Oneida Pardon Screening Committee

Action: Recommendation of Roy Redhail as a Social Services alternate for the Oneida Pardon Screening Committee approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Vehicle Record System Data Access Agreement

Action: Vehicle Record System Data Access Agreement to be signed off by Chairman Rick Hill and that the signed agreement is forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and approve JET's team charter

Action: Joint Executive Team (JET) Charter accepted as FYI and deferred for 90 days with the expectation that meetings will occur to talk this idea through. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Opposed: Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

CFO review payments to corporate board members

Action: Chief Financial Officer directed to review the payments made to corporate board members of the Oneida tribe including the

amount of stipends and any additional payments including profit sharing if any and report back at a mid April Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SEOTS building concerns

Action: General Manager and Chief of Staff directed bring back a report regarding the concerns of the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services Board as expressed in their Jan. 28, 2009 correspondence as attached to this request, and that the General Manager and Chief of Staff include the concerns of the SEOTS Board and Director in the mid-April report. Motion carried unanimously.

Request information about AODA and women's shelter

Action: General Manager directed to work with the Chief Financial Officer to bring forward a report on the alcohol and other drug addiction treatment facilities and the women's shelter programs regarding the history and funds, due back at the April 22 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Re-post four vacancies for Oneida Arts Board for 30 days

Action: Request to repost four vacancies for the Oneida Arts Board for 30 days approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Re-post one vacancy for Oneida Land Commission for 30 days

Action: Request to repost one vacancy for the Oneida Land Commission for 30 days approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Re-post four vacancies for Oneida Enterprise Development Authority for 30 days

Action: Request to repost four vacancies for the Oneida Enterprise Development Authority for 30 days approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Activating gaming funds for high stake renovation project

Action: Request to activate of \$1 million funds for Oneida gaming high stakes renovation project approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Request: Fee-to-Trust meeting March 10-11, 2009 Mystic Lake, MN

Action: Travel request for Kathy Hughes to participate as a panelist in the Fee-to-Trust meeting March 10 through 11, 2009 in Mystic Lake, MN approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

Jan 9, 2009 Finance Committee minutes

Action: Jan 9 Finance Committee minutes approved. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

Jan 21, 2009 LOC minutes
Action: Jan 21 LOC minutes approved. Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion carried.

Tattooing and Body Piercing Law resolution

Action: Resolution 02-11-09-C Tattooing and Body Piercing Law adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Law amendments public hearing March 31

Action: Emergency Management Law amendments for a public hear-

ing date of March 31 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Boxing Ordinance public hearing March 31

Action: Boxing Ordinance public hearing for March 31 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Old Business

Proposed property acquisition

Action: Land Management directed to negotiate the acquisition of the proposed property. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Green Bay Service Agreement

Action: Green Bay Service Agreement deferred to the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting with a cover memo explaining the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Brief

Contract Reviews

Action: Contract reviews referred to the Joint Executive Team for follow-up. Motion carried unanimously.

Deeks Document

Action: Request to send a letter to Mr. Andre Deeks to reject his proposal approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Amicus – Cook v. Avi Casino Enterprises, Inc.

Action: Chairman directed to send a letter notifying the attorneys that we decline the offer to support the Cook v. Avi Casino Enterprises case. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Committee

Jan 7, 2009 Special Audit Committee meeting minutes

Action: Jan 7 special Audit Committee minutes approved. Motion carried unanimously.

New York Land Claims

New York Development team update
Action: Chief of Staff's verbal update of the New York Development team accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

New York Land Claims settlement Update

Action: Chief of Staff's verbal update of the New York Land Claims settlement accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Economic Development Authority report

No Action.

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Meeting recessed until 8:30 a.m. Feb. 12 to consider the attorney brief. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvened Regular Meeting from Feb. 11, 2009

Feb. 12, 2009 – Business Committee Conference Room
Meeting called to order at 9:17AM

Present: Chairman Rick Hill – meeting chair, Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Edward Delgado, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr., Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Treasurer Tina Danforth Council member Melinda J. Danforth. Ed Delgado excused at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (cont.)

Easements – North Overland Rd.

Action: Law Office directed to resend a letter to the Hobart Village

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Vacancies

New

Oneida Personnel Commission: One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications:

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

Deadline: May 11, 2009 at 4:30 PM

Reposted

Deadlines Extended:

Anna John Nursing Home Commission:

Three (3) Vacancies

Qualifications:

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

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

Oneida Land Claims Commission:

One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications

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

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

Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board:

One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications

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

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

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

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

MAY
OBC Regular Meeting dates
13th & 27th

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2nd & 4th Wednesday
of each month*

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Next Regular Business Committee Meeting...
Wednesday • April 22, 2009 • 9:00 A.M., NHC
Business Committee Conference Room • 2nd Floor
Agenda Packet available Monday prior to meeting.

NEW! Evening Business Committee Meeting Sessions
Every 4th Wednesday of each month
Boards • Committees • Commissions
April 22nd Quarterly Reports

- **Airport Hotel Corporation**
- **Oneida Seven Generations Corporation**
- **Trust/ Enrollment Committee**
- **Bay Bank**
- **Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises (OTIE)**
- **Appeals Commission**

Evening Session starts at 5:15PM

From 7A/OBC Meeting Results

Board notifying that an easement is not necessary as we have a permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Hobart Rezoning
Action: Law Office directed to communicate to tribal residents in Hobart options regarding re-zoning and to follow-up with any tribal member regarding those questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor License for Oneida Golf Enterprises
Action: Law Office directed to meet with Hobart's legal counsel to discuss escrow account options. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12:18PM

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING February 25, 2009 Business Committee Conference Room Meeting called to order at 9:10AM

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

Excused: Chairman Rick Hill, Treasurer Tina Danforth

REGULAR SESSION Travel Reports Tribal Leaders Forum Jan. 23-24 Temecula, CA
Action: Councilman Ed Delgado's Tribal Leaders Forum travel report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings
GTC dates considering two options of per capita payments to re-direct for land purchases
Action: Request to delete item and bring back when appropriate approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Recreation report
Action: Oneida Recreation report approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Main motion amended to direct the General Manager to provide a presentation on the achievements and challenges of Oneida Recreation at the March 11 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Benefits book for tribal membership
Action: Benefits book for tribal membership report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Central Oneida plan
Action: Business Committee requested to endorse the Central Oneida Area Development plan and Community Improvement projects and that the General Manager provide a report on the status of those at the first Community Planning Committee meeting on March 5 approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Chief of Staff directed to assist the General Manager on getting trails on the Oneida Reservation designated for the BIA roads list and a report be provided at the April community meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery management responsibilities report
Action: Report requested regarding the plans to operate the Oneida Cemetery be given to the Business Committee at the Quarterly Trust and Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Pros and cons smoking ban report
Action: Pros and cons smoking ban report from the Gaming General Manager and General Manager accepted and deferred to the Legislative Operating Committee with input from the Chief of Staff on the legislative side of issues with the State (WI) required. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Paid time for selected color guard members who are employees resolution
Action: Deferred back to the Chief of Staff for the following items: 1. bring back a modified resolution to clean up the language 2. request a standard operating procedure from the Veteran's Department regarding how Oneida Nation veterans are selected to participate in the events and 3. a report on how this budget is going to fund this resolution due back in 60 days. Motion carried unanimously.

Integrated Resource Management Plan U.S. Dept. of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Resolution
Action: Resolution 02-25-09-A Integrated Resource Management Plan U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Grant Administration for Native Americans Resolution
Action: Resolution 02-25-09-B

Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Grant Administration for Native Americans adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Special election date
Action: Request approved for a Special Election date of Sat. June 27, 2009 that requires a caucus to be held 1:00 p.m. Sat. May 2, 2009 with the application period ending May 8, 2009 and the following vacant positions; two School Board Parent, two at large, three Trust/ Enrollment Committee, three Land Commission, four ONCOA Board, and four Appeals Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Tribal logo usage
Action: Tribal logo usage request approved. For: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Patty Hoeft, Trish King. Motion carried.

Action: Request agreement be made with Mr. Skenandore and that the Law Office draw up an agreement to protect the Tribe and the vendor. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Vendor list for Cancer Relay for Life fundraising
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the vendor list for Cancer Relay for Life fundraising, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Reinitiating Business Committee planning meetings
Action: Request approved to re-initiate the Business Committee Planning meeting that will now become the Community Planning Committee starting on the first Thursday of every month, starting March 5, 2009 and that five Business Committee members be appointed today to serve on this Committee and that the draft standard procedures for the Committee that are presented be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, and Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. appointed to the Community Planning Committee with the remaining Business Committee members serve as ad hoc. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Request: NIGA tradeshow convention April 13-16, 2009 Phoenix, AZ
Action: NIGA tradeshow convention travel request made. Discussion, no vote taken.

Action: Motion approve the procedural exception of 21 travelers to attend National Indian Gaming Association tradeshow withdrawn.

Action: Travel for 10 travelers plus two veterans to the National Indian Gaming Association Annual Conference April 13 through 16, 2009: three from Gaming, Mike Metoxen from Tourism, Bobbi Webster from Public Relations, Francine Skenandore from the Law office, Oscar Schuyler from the Oneida Gaming Commission, Chairman Rick Hill, Treasurer Tina Danforth, and Councilman Brandon Stevens approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Main motion amended to approve two veterans to attend to participate as the veteran's color guard. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Request: Winter Legislative Summit for any BC member to attend March 4-5, 2009 Washington D.C.
Action: Deleted. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Request: Ihanktonwan Decolonization summit Feb. 19-22 Marty, South Dakota
Action: Retro-approve the travel by Melinda J. Danforth to the Ihanktonwan Decolonization summit Feb. 19 through 22 in Marty, South Dakota approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Request: MAST-HHS Midwest Tribal consultation March 25-26, 2009 Bloomington, MN
Action: Request for the Vice-Chair to attend the MAST-HHS Midwest Tribal consultation March 25 through 26 in Bloomington, MN approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Jan. 23 Finance Committee minutes
Jan 23 Finance Committee minutes approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Feb. 13 Finance Committee minutes
Action: Feb 13 Finance Committee minutes approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Feb 23 Special Finance Committee minutes
Action: Feb 23 Special Finance Committee minutes approved.

Finance Committee Jan. 23 Finance Committee minutes
Jan 23 Finance Committee minutes approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Feb 23 Special Finance Committee minutes
Action: Feb 23 Special Finance Committee minutes approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) Feb 4 LOC minutes
Action: Feb 4 Legislative Operating Committee minutes approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Election Board Bylaw amendments
Action: Election Board Bylaw amendments approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendments to the Election Law Public Hearing April 14, 2009
Action: April 14 public hearing date for amendments to the Election Law approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Affairs Update Seven Generations renewable energy projects
Action: Request to support the two key projects of the sewage waste into fertilizer and municipal waste and tires into energy and allow the Legislative Affairs to assist the Seven Generations Corporation in the pursuit for funding at the state and federal levels approved. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Old Business
Councilman Brandon Stevens arrived at 4:45 p.m.

Green Bay Service Agreement
Action: Green Bay Service Agreement accepted as FYI and a special meeting on March 4, 2009 requested for follow up. Motion carried unanimously.

Internal Audit, Law & Finance office LLC business collaboration report
Action: Referred the short range recommendations to the Secretary's office for follow-up. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Medium range recommendations within the memo from Councilman Delgado, that a sub-committee is formed to review all the tribal corporate charters and that Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, and Ed Delgado as an alternate designated to sit on that sub-committee approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Referred the long range recommendations to the Legislative Operating Committee for follow-up. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed property acquisition status
Action: Report regarding the proposed property acquisition accepted and re-affirmed the Business Committee's support to proceed with negotiations to acquire it. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business 49 new enrollment applicants
Action: 49 new enrollment applicants approved. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Stimulus initiative
Action: Stimulus initiative verbal report accepted and directed a regular update at each Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Docket #08-AC-021 & 022 Mark A. Stanchik vs. Oneida Police Dept., Interim Chief Rich Van Bostel
Action: Referred the docket to Councilman Delgado to follow up with the Oneida Police Commission with a report back in 30 days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Harrah's contract-limited waiver of sovereign immunity
Action: Report about the Harrah's contract as accepted FYI. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Referred the proposed Harrah's contract to the Audit Committee to pursue an independent party to conduct a due diligence of the proposal and bring that report back at the March 11, 2009 Business Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Services Agreement
Action: Financial Services Agreement and the Development Agreement approved and Resolution 2-25-09-C adopted with a limited sovereign immunity waiver; Approval of the 2009 Financial Services Engagement Letter and Development Agreement with Power Plant Entertainment New York, LLC and Authorizing a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Attorney Brief Subrogation claim Alva Mrdjenovich
Action: Subrogation claim for Alva Mrdjenovich approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Tax Sharing Agreements (WI. DOR)
Action: Sent to the sub-committee for follow up. Motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca M. Webster staff attorney contract
Action: Contract for six years for Attorney Rebecca M. Webster approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Golf Enterprise line of credit
Action: Line of credit for Oneida Golf Enterprise approved.. Motion carried unanimously.

