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One man standoff causes site lockdown

By Nate Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

A 30-year old Antigo man surrendered to police after a 4 1/2-hour standoff on Commissioner Street in Site I in Oneida on Saturday afternoon. At 10 a.m. on Saturday morning the man's ex-girlfriend notified police he was at her residence on Echo Lane in Ashwaubenon with a handgun. He then left the residence. Officers from the

Oneida Police Department located the man's car in Site I about a half-hour later when the standoff started as the man refused to exit his vehicle. Police utilized a robot from the Brown/Outagamie County bomb squad to negotiate a surrender while the robot operator was able to determine the man was drinking and had a handgun through a monitor. The robot also placed stop sticks around the vehicle in an attempt to immobilize it.

Around 3:00 p.m. the suspect surrendered to Oneida Police Officers and SWAT team members. After his surrender, a loaded handgun along with a shotgun with ammunition was recovered. Authorities confirmed only one shot was fired and it was from officers attempting to disable the suspect's vehicle. The standoff forced a lockdown in the area including the Oneida Community Library along with the Civic Center, which was host-

ing a basketball tournament. It also closed sections of Highway 54 and no vehicles were allowed in or out of Site I. He was arrested officially by the Ashwaubenon Police Department and is being held in the Brown County Jail. Personnel from the Oneida Police Department along with the Brown County Sheriff's Department, Ashwaubenon Police



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski
A Brown County police officer points his assault rifle at the perpetrator.

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Matt Cornelius makes helping people his business at Lyndahl Funeral Home.



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An Oneida WWII vet was honored during a Green Bay event.



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The Thunderhawks softball team took on Stockbridge in a home game

ONSS celebrates and remembers



Kali photos/Dawn Walschinski
The Oneida Nation School System (ONSS) celebrated Oneida Culture Day on Friday, May 4 with cultural games, crafts, songs and dancing. Top: Culture Teacher Sonny Hill and ONSS Superintendent Sharon Mousseau unveil a sign dedicated to the memory of former teacher Debbie Cornelius who passed this spring. Left: Kindergarten students Xavier Escamea and Samantha Anderson participate in a Round Dance.



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Oneida officers honored at Best Badge ceremony

Quick thinking and teamwork earned members of the Oneida Police Department (OPD) a Best Badge Award from the Outagamie County District Attorney's office.

Officer Brandon Vande Hei, Detective/Sergeant Ron King Jr., Assistant Chief Eric Boulanger, Officer Larry Jordan, Officer Dan House, Officer Nate Ness, Officer Matt Ninham, Sergeant Heather Martin, and Outagamie Sheriff's Office Deputy Chad Gross were honored for their work during the Deke Suri case in which Suri was sentenced to 10 years of probation for his aborted attempt to kill himself and four sons with sleeping pills. The case was



Submitted photo
Oneida Police officers display their honor certificates at an awards reception held on April 19, 2012. Pictured from left to right: Brandon Vande Hei, Matthew Ninham, Nathan Ness, Eric Boulanger, Dan House

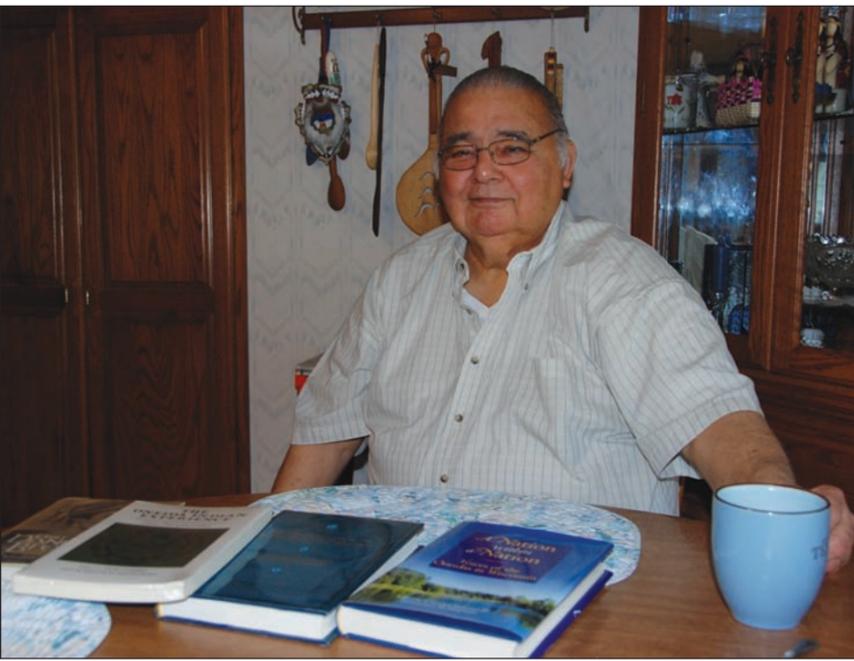
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Older American's Month Profiles

McLester sees history go full circle



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Lee "Gordy" McLester III has had a life-long interest in Oneida history which led to his involvement with the Oneida History Conferences and in helping to create six books concerning Oneida's past.

By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks

In recognition of Older Americans Month, the Kalihwisaks will interview Oneida elders for the month of May.

Lee "Gordy" McLester III tried to decline being interviewed for the Kalihwisaks Elder Month series, but considering he's produced over 500 videotaped interviews of Oneida elders, it seems only appropriate to start with him.

McLester is the son of Lee G. McLester Jr. and Pearl "Schuyler" McLester. His father got a job as a machinist in Detroit and moved the family there when McLester was two-years-old. They stayed until the end of War World II.

It was there McLester developed an interest in Oneida history after having learned there were three Oneida communities from grandparents and people around him. He tried to learn more about their shared past.

"I went into the library at school and I tried to find out as much as I could. The little research I did as a grade school person, there wasn't anything. There was a paragraph, two paragraphs, one paragraph, no para-

graphs, in different books, but there was nothing comprehensive," he said. "The only time you had something Indian was Thanksgiving."

When the McLesters returned to Wisconsin, the young scholar tried again.

"We came back here and it was much the same. When I went into the libraries in Seymour, they had two paragraphs, one paragraph, no paragraph, in the school system. It just wasn't there, and I wanted to learn more about it," he said.

After high school, McLester served in the Marines Reserves and later went to vocational school. He married Betty Benson and they moved to Milwaukee where he worked in a plant and at the post office.

"But I didn't really care for the environment, so we moved back probably around 1961- 62. We got a piece of land around here, and at that time there was nobody on this road. The roads were gravel if you could get down them. The electricity ... was about a half a mile away," he said.

At the time, there were no loans available for building on the reservation. With the help of their families, the young couple built a basement

and lived in it for two years.

"At that time we were able to get electricity down here, but we didn't have any kind of running water, no telephone, and we had to cut wood for the heat," he said.

Eventually, McLester was able to get discarded lumber from dismantled refrigerator cars and a \$500 loan from a revolving fund from Oneida.

"Proverbial one stick at a time," he said.

McLester's children were going to school, and running into the same void of information when it came to Native American history as he did.

"We went to the school board, and they said 'that's all we have, we don't have anything. If there's going to be something, it's got to be developed.' So what we did is a group of us parents got together and we got some people to help us," he said. The group got help from people working on the land claim, and developed curriculum. The effort also started the home school coordinators program, now referred to as Youth Enrichment Services (YES) Advocates.

"At the same time there was a group of us that we

• See 8A,
McLester

Oneida students receive UWGB Celebrating Success award



Kali photo/Travis Cottrell

Left to Right: Freddie Miller, Jessica House, and Emily Pelky. Noelle Metoxen and Mariah Metoxen were also recognized but were unable to attend.

Five Oneida students were among those who were recognized at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay's 12th annual Celebrating Success program that was held on the university's campus on Friday, May 4, 2012.

Noelle Metoxen - Oneida Nation High School, **Mariah Metoxen** - Seymour High School, **Emily Pelky** - Seymour High School, **Freddie Miller** - Oneida Nation High School, and **Jessica House** - Oneida Nation High School were the Oneida students who were nominated for the award.

The Celebrating Success program rewards local African-American, Native American, Hispanic, and Asian high school students who impact their schools and communities in a positive manner.

Each area school nominates three juniors who have done well academically, demonstrate good role model traits, and positively impact their communities and their future.

From 1A/Standoff

Department, Hobart/Lawrence Police Department and Outagamie County Sheriff's office responded to the incident.

The man was considered wanted on parole violations. He was arrested on three felonies that include being a felon in possession of a firearm, recklessly endangering safety, and failure to comply with officers attempting to take a person into custody. He also

faces misdemeanor charges of possession of a firearm while intoxicated, and intentionally pointing a firearm towards another.

Oneida Police Department Chief Rich Van Boxtel credits the cooperation of the participating agencies in resolving the incident.

"This incident demonstrated the ability of local law enforcement to come together to deal with an emergency. Being able

to have Oneida Police, Ashwaubenon Public Safety, Brown County Sheriffs Department, Hobart - Lawrence Police, and Outagamie County Sheriffs Department respond to an emergency to work collaboratively and ensure the safety of our community resulted in no one being hurt and a peaceful resolution to the incident," said Van Boxtel.

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WHEN: Saturday, May 19, 2012
PLACE: VFW Building
TIME: 7:00AM - NOON

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Housing, proposed mega-farm discussed at special OBC meeting

By Dawn Walschinski
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The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) held a special meeting on Thursday, May 3 engendering discussion of the state of housing on the reservation.

Present: Ed Delgado - Chairman, Greg Matson - Vice Chairman, Patty Hoelt - Secretary, Councilmembers Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens, Vince, DelaRosa, and David Jordan.

The first item on the agenda was a request from the Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) Director Dale Wheelock to activate \$1.6 million from the Financial Year

(FY) 2012 Indian Housing Program (IHP) funds for construction of 8 to 10 homes in the Green Valley Neighborhood. Wheelock explained that the single family houses would be half rentals and half for home ownership. He stated the fund modification was necessary due to current construction being held up by a lawsuit.

"We could be in construction in June. It keeps from laying off some of our construction workers as well as have some prime time for construction," said Wheelock.

The lawsuit causing the modification request involves an Oneida contractor who is also an employee of the Oneida Nation. Recently, the OBC has been enforcing the Independent Contractor Policy passed in the early 1990's. Chief Council Jo Anne House explained why enforcement was necessary.

"That policy said if you're an employee of the tribe, you can't work for the tribe as a contractor," she said. "We put that together because ... that leads to liability for the tribe beginning with taxation and employer-employee taxes, contractor taxes, and it just goes downhill from there, because if there's an injury on the job, and the individual's determined in

an IRS audit that they're an employee of the tribe, then that injury on the job becomes the tribe's employment issue."

Chairman Ed Delgado expressed concern about a lack of input concerning the construction of the three-bedroom houses.

"I'm feeling quite slighted here because I called this meeting on the pretext that we were going to decide somewhat how this site would look. Would it be all single family, or would it be a combination of duplexes and single family. I don't see any option for that," said Delgado.

Wheelock replied that the housing plan had been in place for two years.

"That was laid out before we even submitted the grant application for the infrastructure," he said.

Councilman Vince DelaRosa expressed concern over the estimated cost of construction for each home, but Councilman Greg Matson spelled out the debate of building inexpensively versus building quality.

"At \$124,000 you can build a two-by-four structure, limit the R (value) in the insulation, cut back on some of the amenities that are now in place, and if that is the ultimate goal, then for sake of conversation, to build a cheaper structure, then we would as Business Committee would have to own that decision, and we're OK with providing the members with ... more burden placed on them on the maintenance of that home," said Matson.

Secretary Patty Hoelt brought up a concern that the proposed project will also be delayed by an injunction concerning the bid process.

"It's more likely than not," answered House.

The OBC passed the

modification request with the make-up of the houses to be decided by the Community Development Committee.

