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Breakfast with Santa – 2A

Local children were treated with toys, food and one last chance to let Santa Claus know what wanted they Christmas.



Ron McLester – 5A

Ron McLester is ready to help with all of your snow removal needs. He owns Ron's Cut-N-Trim Lawn Care



Local Benefit – 1B

The first "Keep it in the Community Christmas Benefit" helped connect local businesses and customers. Also, a food drive was held to benefit the Oneida food pantry.

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In retrospect... Looking back on 2009

By Dawn Walschinski Kalihwisaks

January 4

Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation takes occupancy of Thornberry Creek Golf Course which was purchased fro \$10,775,000. The purchase was supported by the General Tribal Council (GTC) in a June 28, 2008 meeting. The course was renamed Thornberry Creek at Oneida Golf Course.

January 14

The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) passes a resolution allowing all Oneidas to be exempt from paying state taxes on fuel bought at Oneida One-Stops. Previously, the exemption only applied to members living on the reservation. The 2,053 exemptions \$92,259.00.

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

Oneida veterans and Oneida Nation High School students participate in the commissioning of the USS Green Bay in Long Beach, California. The students performed social dance songs on the pier, and Wendell veteran McLester delivered the benediction. Other veterincluded Ted Christjohn, Mike Hill, Chris Cornelius, Nathan

Oneida Retail

January 17

January 24



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

The opening of the new Robert Cornelius VFW Post #7784 on November 11, 2009 tops the 2009 headlines.

Chairwoman Kathy Hughes.

January 25 Five Oneida veterans

Smith and OBC Vice- traveled to Washington, DC to march in the inaugural parade for President Barack Obama. The veterans who represented Oneida

Thomas W. Webster, Unites States Marine Veteran, Jerry Cornelius,

• See 4A 2009 in Retrospect

Community lights candles in children's honor

By Nate Wisneski Kalihwisaks

Emotions ran high as members family remembered children that have passed on during a vigil at Parish on Sunday, December 13.

The Oneida chapter Compassionate Friends participated in a worldwide candle lighting ceremony. The chapter was formed in July of 2009 after a group of Oneida community members didn't feel full participation was taking place in the Green Bay chapter. It is first Native American chapter in the country.

"The women Green Bay would not talk," said Julie Denny, one of the founding members of the Oneida chapter. "We thought, why can't we do this here for our own community?'

The vigil had community members sing, read poems and share stories of loved ones.

very nice way for us as



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Family members formed a circle and light candles to honor children who have passed away during a Compassionate Friends vigil on Sunday, December 13 at the Parish Hall.

community remember our loved ones who have passed. It was a very unique community event. It's a great idea and a good way to bring the community together and support each other," said community member Jeannette King.

The ceremony was "I thought it was a part of a worldwide event held

to Compassionate Friends' chapters across the world. Compassionate Friends is a support group for families after a children dies.

> "As a parent who has lost a child it is important to have people not forget them," said Denny. "It was so powerful and so humbling to see everyone there."

The community showed their support as Denny only expected about 10 names of children and 40 people. But, a table the length of the room was filled with photos of children and over 100 people were there.

Denny also doesn't recall any community event that honored children who

passed and their families in this way. "I would like to see this continued even if we are not a chapter. It was so unique," she said.

The Oneida chapter Compassionate Friends meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Parish

Location for new Veterans Clinic in GB Announced

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

will Clinic serve 20,000 approximately veterans and have at least 250 people on staff

Officials announced the location for the new Milo Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center. The new Health Care Center will be at 2800 University Ave in The new clinic will make it easier for Northeast Wisconsin veterans to receive quality care nearby and offer specialty ser-

vices previously available

Department of Veterans

Milwaukee.

to

in

only

According

approximately 20,000 veterans, have at least 250 staff and provide parking for approximately 1,200

Carolyn Miller, Oneida Veterans Service Officer, said, "I think it would be an asset for this to be here so that we don't have to send our veterans to Milwaukee. I think a lot of the services and transportation would help our vets to be able to use these facilities in Green Recognizing the need for surgical and medical services in our area, Dr. Kagen and the Veterans Administration moved

the request for

Ambulatory

expanded

Affairs, it will serve Surgery/Outpatient

Diagnostic Center and Community Based Outpatient Clinic from FY 2010 to FY 2009. The VA center will increase the total square feet available from 12,000 to over 160,000.

"Right now we're ranging about 26 claims per month but each claim can last for a year to two years or even longer. This service will be helping because they can do it all right here and they wouldn't have to be doing all that traveling," Miller said.

The House Representatives passed legislation authorizing the new clinic with Representative Steve Kagen's support

September of 2008. In October 2008, President George W. Bush signed Veterans Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act into law, which included the

new clinic. "This new Health Care Center will provide our veterans the benefits they have earned close to home," said Dr. Kagen. "They served our country bravely and now we have a responsibility to serve them here at home. This location is convenient and accessible. The expanded clinic will not only save our veterans time and money, it will also create

• See 5A, VA Clinic

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McLester-Davis strives to create a better community

By Dawn Walschinski Kalihwisaks

Lauren McLester-Davis comes from a long line of volunteers. Her mother Joan is the president elect of the YWCA in Green Bay, her father David is a Green Bay Baja Shriner, and her grandparents Wendell and Thelma McLester volunteer in the Oneida community through hymn singing and veterans events.

"I love to volunteer, it's a great way to spend time, and I find helping your community is the greatest way to give back," said Lauren.

"She got that from her grandma and grandpa, they instilled that in her,' said Joan.

Lauren volunteers with Pizzas for Patriots to help raise funds to send pizzas to military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"On Veterans Day, they gave (pizzas) to five cities around the USA for veterans," Lauren. One of the recipwas Robert Cornelius Post 7784 VFW in Oneida. Lauren helped host the pizza

She's also in involved in First Book, a program that provides free books to disadvantaged youth.

"It's my mission for children to have more literacy," said Lauren who also is a reading buddy at local libraries.

Lauren is a sixth grade student at Wisconsin International School.

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December 24

at noon and

December 25



Submitted photo

Lauren McLester-Davis holds up a book of activities she participates in. Though she just started at

the school this year, she found herself in a leadership position in October. "When she joined, we immediately went into oh, it's Oneida Nation

Month in October," explained Joan. "It was kind of a fast transition to get to know Lauren at school."

The McLesters swung into action creating a display of Oneida artwork in the school's lobby and Oneida performing Hymnals.

"Mom and Dad came and did story telling that day, and I think Dad was showing off his kastowe (Oneida headdress)," said Joan.

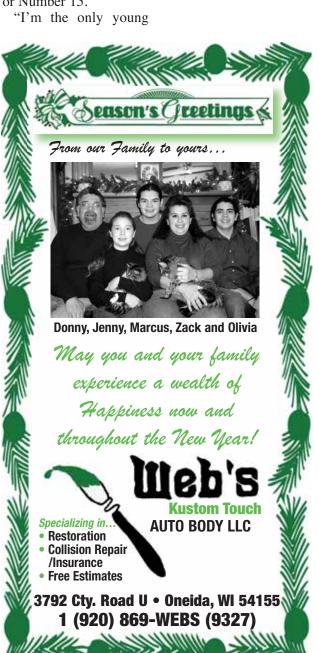
"It was very interesting ... seeing how (the students) reacted," said Lauren, who's favorite Oneida hymn is Tsyakatu or Number 15.

person in our (hymn) group, other people should get into it, too," said Lauren.

In addition to her volunteer activities and academics, Lauren enjoys tennis, swimming, golf and cross country run-

Lauren keeps busy by planning ahead. Right now, her future plans attending include Harvard, becoming a lawyer, and then going to be a judge and then U.S. Senator.