New York Land Claims New York Land Claims settlement Update
Action: Verbal update regarding New York Land Claims settlement efforts from the Chief of Staff accepted and with another update at the March 11, 2009 Business Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Economic Development Authority report
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the Oneida Economic Development Authority report as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/Adjourn
Action: Meeting recessed until 5:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Business Committee Evening Reports Meeting reconvened 5:15PM
Present: Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes – meeting chair, Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Edward Delgado, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr., Trish King, Brandon Stevens. **Excused:** Chairman Rick Hill, Treasurer Tina Danforth.

REGULAR SESSION Board, Committee and Commission Reports

Oneida Environmental Resource Board
Action: Oneida Environmental Resource Board quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Land Claims Commission
Action: Land Claims Commission quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Land Commission
Action: Oneida Land Commission quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Tribal School Board
Action: Oneida Tribal School Board quarterly report deferred. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee
Action: Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee quarterly report, accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Powwow Committee
Action: Oneida Powwow Committee quarterly report accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Nation Arts Board
Action: Oneida Nation Arts Board quarterly report. Motion carried

unanimously.

South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS)
Action: SEOTS report to the March 25th boards, committees and commissions evening reports deferred. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting Results

Oneida Business Committee Special Meeting Results March, 2009 – Business Committee Conference Room Meeting called to order at 8:20AM

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION Old Business

Green Bay Service Agreement
Action: Green Bay service agreement approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: General Manager directed to present the Business Committee with a review starting in May 2009 of neighborhood peace and safety

Oneida Golf Enterprise Charter
Action: Oneida Golf Enterprise Charter report to the March 25th boards, committees and commissions evening reports deferred. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:00PM

regulations affecting tribal lands in each of the municipalities overlapping the Oneida reservation. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: General Manager directed to present the Business Committee with a review starting in April 2009 of storm water management rules and regulations affecting tribal lands in each of the municipalities overlapping the Oneida reservation. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Chief of Staff directed to organize a signing ceremony to acknowledge the service agreement between the Oneida Tribe and the City of Green Bay. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Escrow Agreement
Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to accept as the escrow agreement as FYI, seconded by Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 a.m.

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Public Hearing Notices

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

Purpose: Child Custody, Placement and Visitation.
The purpose of this law is to supplement the Tribe's paternity and child support laws so that custody, visitation and placement may be determined in accordance to Tribal law.

When: April 28, 2009

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

When: May 12, 2009

Purpose: Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance (ONGO) Amendments.
The amendments include:

- A three (3) member Gaming Commission (instead of 5).
- Changes in hearing time-lines.
- Granting of fee and fine issuance authority to the Commission, including the ability to fine employees and all other License holders.
- The addition of a vendor license section specific to Gaming and non-Gaming vendors.

Establishing the Gaming Background Investigations Department, Gaming Security

Department, and Gaming Surveillance in law.

When: May 12, 2009

Purpose: Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law Amendments.

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

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

When: May 12, 2009

Public Hearing Process

I. Testimony:

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

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

** If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed laws or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise phuff@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*

Family Fitness Highlights

Oneida Family Fitness Hours:
M-T-W-TH-F: 5:30AM–8:30PM
Saturday: 5:30AM–3:00PM
For more information call 920-490-3730

Martial Arts fun for whole family

Oneida Martial Arts may be just what you're looking for. We have a program for anyone ages 4 to 104! Whether you're looking to simply tone up your muscles a little bit, or maybe boost your self confidence, or perhaps you're interested in getting involved in a fun, dynamic activity with your kids, our martial arts programs can fit the bill!

Some people wonder about martial arts: "I don't want to be jumping around kicking and punching other people," or, "I'm not interested in all that Eastern philosophy". Rest assured, all our programs are tailored specifically for ordinary, "everyday" people, just like you. The whole time you are learning how to block, punch and kick you are also learning how to stretch and use your body more efficiently. Another great benefit that is not readily apparent in the beginning is the improvement you'll see in your mental focus, self control, and overall attitudes. Spend some time practicing any or all of our martial arts and others will notice the gradual progressions in your body and in your outlook!

- **Mighty Ninjas** - age appropriate martial arts for 4 & 5 year olds. A great introduction to the basic skills involved in Tae Kwon Do.
- **Tae Kwon Do** - The world's most popular martial art relies on blocking, punching and kicking for "empty hand" self defense. Many families are involved in our TKD program, great for Mom, Dad, and the kids!
- **Jujitsu** - Grappling, locks and ground defense are what



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- **Eskrima** - Come and learn stick, knife and empty hand defensive techniques with this art. There are many levels to Eskrima, so you'll have plenty to learn for years to come.
- **Tai Chi** - Our newest program, Tai Chi is the Chinese art that focuses on slow, controlled breathing and precise, deliberate movements to help promote inner peace and harmony.

"TKD has been a healthy activity that has supported our family's growth and development, honoring the mind, body and Spirit. It teaches about the importance of core values and living with integrity. It builds confidence and self esteem while supporting the process of creating a positive self-image. It supports the building of healthy relationships and community wellness. The instructors are talented, kind and compassionate. Our family loves TKD and we will keep coming back!!"

~ Marion, Tae Kwon Do student

We Got the Beat!!!



Photo courtesy of Adam Brown

Family Drums Alive will be held Thursday evenings at 5:15pm and is open to ages 10 and up.

By Jason Manders
Fitness Specialist

This season, at Oneida Family Fitness, there is a class that both parents and kids (ages 10+) can enjoy together. It's called Family Drums Alive. This interactive class is offered Thursday nights at 5:15 p.m. For anyone unfamiliar with drums alive, it involves rhythmic drumming patterns using stability balls and drum sticks. This is a great workout for the shoulders, back and legs. I invite you and your children to catch the beat every Thursday evening starting April 9, 2009.

Join the Oneida Nation March of Dimes Walk Team

When: Saturday, April 25, 2009
Place: Ashwaubenon Community Center, 936 Anderson Drive
Time: Registration at 8:00AM
Walk Starts at 9:00AM
Distance: 1 Mile, 3 Mile or 6 Mile Routes

Registration forms can be picked up at Oneida Family Fitness from Team Captain, Stefanie Reinke or register online at marchforbabies.org under team Oneida Nation. Join this important walk event dedicated to help give every baby a healthy start.

For questions or more information, please email Stefanie Reinke at: sreinke@oneidanation.org or call at 920-490-3805

Aerobic Training: Get More Results in Less Time

By Todd Shelto
Fitness Specialist/Personal Trainer

Are you performing aerobic exercise the recommended 5-6 times per week, at least 30 minutes per day and noticed that you have reached a plateau and have stopped seeing improvements? Maybe it's time to shake things up. HIIT or High Intensity Interval Training is a time efficient, and very effective tool for breaking through plateaus, increasing stamina, and losing body fat.

Unlike long duration moderate intensity workouts, HIIT puts a high demand on the body that elicits change. This overload can actually increase the size of the mitochondria in our body's cells. Mitochondria are the powerhouse in our cells; it's where body fat gets used for energy. The larger the mitochondria, the more fat that gets burned, and the leaner we are! In fact, this type of cardio training raises your metabolism for hours after exercise.

HIIT workouts alternate intervals of very high intensi-

ty with low to moderate intensity. The high intensity intervals should last for about one minute, and be alternated with recovery intervals. The recovery intervals should be longer than the high intensity intervals, e.g., one minute high intensity followed by 2 minutes moderate intensity. Since this workout places a much higher demand on the body, the duration of the training doesn't need to last more than 15- 20 minutes. HIIT can also be alternated with longer duration moderate intensity training through the week.

HIIT is not for people just starting to exercise or with chronic disease that could be exacerbated with intense exercise. However, if you're ready and able HIIT may just be the change your workout needs for you to achieve a higher level of fitness. For additional information regarding this type of workout, speak with one of the trainers at Oneida Family Fitness. We're here to help!

Oneida Family Fitness Staff

Michelle Mielke.....	Fitness Center Director
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Stefanie Reinke.....	Fitness Specialist Supervisor
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Nicole Cooley.....	Lifeguard
Orrie Kreuscher.....	Lifeguard
Jessica Mettler.....	Lifeguard

The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at:
2640 West Point • Green Bay, WI Phone: (920) 490-3730.
Look for **O.F.F. highlights** once a month in the Kali.

"SPRING INTO FITNESS"

Free Incentive For Oneida Family Fitness Members!!

April 20th- June 12th

How the program works:

- Every fitness member registered in the program will need to have an **Initial** and **Final** weigh in. (weigh ins conducted at the Fitness Service Desk)
- Members will receive 1 ticket for every **Class Attended** (Fitness or Aquatics), **Bellin Run Training Session**, or involvement in any **Paid Program** (Personal Training, Commit to Fit, TRIAD, Martial Arts, Swimming Lessons and Fitness Assessments/Wellness Profiles)



- **1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners receive prizes**
- **Weekly Drawings for all eligible participants**

Register At The Front Desk of Oneida Family Fitness

For Any Questions Call 490-3852 or 490-3730

South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

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

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

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

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

Activities Calendar for the month of May 2009

- 2 Saturday:**
Oneida Language Class, 10AM, Bird Room
- 4 Monday:**
Oneida Singers, 6:30PM, Bird Room
- 5 Tuesday:**
Senior Day, 11AM-2PM, Free Luncheon, Cultural Day! Traveling Museum! Random Drawings! Bird Room • **WE INDIANS Flute Class** 6PM - 8PM, Bird Rm.
- 6 Wednesday:**
LOC Meeting (Legislative Operating Committee), 9AM, Laws, Public Hearings, Policies & Procedures, Turtle Room - Televised
- 7 Thursday:**
Craft Class, 6:00PM, Cost: \$10 - Bone Choker, Wolf Rm.
- 8 Friday:**
Call in meds by 4PM for next Wednesday pick-up
- 11 Monday:**
Oneida Singers, 6:30PM, Bird Room
- 12 Tuesday:**
Senior Day, 11AM-2PM, Luncheon - Buffalo Stew, Diabetic Presentation by the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Movie Day: *"Whale Rider"* - *Exciting story about a young Maori girl making her place in a traditional culture*, Bird Rm., • **WE INDIANS Flute Class** 6PM - 8PM, Bird Rm., **SEOTS Board Meeting**, 6:00PM, Turtle Rm. All Tribal members welcome!
- 13 Wednesday:**
LOC Meeting (Legislative Operating Committee) 9AM, Laws, Public Hearings-Policies & Procedures, Turtle Room - Televised • **Marquette Information Session**, 6:00PM, Turtle Rm., **Van Trip/Oneida Med Pick-up**, 8:00AM
- 14 Thursday:**
Craft Class, 6:00-8:00PM, Cost: \$10, Bone Choker, Wolf Rm. • **Book Club**, 6:00PM, Bird Rm. - Potluck
- 15 Friday:**
Call in meds by 4PM for next Wednesday pick-up
- 16 Saturday:**
Oneida Language Class, 10AM-12PM, Bird Rm.
- 18 Monday:**
Oneida Singers, 6:30PM, Wolf Room
- 19 Tuesday:**
Senior Day, 11:00AM-2:00PM Speaker - TBA, Bag lunch - BINGO - B-13 Drawing with Surprise!, Bird Rm., • **Board Meeting**, 6:00PM, Bird Rm., • **WE INDIANS Flute Class** 6PM - 8PM, Bird Rm., **Cultural Heritage**, 6:00PM, Turtle Rm. • **Med Pick-up**
- 20 Wednesday:**
• **Oneida Med Pick-up**
- 21 Thursday:**
Craft Class, 6:00-8:00PM, Cost: \$10, Bone Choker, Wolf Rm.
- 22 Friday:**
Call in meds by 4PM for next Wednesday pick-up
- 25 Monday:**
Pink Shawl Meeting, 5:30PM Potluck, Bird Rm., • **Oneida Singers**, 6:30PM, Turtle Rm.
- 26 Tuesday:**
Senior Day, 11:00AM Potluck - Bring a dish to pass - Birthday Cake for May Birthdays, Free door Prize Drawings! - Present for May Birthdays! Sing Along with Jim Morrin, Bird Rm., • **WE INDIANS Flute Class** 6PM - 8PM, Bird Rm., **SEOTS Board Meeting**, 6:00PM, Turtle Rm. All Tribal members welcome!
- 27 Wednesday:**
MAIRN Meeting, 12:00PM, SEOTS-Potluck • **Oneida Arts Program Informational Session**, 6:00PM, Turtle Room
- 28 Thursday:**
Craft Class, 6:00PM-8:00PM, Cost: \$10, Bone Choker, Wolf ROOM.
- 29 Friday:**
Trip to Elder Luncheon in Oneida at the Radisson, Cost for Transportation: \$15, Room for 45 people - (Must be paid in advance by Friday, May 22) Departure at 7:30AM
RSVP: 414-329-4101

SEOTS Mission...