The OBC deferred the July 2, 2012 GTC Agenda, as well as an Environmental Resource Board (ERB) opposition to Oneida Tribe partnership with Holsum Dairies, LLC, however they held discussion on the proposed 4000 head dairy.

ERB Chairman Tom Oudenhoven stated that his board needed to meet to discuss the tour of Holsum's facilities they had conducted on Wednesday, May 2.

"I'm still upset with the water, the need for high capacity wells," said Oudenhoven.

Delgado raised the issue of bringing in revenue.

"We should be turning over quite a bit of profit in the lease of our lands and in the use of our lands," he said. "If we're going to be a successful tribe, we have to utilize what we have and make some money out of the investments that the General Tribal Council has made in the purchase of land."

Correction: In the May 3, 2012 Kalihwisaks on page 6B, the Kalihwisaks printed an article **DD 214 Increased Social Security Benefits for Vets.**

According to Ken Hess, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist for Wisconsin, the story is full of misinformation.

For more information on Social Security benefits for veterans, please read the following.

Spotlight on Social Security

Military Service and Social Security

By Ken Hess

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist for Wisconsin

Each year, on November 11, America observes Veterans Day and honors the men and women who have served in our nation's Armed Forces. Many of our Vietnam era veterans are now nearing retirement age or are already there. It is important that they — and other American service personnel — know just what retirement benefits they can count on from Social Security as they make their future financial plans.

Like most of the civilian workforce, all current military personnel pay Social Security taxes and earn Social Security coverage. Earnings for active duty military service or active duty training have been covered under Social

Security since 1957. Also, earnings for inactive duty service in the reserves (such as weekend drills) have had Social Security coverage since 1988.

In addition to regular military pay, Social Security adds special earnings credits to an individual's Social Security record when he or she serves in the military. The extra earnings are for periods of active duty or active duty training. If, for example, a person served in the military between 1957 and 1977, he or she has been credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which active duty basic pay was earned. These extra earnings may help someone qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of their Social Security benefit.

The number of credits



Ken Hess

an individual needs to qualify for Social Security depends on his or her age and the type of benefit. Any future Social Security benefit pay-

ment depends on a person's earnings, averaged over a working lifetime. Generally, the higher a person's earnings, the higher his or her Social Security benefit will be.

And remember that Social Security is more than retirement. If a worker becomes disabled before reaching retirement age, he or she may be eligible for Social Security disability benefits. A disabled worker's spouse and dependent children also may be eligible for benefits. If a worker dies, the widow or widower and dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits.

If you, or someone you know, were wound-

ed while on active duty in the military, find out more about what Social Security can do by visiting our website designed specifically for wounded warriors: www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. There, you will find answers to a number of commonly asked questions, as well as other useful information about disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Veterans and others who are within 10 years of retirement age should begin planning for retirement. A good place to start is with Social Security's Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. For more information, you can read our fact sheet, Military Service and Social Security, which is available on our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html.

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Oneida Housing Authority Homebuyer's Understanding your MEPA



MEPA Definition: A MEPA or Monthly Equity Payment Account records the equity homebuyers accrue over time by making monthly payments in excess of the administration fee; a MEPA is established in HDS for each homebuyer.

MEPA Loan Definition: Provides the homebuyer with funds for eligible home improvements using MEPA equity accrued. Eligible home improvements are defined in the standard operating procedure "Process Homebuyer Home Improvement Request."

MEPA Balance Training Schedule
Where: Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) 2913

Commissioner St.
When: Thursday, May 17th, 2012
Time: 1:00pm

When: Thursday, June 7th, 2012
Time: 5:00pm

When: Saturday, June 16th, 2012
Time: 10:00am

Please contact Julie Cornelius or Laurel Meyer-Spooner at **920-869-2227** if you cannot make any of these scheduled meetings.

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BENEFIT for Rosa Melchert-Black Bull

Saturday • May 19, 2012

White Eagles II Bar

2994 E Service Rd. • Oneida, WI

2:00 PM – throughout day/evening

\$5 Entry Fee includes Food

- Jam Session/Concert w/Numerous local bands
- Various Raffle items including a Scooter



Just recently, Rosa was diagnosed with Stage IV metastatic colon cancer to the liver; she is currently going thru chemo therapy. Rosa has dedicated her life to working for the Oneida Casino for the past 16 years and now is employed as a Tribal auditor for the Oneida Nation.

Rosa was married this March to her life-long partner Ed Black Bull. The couple have 2 beautiful children, Juanita, 21,

and Ed, Jr., 17, and one grandson Xavier, 4. Rosa has always been dedicated to supporting her family and friends.

The upcoming benefit will help the family with pending medical bills and necessities as Rosa is currently on indefinite leave from work during her chemo therapy sessions.

Event is being coordinated by Kitty Melchert and Susan Danforth, as well as Family and Friends of Rosa & Ed.

Donation Items can be mailed to: Kitty Melchert, 4184 W Mason St., Oneida, or call (920) 370-3308 for pickup or Susan Danforth, W364 Riverdale Drive, Oneida, WI 54155 or call 920-713-8544 for items to be picked up.

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- Marcel Proust, French Novelist

There is no charge for obituary notices to be published in the Kalihwisaks for enrolled Oneida citizens or spouses.

Organizers for the upcoming event are asking for community support. This is also a request for donations for the benefit being held for **Rosa Melchert-Black Bull**. A monetary donation of \$25 or more or a gift of your choice for the raffles that will be taking place for Rosa's benefit on May 19, 2012 are sincerely appreciated! We 'Thank You' in advance for your support!

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Loretta Says... More Notable People

Loretta Metoxen • Oneida Tribal Historian

Ongoing Kalihwisaks Column • Providing a connection to the past



served in Italy in WW II and was wounded twice. He was the chairman of the Committee on Finance. I discussed our problem about some current legislation with him and he quickly said "We're not going to let that happen". That's all I needed to know.

Joan Rivers has a very swank apartment on Park Avenue in New York. She was hosting a fund raising event for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Her dog had a cute little silk house underneath the grand piano. Joan has a library that she showed me. I'm always interested in libraries and books. I asked Senator Moynihan about the Treaty of Canandaigua. He responded, "Ah, yes! Timothy Pickering". He proceeded to tell me the whole story. Timothy Pickering was the Commissioner sent to the Treaty negotiations by President George Washington. Senator Moynihan was an historian and he knew the histories of the tribes in the state of New York, which he represented. That was revealing. I did not have to educate him on the matter as I had so many others of his station.

I was the Area Vice-President for NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) for the Minneapolis Area. Alvina Grey Bear was the representative from the Dakotas and Helen Sanders Mitchell was the Secretary. We became fast friends. Alvina was from Standing Rock Reservation and Helen was from the Quinault Reservation in Washington State. She

came from a timbering tribe and she actively worked in the woods. She owned her own lumbering business. Years later, she sued the United States (representing one hundred other members) for mismanagement of their timber—and won! The case is now known as the Mitchell case. Alvina has passed on to the Spirit World. Helen is currently a board member of The Indian Land Working Group.

Lucy Covington was from the Coville Reservation in Washington. She was also a rancher and a fighter for the tribal lands. On the other side of the political fence was Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson. The majority of the Business Committee was in favor of termination, but they called it liquidation, where every member would get a payment. Lucy employed Charles Trimble as her PR man in the fight. She won! Senator "Scoop" Jackson was slated to introduce the termination legislation. Before this event and at my request, he had arranged for an Air Force Carrier to take Soila Federico and her mother to the Burn Hospital in San Antonio. He was the Chair of the Armed Services Committee. Soila died after 23 days there. She had fallen in a black iron vat of rendering lard. Sonia was her

identical twin sister. The Federico family (mother and many children) lived across the border in Old Mexico. The mother would regularly go to Super Markets in the United States (mostly Tucson) and collect all the meat scraps they discarded. She brought them home to render out (fry out) the fat. The children were so hungry for meat that they tried to fish out the pieces floating on top of the black caldron, which was sitting on a very hot fire. Soila slipped and fell in backwards with her face, hands and feet not having been burned. I regularly went to their home on many occasions. They had a black iron wood stove in the adobe house and a dirt floor. The Army Burn Hospital was outside of San Antonio. She was given the best of care there.

There are many more notable persons that made a difference in my life over the years, and I will cover their activities in another column in the future.

To be continued...

Bio: Raised on a farm in Oneida. Graduated Seymour High School, 1950, Ex Airborne Radar Technician, USAF during Korean War, Mother of six children and seven stepchildren, widow of Floyd Metoxen, Historian - 15 years, on Business Committee from 1967 to 1996.

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Calendar 2012

May 11
Youth Fundraiser
Friday, May 11
9:00AM - 2:00PM
Oneida Apostolic Church, 118 Meadow Dr. off of County U
Breakfast Burritos, Indian Tacos, Chicken Dumpling Soup & Assorted Bake Goods. Sponsored by: Oneida Apostolic Church & Beth Haven Academy Proceeds to go for youth to attend "International Competitions" in Indiana. Deliveries available for orders of 5 or more: call **920-362-5342**.

May 12
Earth Day, 2012
Saturday, May 12
Begins 9:00AM
Osnúhsa? Lake, Hwy. 54 to County Road FF
Located near Cultural Heritage, 9:00am Opening Prayer, light breakfast, garbage pick up - bags, vests and gloves will be provided. 11:00am Tree Give Away, limit 6 trees per family. Sponsored by the Environmental Board and Live, Sustain, Grow. Call **920-496-5360** for more information.

May 12
WIVA-Oneida Chapter Breakfast Fundraiser
Saturday, May 12
7:00AM - 11:00AM
Parish Hall, Freedom Rd
All you can eat! \$7.00 Adults, Children 10 and under \$4.00. 50-50, raffle, Why cook, come on over for breakfast and visit. Hear some really good stories, also! Don't forget to wear your boots. For delivery orders 2 or more call **530-5645**

May 19
Youth and Elder Fishing Day
Saturday, May 19
9:00AM to 1:00PM
Osn7hsa? kanya-tála Lake, 3707 Hillcrest Drive
Bring your fishing poles, bait provided. Food, games, prizes and Dunk the Warden!. Please bring your tribal ID. For more information contact Sylvia at **920-869-1600**.

May 18-19
Many Trails NiiJii Native Arts Gathering
Friday, May 18 - Saturday, May 19
Lake of the Torches Convention Center in Lac du Flambeau
The Many Trails NiiJii Native Arts Gathering is free. The conference is for Native artists and culture bearers practicing any artistic and cultural work including traditional & contemporary artists, writers, poets, musicians, performers, emerging artists, illustrators and designers. To receive more information, contact **Christine Klimmek** via email or call **920-490-3831**.

May 20
A Wisconsin Act 250 Celebration & Educational Forum Regarding 'Indian' Nickname & Logo Use in Berlin
Sunday, May 20, 2012
12:00PM - 4:30PM
Omro Community Center, 130 W. Larrabee St., Omro, WI
It's free! Featuring: Food, fun, and friendship, Music and musings from Richie Plass (Menominee), The perspectives of American Indian educators, tribal leaders and parents, Updates on current court cases, The truth about race-based school identities and how to create a better educational environment

May 24
ORCCC Question and Answer session
Thursday, May 24
12:00PM - 1:00PM
Elder Services Congregate Meal site
ORCCC Oneida Resident Centered Care Community Question and Answer session will be given by: Jane Smith - Anna John Nursing Home, Keith Janssen - Anna John Nursing Home, Florence Petri - Elder Services, Loretta Mencheski - Elder Services

Fridays
Wise Youth Group
Fridays
3:30PM - 5:30PM
Three Sisters Center
For more information call Isabel Parker at **920-498-2011** or Bev Scow at **920-490-0627**.