"There's a lot of effort and work that she does. she's constantly working, and we're very proud of her," said Joan. "She's an A student, and we hope she excels and she represents Oneida one day in the Unites States Senate."



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Santa Claus came to town



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Local kids got one last chance to let Santa Claus what they want for Christmas during Oneida Recreation's annual Breakfast with Santa event Saturday, December 12 at the Civic Center, Kids got to sit on Santa's lap, eat breakfast and even received a gift to open for being good.

Above: Karson Gantner, 2, rips open a gift after telling Santa his wishlist.



Oneida Language and Culture classes offered at St. Norbert College

Learn or improve on your Oneida language abilities beginning January 11 at St. Norbert College. Randy Cornelius will teach basic Oneida vocabulary and share the customs and traditions behind the language.





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Local

Skenadore, Dolores P. (Dolly) August 23, 1929 - December 8, 2009 Yakolihunyáni, "She Teaches"

Dolores (D o 1 1 y) Skenadore, 80, died Oneida, Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, 2009, at a

local hospital. The daughter of the late Michael and Inez (Hill) Klatt was born on August 23, 1929, in Milwaukee. She married Glenn Curtis Skenadore on November 15, 1947. The couple just celebrated 62 years of

She and Glenn lived in the Milwaukee area for over 50 years. She loved spending time with her family. Dolly loved Scrabble, bingo and spending time at the casi-

marriage.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn; their children, Dory, Glenn (Kathy), Donna (David), Jessie Judy, (Dave Helm), Lori, Jim (Shelly), Jenny (Leon), Kitty Hill; Grandchildren, Amy, Elaine, Janeen, Danielle, Michael, Domonique, Cheyenne, Nikki (Jim) and great-grandchildren, Dallas, Savanna, Luke and Jacob. Further survived by her sisters,



Preceded death by grandson, Joey Skenadore and sis-

ters, Elaine Klatt and Dorothy Perlongo.

A special thanks to Phyl (RN) from OCHS and the team of medical providers at St Mary's Hospital. Friends may call at

RYAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMA-TORY, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2009. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Father Dave Duffeck from St. Joseph Church, Oneida, officiat-Please www.ryanfh.com http://www.ryanfh.com/) to send online condolences to the Skenadore family. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, a memorial fund has been established for Oneida Tribal Elderly Services, PO Box 365 in Oneida, WI 54155.

Jordan, Gary T. November 21, 1958 – December 5, 2009

Jordan, Gary T. 51, cherished son of Ellen (Robert) Biehl and the late Bernard Kokoszka, loving brother of John Jordan, Kathleen (Chuck) Michalek, Patricia Kokoszka, Mike (Lisa) and Debra Biehl, as Alicia well Strzyzykowski, Aleta, Annette, Amelia and Benjamin Jordan, dear nephew of Catherine Sands, Gerri (Duane) Deriemaeker and Bobbie (Late Jim) Marema, loving uncle of Marc (Jill), Steven and Michelle Michalek, great-uncle of Nicholas Michalek and a cousin many. to Visitation Tuesday, December 8th. 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Suburban Family Funeral Home, 5940 W. 35th. St. (Corner of 35th. and Austin), Cicero. Chapel services at 8:00 p.m. Cremation will be private. 708-652-1116.

Koehnke Jr., Earl Francis May 19, 1964 - December 9, 2009

Francis Koehnke Jr., age 45, passed away on December 9, 2009 at his home. Earl was born in Neenah, on May 19, 1964 to Earl

Sr. and Marlene (Lee) Koehnke. He was a graduate from Menasha High School, class of 1982 as Valedictorian. After High School he enlisted in the US Marines, where he served his country in Japan, until his honorable discharge.

Earl was an avid baseball card collector; he enjoyed fishing, and taking road trips with his friends. He loved to go to rock concerts, and really lived his life to the fullest. Earl loved children, even though; he never had his own, he treated each child as if they were his. He had a great sense of humor, and put a smile on the faces of others. He was very proud to be an Oneida

Earl is survived by his mother, Marlene (Michael Sowatzka) Koehnke; a special friend Susan Stuart, and her five children; three brothers:

tribal member.

Larry (Susan) Dickrell, Sam, and Ervin (Judy) Koehnke; two sisters: Ellen and Evelyn Koehnke; numerous nieces nephews, and

other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Earl Sr.; a sister, Sandy Lee; paternal grandparents: Ervin and Arvilla Koehnke; maternal grandparents: John and Phyllis Lee; an uncle, Robert Lee; and Jean aunts: Montonati and Elizabeth Wisneski.

A Funeral Service for Earl was held at 12:00 noon, Sunday December 13, 2009 at Martens-Laemmrich Funeral Home, 312 Milwaukee Street, Menasha, with full Military Honors. Michael Sowatzka officiated with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery held on Tuesday, December 15,

A memorial fund has been established in Earl's

Earl's family would like to extend their gratitude to all the wonderful friends he had.

Drunk and Drugged Prevention

By Vanessa Miller Environmental, Health, and

About three in every ten Americans will be in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives. If you are Native

drastically chances December is increase. Drunk Nation Drugged Prevention Month. We are bomwith horrific barded alcohol and drug-related

Passing On...

Hurst, Marvin Joseph January 11, 1929 - December 10, 2009 Marvin Joseph

Hurst passed away from natural causes, at home with his family by his side, on December 10, 2009. He was born on January 11, 1929, and was a lifelong resident of and employed by the City of Kaukauna.

Marvin was a proud member of the Oneida nation. He enjoyed his family and friends and was known for his sense of humor and out-going personality. Marvin was also an avid sports fan and loved to spend time fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by: father, Herbert Hurst, mother, Marian (Denny) Hurst, brother, Gerald Hurst, daughter, Chery Hurst and brotherin-law, Mert Hungerford.

Marvin is survived by beloved wife, Pauline; his children: Karen (Gary) VerVoort, Susan Hurst, Linda Hurst (Roy), Steven Hurst, Lori Bevers (Rev), Bill (Kelli) Hurst, Lisa Hurst (Craig); 15 grandchildren; two great-grand-

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children; sister, E 1 a i n e Hungerford; brothers: Richard Hurst (Zelda) and James (Jane) Hurst; and many nieces, nephews,

A wake and church service will be held for Marvin on Friday, December 18, 2009, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kaukauna. Visitation will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. with a service to follow. Marvin will be buried near his grandparents at St. Joseph's Cemetery on the Oneida Reservation, a place where he had so many happy childhood experiences and memo-

relatives and friends.

Marvin's family would like to sincerely thank all of his very special relatives, friends and coworkers for their support, compassion and concern throughout his extended illness. They would also like to thank Dr. Dan Smith, the St. Paul Home and Hospice Care Staff for their excellent care given to our loved one.

stories on a daily basis, but sadly, the problem persists.

Did You Know...

- Every day in the U.S., 36 people die, and 700 are injured, and an alcohol-related crash
- Alcohol related crashed cost the U.S. \$51 billion every year
- Every 30 minutes, a teenager dies in an alcohol-related crash
- Alcohol and drugimpaired driving accounts for 1/3 of all traffic deaths in the

So what can you do to help make injuries and death less of a threat to our community and nation this holiday season? (and all year-round) Designate a sober driving before any party or celebration begins.