Our mission is to provide for the well-being of On-yote-a-ka in southeastern Wisconsin; Preserving Our Culture and Environment for the next Seven Generations.

Date set for Informational Seminar at SEOTS

By Mark W. Powless

SEOTS Director

Do you have your eye on a big promotion? Are you looking for new job opportunities? Would you like to gain new skills and abilities in a program that fits into your busy schedule? Then perhaps it is time to explore Marquette University.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit University located near the heart of downtown Milwaukee. It is also home to one of the top ranked NCAA basketball teams in the country, the Marquette Golden Eagles. Established in 1881, Marquette has a long history of providing quality education and service to the community. This year, Marquette was again recognized as one of the top universities in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

On Wednesday, May 13 at 6pm, Marquette University's College of Professional Studies will offer an informa-



Be The Difference.

Courtesy of Marquette University

tional seminar at SEOTS. This seminar will focus on educational opportunities for busy adults. The College of Professional Studies offers a wide range of programs for professional and personal development including, undergraduate, graduate, and graduate certificate programs.

To accommodate individuals with a full schedule, classes are offered on Saturdays, weeknights, and/or online. The flexible

scheduling allows students to develop their skills and abilities without disrupting work schedules. Professionals can maintain their careers while preparing for new goals. College of Professional Studies' alumni frequently report these immediate benefits: promotions and raises, new opportunities, and the confidence to switch careers or start a business.

Many Oneida Tribal members have, or will be completing, their degrees through

Marquette University. Among them are Sid White, Oneida Health Center Physical Therapist (Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Law Studies and Master in Physical Therapy); Mark R. Powless, Zablocki VA Medical Center Psychology Intern (will be completing a PhD in Clinical Psychology this August); Jo Swamp, Senior Staff Attorney for the Forest County Potawatomi Community (Juris Doctor, Marquette Law School), and Mark W. Powless, SEOTS Director (Bachelor of Science in Economics, Master of Business Administration). Also Dr. Ravinder Vir, Medical Director of the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division graduated with a Master of Business Administration from Marquette.

For more information about Marquette University and the College of Professional Studies, visit www.mu.edu/cps.

Back by Popular Demand...

Kids Club!

This year the popular SEOTS youth program will be available for two different age groups (7-12, 13-17) and expanded to six weeks. *Look for more detailed information in an upcoming edition of the Kalihwisaks, or call SEOTS to sign-up.*

Summer Youth Employment

Are you currently 14 years or older and in high school? Would you like to earn some extra cash by working at SEOTS? If you are an enrolled Oneida Tribal member, contact the SEOTS office today! The application deadline is Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

Growing Power Food Baskets

Friday, May 8th and Friday, May 22nd
SEOTS will be a distribution site for fresh fruit/vegetable baskets. Baskets must be ordered and paid for by the Tuesday before the distribution date. Here are the basket options:

Regular Basket: 20-25 lbs., 12-15 varieties of fruits/vegetables - \$16

Senior Basket: 10-12 lbs., 12-15 varieties of fruits/vegetables - \$9

Elders (55+): If you live in the Milwaukee area, SEOTS will deliver your food basket to you and pick up your payment! Just call SEOTS to place your order: **414-329-4101**

Elders... (55 or better)

Join SEOTS each Tuesday for lunch and fun activities. Meet friends or make new friends. If you need transportation, call the office:
414-329-4101

NOTICE

High School Graduates of Southeastern Wisconsin
Please be sure to submit your graduation photos to the Kalihwisaks staff by Friday • May 1, 2009.

Are YOU Looking for Employment?

SEOTS is looking for the following job candidates:

- ◆ Elders (55+) to work 20-40 hours per week. Job duties may include answering phones, coordinating/assisting with elder events, assisting with craft classes, etc.
- ◆ Teens (14+) to work 20 hours per week at a rate of \$6.55 per hour. Must be currently attending school and enrolled with a federally recognized Indian Tribe or the descendant of an Oneida Tribal Member. Job duties may include office reorganization, assisting with special events, etc. The program runs from July 6, 2009 thru August 14, 2009. Deadline application is May 20, 2009.

WANTED: Volunteer Van Driver. Must have valid drivers license and pass volunteer background check. Needed Monday-Friday during business hours.

Contact... SEOTS office for more information or to apply.

New Procedure for dispensing Medication at SEOTS



Due to limited parking at the rear entrance of the SEOTS building, effective September 11, 2008, individuals coming to SEOTS for prescription pick-up must use the FRONT entrance located at 6811 W. Morgan Avenue for **THURSDAY PICKUP ONLY**. All other business will be conducted at the main office. Any questions please call **1 (414) 329-4101**.

PRESCRIPTION REFILLS:

Please be advised that the Oneida Pharmacy will no longer be able to fill last minute prescriptions. This means ALL prescription orders **MUST** be phoned into the Oneida Pharmacy and then to SEOTS per tribal policies. You **MUST** call in your Prescription order **NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM** on **FRIDAY** in order to receive your medication by the following Wednesday.

Oneida Recreation announces summer program registration will begin in May

Birds chirping can only mean one thing, the Oneida Recreation Summer Program is closely upon us.

“Be Super-fair” Don’t let your child miss out! Sign Up Now!

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Location: Civic Center
Time: 9 a.m. until filled
(No phone registration is allowed)

Fee’s: \$5.00 Recreation membership, \$10.00 Summer Program Fee

All Summer Program participants must be members of

Oneida Recreation, membership forms can be picked up at the Civic Center or County H.

This year’s programs consist of sessions for the following age groups:

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

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

Romero’s “Native Rock, the singles” cd will feature songs never before released outside Indian country

(WASHINGTON, D.C., April 1) Robby Romero and Stacey Thunder, owners of Eagle Thunder Entertainment have announced the May 19 world-wide online CD release of “Native Rock, The Singles.” The new digitally re-mastered recording will feature a unique collection of Robby Romero & Red Thunder hit singles never before released outside Indian Country.

The CD release will take place in conjunction with the Eighth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, May 18-29 in New York City.

The term, “Native Rock” was coined by Romero when MTV asked him in the early 1990s to describe his innovative music style.

The Red Thunder line-up includes Native American Music award winners Robert Tree Cody (traditional flute), and the Jones Benally Family with Jeneda Benally (bass), Klee Benally (guitar), Clayson Benally (traditional drums), and Jones Benally (spoken word).

The CD includes the song “Hidden Medicine,” which was recorded live on Robby Romero & Red Thunder’s groundbreaking “Indian Country Tour.” Spoken words by Chief Oren Lyons are included on the track “Dream Catcher.” Lyons is Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan Onondaga, Haudenosaunee Grand Council of Chiefs and emeritus SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and Director of Native American Studies in the Department of American Studies, State University of New York, Buffalo.

The CD also will include new mixes by Grammy Award winner Steve Addabbo, including “Lonesome River,” and “Heartbeat,” featuring the legendary Al Kooper on piano and organ. Kooper has played on some of rock and roll’s greatest hits, including: Bob Dylan’s “Like a Rolling Stone”; The Rolling Stones’ “You Can’t Always Get What You Want”; Jim Hendrix’s “Long Hot Summer Nights”; and many more.

New singles on the recording include: “Talking Stick”; “All Our Colors”; and “Who’s Gonna Save You”. “Who’s Gonna Save You” was released earlier last year on a ‘sneak preview’ EP and spent more than 20 weeks on the National Aboriginal Top Thirty Music Charts.

R&B singer and Grammy Award winner Lisa Fischer (The Rolling Stones, Luther Vandross) appears on “Lakota Woman,” “Who’s Gonna Save You,” “Dream Catcher,” and “Touch Your Beauty.” The gifted singer Ataahua Papa (Ulali, Maori Dance Theatre) is featured on “All Our Colors,” “Lonesome River,” and “Heartbeat.” Yungchen Lhamo appears courtesy of Peter Gabriel’s Real World Records label. Lhamo, often called “The Voice of Tibet” is featured on “All Our Colors.” Dakota René, who is Romero’s daughter, sings background vocals on “Who’s Gonna Save You” and

“Talking Stick”. René’s first CD will be released later this year.

The CD will be available online at www.eaglethunder.com and in select retail outlets around the country. Romero’s music also can be purchased at the National Museum of the American Indian in New York City and Washington, D.C., and at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

About Eagle Thunder Entertainment

Eagle Thunder Entertainment, based in Taos, N.M., is an independent indigenous entertainment company with four divisions: film production; music label; music publishing; and artist management. The company – which is entirely operated and managed by its artists -- has reached millions of listeners and viewers through critically acclaimed and award-winning music releases, music videos, “rockumentary” films, and public service announcements that have premiered at prestigious events, including: the American Indian Film Festival; Sundance Film Festival; and the United Nations; and have aired on leading television and cable networks such as CNN, MTV, VH1, Sundance Channel and SABC Africa.

Romero, a world-renowned musician, grew up in the entertainment business and was playing music professionally by the time he was 13. Red Thunder, formed by Romero in 1989, continues to be one of the most popular musical groups known in “Indian Country” and around the world. In 1989, Romero also founded Native Children’s Survival, a non-profit organization devoted to the healing of Mother Earth and all her children. In 1990, he was honored by the United Nations as United Nations Ambassador of Youth for the Environment.

Romero is currently promoting a new EP/CD, “Painting the World.” “Who’s Gonna Save You” from “Painting the World” spent more than 20 weeks on the National Aboriginal Top Thirty Music Charts. His next concert tour will begin on April 22 (Earth Day) in Anchorage, Alaska, during the Indigenous Peoples’ Global Summit on Climate Change.

Thunder is host and producer of the popular Public Broadcasting Service’s weekly television series, “Native Report,” which began its fourth season on March 19. The magazine-style series celebrates Native heritage and culture. Thunder also is an attorney and presently serves as general counsel for the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe in northern Minnesota. She is executive director of Native Children’s Survival.



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Open House for Oneida Cannery

Tsi>kutekhway<h# -
“Where they put the
food away”

By **Vickie Cornelius**

Food Processing Supervisor
Shekoli Swakweku,

The Oneida Cannery will be having a Open House on April 30, 5:00-7:00, NHC Cafeteria. There will be a brief history of the Cannery, presentations from Tsyunhehkwa Retail, Tsyunhehkwa Agricultural components and OCIFS. Please come and join us for nutritious healthy meal and see the completion of our remodeled cannery kitchen

area. There will be plenty of door prizes. Be the first to sign up for the spring garden tilling with our Agricultural staff. Receive a copy of all our upcoming workshops for the year.

Please recycle your canning jars when purchasing our products at the Cannery or Retail store. We have increased the amount to 25 cents per quart and 20 cents per pint & _ pint towards your next Cannery product purchase. (Only)

We look forward to working with you and your family in the near future.