Sundays
Oneida Hymn Singing practice
Every Sunday
4:00PM
Oneida Methodist Church Hall
For anyone interested in learning the Oneida Hymns
Contact Information: Carol Cornelius at **920-869-3796** or Lois Powless at **920-833-7745**

To include events in this section please call the **kalihwisaks** at (920) 496-7316, 7317, 7318 or 7319
Announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.

Annual Cleanout and Planting Party

GREEN BAY, WI - As part of On Broadway, Inc.'s (OBI) ongoing community development efforts, OBI announces the 2012 Planter Cleanout Day and Planting Parties. The cleanout day is scheduled for Thursday, May 17 from 9 a.m. until noon. The Planting Party is scheduled for the following Thursday, May 24, from noon until dusk. OBI is currently seeking volunteers for both dates. "It's great to see people coming together to enhance and beautify the Broadway District", said Christopher Naumann, Executive Director of On Broadway, Inc. "This community pride has really contributed to the resurgence of the Broadway District over the past sixteen years." Partnerships have been crucial to the project's ongoing success. Plant content and maintenance are provided through partnerships with various businesses and organizations. The Broadway Business Improvement District, Schroeder's Flowers, the Green Bay Botanical Gardens, and Wild Ones have been

valuable partners with On Broadway, Inc. in these efforts. Stone Silo Prairie Gardens and Tidy Landscapes, LLC also assist with ongoing planning and management as well. OBI is grateful for such strong community investment by its partners. The Broadway District underwent its first phase of the streetscape improvement project in 1998 which resulted in the addition of new benches, planters, and lighting elements. This project began to beautify the Broadway District, creating a comfortable, safe, and appealing pedestrian friendly, urban atmosphere. Year after year, the planter pots along Broadway have blossomed into one of the great draws of the public realm, with over 50 planters blooming with great varieties of color and life. For more information or to volunteer for the cleanout and/or planting dates, visit www.onbroadway.org or contact Christopher Naumann at chris@onbroadway.org.



BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

Cornelius becomes partner in funeral home

Helping others is the nature of the business

By Travis Cottrell

Kalihwisaks
Matt Cornelius has always had a passion for helping people; his desire to help has led him to his current position of co-owner of Lyndahl Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cornelius has been employed as funeral director at Lyndahl since July of 2009.

"My heart lies in working with people. So that passion ties in with this profession. I remember looking on the internet for jobs and I saw Funeral Director and I laughed at it. Then I decided to look into it and I saw it involved working with families and found out that it is actually right up my ally," Cornelius recalls.

However, carrying out the required tasks of the business took some getting used to.

"I wasn't sure how this career was going to go because working with deceased people was the hard part for me. But once I got into it and realized this is my job, this is what I am supposed to do I was fine with it," Cornelius said.

Now that he has taken on the role of co-owner, Cornelius shares the duties with fellow owner Chris Daley; he has a hand in every aspect of the business.

"Being a co-owner comes with its own set of tasks. Working with payroll, bills, and business partners, things of that nature. As a Funeral Director it starts out with taking the first call, we take the call and go out to the hospital of the home, wherever the death occurred. We also meet with the families to work out the details, coffin choice, flowers, catering, veteran services. All the work behind the scenes," said Cornelius.

Serving as a Certified Funeral Celebrant is another service Lyndahl has to offer, typically for individuals who wish to not have a religious ceremony.

"This is a celebration of life, where I meet with the family, and based upon the stories they share with me of their loved one, I officiate a service that brings forth a life story that stays in the hearts and minds of family and friends," Cornelius said.



Matt Cornelius

At the end of the day it is Cornelius' desire to help to others that makes his career worthwhile.

"I love working with families. There are a whole variety of personalities out there so there is always a change. I want the families to be able to say at the end that we got every area perfect"

Cornelius recommends advance funeral planning for those considering their funeral options.

"The families that pre-planned before the death of their loved one, have

relatively little work left to do. With larger families, and extended families, the obituary itself can be a daunting experience. We gather all information and are able to make things manageable," Cornelius said.

If you are looking for a caring professional who will take time to assist in putting together a plan suited to your needs, Matthew Cornelius is available. Please call Lyndahl Funeral Home and Cremation Services and ask for Matt at (920) 499-1223.

Do you have an Oneida-Owned Business you would like featured? Contact us at: kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org

Green Bay Elite opens a new gym in Appleton

(DePere, WI) On Saturday, May 5, 2012 the Green Bay Elite Cheer Company (GBE) will open a new training facility at 2127 W. Nordale Ave in Appleton, WI. The Grand Opening will be 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

The event will kick off with a welcome from gym owners, Cherokee Greendeer and Julie Sprangers. Also present will be gym coaching and support staff, GBE Booster Club board members and current GBE all-star athletes. They will be giving tours of the facility and providing information on the upcoming 2012-



2013 competition season.

This facility is the second gym for GBE. The program began in Green Bay in 1999. This second location has been in the planning stages for approximately 2 years and has finally come a reality. "We are so excited to bring our nationally recognized cheer program to the Fox Valley and grow our GBE family", said Greendeer.

Oneidas back Dallas co. buy of NY sausage maker

VERONA, N.Y. (AP) ~ Hofmann Sausage Co. of Syracuse, N.Y. has been acquired by Dallas-based Zaccanelli Food Group with help from the Oneida Indian Nation.

Hofmann's new chief executive officer Frank Zaccanelli says Monday that he plans to transform Hofmann hot dogs and sausages into a national and international brand. Hofmann, founded in 1879, is currently sold in central New York and other markets along the East

Coast.

Oneida Nation Enterprises is the lead investor. The Oneida's Turning Stone Resort and Casino will be the marketing center for Hofmann events.

Other investors include Syracuse University head basketball coach Jim Boeheim and former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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Treasurer's Report

By **Cristina Danforth**
Oneida Tribal Treasurer



A few weeks ago, I had the honor of giving the opening remarks and dancing at the "Common Ground Concert" at the Meyer Theatre featuring Jennifer Stevens. The event was attended by more than 750 people and was a celebration of dance and song between the Native and European societies. It was an uplifting experience to watch the differences between our cultures and to witness how well they

flowed together. The level of talent displayed was exceptional and it was truly an honor to be asked to participate on behalf of the Oneida people. Thank you to all that were involved for your dedication to our arts.

Working with the community is very important to me. Every chance I get, I try to get out there and find out what the real issues are that are facing our members. Recently I was asked to meet with a

Tribal member about a topic of importance. The conversation was very enlightening and made me realize just how much work still needs to be done in order to correct the problems we face. Cooperation and a common goal seem to be lacking in some areas that are clouded by anger, frustration, and greed. These are very tough topics to address. How to change the mindset of one person is nearly impossible not to mention an entire group. The question is where to start? As an elected official, it is my job to safeguard the assets and ensure our money is being used as wisely as possible. While this does not entail personality conflicts or conflict reso-

lution, I have a duty to the GTC that requires me to be accessible for community member meetings and to do what I can to address situations.

Many situations arise on a daily basis and sometimes I find myself so overwhelmed with a demand for my time from Tribal member concerns that my day-to-day tasks suffer. While unfortunate, I would not have it any other way. By being involved with as much as possible and where I am asked is truly an honor for me. I was elected to help our people and to enlist change and those are the challenges and tasks I fight for at each and every meeting. If I see or hear something that does not look or feel right, I ques-

tion it. Some take it as criticism and respond defensively while others engage my inquiries and explain their position in an appropriate manner. I would hope everyone would see that for me, nothing is personal, everything is professional and necessary to complete the tasks assigned to me by GTC.

While we have our share of negatives throughout the community we also have many positives. There are many areas throughout the Tribe that are interested in the common good and go out of their way to lend their assistance and expertise when needed without worrying about compensation or budget dollars. These departments should be

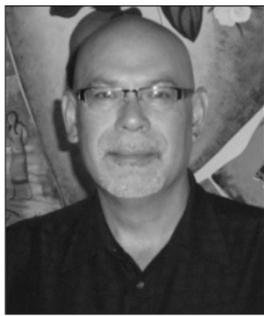
applauded for their selflessness and ability to see beyond their immediate areas. They are not interested in building their staff beyond what is reasonable and their desire is to complete their own work and help others where and when they can. This is the future I hope for the Tribe which is based in our original roots of crossing clan lines to help those in need. If we could all learn to give of ourselves and let go of our idiosyncrasies; our society could thrive and become what we all hope for.

Tina Danforth

OBC Forum...

At our last Business Committee meeting of Wednesday April 25th, the Business Committee adopted amendments to the Independent Contractor Policy which prohibits the departments of the Tribe from entering into contracts with vendors who are also employees of the Tribe. Although I support Oneida Tribal members who are entrepreneurs, I also have to look out for the best interests of the Tribe as a whole. This action is an emergency action, it is intended to provide sufficient time to acquire a clear answer regarding the possible liabilities facing the Tribe.

The Internal Revenue Service has identified a concern regarding this type of employee-contractor relationship. And, based on discussions with the Tribal government liaison in the IRS, this concern is growing.



Paul Ninham
Councilman

Rather than risk tax liabilities and limited Tribal funds, it is my opinion that we should protect the Tribe from this risk and seek clarification. The Business Committee has directed the Law Office answer this question as quickly as possible from the IRS via a Private Letter Ruling or a worker classification opinion.

I believe our legal staff has worked diligently to find solutions regarding this area of the law for many years and helping us to understand what the

risks are and how we can avoid them. The Business Committee is now asking them to explore a legal fix that could allow the Tribe to enter into contracts with Tribal members so we avoid harming the Tribe and the member owned business. In the meantime, I stand by my vote regarding the Independent Contractor Policy amendments because I know that this is only a temporary measure and in the best interests of the Tribe, its membership, and those members who own businesses who are also employees of the Tribe. Once we get the IRS ruling, we can revamp the Independent Contractor Policy or omit it, whichever is more appropriate to better reflect our goals to build a strong economy and reduce all risks to the Tribe.

Paul Ninham

Severe Weather Awareness Expo Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Bay Park Square Mall



Bay Park Square Mall will host a Severe Weather Awareness Expo with the National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Brown County Emergency Management to better equip Northeast Wisconsin communities to prepare for the upcoming severe weather of tornados, flash flooding and severe storms. NWS, NOAA, Brown County Emergency Management, Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), American Red Cross, and more will be on hand with interactive displays, important information and guidelines on what to do in the case of severe weather.



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Oneida Business Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 23, 9:00 am
Wednesday, June 13, 9:00 am

Norbert Hill Center

The OBC meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

Visit the updated Oneida Government website at

<https://oneida-nsn.gov/>

SEOTS LIAISON OFFICE HOURS & COMMUNITY MEETING

Attention Oneida Tribal Members
SEOTS Liaison Councilman Vince DelaRosa will be holding afternoon office hours at the SEOTS location
FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012
STARTING AT 1:00 PM
A Community Meeting will be held at the SEOTS location
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012
10:00 A.M.
SEOTS Office
6811 West Morgan Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Celebration of Older Americans Month

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A community presentation by the Oneida Police Department

May 29

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1^{PM} to 4:30^{PM}



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Oneida Tribal Judicial System

Quarterly Summaries for Jan. - Mar. 2012

Initial Review

Rule 9(D) - Criteria for Acceptance:

The Initial Review Body shall accept an appeal for appellate review if one or more of the following elements are sufficiently alleged to exist in the original hearing body decision by the Appellant in the Notice of Appeal:

- (1) A violation of constitutional provisions;
- (2) The decision is outside the scope of the authority or otherwise unlawful;
- (3) The decision is clearly erroneous and is against the weight of the evidence presented at the hearing level;
- (4) The decision is arbitrary and/or capricious;
- (5) There is exhibited a procedural irregularity which would be considered a harmful error that may have contributed to the final decision, which if the error had not occurred, would have altered the final decision;
- (6) There is a presentation or introduction of new evidence that was not available at the hearing level which, if available, may have

altered the final decision.

To conserve time and space provided, the Oneida Tribal Judicial System will only put into print the Initial Review Decisions which have been denied. The cases that have been accepted at Initial Review will be published when the final adjudication has been entered.