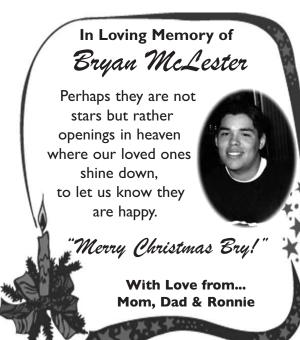
2. Take the keys-and give them up. Don't let your family and friends drive under influence. Buzzed driving is the same as drunk dri-

3. If you are hosting a party, make sure that all of your guests have sober drivers planned for. Call taxis for those who do not. Offer alcohol free beverages.

4. If you think you may have had 2 too many, you've already had several too many!

Have a safe holiday







We miss you so much but it's so much harder to be without our "baby" through the Holidays.



Mom & Dad, Brandon, Cory, Stephanie & Family

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Local

History of Service Agreements

By Becky Webster Senior Attorney

In the last edition of the Kalihwisaks, the Law Office provided some background on the Local Land Use Regulation Reimbursement Policy as a response to local governments who choose to interfere with the Tribe's right to govern itself, its land and its people. This week's article will focus on the history of Service Agreements with our neighbors.

A major source for local governments to raise money to support government services is through the collection of property taxes. Considering trust land is not subject to property taxes, the Tribe enters Service Agreements with our neighboring local governments as a way to compensate them for the Compact, the services they provide to trust land. In turn, the Service Agreements recognize the wide array of services the Tribal government provides to tribal members and non-members alike. When calculating the payment formula of the Service Agreements, the Tribe receives a credit for providing these ser-

The Tribe began entering into Service Agreements in 1996. Governor Then Thompson took notice of the Tribe's efforts to negotiate these agreements and the positive impact these agreements brought to tribal and relationships. When the Tribe negotiated the 1998 amendment to the Tribe's Gaming agreed it would "take reasonable action" to into Service enter Agreements with local governments. This 1998 amendment also provided a credit of up to \$550,000 for payments made to local governments under the agreements. This means that the Tribe would be able to deduct up to \$550,000 from what it would otherwise pay to the state as part of the Gaming Compact payment keeping more money in the local economy. 2003, when the Tribe and State amended Gaming Compact again, the new amendment no longer required the Tribe to enter into Service Agreements with local

ed a credit of up to \$1.5 million for payments made to local governments under the agreements - keeping even more money in the local economy.

The Tribe currently has Service Agreements with Village Ashwaubenon, City of Green Bay, Town of Oneida, Outagamie County and Brown County. The Tribe looks forward to entering into new and renewed Service Agreements with all local governments who are willing to negotiate in good faith.

The next article will focus in on the Service Agreement between the Tribe and the city of Green Bay.

From 1A/2009 in Retrospect

United States Army Veteran, Gerald Danforth, retired after 30 years from the United States Navy and former Oneida Tribal Chairman, Timothy Ninham, United States Navy Veteran and Marty Antone, United States Marines, Marine Reserve and National Guard Army Reserve.

January 28

Long time Gaming General Manager Neil Cornelius leaves Oneida gaming to accept a CEO position with the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. Louise Cornelius was named interim Gaming GM February 13.

February 27

The Oneida Museum celebrated its 30th anniversary.

March 9

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

March 25

Cole House is the first American to win the Grand Prix Waregem cycling race in Belgium. April 1

Thornberry Creek at Oneida opens its doors

for business.

April

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

May

Retired Marine Captain Frank Cornelius opens the Frank and Nancy Military Museum to display his extensive collection of military objects.

May 5

The Beach Wildlife Sanctuary releases a juvenile bald eagle on the Oneida

Sunday

Nation Elementary School grounds.

May 11

Governor Jim Doyle sign bill to prohibit smoking in public places. Oneida is exempt from the statewide ban due to tribal sovereignty.

May 12

Oneida holds a ceremony to release 5000 trout fingerlings to Trout Creek which has been restored as a cold water stream. Hold on to your fishing gear, however, the trout won't be ready for another two-and-ahalf years.

June 18

Lauren Hoeft is named Miss Oneida and Jasmine Polar wins Jr. Miss at the 42nd annual Oneida Miss & Jr. Miss Pageant. Katy Bermke will be named Lil' Miss Oneida at the 37th Oneida Powwow in July.

June 29

The Wisconsin State Budget includes a provision allowing federally recognized tribes encompassing not less than 60,000 nor more than 70,000 acres or any tribally owned business entity to receive a Class B liquor license from the state and bypass the local municipality.

July 11

The GTC rejects a petitioner's plea for \$10,000 for all tribal members 21 or older at a meeting that attracted 2000 attendees. July 17

Agriculture Director Pat Cornelius retires after 37 years of working for

Oneida. August 19

LZ Lambeau announces it will hold an event to properly welcome home veterans of the Vietnam War. Tribal veterans will be included in a Wisconsin Public

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governments. This 2003

amendment also provid-

September 19

Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises (OTIE) is named the Rising Star Award winner during the 2009 Governor's Conference Minority Development.

October 6

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

October

Brown County Circuit Court Judge rules Brown County can dispatch the Oneida Police Department in a 1,700 acre area around Hwy 172, Hwy 54 and County Road E in a hearing over a temporary injunction filed by Village of Hobart.

October 21

The University Wisconsin-Green Bay opens the Center for First Nation Studies.

November 5

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

November 11

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

November 25

In light of budget troubles, the OBC voted to cut their own pay by 3%

December 8

The Department of the Interior announces it's settling Cobell v. Salazar for \$3.4 billion.

December 9

The first winter storm f December, 2009 drops 15 inches of snow and closes tribal buildings.

NOTICE:

Updated fees at the **Oneida Enrollment Department** Starting July 1, 2010

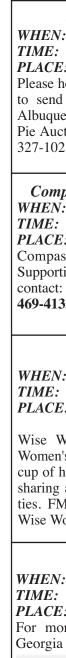
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Dec. 17 – 24th

Holiday Orange Tag Sale!

WHEN: Now thru December 24th Various hours

TIME: **PLACE:** Senior Citizen Gift Shop, Oneida

Check out the Holiday Orange Tag Sale that is going on right now at the Senior Citizen's Gift Shop through December 24th. Stop by to take advantage of the 30% OFF sale on clothes!

The gift shop is located inside the Elderly Services Building. Call 920-869-2448 and ask for the gift shop to get more details.

Dec.18 – Dec. 27

13th Annual WPS Garden of Lights WHEN: Weekends through Dec. 27

TIME: Fri. & Sat. 5PM-9PM, Sun. 5PM-8PM **PLACE:** Green Bay Botanical Garden

2600 Larsen Road

A holiday favorite featuring over 250,000 lights crafted in flowers, butterflies, and other botanical themes. Closed Christmas Day. Wagon rides: 5:00pm-8:00pm. Admission fee: Horse drawn wagon rides: \$10 adults, \$6 children 5-12, Walking tour (1 mile): \$7 adults, \$4 children 5-12, Children 4 and under: FREE. FREE Shuttles from NWTC Parking Lot G. Call **920-490-9457** FMI

December 19

A Heritage Hill Christmas

WHEN: Saturday, December 19 10:00am-4:00pm TIME:

PLACE:

PLACE:

Heritage Hill State Historical Park, 2640 S. Webster Ave, Green Bay Celebrate the season in a breathtaking setting by

trying historic dancing, crafts, and holiday baking on the farm. \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (over 62) and \$6 for children (5-17). Children 4 and under free. \$1 off admission with a canned food item. For general park news call 920-448-5150 or visit www.heritagehillgb.org.

December 21

Let's Celebrate the Solstice The sun is coming back!

WHEN: Monday, December 21 TIME: 7:00AM

> Pod A – Community Room Senior Complex (apartments)

2907 South Overland Road Come join us for coffee, breakfast foods & good

conversation. Parking in visitor's lot. Call Mindimoye, 920-869-1577.