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Come to the Oneida Cannery Open House and learn how they process white corn.

Tribal participation in Climate Action

As we approach Earth Day, the headlines are dominated by reports of the struggling economy, environmental degradation, job losses, energy concerns and climate change. Indeed, it is a critical time for our communities, our country and the planet Mother Earth. As for local governments, the best way to be part of the conversation ---and the action---this Earth Day is to be a part of the National Conversation on Climate Action. www.climateconversation.org

The National Conversation is supported by the ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), American Planning Association, National League of Cities, Serra Club, the US Green Building Council and many other prominent organizations.

Please join the climate change opportunities on April 22, 2009 for an Oneida

Nation Tribal Climate Change Action Plan for evergreen thinking, Unplug Campaign activities, Tribal carbon mocasin (foot) print analysis and charting a local course of action. The community plan would create an agenda, which will protect the environment, create jobs, boost the economy, reduce green house emissions, drive innovative solutions and enhance the holistic wellness of the Tribal community.

For more information contact;

Oneida Nation in Wisconsin

Oneida Nation Air Force (Air Quality Program)

CFW Wheelock

Air Quality Specialist

920-496-5363

920-496-7883 fax

cwheeloc@oneidation.org

www.oneidation.org/environmental/

Sowing Seeds Of Hope Offers Free Help

MADISON - Free short-term counseling services are available to farm families and agricultural workers through Sowing the Seeds of Hope, a project led by the Wisconsin Farm Center for farm families in need.

“Difficult economic times can cause a lot of stress for families. Add farming to the mix, with its unique brand of complications, and the stress can become even more challenging,” says Kathy Schmitt of the Farm Center, housed in the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. “Sometimes the warning signs are easily identifiable: loss of sleep or appetite, irritability, trouble making decisions, headaches and back pain, for example.

“Sometimes the warning signs are harder to see, particularly in farm families or

agricultural workers. Mental health issues are often masked by working excessively long hours or by individuals isolating themselves. When you recognize these signs of stress, or other possible mental health problems, you should consider telling someone about your symptoms.”

The Sowing the Seeds of Hope program offers free, short-term counseling services for farm families and agricultural workers. Participants in the Sowing the Seeds of Hope counseling program can receive up to five vouchers to be used at any of the participating counseling agencies. There are about 140 locations serving the program. Services are confidential.

For more information, call the Wisconsin Farm Center at **1-800-942-2474**.

Food Safety Workshop For Small Food Processors

MADISON -- Small food processors looking to join the buy-local trend and sell canned foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and even grocery stores can sign up for a workshop that will teach them how to do it safely.

Beginning in late April, eight one-day food safety workshops will be offered around the state. The training is jointly offered by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the University of Wisconsin-Extension. It is the first time such a course has been offered in Wisconsin specifically geared to small food processors.

The training will apply only to acidified canned foods, such as pickles, salsa and relish. It will cover food processing regulations, requirements for equipment and facilities, food safety and sanitation, principles of thermal processing, microbiology of acidified foods, record-keeping, and recipe approval. Along with presenting information, the training will include hands-on exercises. Completing the training and passing two exams will allow participants to meet a requirement for the Wisconsin acidified food processor license.

Training will run 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The schedule follows.

All workshops will run 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and participants must attend all day.

- Madison (offered twice) - Thursday, April 23, and Monday, Sept. 14, Madison West Agricultural Research Station, 8502 Mineral Point Rd.
- Waukesha - Thursday, May 21, Waukesha County Administration Center, 515 W. Moreland Blvd.
- Menomonie - Monday, June 22, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Student Center
- Spooner - Tuesday, June 23, Spooner Agricultural Research Station, W6646 Hwy. 70
- Green Bay - Monday, July 6, Brown County Extension Building, 1150 Bellevue St.
- Wausau - Monday, Aug. 10, Marathon County Extension Building, 212 River Drive
- Wisconsin Rapids - Tuesday, Sept. 15, Wood County Extension Building, 400 Market St.

Cost is \$75. Online registration is available at <http://www.peopleware.net/index.cfm?siteId=358&eventDisp=9%2D40%2DACID>. A downloadable brochure with registration form for mailing is also available online at http://www.wifirst.wisc.edu/assets/AcidifiedFoods_Brochure_2009.pdf.



Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council invites you to ... **SHARE THE CARE 2009, CANCER CONFERENCE**

Wednesday, May 6 & Thursday, May 7, 2009
Pre-Conference – Wed. 8:30 am-12:00 pm
Full Conference – Wed. 1:00 pm-4:30 pm • Thurs. 9 am-12 pm
Lake of the Torches Resort – Casino, Lac du Flambeau, WI



SHARE THE CARE 2009 SPONSORED BY: Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Tobacco Network, American Cancer Society, Ho-Chunk Nation, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Spirit of EAGLES, Wisconsin Well Woman Program	SPEAKERS: Linda Burhansstipanov, DrPH “Well Women” Linda Burhansstipanov, DrPH “What is Cancer, What Causes it and What Can You Do to Prevent it?” Isaiah Brokenleg, MPH “Results of the American Indian Youth Tobacco Survey” Stevens Smith, Ph.D “Why is Commercial Tobacco So Addicting, and What Can Help?”	REGISTRATION: Free DEADLINE: Friday, April 24, 2009 HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Lake of the Torches Resort – Casino 510 Old Abe Road, Lac du Flambeau, WI 1-888-599-9200 \$70.00 single/double Buy 1 Breakfast – Get 1 Breakfast Free MORE INFO: Contact Teresa Barber at tbarber@glitc.org , or (715) 588-1034 or Joseph Bonfoey at jbonfoey@glitc.org , or (715) 588-1062 or visit Share the Care at www.oneidation.org
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Oneida Youth & Elders Fishing Day

10th Annual

May 16, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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(Finger Lake)
Rain or Shine



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

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

Bring your fishing poles!! Bait will be provided!

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Louis Guerra, grd. 12 -4.00
Layni Stevens, grd. 11 - 3.945
Joslin Skenandore, grd. 12 - 3.890
Sara Melchert, grd. 12 - 3.888
Yuntle McLester, grd.12 - 3.835

High Honors

Maria Metoxen, grd.11 - 3.778
Michael Santiago, grd. 9 - 3.713
Kyle White, grd. 12 - 3.670
Paul Gutierrez, grd. 12 - 3.670
Chelsey Cornelius, grd. 9 - 3.667

Shane Skenandore, grd. 9 - 3.667
Jaylee Godfrey, grd. 10 - 3.612
Jasmin Webster, grd. 10 - 3.612
Kanani Nunies, grd. 9 - 3.571
Matthew Bateman, grd. 12 - 3.500
Eliza (Raquel) Gonzales, grd. 10 - 3.500

Honors

Shaina Powless, grd. 12 - 3.445
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Allison Bailey, grd. 12 - 3.388
Salene LaRock, grd. 10 - 3.388
Mary Powless, grd. 10 - 3.388
Tinea Bailey, grd. 9 - 3.381

Colleen Cornelius, grd. 9 - 3.381
Ululani Nunies, grd.10 - 3.333
Cheyenne Starr, grd. 10 - 3.333
Shaleesa Danforth, grd. 11 - 3.277
Dylan Wheelock, grd. 11 - 3.167
Carl Tepiew, grd. 10 - 3.112
Michael Arce, grd. 11 - 3.057
Destinee Counard, grd. 10 - 3.057
Richard Guyette , grd. 10 - 3.000
Edward Santiago, grd. 10 - 3.000
Janene Skenandore, grd. 12 - 3.000

Dustin Skenandore 3-peats Einstein Expo

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

Dustin Skenandore combined his love of music and science to win the Foth Einstein Project Science Expo individual category for the third year in a row.

The Resurrection School eighth grade student used his guitar for his project "How to Make a Guitar Sing." Skenandore compared sympathetic vibrations on open guitar strings when another string is plucked.

"I picked this (project) out because I like guitar so much, and I figured it would be easy to learn about something that I liked," said Skenandore.

While it may not have been a surprise that Skenandore won

the \$50 prize, what he did with the money caught the attention of organizers. Skenandore donated his winnings to the Steven Van Dyke Science Education Fund to help fund future Einstein Project activities.

"I think Steven Van Dyke

(was) a good person and he deserved the money be donated back to help other kids learn more about science," said Skenandore. "It was a goal in his life."

Science Fair Sponsor



Dustin Skenandore

Wisconsin Public Service matched Skenandore's \$50 donation and gave him a \$25 Skopko gift card, and the widow of Steven Van Dyke, Ellen Ney Van Dyke, wrote Skenandore a thank you note for his donation.

Skenandore enjoyed the projects and learning how to follow a scientific procedure.

"It think it's a great opportunity to learn more about science and topics you never get to learn in school," he said.

Go to www.oneidationation.org to hear Skenandore play.

Marian 2009 Pre-College Summer Camps

FOND DU LAC, Wis. - Marian University is offering three different summer camps for high school students interested in the business, criminal justice and nursing programs during June.

The **nursing day** camp runs June 15-18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This camp is for high school juniors and seniors and costs \$25, with lunch included. Opportunities include shadowing a nurse, a hospital tour, CPR and first aid instruction and scholarships. **Applications for this**

camp are due by June 1.

The **criminal justice** overnight camp runs June 22-24 and is for high school juniors and seniors. **If registered by May 15** the cost is \$179, otherwise **applications are due by May 30** and cost is \$199. All meals are included in the fee. Opportunities include realistic simulations such as collecting evidence, meeting with professionals, campus life previews and scholarships.

The **business** overnight camp runs June 21-26 and is

for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The cost is \$250 **if registered by April 30**, otherwise **applications are due by June 12** and the cost is \$295. All meals are included in the fee. Opportunities include simulations such as running a company, a service learning project, campus life previews and scholarships.

For more information about these camps, go to www.marianuniversity.edu/summercamps.

Art and Music Scholarships for Middle & High School Students

The Oneida Nation Arts Program is offering a limited number of scholarships for Oneida middle and high school students to attend summer art and music camps at UW-Green Bay. The scholarships are on first come, first served basis and will cover the cost of the commuter registration fee and art camp lab fees. All camps are one week and are held at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Campus.

Music camps run Sunday thru Saturday and include the following:

Jazz on the Bay: July 26 - 31, students entering 8 - 12 grades

Middle School Band, Orchestra and Choral: July 12 - 18, 6-9 grades

Senior High Band,

Orchestra and Choral: July 19 - 25, students entering 9-12 grades

Total Guitarist: July 26 - 31, grades 8 - 12 with some guitar experience

Art camps run Monday thru Friday. Middle School Art Camp is June 15 - 19, and High School Art Camp is June 22 - 26. Workshops available in the art camps are wildlife illustration, fashion design, photography, cartooning, painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and computer animation

Students who are seniors this year are not eligible for either music or art camps.

To apply, contact Christine Klimmek at cklimmek@oneidationation.org or call **920-490-3831** to receive an Oneida Nation Arts

Program scholarship application. Students must also fill out the university's registration form for the camps and submit both forms to the Oneida Nation Arts Program by the April 30 deadline. Registration forms and more information on the camps can be found on the University of Wisconsin web site www.uwgbsummercamps.com. If possible, please get the recommendation of your child's art or music teacher. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the Arts Program for a brochure.

The scholarships were made available this year, in part, due to funds received from the Wisconsin Arts Board's Regranting Program and the Oneida Tribe.

BIA Youth Leadership Challenge

Program Overview:

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is sponsoring the Youth Leadership Challenge 2009. The program will provide a rigorous schedule of instruction, events, challenges, recreation and social activities that are designed to create awareness and improve the knowledge base of young tribal members in the unique Nation to Nation relationship that Indian Tribes have with the United States Government. Participants will receive instruction from tribal leaders and other experts in the field based upon a curriculum that will provide knowledge and information on the historical, political, legal and social development of tribal governments as the instrument to carry out this nation to nation relationship. Activities that enhance knowledge and promote problem solving skills will be integrated into the program. Competition between groups and evening social activities will provide motivation and foster communication and sharing among participants and facilitators. Follow up challenges, projects, and activities will be continued throughout the year for participants completing the challenge.