Denied Initial Review Decisions

Gladys Dallas vs. IMAC-Cage Vault, Connie Hill, Mickey Petitjean. Docket No. 11-AC-030, January 3, 2012. Judicial Officers Winnifred L. Thomas, Lois Powless, Jennifer Webster presiding. Denied according to Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rule 9 Initial Review (E) Failure of Allegations: If the appellant fails to sufficiently allege one of the criteria of Rule 9(D) above such that the Initial Review body cannot determine the basis for the allegation or the issue within the original hearing body decision, the appeal may be denied.

Colleen P. Wilson vs. Oneida Gaming Commission. Docket No. 12-AC-001, January 11, 2012. Judicial Officers Winnifred L. Thomas, Janice L. McLester, Stanley R. Webster presiding.

Denied in accordance with RAP, Rule 9(E): Failure of Allegations: If the petitioner fails to sufficiently allege one of the criteria of Rule 9(D) above such that the Initial Review body cannot determine the basis for the allegation or the issue within the original hearing body decision, the appeal may be denied.

Mike Hurst vs. Oneida Bingo & Casino, Cage/Vault Dept. Rhonda Shampo. Docket No. 12-AC-003, January 30, 2012. Judicial Officers Winnifred L. Thomas, Janice L. McLester, Jennifer Webster presiding. According to Rule 9(E)): Failure of Allegations: If the petitioner fails to sufficiently allege one of the criteria of Rule 9(D) above such that the Initial Review body cannot determine the basis for the allegation or the issue within the original hearing body decision, the appeal may be denied.

Linda S. Dallas vs. Winnifred L. Thomas, Jean Webster. Docket No. 12-AC-005, March 2, 2012. Judicial Officer Stanley R. Webster, James VanStippen (Pro Tem), Jennifer Webster presiding. According to Rule 9(E)): Failure of Allegations: If the petitioner fails to sufficiently allege one of the criteria of Rule 9(D) above such

that the Initial Review body cannot determine the basis for the allegation or the issue within the original hearing body decision, the appeal may be denied.

Linda S. Dallas vs. Winnifred L. Thomas, Jean Webster. Docket No. 12-AC-006, March 2, 2012. Judicial Officer Stanley R. Webster, James VanStippen (Pro Tem), Jennifer Webster presiding. According to Rule 9(E)): Failure of Allegations: If the petitioner fails to sufficiently allege one of the criteria of Rule 9(D) above such that the Initial Review body cannot determine the basis for the allegation or the issue within the original hearing body decision, the appeal may be denied.

Lisa Behringer vs. Patrick Stensloff, Sandra Gauthier & Oneida Purchasing Dept. Docket No. 12-AC-007, March 16, 2012. Judicial Officers Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless, Stanley R. Webster presiding. Denied according Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rule 9(E) Failure of Allegations. If the appellant fails to sufficiently allege one of the criteria of Rule 9(D) above such that the Initial Review body cannot determine the basis for the allegation or the issue within the original hearing body decision, the appeal may be denied.

Trial Court Cases
Matthew J. Denny Sr., DH Cash Management Services vs. Chad Fuss, Assistant GM-Finance. Docket No. 11-TC-147, January 23, 2012. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Jean M. Webster, Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. This case involved a complaint from a vendor involved in the bidding process for a new Cash Service Project. Petitioner, Matthew J. Denny Sr., filed a complaint on December 23,

2011 seeking a preliminary injunction halting the awarding of the project to another vendor. On January 17, 2011 Respondent, Chad Fuss, filed a Motion to Dismiss claiming that an aggrieved party must file a complaint with the Indian Preference Department to investigate and if the department deems necessary, file a suit on the Petitioner's behalf. Sec. 57.14 of the Indian Preference Law requires an investigation by IPD must be conducted. The court was not aware this has been done. Petitioner may file with the IPD as required under Sec. 57.14. Dismissed without prejudice.

Larry D. Jordan vs. HRD/Benefits and Crawford & Company. Docket No. 11-TC-137, March 5, 2012. Judicial Officers Jean M. Webster, Mary Adams and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. This case arises out of Petitioner, Larry D. Jordan's claim that he suffered a covered injury while at work on June 21, 2011. Mr. Jordan had surgery on June 24, 2011 and was off work until September 5, 2011 and seeks compensation for time off of work, partial permanent disability and unreimbursed medical expenses. The medical expenses are at issue because Mr. Jordan received care from a provider not approved by the employer. The court found Mr. Jordan's injuries were not covered under Chapter 13 of Oneida Worker's Compensation Law. Denial of benefits affirmed.

Matthew J. Denny Sr., DH Cash Management Services vs. Chad Fuss, Assistant GM-Finance. Docket No. 12-TC-023, March 5, 2012. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Jean M. Webster, Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. This case involved a com-

plaint from a vendor involved in the bidding process for a new Cash Service Project originally filed on December 23, 2011. The Trial Court dismissed the complaint without prejudice and allowed Mr. Denny to follow the Chapter 57 process of the Oneida Indian Preference Law. Once a party files a complaint then the Oneida Indian Preference Department conducts an investigation. IPD found Mr. Denny failed to meet the minimum eligibility requirements in the Request for Proposal to advance to the bidding process. The IPD is the agency to bring suit against the violator not Mr. Denny. This in accordance with sec. 57.14-3 and 57.14-4. Dismissed with prejudice.

Family Court Cases

Due to the nature of the cases that come before the Oneida Tribal Judicial System, Family Court, individual cases are held in the strictest confidence and will not be summarized for publication. We will, however, begin reporting the number of cases filed before this court per quarter beginning in calendar year 2012.

2012 Cases Filed at Oneida Tribal Judicial System Jan-Mar - 324

- Trial - 51
- Tribal Debt - 55
- Peacemaking - 3
- Garnishments - 70
- Divorces/Separation - 4
- Appellate - 9
- Family - 132 (Child Support, Paternity, Custody, Placement/Visitation)

Complete copy of the decisions can be obtained at the Oneida Tribal Judicial System office and can be viewed from the Oneida Internet. Submitted by Janice L. McLester, Chief Judicial Officer.

All Veterans Organizations

There is NO CHARGE to hold meetings at the **Robert Cornelius Post 7784 Oneida Warriors of Foreign Wars**

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From 2A/McLester

had a common interest and we began to search out the people of these other communities. So we became very good friends with people throughout Iroquoia all the way from Buffalo and up towards Montreal and into New York. We would go to some of the ceremonies and tour as much as we could, and again we wanted to expose that to our children," he said.

McLester's father got him a job at the machine shop where he worked, and later the two started a machine shop business with a friend.

"It was a small shop, a job shop, we contracted out from the bigger companies, and we did that for about 17 years. During that time my father and many of my relation had interest in the tribal government, so some of them were serving on the tribal council ... I had an interest in tribal government because of the land and I live on tribal land, so I should know what the hell is going on," said. He served as a councilmember of the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) for six years.

"In those days the tribal council was not a full time job. ... You attended meetings, and no matter how many meetings you attended, the compensation was \$5 a month. It didn't make any difference if you attended one meeting, if you attended 10 meetings," he said. "My kids were at a certain age where I felt it was too time consuming, so I didn't run."

However, he returned to office in the early '80's as secretary and served another six years.

McLester worked for Oneida Bingo just as the waters were beginning to be tested for Indian gaming.

"At that time the slot machines were not legal, we didn't have a compact. And so you were running on a day-to-day basis not knowing whether or not if the feds were going to come in and try and confiscate the machines because they had done it with some of the northern tribes, and they threatened to do that here," he said. "Fortunately, things worked out, got a compact."

He watched as the Oneida Casino went from 60 gaming machines in 1991 to 1200 in 1994. He used his experience to start a consulting business working with other Indian nations across North American.

"I've been fortunate

enough to work, and see and get to know many of the people on different reservations. As an example, when went to open up a casino in Saskatchewan, we put 200 Indians to work, 75% of those people never had a job before," he said.

"People see all the casinos, maybe it's a devil in disguise, and that can be true. But at the same token, I look at the casino as kind of like a stove in the middle of the room, that stove can heat you, but it can also burn your house down, so if you don't tend to the stove."

His consulting work led him back to his love of history. He was asked by the OBC to organize an Oneida history conference to create a paper trail that would support the land claim in central New York State. From the conference came the book *The Oneida Indian Experience: The Two Perspectives*.

"Out of all the presenters, approximately 75% were from academia, and the other 25% was from Oneida," he said.

There have been several history conferences over the years, and McLester has had a hand in producing five more books focusing on different aspects of Oneida's past.

"In 2007, in the last book that came out which is *A Nation Within a Nation*, the situation was 75% of the input in the book was from Oneidas, 25% was from academia, it had come full circle," he said.

Also as part of the quest for history, McLester began interviewing Oneida elders on video.

"We started out at 65 and up, then went to 62, tried to get as many as we could," he said. "From '96 to 2007 we interviewed in excess of over 500 elders, and we had that all put on video tape. These were all turned over to the Culture Program."

Currently, McLester is working on a book about the churches in Oneida as well as trying to get access to diaries kept by John Archiquette from 1880-1910 found at Yale University. He's also involved with the Oneida Hymn Singers, and is interested in their history as well.

"I do think there are some songs that are sung that are not necessarily what you would call an English hymn. It goes behind that and it goes further than that. And not all the songs, you've got the hymnal now, and

they've got words printed out in there, but they don't have the tunes or the melodies, but there's some of these singers that know these melodies and tunes that are not in the book. That's the kind of think that it's not puzzling, but it's a curiosity, and I'm trying to establish and see what I can find," he said.

He believes the Hymn Singers play an important role in Oneida community and history.

"Keeping it alive in terms of sharing these songs for people in the future, because one of the biggest things about singing with the hymn singing is that it's not for you personally, it's for the person who's asked you to come, and the singers don't go unless they're asked," he said. "The majority of the time when we sing someplace, it's for somebody that passed. It's not for the people that passed, it's for the people that are being left behind, and we're there to assist them and help them ... When a person passes, you've got two different groups; you have the ones that are mourning and the ones that are there to help. It's the same principle, because you're there as the helper for the ones that are in mourning because their minds are cloudy, and that's part of what the hymn singing is about."

When asked what's the biggest change he's seen in Oneida, he states he's amazed by the educational progress its citizens have made.

"I think the biggest is the economic growth, and the standard of living has been really phenomenal. The education level has risen far beyond anybody's expectations for the general populace of the tribe. It was not unusual ... during my father's and mother's time to finish the eighth grade. Now, my granddaughter's working on her PHD. It's only within two generations you see a tremendous amount of growth, and I think its beginning ... in time it will pay back. It probably won't show for another two generations," he said.

From 1A/OPD honors

worked for nearly 24 continuous hours by OPD. Communication and teamwork were integral parts of the case as multiple shifts worked the case.

"As a department it was nice because we always work together. I think (the award) is usually granted to one officer one time and to be honored for our team effort really boosted our sense of moral," said King Jr.

OPD officials are quick to say they didn't think they went above what is asked of them daily and that they aren't patrolling to win awards.

"It really didn't seem like we did anything different, it was just us doing our job," said

Martin. Ninham thought the teamwork within the department and the Outagamie County Sheriff's office ensured a positive outcome for the case.

"Teamwork defines us as a police department. I always say there is no difference between departments its just a different patch on the shoulder. We train together, go to calls together and get to know each other," said Ninham.

"If we didn't do what we did the situation could have been much worse. If we lost some youth community members the ripple effect would have been felt everywhere."

OPD Chief of Police

Rich VanBoxtel is extremely proud of the work the officers did on this case.

"The awards are secondary. The majority of them have kids, putting their kids faces on these kids faces who needed help was trying the very least," said VanBoxtel. "I don't think anyone of them went into this thinking that there doing this to get a plaque or certificate for their desk. That's not what they're there for. Cases like this is why they're here. There here to make a difference in one person's life at a time and make sure they get the help they need when they need it."