January 4

Animal Stories for Pre-schoolers

WHEN: Monday, January 4, 2009

TIME: 10:00am Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary **PLACE:**

This program is designed to introduce your preschooler to wildlife in an informal setting that will hopefully foster and appreciation and ongoing interest in the out of doors. \$2/Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$3/non-resident. Pre-registration is required: (920) 391-3671. The same gram is repeated 1:00 pm Monday, Jan. 18.

January 6

ONSS Science Fair Fundraiser WHEN: Wednesday, January 6, 2009 11:00AM - 6:00PM

TIME: **PLACE:** Parish Hall

Please help the families of O.N.E.S. to raise money to send the winning 5-8th grade winners to in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jigging Contest and Pie Auction 3-6pm, 50/50 raffle, Door Prizes. Call 327-102 for more information.

Tuesdays

Compassionate Friends - Oneida Chapter WHEN: 3rd Tues of every month

TIME: 6:30PM - 8:00PM

PLACE: Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road Compassionate Friends is a support group

Supporting Family after a Child Dies. Questions contact: Julie Denny or Jean Williquette at 920-469-4135.

Tuesdays

Women's Talking Circle Group Every Tuesday!

WHEN: TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

PLACE: Wise Women Gathering Place, 2483 Babcock Rd.

Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle Group. Come and enjoy a cup of hot tea in the presence of women of all ages sharing and caring. Talking circles and fun activities. FMI contact Marlene Summers or Bev Scow at Wise Women Gathering Place **920-490-0627**.

Fridays

Women's Support Group

Fridays

TIME: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM**PLACE:** Three Sisters Center

For more information contact Isabel Parker or Georgia Burr at (920) 592-8682 or (920) 412-0396.

To include events in this section please call the

(<u>92</u>0) 869-4280, 4279, 4090 or 4277 Announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.

Business



McLester plows forward with snow removal

By Dawn Walschinski Kalihwisaks

On the cusp of the first Wisconsin snowstorm of December, Ron McLester prepared his snow clearing equip-

snow clearing equipment. His business "Ron's Cut-N-Trim Lawn Care" also provides snow plowing and snow blowing.

"It keeps me busy, sometimes 14, 16 hours in the truck," said McLester. He started the business

two years ago after retiring from Georgia Pacific after 21 years. "It's outside ... I always

"It's outside ... I always worked outside, so I enjoy it," he said.

McLester has a list of 30 residential and commercial clients he provides snow removal for.

"Pretty much a one man operation. I do have nephews that if I need help, they're always willing to work," he said.

Gas prices and the downturn in the economy have hurt his bottom line,

Ron's Cut-N-Trim



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Ron McLester of Ron's Cut-N-Trim offers snowplowing and snow blowing in addition to lawn care services. McLester owns a fourwheel drive tractor with a snowblower along with a pick-up truck with a snowplow blade. He is available for commercial and residential snow removal.

but McLester keeps plowing ahead.

"I'm lucky that I had my equipment before I retired. The way the economy is, it's tough. You have so many people out there trying to do it, it's really tough," he said.

The income McLester brings in helps pay for

his insurance.

"That's the biggest thing. Keeps me out of the house," he said.

Not surprisingly, McLester prefers lawn care over snow removal. "It's nice in the sum-

mertime," he said.

"Anyone who wants their lawn taken care of

or snowplowing, they see my signs all over, so just give me a call," said McLester.

Ron's Cut-N-Trim Lawn Care, Snow Plowing & Snow Blowing can be reached at **920-869-2653** or **920-265-7355**.

From 1A/VA Clinic

new higher wage jobs and generate revenue in our community. This has been a long process and I am very grateful to everyone in the Veterans Administration for listening to the needs of our veterans across Northeast Wisconsin."

In addition to Kagen's office, The Green Bay Mayor's office also an played a role in bringing this project to fruition.

"We have been working with property owners and Veterans Administration officials on this project since July," said Mayor Schmitt. "It has been a long five months and an unbelievably competitive project. This is an important facility for all the veterans who depend on the services provided by the

V e t e r a n s Administration as well as for the greater Green Bay community. This will create several hundred permanent fulltime positions and nearly 500 construction jobs. We couldn't be happier that they chose to locate this facility in the City of Green Bay."

Milo C. Huempfner is Brown County's highest decorated soldier in World War II. Huempfner earned the reputation of 'One Man Army' for his attacks against an armored Nazi column during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. Congressman Kagen introduced legislation to honor Huempfner and to name the clinic for him.

Merry Christmas and Hoyan from the Community Health Department







No cameras or audio/video equipment allowed in the Concerts/Casino Lounge. All acts subject to change. Must be 21 to enter gaming floor.

OBC Forum

Message from the Oneida Business Committee...



December 11, 2009

Dear Tribal Member and Employee:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on the most recent budget activity for fiscal year 2010. Over the past six (6) weeks, the Oneida Business Committee along with key financial employees and community members, engaged in candid discussions and considered creative ways to balance the 2010 budget. The tribe's business units were asked to present and justify their budget, which included outlining goals, objectives and priorities. Some of the budgets reviewed were moderately cut, while others were cut to only be functional. Difficult decisions were made; however, we are pleased to announce that a balanced budget will be presented to the General Tribal Council on January 30, 2009.

The effort put forth trimmed the budget by approximately 25 million dollars, and much appreciation goes out to the managers, directors, the tribe, including

employees and community members who came to the meetings and helped us make these difficult decisions. Many staff members displayed their passion and professionalism in presenting and justifying their budgets. Hearing from them helped us make critical decisions on where cuts were possible, yet proservices employment to the greatest extent possible.

Although we have realized savings, there are reductions that still need to be addressed. With great regret, the employee winter gift will not be given in the form of a gift to each employee. This year, the winter gift fund was allocated to the Oneida pantry which will help families in the community during the holidays. We understand this does not replace the anticipated individual gift; however, we thank you, the employees, for your understanding, generosity and support.

There are other endeavors being initiated within and outside of

efforts to generate more revenue in gaming and retail. Continued support for businesses such Oneida Tribal Integrated Enterprises (OTIE), the Radisson Hotel and Seven Generations Corporation, are also important as we continue to make efforts to find ways to generate revenue outside of gam-

This is not the first time the Tribe has found it necessary to enter into a state of cost contain-In 1995-96 ment. Oneida tribal leaders, tribal members and employees also made the difficult decision to take cost containment measures to ensure the future of the community, and as in the past you can help by fueling our local economy. "Shop Oneida" will help by keeping our dollars in our community and working for us. When you shop for gifts, fuel, fresh fruit and meat, consider the products available at Orchard, Museum, Tsyuhehkwa, One Stops/Retail, and small businesses operated in community.

Together we can strengthen our own economy by spending our dollars at one of the community's many businesses.

The first six months of cost containment it will be critical for us. Thus far, jobs and most of our tribal services have been maintained. We hope to begin recovering from this recession soon and we will continue to do our best to keep you apprised of our economic status. Please continue to watch for information during the upcoming weeks and months. If you have questions or suggestions, you may contact Communications Department at 920-869-

4340 or via email Communications_Depa rtment@oneidanation.o rg and they will consolidate the information and provide as much feedback as possible to your concerns in a timely and comprehensive manner.