Eligibility Requirements:

The program is open to American Indian/Alaska Native students who will be

entering their sophomore, junior or senior year during the fall of 2009. Students from all BIE operated and funded schools are welcome to apply. Schools, community and tribal organizations are encouraged to sponsor students to attend the challenge. Food and lodging will be provided. Travel to and from Haskell will be the responsibility of the participant or the participant's school or sponsoring organization. Students should plan to arrive on campus anytime after noon on Sunday, June 14, and depart for home Saturday, June 20. A total of 150 to 2009 applicants will be approved to attend the challenge. Students that demonstrate leadership skills and those that need a little motivation are encouraged to apply. Students will need to complete the following check list, to apply.

- Youth Leadership Challenge Program application
- Recommendation forms completed by a teacher and school counselor.
- A 250 to 300 word essay (Written or Typed) identifying the four major areas (economic development, education, social programs, cultural activities, etc.) that the student's tribe is involved in that have a positive influence on their lives. The essay should also identify the top four challenges that the student feels his/her tribe faces and recommend

solutions to those challenges.

- Verification of Enrollment in grades 9 through 11. (for example, the student's Report Card or a letter from the school administrator)
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) or letter from tribal official verifying eligibility for tribal membership.
- A one page essay that demonstrates the student's interest in Leadership and Tribal Government
- A parent's or guardian's signature on the application
- A recent photograph and shirt size
- A list of any medical conditions and medications that may present challenges to participation in some activities

The application and supporting materials must be received by **May 1, 2009**. Applications must be complete to be considered. Applicants that are selected will be notified no later than May 15, 2009.

Please submit applications to: **Stephanie Birdwell, Deputy Director, Policy and Post Secondary, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street, NW; MS-3609 MIB Washington D.C. 20240.**

If you have any questions about the Youth Leadership Challenge, please contact:

Ms. Birdwell at: **202-208-4397** or via e-mail at: sbirdwell@bia.edu.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Night Sessions Start Promptly @ 5:30 PM

THURS., FEB. 19 @ 5:30 PM Norbert H. Center - Cafeteria N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida	THURS., MARCH 26 @ 5:30 PM Community Education Center 2632 Packard Dr., Green Bay	THURS., APRIL 23 @ 5:30 PM Civic Center 2913 Artley St., Oneida
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Twisting the Night Away ONHS Prom

By Laura Neuens

ONHS social studies instructor and prom coordinator

On March 28, ONHS staff and students were “twisting” the night away at the annual Oneida Nation High School Prom.

The event kicked off at 8:00 pm in the Turtle Room at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center.

Decorations were provided by the prom committee and the event looked spectacular.

The prom committee would like to send a special thank you to Kristy Cornelius and Becky Anderson for their assistance making decorations!

Music was supplied by Music N' Motion and, with

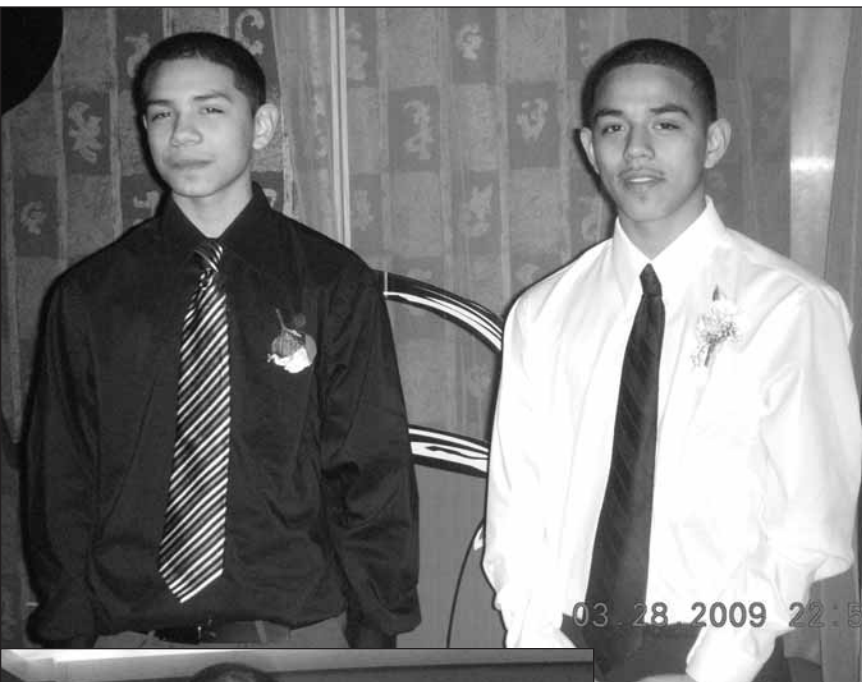
the help of student's music requests, the DJ “rocked.”

At 10:00 pm, Prom Court was presented and students on court received boutonnieres and corsages in their honor. Tinea Bailey and Jo Jo Santiago represented the ONHS freshman class, with Ululani Nunies and Eddie Santiago representing the

sophomore class. On junior prom court was Dylan Wheelock and Shanica Hill. Finally, the prom queen was Carissa Metoxen, and king was Gabriel Gonzales.

The students danced until midnight when they were all “twisted” out!

Thanks to all who came out to support this fun event!



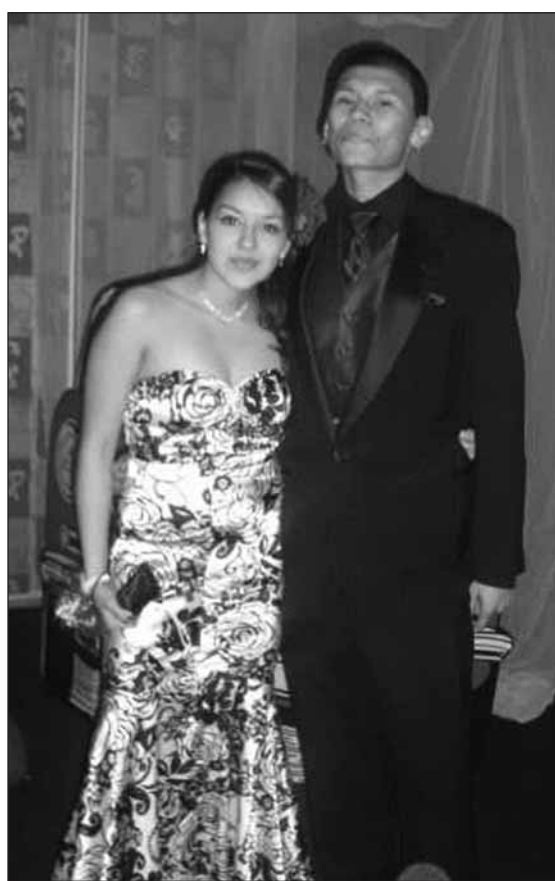
Photos courtesy of Carol Martin

Top left: Brothers Jo Jo (left) and Eddie Santiago in their finest at this years ONHS prom.

Top right: ONHS senior girls ready to "Do the Twist" at this year's prom. L to R: Allison Bailey, Sara Melchert, and Carissa Metoxen.

Bottom left: ONHS students Cheyenne Starr (left) and Jasmin Webster flash a smile at the 2009 ONHS prom.

Bottom right: ONHS seniors Yuntle McLester and Paul Gutierrez strike a pose at the 2009 ONHS prom.



The “Reed Report” on the busy life of a ONHS senior

By Lynn Adrian

Thunderhawk Times co-advisor

ONHS senior Douglas Reed is a family member, a

community member, and a very active Oneida Nation High School student. He is also the brain behind “Reed Productions.”

Doug's mother is Christine and his sister is April. Doug is a responsive brother and a dedicated son.

Doug has participated in such events as breakfast with Santa and other events that serve the vulnerable in his community. Doug attends the Vipers semi pro football games and aspires to assist them with a possible management position. (Semi Pro is the way the Packers started out!)

Doug came to us from Pulaski in sixth grade. He is a student who has a 3.8 GPA and is a pleasure to have in class. He manages the ONHS football, lacrosse, and basketball teams. He functions as the “go to guy” for the Oneida Class of 2009 and was instrumental in assuring the success

of the taco sales for his class. He is one of the Senior Class Officers.

He is also assistant editor of “Thunderhawk Times” and has worked in the Kalihwisaks office, under Cindy Thomas' mentorship program in years past.

Doug says he is unsure about whether he will be pursuing photography or business management in his post secondary endeavors.

Doug was the lead videographer during the high school's recent event to honor the elders. Doug is a key member of the ONHS video team which was asked by the student council to record the event. District Administrator Sharon Mousseau recognized Doug and other students staffing the video cameras.

Doug has been writing ever since this teacher had the privilege of making his acquaintance in August, 2004. He walked into the Norbert

Hill Center building with plays in hand. He has continued to believe in his good words and he assisted Christopher Powless and Arthur McClenaghan in making the recent ONHS screenwriting workshop a success.

He is the current Public Relations and Communications coordinator for the Wakata'skeh^ -the screenwriter's workshop, upcoming theater event, and film production.

He has two completed plays: “The New Years Eve Party,” and “Dorms.” He has sent “The New Years Eve Party” to Arthur in Los Angeles for Arthur's review. Doug' front page reads, “Reed Production.”

When asked “What drives you to write?” Doug's response was, “I just write, I guess.” Doug likes Steven Crane's The Red Badge of Courage and Henry David Thoreau's Walden.

Senior class update

By Leah Pociopa

THT Reporter

Spring break is right around the corner, from Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 19. School starts back up on Monday, April 20 with just over thirty days left in the school year.

The senior class is planning another sale...a Bake Sale...on April 18 at the IMAC Bingo Hall. It will run from 9:30 to noon and 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Everything is HOMEMADE!

Our student council is planning Earth Week, which includes: planting a sugar maple on Wednesday, April 22, lights out for a day, car pooling to work or school, a solar oven contest (some really good prizes), and making posters out of recycled cardboard, paper, and so on.

Individual classes are also

getting in on the action. Vicky Norton's drama class is scheduled to attend a performance of Anton Chekov's “The Cherry Orchard” at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater on April 29. Laura Neuens is working with her social studies classes in preparation for Wisconsin History Day on Saturday, May 2.

Also, we will be welcoming our wonderful elders back on May 7 for more interviews about the Oneida community as they remember it.

Student Council is also planning a year-end trip for students who qualify with good attendance, academics and grades.

There's a lot more. Watch for future issues of Thunderhawk Times for updates and future events.

Earth Week events

Earth Week - April 20-24

Monday - Car Pool Day

Have students/staff car pool to work. Ride or walk to school.

Encourage students/staff to do this all week

Tuesday-Trash-Free Day

Try your best not to create a single piece of trash to help reduce our waste in the classroom.

Wednesday-Lights Out Day

Conserve energy. Turn out your lights in the classroom, especially when you leave the classroom, also do we need all the lights on during our prep periods?

Afternoon events/activities

Thursday-School Art/

Literature Exhibits

Students will display their recyclable sculptures, poems and essays.

Friday-Awards for Solar Oven and Posters

Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22

1:15-1:50-Students to go to the auditorium

Speaker from Environment talking about Recycling Environmental Pledges

1:50-2:45-Students will be paired with their advisor

All students and staff to pick up garbage around the Norbert Hill Center

2:45-3:00-Planting a tree in the back of Norbert Hill

Go Figure, Geometry is Cool!

By Jaylee Godfrey

ONHS sophomore

I was recently talking to Mr. Mike Hanke, ONHS math instructor. He said he was “very hurt that geometry does not get the attention like other classes do.”

So, I decided to make him feel better. I'm telling everybody who cares: Geometry is a “fun” class.

Well, it's not always fun and we actually have to do work. We do lots of brain activities or things that make your brain think such as graphs, multiplying, proportions, and similarity.

I can honestly say Hanke is a very dedicated teacher. He cares about his students and

he is quite open if you need to talk.

He would advise you to take one of his math classes. But if you decide to take one, be ready for some real work.

Overall in his class, people have a pretty good time. Although it is in a math class, you can still talk to your friends, joke around and still do your work all at the same time.

I've definitely done this before because Mike Hanke is the best math teacher EVER! And he is also the school's athletic director. Make a note of that.

I wait for this class all day long, but it's only my 4th hour class.