Ninham honored for gang prevention efforts

Oneida Police Department (OPD) Officer Matt Ninham was honored by the Ho-Chunk Nation for his gang prevention work on reservations across the state.

Ninham was presented Pendleton blanket during the annual Crimes Against Children in Indian Country conference April 26 in Wisconsin

Dells, WI. "Matt does a very good job with those presentations. For some of them it was quite enlightening," said OPD Chief Rich VanBoxtel.

Ninham has been doing the presentation for about four years and it's the first time he has been officially recognized for his eye-opening presentation that puts communities on

notice about the gang problem on reservations.

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Sergeant accused in child porn case resigns

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee County sergeant accused of producing child pornography has resigned from the sheriff's department. Philip Wentzel is a former spokesman for the department. The 44-year-old Wentzel is accused of taking pictures of young girls who were sleeping

or drugged at a Fond du Lac County campground and then trying to trade the photos on the Internet. WTMJ radio (http://bit.ly/JbXAoQhtp://bit.ly/JbXAoQ) says Wentzel faces up to 30 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines if he is convicted.

WI state parks in line for campsite upgrades

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Nearly 20 state parks are developing plans to add or upgrade dozens of electric campsites. Work is expected to begin this spring on as many as 66 new or upgraded electrified camping sites at 11 parks, including Big Foot Beach, Blue Mound, Bong, Buckhorn, Hartman Creek, Interstate, Lake Kegonsa, Kohler-Andrae, Point Beach, Rocky Arbor and Roche-A-Cri. Another seven parks

High Cliff, Peninsula, Wildcat Mountain, Kettle Moraine North and South, Yellowstone Lake and Devil's Lake — expect to add up to 338 upgraded or new electrical sites beginning this fall. The effort is part of a larger \$7 million state Department of Natural Resources plan to improve more than 200 publicly owned properties across the state. Plans call improving roads, parking lots and signage.

NATOW produces "Native Wisconsin" Special Section for Tourism Week

Native American communities in Wisconsin are putting out the welcome mat for Twin Cities visitors this summer. Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) is partnering with the St. Paul Pioneer Press to produce a 12-page special section on "Native Wisconsin" to be included in the Sunday, May 6 newspaper to more than 600,000 readers. The section was produced in celebration of Wisconsin Tourism Week, as well as National Travel and Tourism Week May 5-13.

The special section highlights each of Wisconsin's 11 sovereign nations, plus offers a calendar of events for 2012. The 11 tribes in Wisconsin include the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi Tribe, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Menomonee Nation, Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon (Mole Lake) Band of



Submitted photo Stephanie Klett, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism and Aimee Juan, Executive Director of NATOW, show off the cover of the new "Native Wisconsin" special section to the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The tab was distributed in the May 6 newspaper in celebration of Tourism Week.

Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and

Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohicans. Stories and pictures tell about tribal locations and enterprises in Wisconsin. The calendar of events lists pow-wows, heritage celebrations, performing arts, concerts, festivals and outdoor activities. Plus, the section will appear on TwinCities.com for 30 days — the site has more than 1.9 million unique

users each month. NATOW was launched in 1994 as a state wide initiative by Great Lake Inter Tribal Council. The group's focus is to promote tourism featuring Native American heritage and culture. For more information on Native American Tourism in Wisconsin, visit www.natow.org or www.travelwisconsin.com.

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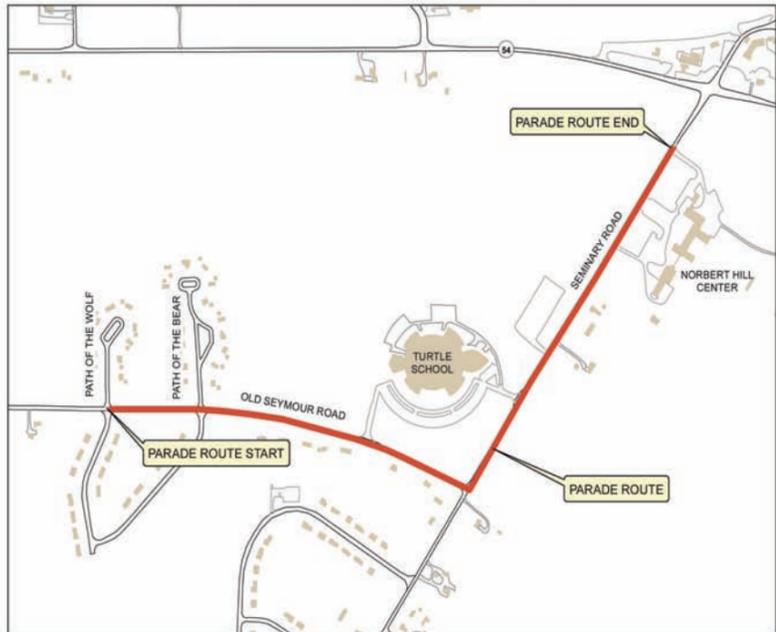
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MA Senate hopeful explains heritage listing

BRAINTREE, Mass. (AP) ~ Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren said Wednesday she listed herself as having Native American heritage in law school directories because she hoped to meet people with similar roots.

Warren, a Harvard Law School professor, said she never tried to use minority status to get teaching jobs and criticized the campaign of Republican Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown for suggesting that may have been the case.

"I listed myself in the directory in the hopes that might mean that I would be invited to a luncheon, a group, something that might happen with people who are like I am," Warren said during a campaign appearance in Braintree, according to the Boston Herald.

The listing did not produce any such contacts, and she later stopped using it, Warren said.

Law school directories from the Association of American Law Schools from 1986 to 1995 put Warren on the association's list of "minority law teachers" when she was teaching at the University of Texas and the University of Pennsylvania.

According to the directories, the list is made up of "those legal educators who stated they were members of a minority group."

Warren, who grew up in Oklahoma, has said she's proud of her family ties to Cherokee and Delaware tribes - a heritage she said she learned through stories passed down to her from older family members.

On Wednesday, she accused Brown's campaign of using the Native American listing as a way of insinuating that she was not qualified for her job.

"The only one as I understand it who's raising any question about whether or not I was qualified for my job is Scott Brown and I think I am qualified and frankly I'm a little shocked to hear anybody raise a question about whether or not I'm qualified to hold a job teaching," she said.

Brown himself has not made such a claim, though his campaign manager has said the story raises questions about Warren's credibility.

Asked about the controversy following a speech in Boston on Wednesday, Brown said of Warren: "I think she needs to answer the questions that are still lingering out there."

The story first surfaced last week when the Herald found a 1996 article in Harvard's student newspaper, the Harvard Crimson, about student dissatisfaction about the number of women and minority professors on the Harvard Law faculty. In the story, Harvard Law spokesman Mike Chmura referred to Warren as Native American.

World War II veterans honored during Operation Greatest Generation event



Left: Warren Skenadore solutes the flag during the national anthem as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans John Scocos puts his hand over his heart at the Operation Greatest Generation on Friday, May 4 at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay. The event honored World War II veterans. Skenadore's story of heroism was mentioned during the event. Skenadore received the Silver Star Medal as well as the Medical Badge Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars, Bronze Service Arrowhead, the Bronze Service Arrowhead, a Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. In 2009, he was awarded the Legion of Honor, the highest distinction that France can bestow upon those who have achieved remarkable deeds for France.

Right: Left to right: World War II veterans Rose Kerstetter, Roy Huff, Warren Skenadore, Jim Begay, and Ken Hill gather outside the Operation Greatest Generation event.

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The first annual, Oneida's Got Talent, show will take place on the family stage from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and is open to the first 20 acts age 15 and under. Participants will have up to three minutes to showcase their talents and have community bragging rights.

Call **920-496-5024** to sign up while there's still time.

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that inspires kids to get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity a day in school and at home". This interactive activity will challenge participants as they test their athletic skills. A limited number of sessions will be offered throughout the day and you must sign up on the day of to participate.

The Oneida Creative Kids Corner will be hosting free arts and craft activities as well as

hands on demonstrations for kids of all ages. Later in the day food vendors will compete in the buffalo meat cook off with a chance to win a cash prize. Each dish will be presented to local culinary experts who will determine this year's top Oneida chef.

The Oneida Casino Stage will feature local talent such as Big Snake, Strong Medicine and Blue Moon Swamp, which is the "Ultimate

John Fogerty/CCR Tribute Experience" followed by the annual fireworks display at dusk.

Oneida Smoke Dancers, Lacrosse demonstration and other attractions throughout the day so mark your calendar and see you at the Oneida Community Fest.

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DNR: Infected Wis. deer came from north

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ The Department of Natural Resources says tests show a deer that tested positive for chronic wasting disease in northwestern Wisconsin did not come from an area where the disease is currently found.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports the DNR says a lymph node from the 3-year-old doe came from the same genetic stock tissue taken from other northern Wisconsin deer.

The DNR says the findings mean the deer did not somehow find its way to the north and that it likely did not come from a game farm.

The agency announced last month that the deer, shot last fall, tested positive for chronic wasting. The disease has been known to persist in southern Wisconsin since 2002.

The disease eats away at a deer's brain, causing it to eventually die.

UW-SP invites fish farmers to northern Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is inviting fish farmers to a workshop in far northern Wisconsin later this month.

UW-Stevens Point, UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Aquaculture Association are planning "Aquaculture Unplugged" at the college's Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility in Red Cliff on May 31.

Fish farmers will get a chance to share best practices and learn practical skills they can use back

Survey finds no sign of bat disease

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ Wisconsin wildlife officials say another survey has turned up no sign of a deadly bat disease.

White-nose syndrome causes bats to wake up during hibernation and quickly deplete their energy stores. Federal wildlife officials estimated in January the disease has killed as many as 6.7 million bats in the eastern United States and Canada.

The state Department of Natural Resources conducted a survey of more than 100 potential hibernacula in the winter of 2010-11 and found to traces of the disease.

DNR officials say a survey of 114 sites this past winter found no sign of the disease, either. But they remained convinced the disease is bound to appear sometime.

New legal challenge filed against UP nickel mine

By John Flesher

AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. ~ A private club in Michigan's Upper Peninsula has filed a federal lawsuit to halt construction of a nickel and copper mine, saying Kennecott Eagle Minerals Co. did not obtain necessary federal permits.

The 250-member Huron Mountain Club, which owns 19,000 acres of forested property that comes within 3.3 miles of the mine site, contends the project under development in northwestern Marquette County would damage the Salmon Trout River and nearby wetlands. Also at risk are endangered species, club members' property values and a culturally significant site where American Indians worship, the club argues.

Activities that could do such damage require permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to the lawsuit, which was filed Sunday in U.S. District Court in

Grand Rapids. The suit targets Kennecott Eagle for not getting the permits, and the Corps and other federal agencies for failing to demand the company seek them.

"Kennecott's unauthorized construction work and proposed operation of the Eagle Mine consequently are illegal," the suit said.

Judge Robert Holmes Bell rejected the club's request for an order to immediately halt work on the mine, but scheduled a hearing for June 6.

The suit is the latest potential legal hurdle for Kennecott Eagle, a subsidiary of London-based Rio Tinto, which is targeting an ore deposit expected to yield up to 300 million pounds of nickel and 200 million pounds of copper. The mine would be the only one in the U.S. devoted primarily to production of nickel, an ingredient in stainless steel and products such as batteries, magnets and ceramics.

Kennecott Eagle applied for a state permit to con-

struct the mine in 2006. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved it the next year, a decision upheld by an administrative law judge. Opponents, including the Huron Mountain Club, have asked the state Court of Appeals to take the case.

The company has nearly finished construction on surface facilities, while the drilling of an underground tunnel to the ore body is about halfway complete, spokesman Deb Muchmore said. Kennecott Eagle plans to begin extracting minerals next year.