> Yaw^ko, Oneida Business Committee



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Holiday Greetings

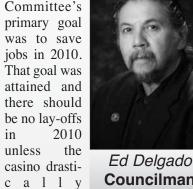
As most of us gather with our families during the Christmas and New Years holidays, I extend from my family and from the Business Committee, our greetings, and may the creator watch over you during these days and the coming year. In the year 2009, it has been an honor to serve as your elected representative and on behalf of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Jan. 30th, 2010 / **General Tribal Council Meeting**

On January 30th, the General Tribal Council will consider passage of the 2009 / 2010 Oneida Tribal budget. The budget to be considered is the result of many months of hard work by the Tribal Treasurer's Office, the Chief Financial Officer's the Business staff, Committee, Tribal management and individual Tribal members who attended many hours of planning, number crunching and debate.

However, due to the economy and the resulting declining of casino profits, many Tribal have services been reduced and cut. Employees did receive wage increases, although many hourly front line employees will receive up to a 1% bonus. Tribal employees also received a cut of their retirement benefits. Hopefully, when the budget comes before the General Tribal Council, those retirement benefits can be restored. There is money available within the budget to restore retirement benefits for our employees.

Business Committee's primary goal was to save jobs in 2010. That goal was attained and there should be no lay-offs unless the casino drastideclines.



Councilman

Resolutions Submitted to **Business Committee**

At the Nov. 25th Committee Business meeting, I presented resolutions to preserve retirement benefits for Tribal employees and to cut Business Committee wages by 5% as well as to put a \$100,000 cap on non-medical wages. The following are reviews of those resolutions:

Resolution to Restore Tribal Retirement

Benefits. Long before the Tribe had a casino and the tens of millions of gaming dollars derived from it, Tribal employees had enjoyed a reasonably good retirement benefit with the Tribe contributing a match of up to 3% for those employees wishing to participate. That retirement benefit plays a very important role in the quality of life that so many Oneidas look forward to when retirement becomes a reality. Unfortunately, in early November, the Business Committee, by majority vote, voted to take away that 3% Tribal match. The resolution I submitted to Business Committee to restore the Tribal retirement benefit did not pass. Note: Our Tribal

School teachnow receive absolutely no retirement benefit from Oneida the Tribe while teachers working in the surrounding school districts enjoy up to a

benefit. Resolution Regarding Wage Reductions.

5% retirement

The resolution submitted proposed to cut wages of the Business Committee by 5% and put a \$100,000 cap on non-medical wages. The reason for the Business Committee reduction proposal was symbolic in that as leaders during these hard economic times, it is my feeling and the feeling of many of my constituents, that the BC should sacrifice as so many of our employees have already sacrificed. And what was the reason for the proposed \$100,000 cap on non-medical wages? The purpose was simply because the Tribe can no longer afford paying top administrative personnel annual wages that often over exceed well \$100,000 annually, especially at a time when so many employees have had their hours so drastically cut that they are finding it almost impossible to provide food and shelter for their families. When the issue came before the BC for a vote, the motion failed with only Tina Danforth, Patty Hoeft and I supporting it (Note: A subsequent vote to reduce BC wages by 3% did pass as did an additional motion

that a discussion regard-

ing Joint Executive Team wages will take place at a future date. I supported both of these subsequent motions).

Tribal Audits

Although no one likes to be audited, audits are necessary. The purpose of audits is to keep people and organizations honest and compliant with established laws and regulations. In the early 1990s, the Oneida Tribe had problems. As a result, former Tribal Councilman Ernie Stevens Senior worked hard to create an audit process for the Tribe. The purpose of establishing a Tribal audit process, as stated in the Tribe's Audit Law, is to "protect the assets of the Oneida Nation" (Tribe) by creating an Internal Audit Department which "shall adhere to the Institute of Internal Code Auditors Ethics." In addition, the Audit Law states that the scope of Internal Audit Department audits "shall be unrestricted." In other words, when Tribal auditors request information necessary to carry out responsibilities under the law, Tribal entities must comply. Without that compliance, the Tribe has no protection against those who would do wrong by our Tribe. As the Oneida Audit Committee Chair, I have given my word through my Oath of Office, to protect the integrity of Oneida Tribal Audits as provided under the Audit Law. If I am unable to ensure the integrity of Tribal audits, I will tell you, the owners of the Oneida Tribe.

Thanks for reading

Thank you...

For your participation in the Oneida Experiential and Adventures programs from the 2009 year! The following Oneida individuals, business units and groups participated in our programming. Thank you for taking advantage of these great opportunities. Please contact us for any questions and to continue to grow a healthy community with our services!

~ Cindy Young Oneida Experiential and Adventures Supervisor 490-3863 • www.oneidanation.org/adventures

Tribal/Employee/Fit class

ness Members Open Climbing – Indoor Course

Open Climbing -Outdoor Course Kayak Pool class-1/09-

Kayak roll class Turtle School – 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Young Women's Rite of passage team bldg Snow shoe tying

Snowshoe Environmental Dept. South West YES after school program Noon hour snow shoe

exercise Hunter Safety survival safety class Elder Diabetic Talk

Circle DV girls group x 4 DV girls group 3 day camp/canoe

ONHS Adventure

programming varied Sugar Camp Adventure skills

YES program staff team bldg ATODA family after

care group Native Teens for Change Conference

presenter HRD team building Turtle school camp overnights – 7th, 8th Mother's Day wall

climb Open Tree climb Open Mountain biking Open Evening Climb Quick Start pond kayak classes

Climb Employee Fitness Day Intro to kayak pond

DV women's groups YES King Elementary school late start programs Boo Bash Recreation

dept assist Santa Breakfast Recreation dept assist Casino Marketing Team

bldg Eve Canoe tours Eve Kayak tours Oneida Family Carnival

Portable wall

Men's Wellness program climb Father's Week climb Youth 9-13 Paddle camp Teen Parent Support group programs

Art Camp tree climb Youth 9-13 Climb Camp Youth 9-13 Adventure Camp

Rescue kayak pond class Boys teen canoe

Boys teen tree climb Apostle Island kayak trips

Diabetic program Apostle Island Trip Marketing Casino high

rollers Tm bldg Custodial Dept team bldg

Teen boy's survival classes Center for Self

Sufficiency Client program tm bldg Diabetic awareness Wellness Evening Survival classes and overnight

Fire building classes 9th grade HS girls group 09-10 Diabetic Snow shoe

bldg class

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OBC Meeting Results

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

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE **MEETING** Oct. 28, 2009 Regular Meeting

Business Committee Conference Room Call to Order: 9:04 a.m

Present: Kathy Hughes, vice-chair, Tina Danforth, treasurer, Patty Hoeft, secretary, Melinda Danforth, council member. Delgado, council member, Trish King, council member, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., council member, Brandon Stevens, council member, Chairman Rick Hill arrived at 9:23 a.m.

Amendment to **Emergency Resolution Implementing Spending Restrictions** & Cost Containment for the First Six Months of FY 2010 (FY 2010-2012)

Motion by Brandon Stevens

to adopt resolution 10-28-Amendment 09-A Emergency Resolution Implementing Spending Restrictions and Cost Containment For the First Six Months of FY 2010 (FY 2010-1012 Budget Cycle), seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one opposition. Ayes .: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Tina Danforth. Excused: Rick Hill

Amendment to the main

motion by Tina Danforth to approve the amendment to the resolution provided this the Business body, Committee, is given a specific list of all grants that have no tribal contribution and that there is a monthly report provided to the Business Committee on the activity of those grants that have no tribal funding but are being allowed to proceed with procedural exceptions to cost containment and would like that by the end of the day, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with two opposed and one abstention. Ayes: Delgado, Tina Danforth, Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Patty Hoeft, Brandon

Reports Stimulus Initiative report

Stevens. Abstained: Trish

King. Excused: Rick Hill

Motion by Trish King to accept the stimulus initiative report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion car-

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ried unanimously.