Spring Sports schedule

2009 Track Schedule

April 21-Shiocton Invitational - Shiocton-4:00 p.m.

April 23-Menominee Indian Invitational-Keshena-4:00 p.m.

April 30-Crivitz Invitational-Crivitz-4:30 p.m.

May 4-Lena Invitational-Lena-4:00 p.m.

May 8-Peshtigo Invitational-Peshtigo-3:30 p.m.

May 12-Shawano-Shawano-4:00 p.m.

May 14-Mayville-Mayville-4:00 p.m.

May 26-Regional

May 29-Sectional

June 5 and 6-State-La Crosse-10:00 a.m.

2009 Lacrosse Schedule

April 9-game @ Green Bay Southwest-5:30 p.m.

April 22-game @ Oneida v. Metro-5:00 p.m.

April 24-game @ Appleton-5:00 p.m.

May 6-game @ Oneida v. Notre Dame-5:00 p.m.

May 11-game @ Wausau-5:30 p.m.

May 14-game @ Oneida v. De Pere-5:00 p.m.

May 16-games @ University School, Milwaukee-TBA

May 18-game @ Oneida v. Menasha-5:30 p.m.

May 21-game @ Neenah-5:30 p.m.

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When: April 28, 2009

Where: Business Committee Conference Room

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*

TOPJob Opportunities

Office of State Employment Relations TOPJobs – Summer Internship Program

• Targeted Opportunity Program – TOPJobs

The Targeted Opportunity Program (TOPJobs) assists state agencies and universities in promoting equal employment opportunity by providing them with a pool of candidates who are racial/ethnic minorities, females, and persons with disabilities. The program provides students with practical, on-the-job experience, training, and exposure to the Wisconsin Civil Service System. Many of the interns have succeeded in obtaining employment in state government as limited term or permanent state employees.

To participate in the Targeted Opportunity Program, students, at the beginning of the next school year, must be juniors, seniors, or graduate students at an accredited four-year college

or university, or enrolled in the second year of a two year technical or vocational school program. Since the inception of the program in 1974, 2,527 students have been placed in more than 30 different state agencies and university campuses throughout the State.

Must be a full time Wisconsin student or a student enrolled in a college of university, or vocational/technical program in the State of Wisconsin.

Deadline: April 17, 2009

For an application, contact Oneida Higher Education at 1-800-236-2214 or 920-869-4436.

You can also search for "TOPJobs" at <http://oser.state.wi.us> or contact:

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Lilyanna Rochelle Mendez-Powless
 Lilyanna Rochelle Mendez-Powless was born March 3rd, 2009 to proud parents Summer Dawn Powless and Benito Mendez Villalba at Aurora Bay Care Medical Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Lilyanna was 7lbs and 8oz and 19.5 inches long at birth. Maternal grandmother is Rochelle A. Powless. Paternal grandparents are Francisco Mendez Cantu and Leonila Villalba Horrancia. Lilyanna is happily welcomed by her big bother Seneth and big sister Senaida "Chicki".

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jodie & Mitch Skenandore
 Happy Belated Wedding Anniversary



From your parents John & Janet Hill, Tom & Josie Daebler, Ron Skenandore & Granma Phyllis Skenandore

Happy 38th Birthday

Bill Ault
on April 3



Love, Mom, your son Devin, Connie, Mike & Nick, Sheri, Tiana, Cyle, Justin & Hiaven

Happy Birthday

to **Raquel**
A very special person!



Love "Gramcrackers"

Happy 3rd Birthday

Mia
(Belated)



Love, Grandparents John & Janet Hill, Jose & Tom, Great Grandma Phyllis & Grandpa Ron

Happy 4th Birthday

Ernest IV
Sukwatunhetsla=wi
on April 24th
Kninol&hkwa>!
You are our earthbound Sun and you are always bringing light into our lives!
We love you and are so proud of you!



Love Mommy, Daddy and Daniel Clay

Happy 9th Birthday

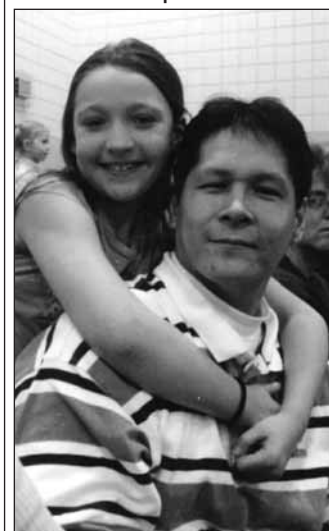
Deja
on April 6th



Love Mom, Louis & Family

Happy 11th Birthday

Hayley
on April 9th



Love You Always, Clearwater, Granny, Larry & the crew! We'll Always Love You!

Happy 1st Birthday

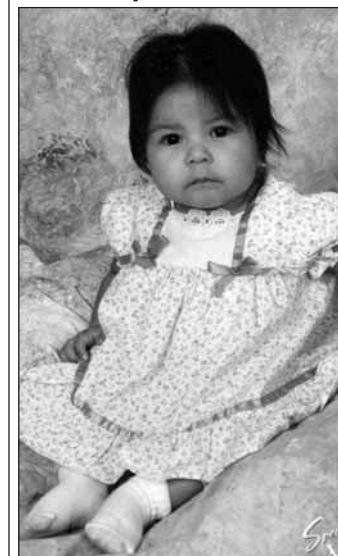
Daniel Clay
Wahataliha=t#
on April 4th
Kninol&hkwa>!
You have such a wonderful spirit! Your smile can brighten anyone's day! We are blessed to have you!



Love Momma, Daddy and big brother Ernest IV

Happy 1st Birthday

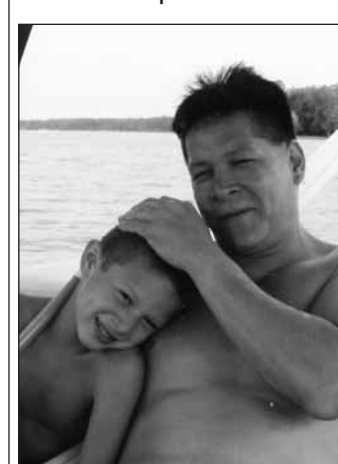
April Ann



Love, Mom (Chris) & Dad (Linden), Brother (Douglas) and Aunts and Uncles

Happy 12th Birthday

Alex Clearwater
on April 18th



From, Felicia, Quinn, Dad, Granny & Larry who'll always Love You! We never forget your blessed day!

Oneida Nation Job Line

1-800-236-7050

<http://hrd.oneidanaton.org>

Congratulations

Raquel
Graduation
Congratulations on a job well done Concord HS, New Hampshire



Love "Gramcrackers"

Happy 2nd Birthday

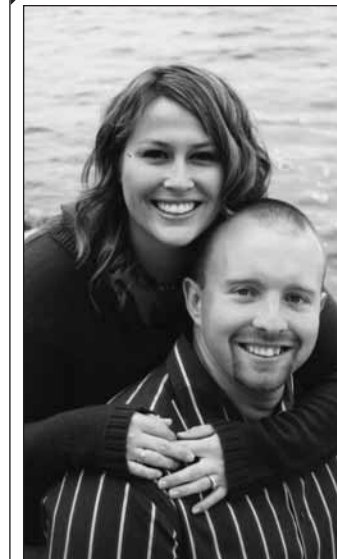
Kimana
on April 10th



We Love You! Your cousin Carmella, Great Aunt Von & Family

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NEXT DEADLINE
 is... **Wednesday,**
April 15, 2009
 @ 4:30 P.M.
 with a
PUBLISH DATE
 of... **Thursday,**
April 23, 2009
 Questions, please call:
920-869-4277, 4279,
4280 or 4090
 or email us at:
kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org

Engagement Announcement...



Bobbie Mahn, daughter of Bob and Sandie Mahn, and **Gary Henschel**, son of Debra and William Henschel of Oshkosh, plan to wed in October 2009. Both are graduates of UW Oshkosh: Bobbie teaches early Childhood and Gary is currently substitute teaching.

Happy 1st Birthday

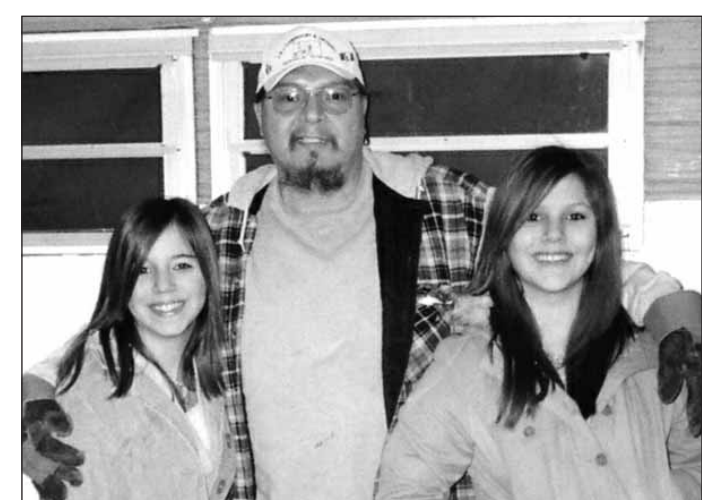
to our precious angel **Josalyn**



We love you.
 Mom, Dad, Gavin, Elise, Old Gramma, Nana, Papa, Gramma Sandi, Grandpa Jerry, Auntie Fawn, Deja, and all the family

Happy 58th Birthday

To our Dad **Bernie Metoxen**



Love, Shannon and Shaun



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Plata By: Kathleen Gaskin

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Family Style Choices:
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 1 Side Item
 1 Vegetable Choice
 Coleslaw & Dinner Rolls are included

Starting at \$13.99
per person
Not valid with any other specials or offers.

Dates Available in '08 & '09

Our On-site Wedding Consultant will help Coordinate:

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- Wedding Receptions
- Overnight Accommodations

Other Friday Night Wedding Specials:

- Free Champagne Toast for Head Table
- Free Centerpieces
- Free Champagne Punch for Two Hours
- Free Suite for Bride & Groom
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Land Claims Commission Corner

Dates set for 2009 New York Homeland Tour



Submitted by **Jennifer M. Stevens**

LCC Exec. Asst./Tour Coordinator
It is that time of the year! New York Homeland Tour Time! The Oneida Land Claims Commission hosts an annual New York Homeland Bus Tour every August.

Objective: The New York Homeland Bus Tour is a one week hands-on educational opportunity for our General Tribal Council Members to experience our original homeland in Upstate New York and receive a deeper understanding of the significance of our New York Land Claims, our History, and our Culture as Oneida people.

- “Suggested” sites: Seneca Museum, Rochester Museum, Gonondagan, Canandaigua, Champlain Battlefield-Nichols Pond Park, Chittenango Falls, NY Oneida Territory-Oneida Museum, Oneida Lake, Fort Stanwix, Oriskany Battlefield, Erie Canal, Kana tsiohareke-Mohawk Community, and Iroquois Museum. Sites will be determined by LCC approval soon.
- Co-Sponsors: Cultural Heritage, Museum, Tourism, Bingo & Casino, Oneida Health Center and Kalihwisaks.
- Searching For College Students! Two seats reserved for “College Students” majoring in Indian Studies with a strong interest in Oneida History. Send in 3 page essay stating, “What It Means To Me To Be Oneida.” Best two essays will be selected-giving college student opportunity to go on trip. (\$100.00 Bus Seat Reservations is not

waived.)
Dates to consider:
Deadlines: Registration Starts: March 30, 2009; Registration Deadline May 30, 2009
Participant Drawing: June 19, 2009 5:00 PM Bus Seat Reservation Deadline: June 30, 2009 Passenger Information Meeting: July 25, 2009 5:00 PM Homeland Tour: August 2-8, 2009.