"While we have not had the opportunity to review the claims of the suit, we will vigorously defend our legal position," Kennecott Eagle President Adam Burley said in a statement. "We will also defend the jobs of our workers and those the project has created in Michigan's Upper Peninsula."

Portions of the mine will be drilled directly beneath the Salmon Trout River, home to the rare coaster

brook trout. As groundwater seeps into the subterranean chambers, the river's level will drop and adjacent wetlands will shrink, the lawsuit says. It contends the waterways also will be affected as the company places fill material in the chambers after ore is removed.

The suit argues that the federal Clean Water Act and the Rivers and Harbors Appropriations Act require permits from the Army corps for such activity.

Before issuing the permits, the corps would have to analyze potential effects on the environment, threatened and endangered species and Eagle Rock, a 60-foot-high outcrop near the tunnel entrance, said Rick Addison, an attorney for the Huron Mountain Club. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community says the rock is a sacred site where generations of tribal members have worshipped. The company has fenced off the rock and promises to grant access for religious ceremonies.

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New High-Level Advisory Council to Guide Big Brothers Big Sisters' Native American Mentoring Work

PHILADELPHIA~ Philadelphia-based Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has established a high-level Native American Advisory Council to guide the organization in its strategic efforts to expand one-to-one staff-supported mentoring services to help Native American children achieve in school and succeed in life.

The Advisory Council, which will meet quarterly, assembled for the first time in Philadelphia in early April. The group will support and guide Big Brothers Big Sisters and advise on matters of cultural competence as the national mentoring network increases its volunteer and donor base to serve more Native American children.

"The Big Brothers Big Sisters Native American Advisory Council is extremely important as we support our affiliates in their work to provide one-to-one staff-supported mentoring services to more rural and urban Native American families and communities," said Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Director of Native American Mentoring, Ivy Wright-Bryan, a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in Nevada. "Longstanding studies, complemented by our real-time Youth

Outcomes Survey data, illustrate the effectiveness of these services in helping youth overcome adversity to succeed in school; avoid risky behaviors and have higher self-esteem and aspirations. To hold ourselves accountable for these outcomes, we need support from experts such as those who have agreed to serve on the Native American Advisory Council," she added.

Members of the Council include:

1. Margo Gray-Proctor (Osage), President, Horizon Engineering Service Company;
2. Ernest Stevens Jr. (Oneida), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association;
3. Lucille Echo Hawk (Pawnee), former Strategic Advisor for Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family programs, and founder of Native Americans in Philanthropy;
4. Andrea Maril Fisher, Chief Executive Officer, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico;
5. Juana Majel-Dixon (Pauma), First Vice-President, National Congress of American Indians;
6. Jared Ivins-Massey (White Mountain Apache), co-President, national U.N.I.T.Y.

Council; 7. Josie Raphaelito (Navajo), Program Coordinator, Center for Native American Youth;

8. Quintin Lopez (Tohono O'odham), co-President, National Congress of American Indians Youth Commission

With support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Big Brothers Big Sisters established its Native American Tribal Community Initiative in 2008. The program serves more than 4197 Native American children, 42 percent of whom are matched with Native American mentors. Local Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliates serve 25 tribal reservation communities and 10 pueblos, where Native American staff, with the help of advisors and elders, carefully match youth with mentors and provide ongoing support to the adult volunteers, mentees and the children's families. Big Brothers Big Sisters' local affiliates are engaged with tribal reservation and urban/community-based businesses; educational and vocational training institutions; non-profit groups; and faith-based institutions that serve Native Americans.

Oneida WIA Job Training Summer Youth Work Experience Program 2012

The Oneida Job Training Program is taking applications for the 2012 Summer Youth Work Experience Program. The program provides career exploration and work experience opportunities for youth ages 14 – 18 who are attending school or returning to school full-time in the fall. The youth will be paid \$7.25 hr, and are eligible to work a maximum of 24 hours a week. The program will run June 18th – August 10th. The program includes 28 positions - 8 WIA federally-funded positions, and 20 TANF-funded positions.

Requirements for the 8 WIA federally-funded positions are:

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 - Youth living out-of-home through a court-ordered placement. Youth will be considered a household of one for income purposes.
- Requirements for the 20 TANF-funded positions are:
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 - Enrolled Native American with dependent children living on the Oneida Reservation, and
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Contact Sandi Skenadore at 920-490-3789, sskenado@oneidanation.org, or Rud Reiter at 920-490-3854, rreiter1@oneidanation.org to obtain an application. **The priority deadline to apply is Tuesday, May 22, 2012.** All names will be entered into a drawing to be held on May 23, 2012. The staff will begin contacting 28 youth to set up intakes. Youth whose applications are received after the priority deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

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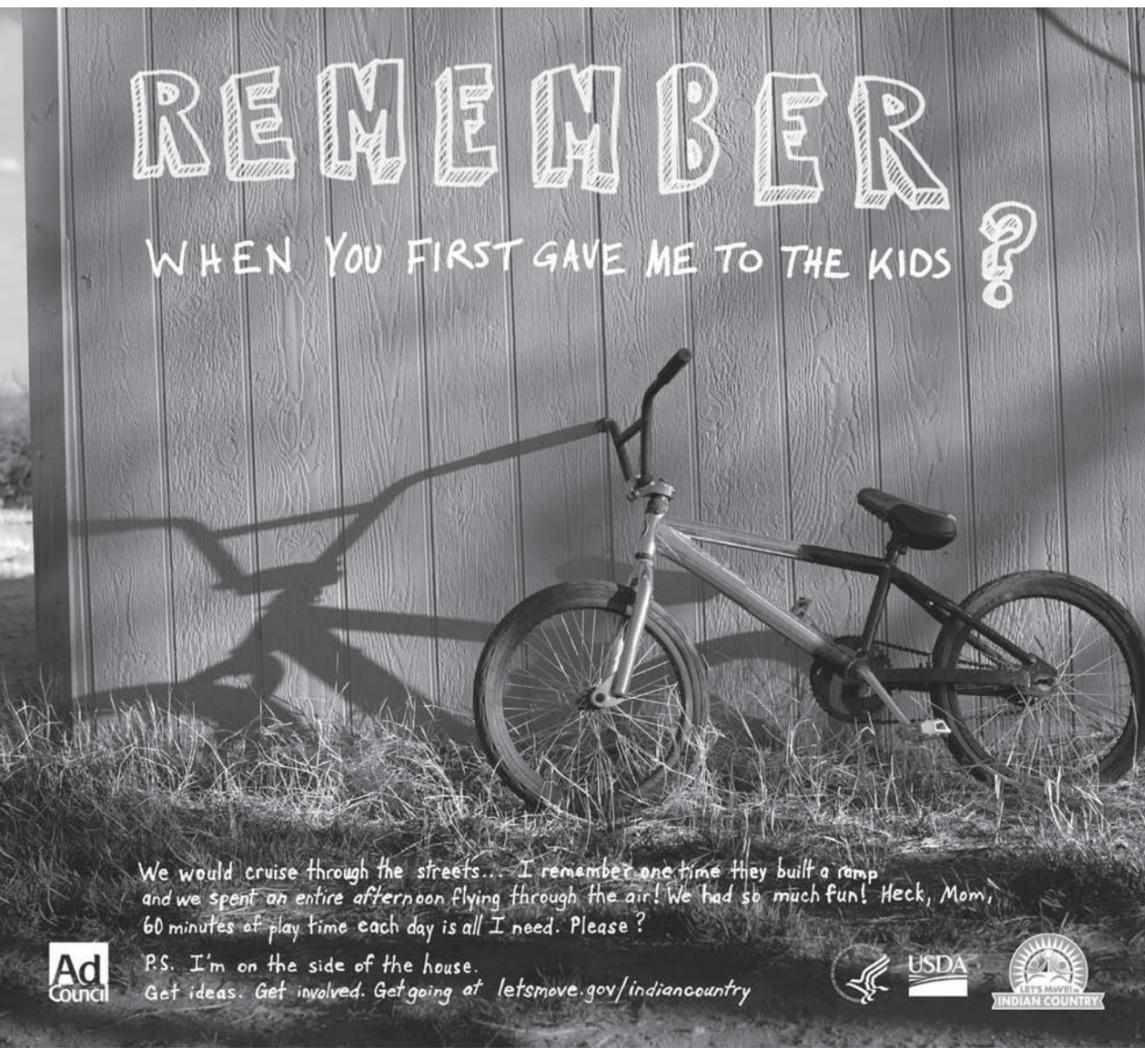
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Thunderhawk

Language Classes Challenging, Educational

By Joelle Thomas

Thunderhawk Times

ONHS students Tasha Stevens and Jessica House attend Oneida Language classes every morning before coming to school. Their language class, which is taught by Salihokt Leander Danforth at the Oneida Language House, actually takes the place of a first hour class at ONHS.

Tasha and Jessica have been taking the class since January along with Jessica's mother and Tasha's auntie, Toni House.

The class is challenging, both girls agreed. "It's a mental workout,"

said Tasha. "Yes," said Jessica, "It's way harder than any other language."

When asked what they are learning and what was the coolest thing they've learned so far, Tasha said, "Everything I'm learning. Learning about our language, how to speak it, communicate, and our ceremonies." Jessica said, "Nouns, animals, how to greet people, word stems and how to identify words easier than before."

The girls have one common goal for taking the class. Jessica's sister, Jasmine, has a baby on the way, and, as Tasha put it, "I am preparing to

teach the language to Jasmine's baby." Jessica said the same thing.

Even though the class is hard, both girls plan to continue with the class. "It goes on for years. It's never over," said Tasha. "You can always learn more language." Jessica said, "Will I continue to learn our language? Of course I will."

Tasha and Jessica then come to school for the start of second hour and have a regular schedule for the rest of the school day.

In our next issue, Tasha will have a feature article on what it's like in their class.

Counting Down the Days



Submitted photo

ONHS students play a game of lacrosse as part of the Culture Day celebration on Friday, May 11.

Buffalo Sticks and the Health Video

By Josanna Cornelius and Thunderhawk Times Staff

In Health Class we are working on a video. It's on the buffalo sticks we have just received as a different choice for our snack break from the Oneida Farms. We have

an actual buffalo head in our scenes, and someone is hanging on to it to peak around the corners and scare people. The point of that is to make everyone drop the unhealthy snacks out of their hands, and to get the buffalo sticks instead.

The snack room is supervised by student

council advisor Carol Johnson. Carol said that the school was "very grateful" for the donation and that she has heard good things from the students about the buffalo sticks.

When compared to beef, buffalo has 70 to 90% less fat and about 50% less cholesterol.

Oshkosh Multi-Cultural Preview Day and UW-O

By Josanna Cornelius

Thunderhawk Times

On Friday, April 20, Guidance Counselor, Tom Kenote, and Teacher Aide, Kahnya Cornelius took twenty-five ONHS students to UW-Oshkosh for the annual Multi-Cultural Preview Day. The purpose of the trip is give minority students exposure to the university.

Students on the trip included Kalene Beechtree, Emmitt Big Medicine, Jaleesa Caldwell, Paul

Christjohn, Colleen Cornelius, Kayla Danforth, Brandon Doxtator, Jessica House, Adrian Huff, Billie John, Josanna Cornelius, Guadalupe Martinez, Diego Metoxen, Matias Metoxen, Noelle Metoxen, Michael Mills, Rachel Ninham, Eveyonna Ortega, Devonte' Pointer, Oscar Schuyler, Natasha Stevens, Tracey Stevens, Joelle Thomas, RJ Webster, and Kylene Welch.

It took like an hour and half to get to UW-

Oshkosh; it wasn't that long of a ride like Madison was. There were quite a few schools there and all kinds of different races.

During part of the program, there was an Asian comedian who was pretty funny, I thought. He was on stage for about an hour and he was pretty funny but only the Asians in the crowd were mainly laughing because he kept saying stuff in their language so the rest of us didn't always know what he was talking about.