Long-term Care and Aging Disability **Resource Center report** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Long-term Care and Aging Disability Resource Center report, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

General Tribal Council Reconsider printing Oneida hymnals to include words music

Motion by Patty Hoeft to add this item to the Semi-Annual GTC meeting agenda in July 2010 for the Business Committee to give a report on the status of this resolution, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Not present: Trish King

New Business Requests

United States Dept. of Health and Human Services/Indian Health Services/Special Diabetes Program for Indians Community-**Directed Grant Program 2010-2012** Resolution Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud/Margaret

Nicolas/Frieda Clary Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 10-28-09-B United States Dept. of Health Human and Services/Indian Health Services/Special Diabetes Program Indians for Community-Directed Grant Program 2010-2012, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimous-

Emergency Adoption of Local Land Use Regulation Reimbursement Policy Resolution

Main motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 10-28-09-C Emergency Adoption of Local Land Use Regulation Policy with the understanding that this will go through the LOC process, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Amendment to the main motion by Kathy Hughes to table the adoption of the Emergency Adoption of Local Land Use Regulation Policy resolution pending a discussion by the BusinessCommittee at our next Tuesday meeting, seconded by Tina Danforth. Amendment to the main motion failed with six opposed. Ayes: Melinda

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Danforth, Kathy Hughes. Opposed: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Second amendment to the main motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. that the funding-end of the proposed resolution be deferred to our Tuesday budget work meeting to identify funding for this particular resolution, seconded by Trish King. The second amendment to the main motion carried with two opposed. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish

King, Brandon Stevens.

Opposed Tina Danforth,

Kathy Hughes Main motion as amended to adopt resolution 10-28-09-C Emergency Adoption of Local Land Use Regulation Policy with the understanding that this will go through the LOC process and that the funding-end of the proposed resolution be deferred to our Tuesday budget work meeting to identify funding for this particular resolution. The motion as amended carried with two opposed and one abstention. Ayes: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Tina Danforth,

State legislative update presentation by Jim **Tenuta**

Melinda Danforth

Kathy Hughes. Abstained:

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to approve the report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes.: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Not present: Melinda Danforth Motion by Kathy Hughes to request a separate meeting with Mr. Tenuta to go over the forecasting/ strategizing sessions with the **Business Committee within** two weeks, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes .: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Not present:

Melinda Danforth Oneida historical perspective to be placed Congressional

record Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida historical perspective to be placed into the Congressional record, seconded by Trish King. Motion withdrawn. Motion by Trish King to defer the historical perspective of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to be placed into the Congressional record to the Nov. 25 Business Committee meeting to allow members to comment

Tourism Destinations

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within the next two weeks to the Chief of Staff and for the final document to come back, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes.: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Not present: Melinda Danforth Support S. 1703 to

reaffirm Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes

Motion by Brandon Stevens to support S. 1703 letter to reaffirm Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes.: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Not present: Melinda Danforth Kathy Hughes to attend WI DHS and Tribes

2009 consultation Nov. 19, Lac du Flambeau, WI Travel Request

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve Vice Chair Kathy Hughes to attend WI DHS and Tribes 2009 consultation Nov. 19 in Lac du Flambeau, WI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstention: Kathy Hughes Not present: Melinda Danforth

Legislative Operating Committee

Oct. 7 LOC minutes Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Oct. Legislative Operating Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously with one abstention. Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstention: Kathy Hughes Not present: Melinda Danforth, Kathy Hughes

Alcohol Beverage Licensing Law public Amendments hearing Dec. 8

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Law amendments public hearing date of Dec. 8, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes.: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Not present: Melinda Danforth, Kathy Hughes

Emergency Amendment to Paternity Law resolution

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 10-28-09-D Emergency Amendment to Paternity Law resolution, seconded by seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes .: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Not present: Melinda Danforth, Kathy Hughes

Emergency Amendment to Child Support Law resolution

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to adopt resolution Emergency 10-28-09-E Amendment to Child Support Law resolution, seconded by Brandon Stevens.: Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes:

DECEMBER OBC Regular Meeting date

each month

December 23 Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of

Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Not present: Melinda Danforth, Kathy Hughes Emergency Amendment to Child Custody, Placement, Visitation Law resolu-Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 10-28-09-F Emergency Amendment to Child Custody, Placement, and Visitation Law resolution, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Not present:

Cost Containment FY2010 Exceptions Hiring Freeze **Exceptions**

Melinda Danforth, Kathy

Hughes

Onei da Housing Authority - Approve three new positions, two are 100 percent grant-funded: Rehabilitation Manager, Rehabilitation Administrative Assistant II, and Project Manager Melinda Danforth returned

to the meeting at 11:18 a.m.; Kathy Hughes returned 11:19 a.m.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report regarding the three grant-funded positions from the Oneida Housing Authority as FYI, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Child Care - Approve one emergency temporary position: Child Care teacher

Motion by Patty Hoeft to

accept the report from the General Manager regarding the emergency temporary position in child care at the Social Services building, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with two abstentions: Ayes.: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Melinda Abstained: Danforth, Tina Danforth Children & Family

Services - Approve one new position: Parent Program Coordinator

Motion by Melinda Danforth to accept the report about the Children and Family Services Parent Program Coordinator as FYI, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy King, Hughes, Trish Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth

Center Fitness Approve filling one half-time position vacancy: Senior

Lifeguard Motion by Tina Danforth to deny the Fitness Center filling the one half-time position senior lifeguard position, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King. Abstained: Brandon Stevens.

Gaming - Approve one limited-term-employee position: Interim Slot Supervisor Motion by Ed Delgado to

approve one limited-term employee position of the Interim Slot Supervisor, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried with two abstentions: Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens.

Abstained: Tina Danforth, Trish King Food,

Elimination Beverage and Related Open Purchase Orders Exceptions Elder Services - Approve

\$34,188 Reinhard Food contract for 2010 elder meal-site program, 97 percent grant funded and 3 percent tribal contribution Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve Elderly Services for \$34,188 Reinhard Food contract for 2010 elder meal-site program, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Gaming -Approve \$3,091.50 contract **Buckley** with Enterprises to provide meals to up to 80 employees working on Bally installation project

Motion by Tina Danforth to deny the \$3,091.50 gaming contract with Buckley Enterprises to provide meals, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Exceptions Elder Services Approve \$12,490 to conduct 2009 Elder Christmas party Debbie Sponsor:

Thundercloud/Florence Petri Main motion by Ed Delgado to approve \$12,490 for Elderly Services 2009 Christmas party, seconded Melinda Danforth. Amendment to the main motion by Tina Danforth to provide that the Elderly Services Christmas party be an allowed expense given that only grant dollars will be used for this activity, seconded by Melinda Danforth. The amendment carried with one opposed. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Kathy Hughes. Opposed:

Trish King. Abstained: Patty Hoeft,

Brandon Stevens. For the record: Trish King opposed because we just adopted a resolution that says if it is grant funded, the Business Committee does-

n't need to approve. Main motion as amended is to approve \$12,490 for Elderly Services 2009 Christmas party provided that the Elderly Services Christmas party be an allowed expense given that only grant dollars will be used for this activity. The main motion as amended failed with four opposed and one abstention. Ayes: Danforth, Ed Melinda

Delgado, Opposed: Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens.

Abstained: Tina Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion by Tina Danforth

that this activity be funded only by grant funds and that there be no tribal contribution cost for this request, seconded by Ed Delgado. The vote was tied with four in favor and four opposed. The Chairman voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried with five ayes and four opposed.