Registration Guidelines
• Participation Selection: Registration & Drawing
• Bus Fee: \$100.00 per person. Covers: Lodging, Food, and Transportation.
• Participants: (Oneida Enrolled Members Only) (unless married couple w/ children.)
• First Time Participants: Oneida Enrolled Members that have not been on previous NY Homeland Tour trips. (We have the Master Passenger List of past participants with enrollment

- #s)
- Bus: 55 Passenger (Participants, Staff, Registered Nurse, and photographer/videographer included)
- Single: Traveling alone.
- Doubles Include: (2) Parent/Child, Husband/Wife, Friends.
- Groups Include: (3-4) Immediate Family Members; Mother, Father, Guardians, Children, Grandparents.
- Age: Minimum of 10 years old.
- College Students: Two seats reserved for “College Students” majoring in Indian Studies with a strong interest in Oneida History. Send in 3 page essay stating, “What It Means To Me To Be Oneida.” Essays will be reviewed by the Oneida Land Claims Commission, Staff, and NY Homeland Tour Advisory Board. (\$100.00 Bus Seat Reservations is not waived.)
- One Registration Per Group: Individuals planning on

traveling together. (example. You can not register and list 3 other names, and have the 3 other people register and add you on their registration forms.)
Our passengers wellbeing and health is important to us; This is a week long trip on a bus with 55 passengers. Please consider the following; a Certified Nurse will be on the bus.
Health Concerns: If you have any of these concerns, please contact your Physician if any of the following would be a detriment to your health; *Must be able to sit on a bus for 4-6 hours. * Must be able to walk at least a mile. * Must be able to be with large groups of people. Must NOT be prone to panic attacks, anxiety, and/or claustrophobia. * Must not have MAJOR health concerns. ALL Tour Participants are required to share any health concerns and medications with the staff and nurse to ensure that all participants will have a safe and healthy trip. Any information

will be kept confidential.
Watch For.....
• Community Information Meetings: Watch for Fliers regarding community meetings. An opportunity for Oneida community members to ask questions and get better informed on the New York Homeland Tours.
• Registration: Starts March 30, 2009. Registration Forms will be made available in the Kalihwisaks, Intranet, Groupwise, Per Request, and at the LCC Office. Ends May 30, 2009!
• Would You Like E-mail Updates? Contact Jennifer M. Stevens and let her know!
Contact:
Jennifer M. Stevens
LCC Executive Asst./ Tour Coordinator
(920) 490-3955 or by e-mail Jstevens@oneidation.org
Send to:
Oneida Land Claims Commission
PO Box 365
Oneida, WI 54155

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NEW YORK HOMELAND TOUR AUGUST 2-8, 2009
Registration Form

LAST NAME: FIRST NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE #: CELL: D/O/B:

E-MAIL: TRIBAL ID#:

TRAVEL CATEGORIES: ☐ SINGLE (1 Person) ☐ DOUBLE (2 People) ☐ GROUP (3-4 People Max)

(Please List Who You Will Be Traveling With)

TRAVEL PARTNERS	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP	D/O/B	TRIBAL ID#
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Oneida Casino Awards 2 Cars in 2 Days!

Green Bay, WI – Oneida Casino awarded two vehicles, each valued at over \$34,000.00, to two lucky patrons in just two days! On Sunday, March 29th, Donald F. of Green Bay won at Oneida Mason Street Casino. Then, on Monday, March 30th, Mary K. from Greenville hit the vehicle jackpot at Oneida’s Main Casino! Have a seat at any of the machines surrounding the vehicle slot bank and play! A winning combination is not necessary. The

vehicle jackpot is awarded randomly to any active player.
Oneida Casino offers a tremendous variety of slot and video games with denominations ranging from penny machines to million dollar progressives. Voted as having the best selection of table games in the Midwest, Oneida Casino also offers high stakes bingo, poker, off-track betting, and free live entertainment. Visit for more information.

Oneida Golf Outing – Friday, May 22
7:30am Registration/8am Shotgun Start

\$39.00/per Golfer

- 18 Holes
- Cart
- Free Luncheon

\$20.00/per Junior Golfer

- 9 Holes walking
- Free Luncheon
- 10 a.m. Shotgun

Tee Times limited to first reserved 144 golfers and 36 Junior golfers.

AWARDS LUNCHEON WITH PRIZES FOLLOWING GOLF OUTING!

Visit or call Thornberry Pro Shop after April 1 to register, (920) 434-7501. Pre-payment is required.
**Must present Tribal I.D. at check-in*

THORNBERRY CREEK

A T O N E I D A

Oneida Tribe applies for Stimulus Package Funds

The Oneida Governmental Administration Division has been engaged in the new stimulus initiatives that are rapidly becoming available to tribal governments. We will be providing updates through the Kalihwisaks in each issue as we receive new information. The first major award came through as \$1.4 million for housing. We will keep our membership informed as we receive additional information. We hope to expand our communication soon to the internet and intranet.

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- How the Recovery Act helps you
- Unemployed Worker
- Additional \$25/week; benefits extended 33 weeks
- COBRA – 65% coverage of health insurance for nine months
- No taxes due on first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits
- State fiscal aid will generate millions of higher wage jobs
- Education and retraining funds available at Job Centers.
- Students Education tax credits of up to \$2,500
- Pell Grant amounts increased to \$5,350
- Stafford Loans increased by \$2,000
- Work-Study Programs to add 200,000 students.
- Homeowners \$1,500 tax credit for expenses on energy efficiency/weatherization
- Those who buy a new house will receive a tax credit of up to \$8,000.

Taxpayers (8th District, Wisconsin)

- Making Work Pay tax credit \$400 single/\$800 married (181,000 households)
- Earned Income Tax Credit – a 45% tax credit on first \$12,570 of income (61,500)
- Alternative Minimum Tax Relief – 26,000 households avoid AMT tax
- New car purchasers receive tax deduction for sales and excise taxes
- Senior Citizens
- One time \$250 payment for Social Security
- Nutrition programs extended
- Community Services programs funded.
- Small Business Owners
- Small Business Administration section 7(1) and 504 guaranteed loans
- Three year extension of Production Tax Credit (PTC) for wind energy
- 30% Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for renewable energy
- Renewable energy bonds to become available
- Extension of depreciation allowance (50% of purchase price)
- Enhanced small business expensing of up to \$250,000 on capital investment
- Five year Carry Back of net operating losses allowed – immediate tax refunds
- Tax Credit: 40% first \$6,000 wages; hiring unemployed Vets or 16-25-year-olds.

Denny shooting his way to dream

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Most high school athletes would give up on a dream of playing Division I college basketball after two severe knee injuries. Derrick Denny, 19, rehabbed that knee, and took a few steps closer to his dream.

Denny, a graduate from Seymour High School, is a freshman at Kansas City Kansas Community College and led the Blue Devils in scoring with a 13.3 points per game average, and was third in three-point shooting in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

Denny's goal to play college basketball at the Division I level took a major hit during his junior season after a torn anterior crucial ligament forced him to miss all but two games his junior year at Seymour. "The beginning of my junior year I was being recruited by pretty good schools," said Denny. Those recruiting calls began to slow.

During Denny's summer leading to into his senior year he was faced with another setback. That same knee gave out again. Denny was told by doctors to expect to be out for most of his senior season. "I rehabbed hard going into my senior year. Doctors said I would be ready by late January or early February, but I was back the last game in December," Denny said.

Denny was selected named First-Team All Conference and named to the Green Bay Press-Gazette All-Area Honorable Mention team during his shortened senior year.

That knee injury caused all schools to stop the recruiting process and forced Denny to examine his junior college options.

Denny was looking at a few other junior colleges but decided on Kansas City Kansas Community College.



submitted photo

Derrick Denny shoots over two defenders during a high school game last February at Seymour High School. Denny led his college team in scoring his freshman season.

The 6-4 Denny started most games for the Blue Devils and took some time to adjust to the college game. "The game was faster and everyone is a lot stronger. Athletically, it's a big jump. After I adjusted it wasn't a big deal anymore," he said.

Not only was the college experience a change athletically, Denny had to adjust to the course work. "Sometimes we practice twice a day and then do individual workouts. We go to school until noon and then practice," he said. Denny remembered about his parents' stance on education. "My parents made sure I had a head on my shoulders. They made sure I had my homework done and made me always put grades before sports," he said.

This stuck with Denny as he was just points away from being named an Academic All-American.

As for the upcoming sea-

son, Denny has high goals academically and on the basketball court. "I was nominated All-American Region 6 this year; I want to get that and was ranked third in three-point shooting. I want to be first. I just want to have a better year but teams will be ready for me," he said. "I just missed Academic All-American; hopefully I can get that next year."

With Denny's success the recruiting process has started gearing up again and Denny has set his sights on his goal. "After this year I am being recruited pretty good. There are some Big 12 (Conference) schools and hopefully some Big 10 schools hop on and some small Division I schools are looking at me," he said.

Denny has one year left at Kansas City Kansas Community and hopes to commit to a Division I college after his tenure as a Blue Devil.

Bay Area Vipers bring tradition back

Submitted by Deke Suri

Welcome to the Bay Area Vipers, bringing tradition back to Green Bay.

Under new management the Bay Area Vipers have a new home field. Our new location will be Oneida Nation High School.

New Owners Deke and Angela Suri vowed in the off season to make some big changes to the Bay Area Vipers organization. Under new management the Vipers have a new field and, all home games will be Saturday night at 7pm under the lights.

Practice already started in February at the Sports Emporium, even though regular season doesn't start until August. The Vipers have 2 preseason games one in June against the Joliet Buccaneers based out of Illinois and, the second in July against the NEFL Green Bay Gladiators. The second game is for bragging rights. The Vipers 2009 regular season schedule will

be released in May.

Volunteer Programs

The Vipers are currently working with the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club here in Green Bay to help promote a healthy and, active Lifestyle. The Vipers are helping both programs with their youth flag football leagues this summer and fall. Along with the YMCA and, Boy & Girls Club the vipers are also working with the United Way to promote positive role models for our youth.

Four other programs the Vipers are working with are American Cancer Foundation, American



Kali File Photo

Bay Area Vipers Players Practice (2008).

Diabetes Association, Autism Society of America and, The Children Hospital of Wisconsin. The Vipers are giving all proceeds from raffled items donated by local businesses to all four charitable programs.

The Vipers are inviting you to the open house at the Sports Emporium in De Pere on April 19, 2009 from 2pm-4pm. Feel free to call at 920-655-4290 with any questions.

Phoenix run benefits programs

GREEN BAY — The 12th Annual Phoenix 5K Cross Country Fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 18, at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Kress Events Center, 2420 Nicolet Drive.

The race will start at 10:15 a.m., following the kids' run at 10 a.m. Participants can pre-register before April 12 for \$15 and \$7 for the kids' run. Day-of registration is \$20 and \$10 for the kids' race. Registration is \$12 in advance or \$15 on race day for UW-Green Bay students and staff.

The race will feature a flat and fast 3.1-mile paved course that winds through campus. Age groups for men and women include 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54 and over 50.

The top five overall men and women will receive awards, as well as one top individual from each men's and women's age group. Each participant will be automatically entered into a raffle drawing, with a chance to win hundreds of dollars in door

prizes.

Registration forms are available at the Kress Events Center or on the cross country team's page of the UW-Green Bay athletics website, www.uwgbathletics.com/. Sign-in is at the Kress Events Center from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on the day of the race.

All proceeds will benefit the Green Bay men's and women's cross country programs. Contact Michael Kline at 920-465-2950 for more information.

15th Annual Spring Fling



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

The 15th annual Spring Fling Celebration was held on Wednesday April 8th at the Oneida Nation Elementary School. The event, sponsored by the Health Promotion department at Community Health Services, is the culmination of the efforts by Tina Jacobson and other volunteers throughout the community to promote holistic health. Jessica Trembl (above), Fitness Specialist at Oneida Family Fitness, demonstrates yoga positions for those attending the Spring Fling event.

Powless IV, friends hoop it up



Kali photos/Steven J. Gandy

Powless demonstrates shooting ability at Oneida Recreation Gym.

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

John Powless III coached the Bantam Boys team (13-14 year olds) at the Indigenous Games. While there they won the Bronze medal, Two Oneida's who played on the team were John Powless IV and Sandy Cohen. Along with Dakota Oskey, The three boys play on Seymour's 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team.

The three boys have been playing with each other since 3rd Grade. Last year they took 5th place in the State 6th-grade tournament in Wausau. There were a total of 24 teams in their division. Oskey made the All-tournament team. This year the boy's team took 6th place out of 32 teams and Powless IV made the All-Tournament team for the first time.

"I think they noticed me when I was playing against Fort (Atkinson). I had 24 points; I could have had more points, but I went for a rebound and I rolled my ankle," Powless IV said.