After that a bunch of

college girls and guys that went there were on this dance team. They gave a performance, it was ok I guess.

Then we ate lunch there was a great variety of things that were all pretty good. I thought it was the best part really. Then, we went back to where we first were and all the schools were split up into groups for a tour of the college and the buildings there.

Oshkosh seems like a nice place to go to college to.

La Nova Pizza, Worth the Price

By Kendrick Powless

Thunderhawk Times

In my experiences eating pizza in the Buffalo, NY, La Nova Pizzeria is by far the best place to offer pizza by the pie. La Nova's is good because their pizza is simply amazing. The sauce, the crust, the toppings, the way it's cooked, are superior to any pizza you can try in Green Bay.

And I'm not alone. According to ONHS Oneida Language and Culture Teacher, Sonny Hill, who has traveled all over the US and Canada, said, "There's no pizza like it. I've eaten pizza everywhere and there's nothing like it anyplace else."

La Nova's has also gotten a reputation for their wings. According to Joey Todaro III, who started La Nova's back in 1994, Buffalo Wings are "not the top selling appetizer in the pizzeria industry." Todaro is credited with

our last day of school. Eighth grade graduation is that day and then we are headed off to summer vacation.

I hope these 20 days zoom by. I can't wait to get out of school, mainly just so I can sleep-in every day. Plus summer's my favorite time of the year.

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Reviewing the Packers Draft

By RJ Webster

Thunderhawk Times

Let's face it, in 2011, the Packers defense was horrible. And I mean, horrible.

Ted Thompson likes to say that the Packers are always looking for the best player available, but he better make sure that the best player the Packers pick plays defense. The Packers need some help in all three phases of defense—line, line-backer and back.

Thompson should probably start with a

whole new defensive line built around BJ Raji and Ryan Pickett. A defensive back would also be a good start, especially if Nick Collins doesn't come back. Linebackers are also a need, except for Clay Matthews.

Note: This article was written and set to be published before the actual draft. Ted Thompson must have been thinking the same way I was, because his draft was nearly all defense. The following were the Packers' draft picks:

Round 1, pick 28 (28th

overall): Nick Perry, OLB, Round 2, pick 19 (51st overall): Jerel Worthy, DE, Round 2, pick 30 (62nd overall): Casey Hayward, CB, Round 4, pick 37 (132nd overall): Mike Daniels, DE, Round 4, pick 38 (133rd overall): Jerron McMillian, SS, Round 5, pick 28 (163rd overall): Terrell Manning, LB, Round 7, pick 34 (241st overall): Andrew Datko, OT, Round 7, pick 36 (243rd overall): B.J. Coleman, QB.

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War against SD tree bugs enlists unlikely fighters

By **Veronica Zaragovia**

Associated Press

SPEARFISH CANYON, S.D. ~ Joe Shark's Native American heritage taught him to be leery of the timber industry on the South Dakota reservation where he grows apples and gooseberries, but a threat from an enemy no larger than a fingernail impelled him to grab a saw and join the loggers.

For more than two decades, tiny pine beetles have been a colossal pain for two competing camps in the forests of the Black Hills region - the American Indians seeking to preserve the trees and the timber workers who are chopping down thousands for profit. The infiltration of the bug has left countless trees dead, severely threatening both missions.

It has reached such epidemic levels lately that Shark and other tribal farmers with longstanding opposition to logging aren't just muting their resistance but chipping in. They're helping to clear the infected trees in order to save the non-infected ones.

"I don't agree with logging, and I never have, (but) I know in my heart I'm doing the right thing," said Shark, who spent a week this spring training to join the scores of loggers. "We are warriors for the land, and we have a duty and obligation to take the steps to leave something for the next generation."

To ensure that the fallen trees aren't wasted, the Native Americans are hoping to put the wood to use by building wooden homes on the notoriously run-down and poverty-stricken reservation.

So far, the Lakota Logging Project has trained about 15 Native Americans, including Shark, with plans to train many more. It marks the largest-scale project to date involving a nonprofit group aiming to help combat the beetle epidemic, said Adam Gahagan, senior forester with Custer State Park.

"The Black Hills are sacred to our people," said Ramona White Plume, 51, a resident of the reservation. "For generations, people have gone into the Black Hills and haven't desecrated it. Trees are a living entity. They have families also."

Angel Munoz, who owns a Rapid City logging company with his wife Barbara, said he isn't surprised that the fight to save the trees is drawing unlikely allies considering that the pine beetle threat is worse than it has ever been.

"It's getting kind of rough," Munoz said.

The mountain pine beetles attack in cycles, infecting the wood with a fungus that gives it a blue hue. While the first discovery of this beetle in the area dates back to around 1900, the most recent epidemic began in the 1990s on pine trees

from Baja California in Mexico to British Columbia in Canada. The insects have infected a swath of the western United States that threatens the timber industry, already ailing from the hobbled housing market.

The blue stain can cut the wood's value by two-thirds, said Carson Engelskirger, forest programs manager with the Black Hills Forest Resource Association. The coloring doesn't affect the strength of the wood, but consumers mistake the fungus for mold or a defect, relegating the lumber to being used for purposes such as crating or the backing of inexpensive chairs.

Bill Coburn, a procurement forester with Neiman Timber Co. in Spearfish, S.D., said his biggest concern isn't the color of wood but rather thinning the forest to reduce the destruction and expansion of the epidemic.

While driving through the winding roads of the Black Hills, Coburn pointed out daubs of rust-colored trees killed by the beetles among the lush green pines. He worries about the fire hazards posed by the dead trees, the costs associated with picking them up from the roadways and the negative effect the spotty hillsides could have on property values.

"If we are really, truly serious about removing the cancer that's growing in this area, you don't leave any parts of the cancer left on the landscape," Coburn said.

Because beetles are poor fliers and rely on wind to help them move, the best way to slow the infestation is by taking down the infected trees. Dense, overgrown forests strengthen the epidemic and they enable beetles to release a concentrated attractant that draws hundreds more beetles to the tree. The insects burrow beneath the bark, endlessly chewing and releasing the fungus until the tree is corrupted from the inside out and dies, eventually falling to the ground.

Dave Ventimiglia, who co-founded the Lakota Logging Project, said the nearby Native American community can benefit in return. He hopes to eventually raise the \$150,000 it would cost to build a saw mill on Pine Ridge reservation. That would allow loggers to bring back logs to the reservation and hopefully replace the dilapidated mobile homes in which so many of its residents live.

A contract with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department allows the Lakota loggers to remove 20,000 beetle-infested trees from Custer State Park. For each tree cut down, the crew makes \$10. So far, the Ventimiglias have put in \$30,000 of their own money to front training and equipment costs.

ORCCC facility gets metal roofing



Submitted photos
Roofers from the OREEP (Oneida Rental Energy Efficiency Project) program have begun the metal roof on the Oneida Resident Centered Care Community (ORCCC) facility.

Kameron Matchapatow, Jonathon John, Anthony Gutierrez, and James Huff have been spending their working days atop the ORCCC roof constructing the metal roofing.



WI DNR appointee didn't refer waste violation

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ A top political appointee at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources chose to handle a complaint against a waste hauler internally instead of referring the case to the state Department of Justice for prosecution, DNR records show.

Scott Gunderson, executive assistant to DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, "made an extra effort" to deal with the complaint internally last year even though the agency's enforcement staff urged that the case be referred to the Justice Department, the Wisconsin State Journal reported Sunday.

The DOJ could have imposed fines of tens of thousands of dollars, the State Journal reported. Instead, Gunderson decided to ask district attorneys in Waukesha and Jefferson counties to issue five citations against Herr Environmental and fine the Oconomowoc company \$4,338 - the minimum forfeiture for the permit violations.

DNR staff had found the company was treating fields with so much human waste from septic tanks it risked poisoning nearby wells. The lead DNR investigator called the permit violations "among the worst" he'd seen.

Gunderson and Steve Sisbach, a law enforcement program manager who worked on the case, defended the decision to issue citations. They said it could force the company into compliance faster rather than waiting for the Justice Department to act.

Gunderson, a former Republican state representative, received \$750 in campaign contributions from the owner of the company, Richard Herr, and Herr's wife in 2006 and 2008, the State Journal reported.

Last week, Gunderson said he forgot when he agreed to oversee the case that he accepted their political contributions. The Herrs are major supporters of Republican campaigns, as well as some Democratic candidates. Even if he had remembered, Gunderson said, it would not have influenced his decision.

Normally, the case would have been assigned to DNR Deputy Secretary Matt Moroney, who said he handed it to Gunderson because he was acquainted with another officer from Herr Environmental. But agency records show Moroney, also a political appointee and the former executive director of the Metropolitan Builders of Greater Milwaukee, intervened at least once on behalf of the company prior to his recusal.

A state ethics administrator found that Gunderson and Moroney did not violate the state's ethics code in their handling of the case. Jonathan Becker, head of the state Division of Ethics and Accountability, said the state's ethics code did not prohibit Gunderson's participation because he received the contributions as a legislator, a position he no longer holds.

Critics say the handling of the case raises questions about whether the political and business ties of top DNR administrators appointed by Gov. Scott Walker are influencing their handling of law enforcement cases.

Kathleen Falk, a Democratic candidate for governor, renewed her call Sunday for Stepp's immediate removal as

DNR secretary. In a statement, Falk said the report shows "a dangerous culture of cronyism and favoritism" and said if elected governor she would conduct a top-to-bottom review of the agency to remove any political interference.

Enforcement by the DNR has dropped in the past two years, with the issuance of violation notices reaching a 12-year low last year. Referrals to the Department of Justice also are down, from the 12-year annual average of 65 to 21 in 2011.

Stepp and other administrators blame the drop on lack of staff and a change in philosophy that emphasizes cooperation with businesses and bringing violators into compliance earlier rather than relying on prosecution.



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Clarity from the Office of the Ombudsman on the subject of a 'Health Board'

By Dianne McLester-Heim, Oneida Ombudsman

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As the Oneida Ombudsman with a responsibility to the members of General Tribal Council and the community as identified by the direction of the 2005 GTC motion creating the position and stating that the Ombudsman is to "listen to the concerns of the employees of the health center and tribal community members..."; I am providing the following information to bring clarity to a currently brewing issue.

At this point in time, there is a 14 page document entitled "Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Health Board of Directors Bylaws" that appeared as part of the April 25, 2012 Business Committee (OBC) meeting in the form of an 'Add On' to the published agenda and meeting packet. It is the understanding of the Office of the Ombudsman that a motion was made and carried on that day to submit this document to the Oneida Law Office and/or the Legislative Operating Committee for review to be brought back to the OBC on May 9, 2012. The Office of the Ombudsman has also become aware that there is talk-rumor-allegation within the community and organization that the development of a 'Health Board' has come as a result of recommendations made by the Ombudsman in a 'complaint' brought before the OBC in executive session. THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

As an Organizational Ombudsman I am a designated neutral party that works to achieve fairness of process, equity, justice, equality of opportunity, and respect. With that said, the Office of the Ombudsman has never made a recommendation for or against a 'Health Board'. What the

office brought forward was a system concern, not a complaint, regarding current structure and the potential implications of the structure. The information brought forward included a possible personnel concern and personnel matters are not appropriate in public forum. For that reason alone, the entire matter was identified with the OBC in executive session. A part of the concern that was brought forward identified that since the action take to 'interim' remove the position of a General Manager, there is no identified process for addressing potential concerns that directly impact day-to-day (administrative) actions or personnel matters of anyone at the 'Division Director' level within the organization. GTC has issued a directive and re-affirmed the action of restricting the OBC to legislative policy development and refraining from day-to-day actions and personnel matters. The current system Oneida- as an organization- is functioning with contains a gap for where such matters need to go to be addressed and/or acted upon.