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes. Opposed: Trish King, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens. Tie Breaker: Chairman Rick Hill voted in favor of the motion.

Elder Services \$989.60 Approve Radisson contract for on-site elder abuse training, 100 percent grant-funded Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Elder Services

• See 8A, Oct. 28 Minutes

Check out the Government Calendar feature for Business Committee important meeting dates! *** General Tribal Council **Upcoming Special GTC Meetings** Oneida Tribal Judicial System STOP Laws and Policies January 4, 2010 – Annual GTC Meeting January 30, 2010 - FY2010 Budget and

Hyperbaric chamber purchase meeting

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by Melinda Danforth to accept the Child Support \$7,942.22 contract for on-site training that is 100 percent grant-funded as FYI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning - Approve \$270 to purchase ten \$25 gift cards as incentive for Housing Needs Assessment survey.

Motion by Trish King to deny the Planning request of \$270 to purchase ten \$25 gift cards as incentive for Housing Needs Assessment survey, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Planning request of \$270 to purchase ten \$25 gift cards as an incentive for Housing the Assessment survey, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one opposed and one abstention. Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Opposed Tina Danforth. Abstained: Melinda Danforth

Out-of-

State Travel Exceptions unless Emergency, Certification Requirements, Government Official Travel Retro-approve Self-Governance **Director Chris Johns to** Indian Health Service Bemidji Area Office IHS/Tribal/Urban meeting Oct. 27-29, Bloomington, MN Motion by Ed Delgado to

Elimination

accept Self-Governance Director Chris Johns to attend Indian Health Service Area HIS/Tribal Urban meeting Oct. 27 through 29 in Bloomington, MN as FYI, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Self-Governance Director Chris Johns to Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association meeting Nov. 10-14, Las Vegas, NV

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept Self-Governance Director Chris Johns to Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association meeting Nov. 10 through 14 in Las Vegas, NV as FYI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Self-Governance Director Chris Johns to DOI Tribal Budget Advisory Council 4th quarter meeting Dec. 14-16, Arlington, VA Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept Self-Governance Director Chris Johns to attend DOI Tribal Budget

Advisory Council 4th quarter meeting Dec. 14 through 16 in Arlington, VA as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motoin carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Self-Governance Director Chris Johns to HHS/IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee 4th quarter meeting Nov. 2-4, Washington, D.C. Motion by Trish King to Self-Governance

Director Chris Johns to attend HHS/IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee 4th quarter meeting Nov. 2 through 4 in Washington, D.C. as FYI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Director Stephen West RSA/CANAR training and technical assistance conference Nov. 28Dec. 2, Norman, OK Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept Project Director Stephen West to attend RSA/CANAR training and technical assistance conference Nov. 28 through Dec. 2 in Norman, OK as FYI, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Community **Public** Health Officer Eric Krawczyk to American Public Health Association conference Nov. 6-12,Philadelphia, PA Motion by Brandon Stevens

to accept Community Public Health Officer Eric Krawczyk American Public Health Association conference Nov. 6 through 12 in Philadelphia, PA as FYI, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth CSE Director Lisa Schwartz to attend Office ofChild Support Enforcement National Training, that is 100 percent grant funded Nov.

Washington D.C. Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept CSE Director Lisa Schwartz to attend Office of Child Support Enforcement National Training, that is 100 percent grant funded Nov. 2 through 4 in Washington D.C. as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Distribution Food

Director Don Miller to Midwest Regional conference **Directors** Nov. 2-5, Chicago, IL Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept Food Distribution Director Don Miller to Midwest Regional Directors conference Nov. 2 through 5 in Chicago, IL as FYI, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Environmental Specialist Victoria Flowers to National

Orleans, LA Motion by Ron "Tehassi" seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with two abstentions: Ayes.: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor

Evangeline Suguet and Prevention Specialist Kristen Shaw to Truth Thought Training Nov. 2-5, Minneapolis, MN Motion by Trish King to accept Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor Evangeline Suquet and Prevention Specialist Kristen Shaw to attend Truth Thought Training Nov. 2 through 5 in Minneapolis, MN as FYI, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimous-

Ropes Course Supervisor Cynthia Young to Wilderness First Responder Recertification course Nov. 13-16, Bryson City, NC

to approve the request for Ropes Course Supervisor Cynthia Young to attend Wilderness First Responder Recertification course Nov. 13 through 16 in Bryson City, NC, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one opposed. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish Brandon Stevens. Opposed Tina Danforth Retro-approve Susan White and Loretta Brownfield conference Nov. 14- 19, New Hill Jr. to accept Environmental Specialist Victoria Flowers to attend National Brownfield conference Nov. 14 through 19 in New Orleans, LA as FYI,

Metoxen to Indigenous Peoples Working Group and SRI in the Rockies Oct. 23-27, Tucson, AZ Motion by Kathy Hughes to retro-approve travel for Susan White and Loretta Metoxen to attend Indigenous Peoples Working Group and SRI in the Rockies Oct. 23 through 27 in Tucson, AZ, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Stevens. Brandon Abstained: Tina Danforth Additions Police Department -Approve Motorola con-

Motion by Kathy Hughes

King,

tract Motion by Ed Delgado to

approve the Oneida Police Department Motorola contract, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the verbal report from the Chief of Staff regarding the Oneida Police Department purchase of interoperabilit equipment, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimous-

Communications/Publi c Relations - Approve \$10,000 major sponsorship for Dancing with Our Stars Feb. 21, 2010 event for

American Red Cross Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Dancing with the Stars American Red Cross with Oneida Tribe joint proposal for \$10,000 request, with the stipulation that Committee identifies another \$10,000 in the 2010 budget to make absolute certain that the funding is there, and for Joint Marketing to bring forward to the Tuesday work meeting any other commitments that we may have to consider, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with abstention. Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Delgado, Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstention: Tina Danforth Recommendation Kim Nashappoint Walker to **SEOTS** board Motion by Patty Hoeft to

approve the recommendation to appoint Kim Nash-Walker to the SEOTS board, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

report--NCAI Travel Annual Conference Palm 12-15 Oct. Springs, CA Motion by Tina Danforth to

approve National Congress of American Indians travel report Oct. 12 through 15 from Chairman Rick Hill, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimous-

Travel report - New York land claims meeting with BIA Oct. 7, Washington, DC

Hoeft. Motion carried unan-

imously.

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve BIA travel report Oct. 7 from Chairman Rick Hill, seconded by Patty

Resolution --Memorandum Understanding between Oneida Tribe and BIA Midwest Regional Office Motion by Trish King to

adopt resolution 10-28-09-Memorandum Understanding between the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Regional Division of Feeto-Trust, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Gaming - Approve limited waiver sovereign immunity for Planet Bingo contract Sponsor: Louise Cornelius/Eric McLester

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the Planet Bingo contract to include a limited waiver of sovereignty immunity as stated in paragraph 15 of the agreement, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Patty Hoeft to add to the agenda a limited-

the Trust Department, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one opposition: Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Opposed Tina Danforth Motion by Tina Danforth to move the limited-term employee request from the Trust Department to execu-

term employee request from

Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously. **Executive Session New Business** Tina Danforth arrived at

tive session, seconded by

1:37 p.m. Request General Manager to report all aspects of Transitional Housing Program of

Motion by Kathy Hughes to delete from the agenda the request to the General Manager to prepare a report on all aspects of the transitional housing program at the Oneida Housing Authority, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconsider Oct. action of personnel complaint

The call for reconsideration failed because after three calls for a motion by the Chairman, the question was not taken up by a member who voted on the prevailing side. Melinda Danforth recused herself from this

item. Bank President Bay employment contract Motion by Patty Hoeft to schedule a shareholders

meeting to discuss employee issues, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously. Recommendation

acquire property Motion by Tina Danforth to

defer this request to Tuesday's work meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimous-

Attorney Brief

Motion by Patty Hoeft to table the attorney brief until later today when more information becomes available. Motion carried unanimous-

Audit Committee Audit from Gaming

Commission Motion by Trish King to

accept the report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstention: Tina Danforth

Aug. 27 Audit Committee • See 9A, Oct. 28 Minutes

Vacancies

Oneida Golf Enterprise: Five (5) vacancies **Qualifications:**

 One member will have expertise financial which include current or past employment experience in the banking industry

One member will have experience with golf course management through current or past employment

One member will have business management experience which includes experience in the hospitality industry. One member will be a

Tribal manager with experience and knowledge of marketing, advertising public relations, and experience with Oneida Nation policies, procedures and current programs.