All boys play for the school team and a school sponsored traveling team. During the School season, they compiled a record of 6-2.

Most impressively, so far, they have won five of six tournaments they've played in this year.

Powless and friends also took first place out of ten teams recently in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Seymour and walked away with their first trophy.

According to Powless' teammates he's quick to the hoop, but he would rather shoot the ball.

"Most of my teammates tell me to just go to the hoop, like, don't shoot that much; just go to the hoop for a layup because I'm pretty quick past the guys but I enjoy shooting," Powless IV said.

Powless IV has one more year before he can join the powerhouse Seymour Varsity team as a freshman.

April is Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month

Submitted by Oneida Community Health Nursing Department

Nearly two-thirds of sexually transmitted diseases in Wisconsin occur among teenagers and young adults. More STDs are reported in Wisconsin than all other reportable communicable diseases combined. In 2007, gonorrhea and Chlamydia trachomatis infection accounted for 88 percent of all reported STDs in Wisconsin. Also in 2007, about 1 in 34 females age 15-19 were diagnosed and reported as having Chlamydia trachomatis infection in Wisconsin.

Music Television (MTV) and the Kaiser Family

Foundation have collaborated with Planned Parenthood Federation of America to create the "Get Yourself Tested" media campaign to help young people make responsible decisions about their sexual health. The national GYT '09 campaign will inform young people about STDs. It will also promote testing, and treatment as needed.

Gonorrhea and Chlamydia trachomatis infection can cause severe reproductive health problems in women, including ectopic pregnancy, which can be fatal, and pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), which is a leading cause of preventable infertility for women in the U.S.

Some things that can be done to limit exposure to common STDs include:

- Abstaining from sexual contact (oral, anal and genital).
- Being in a mutually monogamous relationship (neither partner has other sex partners) in which both partners have been tested for STDs and found to be not infected.
- Correctly and consistently using latex condoms
- Testing and treating partners of infected patients as quickly as possible to help prevent further transmission and health consequences of infections.
- Screening for all sexually-active women aged 25 years or less who are at increased

risk. Increased risk for STDs may include previous infection of an STD, new or multiple sex partners, inconsistent condom use, commercial sex work and drug use.

For more information about STDs and testing information, visit <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/STD/index.htm> or <http://www.gyt09.org>

Focus is on Sexual Assault Prevention

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month

By Jessica Parker

Native American Coordinator/Crisis Counselor

April has been designated by Governor Jim Doyle as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In the past, there had been only one week dedicated to raise awareness of this complex issue. However, as awareness of the prevalence and impact of sexual assault increases, so do activities and community participation in addressing sexual assault in our communities. One week is no longer enough to focus on this crime that affects so many of our friends and family.

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault defines sexual violence as any act (verbal and/or physical) which breaks a person's trust and/or safety and is sexual in nature. It may include rape, incest, child sexual assault, ritual or spiritual abuse, date and acquaintance rape, marital or partner rape, sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure and voyeurism. It is a topic that many refuse to acknowledge or discuss. This could be for many reasons; guilt, shame, embarrassment, fear, denial that it even happens in our families or community.

While it is true that sexual assault can happen to people of all ages, races and income levels, it occurs in Native communities at alarming rates. According to the statistics, Native Americans are sexually assaulted at an average annual rate that is 3.5 times higher than all other races. Evidence also shows us that it is likely that such violent victimization occurs at the hands of someone from a different race (American Indians and Crime 1999). Furthermore, "Sexual assault by an intimate partner is more frequent among American Indians than among other racial/ethnic groups (Intimate Partner Violence Special Report 2000). These alarming statistics give cause for service providers to offer culturally specific programs to underserved populations. Two such agencies are:

The Sexual Assault Center of Family Services located in Green Bay (920) 436-8899 and Reach Counseling Services located in Menasha and Oshkosh (920) 722-8150.

What are some ways to protect ourselves and loved ones from sexual violence?

- Be cautious of those who may give a child special attention
- Be familiar with the background of adults you choose to let into your life
- Keep an open dialogue

about what your boundaries are in a sexual relationship; ask if what you are doing is okay

- Talk with your children and loved ones. Let them know that they can always tell you if something is wrong.
- Pay attention to abusive/controlling behaviors. It is not uncommon for violent relationships to include elements of sexual assault.
- As parents, pay attention to changes in your child's behavior or negative reactions toward a formerly trusted adult
- Follow your instinct. Many survivors look back and acknowledge that something "didn't feel right" before the crime took place.

Remember, we, as individuals and community members, can take a stand to end sexual violence. Through volunteering, being supportive of those whose lives have been affected by sexual violence, confronting bigoted behavior, participating in community events and raising awareness about the issue, we can make our community a safer place. When we, as a community, take a stand against sexual violence and hold offenders accountable, we help create a world our last seven generations strived for and protect our next seven generations forward.

New WIC Foods Are Coming in August 2009!

NEW! Baby food for infants

NEW! Fruit and Vegetable checks for women and children

NEW! Canned beans or dried beans

NEW! Whole grain products: 100% whole wheat bread, soft corn tortillas, whole wheat tortillas, and brown rice

Also: More foods to support breastfeeding moms and their babies

Formula amounts will change to help meet babies needs based on their age

Low-fat milk for children over the age of 2 and for all moms

Ask your Oneida WIC Nutritionist for more information: 869-4829

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

child development days

swing into success!

AN AWARENESS OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS!

- Assess children's developmental progress
- Provide parents with awareness of available childcare, community services and medical/health resources

Friday, April 17, 2009
10:0 am-6:00 pm
Oneida Nation Elementary School

HOW TO REGISTER:
Phone reservations can be made at **920-490-3893**
Mon., March 16, through Thurs., April 16, 2009

free vision dental & hearing screens

healthy snacks

walk-ins welcome

free prizes & books

A screening for all children birth to 5 years

Sponsored by: Oneida Nation Schools in Collaboration with Early Intervention, Oneida Head Start, F.A.C.E., Childcare Services Program, and The Oneida Community Health Center

Strong Check yourself.

☐ I will help when I see someone is in trouble.

☐ If someone harms me, I know it's not my fault.

☐ I'm not ashamed to ask for help.

☐ I raise my voice against sexual violence.

☒ All of the above.

We are all responsible for teaching young boys and girls about respect and healthy relationships. More importantly, we are all responsible for modeling good behavior.

Check yourself.

The mission of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault is to create the social change necessary to end sexual violence. Help is available in your community.

Call for information and volunteer opportunities.

Local Information:

Sexual Assault Center of Family Services 300 Crooks St. Green Bay, WI 54301 1 (920) 436-8899	Reach Counseling Services Inc. 1370 S. Commercial St. Neenah, WI 54956 1 (920) 722-8150
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Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems

The Oneida Nation Farms

By the OCIFS Coordinator

Oneida Nation Farms

Every profession has a language of its own. Have you ever tried listening to two doctors or two accountants speak to each other? I'm usually sitting there wondering, "Are they speaking English?" Well, farming is no different, especially when you have 4,000 acres in crops, 300 head of Black Angus beef, 115 buffalo, a 43 acre apple orchard and numerous meetings with other tribes, organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies. There is a need to discuss soil quality, moisture, fertilizer, crop seed varieties, machinery condition and repair, and planting of crops using the global positioning system. Also, crop monitoring, insect and disease control, weather conditions and storm damage, livestock growth, health, disease and insect conditions; and crop and meat market prices, among many other challenging issues. These are just some of the things that your Oneida Nation Farm must



consider and deal with.

Let's start with crops. There has been talk that the Farm is exchanging crops for cow manure from a local dairy farm. This is totally incorrect. What is really happening is the Farm plants and raises a crop. Then at harvest time the dairy farm pays the Farm for the crop and then must come and harvest it themselves, but the dairy farm does not rent the land. By doing this, the Farm saves the Oneida Nation money by not having to purchase additional expensive equipment, to pay

for the man hours of harvesting, or to pay fuel costs for the harvesting. On top of that the Farm has worked a deal where they get free fertilizer (manure) from the dairy farm, which is also a huge savings.

Now, the Farm doesn't sell all their crops. They only sell the standing crop that they themselves do not need to feed their livestock (Black Angus beef and buffalo). This brings us to the animals at the Farm. In these times of Mad Cow Disease, Chronic Wasting Disease, and Chicken Flu; it is important to

know where your food comes from. At the Oneida Nation Farm you do. They have a 160 cow/calf operation which is used to stock their beef feedlots. The cow/calf operation works like this: the cows are left in a 140 acre pasture to feed along with a few good bulls. When the cows give birth the male calves and poor female calves go to the feedlot and the good female calves stay in the grazing herd. This way the Farm can tell you exactly where that meat came from, which is now being called 'Point of Origin' and adds much value to your products.

If you haven't been over to see the buffalo herd on Cooper Road lately, you really need to go see them. There is a buffalo observation deck where you can watch the magnificent animals in their natural environment. The Farm has the buffalo separated into two pastures. On the west side of Cooper Road is the strong healthy herd that will be used to pass on the genes to future buffalo for years to come. On the east side of Cooper Road is the herd that simply can't be used to produce future buffalo because of their weak genetic make up, but is still good buffalo meat. In fact, you can purchase this delicious meat

at the Oneida Apple Orchard. The Farm donates much of this Buffalo meat for community functions, to the Oneida Nation schools and for the Oneida Diabetic program.

The Oneida Nation Farm is also deeply concerned about the health of the Oneida people and our community. That is why education is of extreme importance to the folks at the Oneida Nation Farm. As diseases continue to spread, and health continues to decline, you will see a change in our views from just eating plain food to eating healthy food. As people start becoming more aware of how they are fueling their human gas tank they will understand the need to pay more for good healthy food.

With more and more of our youth becoming disconnected with the land, and not understanding the importance of healthy foods, it has never been more important to discover new ways of bringing them back to the earth both physically and spiritually. In the middle of April every year the Orchard participates in Youth Day on the Farm. They take approximately twenty-five youth from the Oneida Elementary 6th grade and give them a 'hands-on' tour of the Oneida Apple Orchard and the Oneida Nation Farm. At the Oneida Nation Farm the youth learn some veterinarian skills such as what it is like to give an animal a shot by practicing on oranges. They also learn about the importance of computer skills in relation to today's farming, soil testing, nutrient management, and equipment usage and care. They tour the livestock operation as well as the cow/calf operation and some of them are generally lucky enough to experience a live buffalo calving birth.

The group then has lunch, which was made up of delicious Black Angus burgers right from the Oneida Nation Farm and goat yogurt from the Caprine Goat Farm in Black Creek. After lunch there are informational tables for the youth to visit at: the Seymour FFA officers are present, along with representatives from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and a representative from the Oneida Falling Leaves 4-H club.

This is merely a first step in our effort to get youth re-interested in agriculture and healthy locally produced foods. For more information about the Oneida Nation Farm, Oneida Apple Orchard or other products and services of the Oneida Community Integrated Food System members please go to www.oneidanation.org/ocifs or contact the Farm at 920-833.7952.



Growing Green Test Plots



Bison Viewing Mound



Growing Green community Shelter Rides

Fruit/Veggie of the Month... Cherries

Did you know...?

Cherries are drupes or stone fruits related to plums and more distantly to peaches and nectarines. There are two types: sweet and sour. It is the sour cherries that are lower in calories and higher in vitamin C and beta carotene than sweet.



Selection:

Buy cherries that have been kept cool and moist so that the flavor and texture are best. Cherries with stems will keep longer. Look for firm, plump cherries with green stems. A brown stem is a sign that the fruit is not fresh. Wash cherries when ready to eat them.

Storage:

Loosely pack unwashed cherries in a plastic bag or pour them into a shallow pan in a single layer to minimize bruising. Store in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for 2-3 days. Cherries may be frozen with or without the pits for up to 1 year (rinse, dry and place in zip-lock bag - close all but 1 inch, insert straw & suck out air; then fully seal).

Nutrition Benefits:

Fat-free, sodium-free, cholesterol-free, good source of vitamin C & potassium, low in calories (~90 calories/cup), and This in a low-fat diet can help maintain:

- A healthy heart
- Memory function
- A lower risk of some cancers
- Urinary tract health

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