Based upon some concerns the Office of the Ombudsman has been hearing, it seems as though the Oneida Community does not have a clear understanding of the fact that the Health Division has two directors. It seems as though the Oneida Community does not have a clear understanding of what each director is responsible for. It also seems as though the Oneida Community does not have a clear understanding that the directors within the Health Division do not have authority over each other or the subject matter of the others area of responsibility. As a result, many members of the community are under the

impression that there is one person in the Health Division who is responsible for the entire functioning and service delivery. The fact of the matter is that there are two parties, each responsible for different aspects of the functioning and delivery of services within the Health Division.

Within the duties and actions of an Ombudsman, there is a responsibility to assist with identifying possible options to address concerns/situations. Possible options are often also referred to as 'suggestions' and/or 'recommendations'. The Office of the Ombudsman did identify possible options within the information it brought forward to the OBC. The focus of these possible options was specifically directed to looking at the Health Division due to the identified community confusion about how the Health Division is currently structured to operate. The possible options identified by the Ombudsman (not to say the only options) included:

- A comprehensive review of how and why this division came to be structured using a "matrix" structure and the impact/effectiveness of using such a structure
 - A return to a "functional" (single director) structure
 - Do nothing and just maintain the status quo
- The OBC took action to accept the information provided by the Ombudsman and moved to create a sub-committee to look at the matter and bring more information back to the committee. Another motion was made within the OBC requesting the development of 'Health Board' policies.

As your Ombudsman, with a responsibility to fairness of process, I provided communication to

the OBC seeking information as to why policies would ever be developed without first identifying: what is the purpose (intent) of the policies, what concrete information identifies and supports that such policies are needed, what are the policies intended to accomplish and why, and is the issue/concern at hand actually a policy related/driven matter? In my communication with the OBC I also stated that it would be wonderful to see information communicated back to the organization and community about what was looked at, how other IHS funded clinics are structured, what options were explored, what the impact of those options would be for Oneida, and what is being looked at as 'next steps'. This type of communication would display respect for and a value of community members; especially in relation to such core services within the Oneida community.

To date I am not aware of what has or has not been looked at so I respectfully cannot comment on that. What I

have seen is the 14 page "Oneida Tribe Of Indians Of Wisconsin Health Board Of Directors Bylaws". As the Ombudsman I do have questions and concerns that relate to process, application of process, and potential impact of actions as they are outlined in this document. This is not a statement in support of or against a 'Health Board'...it is statement of concern for application of fairness process, equity, justice, and respect for directives of GTC. While the questions that surface in these areas are many at this point, there is a very specific concern the Office of the Ombudsman has as it could impact the functionality of the Ombudsman. While the document includes having this board provide reports to GTC including information about interaction/collaboration with the Ombudsman, it also states that the day-to-day management of the Ombudsman is to be under this board. This directly works against the established function and standards of practice of the Ombudsman. It

places the Ombudsman under the authority of the board which creates a conflict of interest as the Ombudsman is to be neutral party representing process not any part of management or the organization. It does not fit with the Ombudsman's responsibility of being an ear to concerns of the tribal community members as their concerns are not just related to the Health Division. It does not match with the identified structure of authority as stated in the Ombudsman's terms of reference which also states that change or amendment to the Oneida Ombudsman Position/Program should be a decision of GTC. Finally, it goes against the Standards of Practice as defined by the International Ombudsman Association and the Oneida Ombudsman has accepted and adopted these Standards of Practice to ensure ethical and professional functions of the Office of the Ombudsman.

Oneida Community Blood Drive

When: Friday, May 11, 2012

Hours: 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Where: Oneida Family Fitness Gym

To schedule an appointment call 490-3730 or to www.redcrossblood.org.

You must be at least 16 years old to donate. Please bring a photo ID or your blood donor card. Please eat a good meal about 1-2 hours prior to donating and drink lots of fluids. Check on the Intranet for further American Red Cross guidelines and watch for promotion posters in your area. Up to one hour of paid time will be allowed for the time spent donating blood when an employee has been pre-registered, pre-screened, and /or passed the screening process on the day of the Blood Drive and when authorized by a departmental supervisor ahead of time.

When you donate blood you help 2-3 people with each donation.

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5:00-7:00pm	Children's Activities
5:00-5:45pm	Lively Low Impact Class
5:30-6:15pm	Group Personal Training
6:00pm	Walk Begins
6:00pm	Snack
6:15-6:45pm	Spin

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National School Nurse Day Celebrating the Caregivers

More than a century after Lina Rogers Struthers became the first school nurse in the United States there now are about 76,000 school nurses caring for students nationwide.

Those professionals will be recognized May 9 during National School Nurse Day, an annual observance that recognized the vital work of the school nurses and promotes increased understanding of their role.

It's also an opportunity for school nurses to pause to take pride in their careers and their contributions.

"Healthy children learn better is a simple truth, and school nurses help remove barriers to academic success," Linda Davis-Alldritt, president of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), said in a statement.

National School Nurses Day was established in 1972 and is celebrated on the Wednesday during National Nurses Week, which runs from May 6-12. The theme of this year's observance is Advocacy, Access, Achievement: Making the Connection.

Brief History of School Nursing

In October 1902, Lina Rogers Struthers began working in the New York City school system as part of the month-long experiment to reduce health-related absenteeism. Promising results quickly followed and the city extended Struthers' appointment and she later was appointed superintendent of school nurses.

Spurred by the progress in New York, other cities followed suit in quick succession and hired school nurses, including Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago.

The need for school nurses remains just as acute, Davis-Alldritt said, with children facing "more challenging issues today than in past decades."

"School nurses reduce absenteeism, provide better attendance rates and care for students in school so parents have to come pick up their children much less often,"

Davis Alldritt said.

The Role of a School Nurse

For some children, the school nurse may be the only primary care provider they see on a regular basis. Nurses must deal with a wide range of illnesses and conditions, including seizures, diabetes, asthma and life-threatening allergies.

In addition, a school nurse's duties and responsibilities may include:

Reporting to public health officials to help identify and prevent epidemics and disease outbreaks.

Functioning as a first responder to incidents on campus

Administer medication, monitoring respiratory status and blood glucose levels and observing for infectious diseases and physical and sexual abuse

Identifying and seeking to eliminate health threats in the school

environment, such as allergens, unsafe equipment and facilities and lack of clean water

Provide screening and referral to encourage early intervention for vision and hearing problems.

Serving as a liaison among healthcare providers, school personnel and families

The lives of many children can be enriched and transformed because of the competence and commitment of a school nurse, who manages complex health issues with specialized knowledge, skills and compassion.

"It is absolutely essential that the entire school community work with the school nurse to stay informed on public health issues, the latest research, and policy that affects the health, well-being and safety of our students," said Avis-Alldritt, the NASN president.

Meet Oneida's School Nurses



Submitted photo

Jocelyn Liljestrom, nurse at the Oneida Nation School System is on the left. Char Kizior, nurse at the Oneida Early Head Start/Head Start is on the right.

Char Kizior is the school nurse for the Oneida Early Head Start/Head Start Program. Char has been in this role with the Tribe for 8 years. Char was on the planning committee this year for the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses Annual Spring conference April 25th - April 27th. "It was an amazing experience to work with such a brilliant group of nurses." The experience was so amazing that Char will continue on the planning committee for another year.

Jocelyn Liljestrom is the school nurse for the Oneida Nation Elementary and High Schools. Jocelyn has been in this role with the Tribe since January 2012.

No matter the challenge of taking on such a crucial role at the middle of the school year, Jocelyn has done a great job jumping in and getting done what needs to get done. Jocelyn attended this year's Wisconsin Association of School Nurses Annual Spring conference and will also be part of the planning committee for next year's event.

Having our nurses participating in professional groups such as the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses keeps their knowledge and skills current. This in turns benefits our students.

May 6th - 12th 2012 is National Nurses Week. Remember to thank a nurse.

Thank a nurse today!

CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) and other public health agencies are honoring nurses during National Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2012. This year's theme is "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring."

The nursing profession plays a critical role in improving patient outcomes, increasing access, coordinating care, and reducing health-care costs. The Affordable Care Act and the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing report place nurses at the center of health-care transformation in the United States. Numerous studies have shown that patients fare worse when nurse staffing is inadequate, with poorer health

outcomes, more complications, less satisfaction, and greater likelihood of death. A 2011 report linked inadequate nurse staffing with increased patient mortality (1).

Hospitals remain the most common employment setting for registered nurses (RNs) in the United States, increasing from 57.4% of employed RNs in 2004 to 62.2% in 2008. Vaccination providers or those who supervise vaccination providers typically are nurses. In 2011, in the annual Gallup poll, nurses were rated the most trusted profession in United States for the 12th time in 13 years (2). Nurses' honesty and ethics were rated "very high" or "high" by 84% of poll respondents.

The Diabetic Talking Circle

The group meets the first Tuesday of every month. We meet at the Oneida Community Health Center, Main Conference Room, from 4:00pm - 5:30pm.

The remaining dates are June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4.



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ONEIDA NATION THUNDERHAWKS

Softball team competes despite playing shorthanded



Above: Oneida shortstop Kanani Nunies eyes a pitch as she begins her swing.

Left: Rachel Ninham swings her arm around mid-pitch. Ninham pitched all seven innings of the game.

Kali photos/Travis Cottrell

The Lady Thunderhawks softball team took on Stockbridge in a home game played on the Site I diamond on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. Forced to play with eight players the T-Hawks fell behind early and couldn't get their bats going until the later innings. Oneida was able to consistently get runners on base but couldn't find a way to get them home. The final score of the game was Stockbridge 13, Oneida 2. The Lady T-Hawks continue to show improvement in each game that they participate.

ONEIDA THUNDERHAWKS 2012 LaX Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
05/18/2012	at De Pere LaX	5:30PM
05/21/2012	vs GB Metro	5:00PM
<i>Home games are displayed in bold</i>		

ONEIDA THUNDERHAWKS 2012 Softball Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
05/11/2012	@ Southern Door	4:30PM
05/15/2012	Peshitgo	5:00PM
<i>Home games are displayed in bold</i>		

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Thursday, July 26 • 3-6 p.m.

Prevea Luxemburg Health Center
(920) 845-2351 • 101 School Creek Trail

Monday, July 9 • 3-6 p.m.
Monday, July 30 • 3-6 p.m.

Prevea Oconto Health Center
(920) 834-4110 • 620 Smith Avenue

Tuesday, July 17 • 3-6 p.m.
Thursday, August 2 • 3-5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 7 • 3-6 p.m.

Prevea Pulaski Health Center
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Tuesday, June 19 • 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 12 • 3-6:30 p.m.

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Youth Diabetes Support Group

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Lutatyenawá·se?
"They support each other"

What: Support group for youth with diabetes

Where: Oneida Family Fitness Education Room
2640 West Point Rd Green Bay WI 54304

When: Meet & Greet Wednesday May 23rd 5:00-6:00pm
Session One: Wednesday, June 27th 2:00-3:00pm
Session Two: Wednesday, July 25th 2:00-3:00pm
Session Three: Wednesday, August 22nd 2:00-3:00pm

Who: Native American youth diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes, who are less than 25 years old

Why: To provide support and mentorship to youth diagnosed with diabetes.



This effort is on behalf of the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division Behavioral Health and Diabetes Team. For more information and to register, please contact Sandy Holden (920) 490-3790 extension 3708 or Clarissa Winney at (920) 490-3790 extension 3726

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Class Related Incentives For Attendees

CLASS	DATE	TIME/LOCATION
Label Reading (Bring labels with you that you have ? about)	May 30 th , 2012	8:00-9:00 AM Oneida Family Education Room
Navigating The Grocery Store	June 13 th , 2012	1:00-2:00 PM Oneida Family Fitness Education Room
Sports Nutrition for Diabetes	June 27 th , 2012	1:00-2:00 PM Oneida Family Fitness Education Room