One member will have experience in general business management procedures from current or past employ-

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

Deadline: 4:30, January 15, 2010

To receive a blank application, visit the govern-

ment webpages of oneidanation.org or you may contact the Tribal Secretary's Office at TribalSecretary@oneidanation.org or by calling (920) 869-4364.

Public Hearing Notice

11:30AM • Norbert Hill Center (BCCR)

January 21, 2010

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

Purpose:

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

Purpose:

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

January 28, 2010

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

marital property and script of his/her oral testimaintenance

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

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

the law.

Public Hearing Process Testimony:

Oral: There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral presentations. Each participant is encouraged to provide a written tran- or 920-869-4376.

mony, to be submitted while present at the public hearing or within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the below named individ-

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

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

The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this law are also available on the LOC Website: www.onloc.oneidanation.org

Government

From 8A/October 28, 2009 Minutes continued

accept the report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one abstention. Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstention: Tina Danforth New York Land Claims New York Land Claims update

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the verbal report from the Chief of Staff regarding Oneida land claims, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Economic
Development Authority
Motion by Ed Delgado to
accept the report from the
Oneida Economic
Development Authority
board, seconded by Brandon
Stevens. Motion carried
unanimously.

Cost Containment FY2010 Hiring Freeze Exceptions

Child Support –
Approve one title reassignment: Delete
Financial Employment
Planner, Replace with
Child Support Case
Manager, 100 percent
grant-funded, no tribal
contribution

Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the report as FYI, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Center for Self-Sufficiency – Approve one Emergency Temporary position: Economic Support Specialist

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the report as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimous-

Gaming – Approve additional pay compensation through January 2010: Training & Develope to pment Specialist also serving

as Career Counselor because that position is vacant

Gaming - Approve additional pay compensation until Dec. 5, 2009: Serving as Administration Assistant II in Gaming Training & Development unit

Gaming – Approve additional pay compensation until Nov. 8, 2009: Assistant Table Games Director also

serving as Table Games

Director
Motion by Patty Hoeft to table items 3, 4 and 5 to later today when we get more information, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion

carried unanimously.

Gaming - Approve one title reassignment:
Delete Maintenance Helper/Carpenter, replace with HVAC Technician Assistant Motion by Patty Hoeft to

approve one title reassignment to delete Maintenance Helper/Carpenter and replace with HVAC Technician Assistant, seconded by Brandon Stevens.

Motion carried unanimously

Public Utilities –
Approve filling one
vacancy with a fulltime employee:
Maintenance Worker
Motion by Kathy Hughes

Maintenance Worker

Motion by Kathy Hughes
to approve the request by
Public Utilities to fill one
vacancy with a full-time
employee: Maintenance
Worker, seconded by
Brandon Stevens. Motion
carried unanimously.
Enrollment Department –

Approve one title reassignment:
Burial Benefits
Coordinator, replace
with Burial Benefits
Specialist

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request by the Enrollment Department for one title reassignment to delete Burial Benefits Coordinator and replace with Burial Benefits Specialist with the wage increase, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with two opposed. Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Opposed Tina Danforth, Kathy Hughes

Parent Program –
Approve 30-day extension limited term
employment contract:
Parent Program
Coordinator, 100 percent grant-funded

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the report as FYI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Children & Family Services – Approve 180-day limited term employment contract: Domestic Violence Advocate, 100 percent grant-funded

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the request for a limited-term employment contract, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Center for Self-Sufficiency – Approve one title reassignment:
Delete Family Services
Support Director, replace with
Community Economic
Support Director

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request from Center for Self-Sufficiency for one title reassignment to delete Family Services Support Director and replace with Community Economic Support Director, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimous-1y. Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth Head Start - Approve

filling one vacancy: Head Start teacher at NHC expanded classroom

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the request for a limited-term employment contract, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources –
Approve 180-day
extension of interim
assignment as
C o m p e n s a t i o n
Supervisor

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the extension of im assignment as Compensation Supervisor for length of the cost containment period, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one opposed. Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Tina Danforth

Human Resources – Approve extensions of interim assignments for two positions as Employee Benefits Specialists through December 2009

December 2009

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve extensions of interim assignments for two positions as Employee Benefits Specialists until Dec. 1, 2009, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one opposed. Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Tina Danforth

Human Resources – Retroactive approval for two-week extension of interim reassignment of Insurance Director

Motion by Patty Hoeft to retroactive approval for two-week extension of interim reassignment of Insurance Director from Oct. 4 to Nov. 7, seconded by Trish

King. Motion carried with one abstention Ayes.: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Melinda Danforth

Food Distribution – Approve one emergency temporary position: Warehouse Worker

Motion by Trish King to accept the report as FYI, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Fitness, Adventure & Recreation – Approve to fill one new position: North American Indigenous Games Coordinator

Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the North American Indigenous Games Coordinator position to the Tuesday work meeting, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Trust Department -Approve filling existing Research Assistant vacancy with one limited-term employee contract for 12 months Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Department request to fill existing Research Assistant vacancy with one limitedterm employee contract for 12 months, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one opposed. Ayes.: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Tina Danforth

Oneida Business Committee Evening Reports Agenda

5:15 p.m. Regular Session *Tina Danforth arrived at* 5:30 p.m.

Boards, Committees, and Commissions Reports

Oneida Seven
Generations
Corporations
Motion to approve the

report. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Operating Committee

Motion by Melinda Danforth to accept the report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Powwow
Committee
Motion by Melinda

Danforth to accept the report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Personnel

Commission

Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ed Delgado to appoint Trish King as liaison to the Personnel Commission, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

South Eastern Oneida
Tribal Services
(SEOTS) facility
update

Motion by Melinda Danforth to accept the report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Police Commission

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the verbal report from the Chief of Staff regarding the Brown County service agreement, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: 6:46 p.m.



Oneida Business Committee Members...
Back row, l to r: Councilman Tehassi Hill, Councilman
Brandon Stevens, Chairman Rick Hill, Middle, l to r:
Patty Hoeft-Secretary, Vice-Chairwoman Kathy
Hughes, Councilwoman Melinda Danforth, and front row,
l to r: Cristina Danforth-Treasurer, Councilman Ed
Delgado and Councilwoman Trish King.

National

Obama admin. proposes settlement in Cobell v. Salazar

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
(AP) – The Obama
administration on
Tuesday proposed spending more than \$3 billion
to settle claims dating
back more than a century
that American Indian
tribes were swindled out
of royalties for oil, gas,
grazing and other leases.

Under an agreement announced Tuesday, the Interior Department would distribute \$1.4 billion to more than 300,000 Indian tribe members to compensate for historical accounting claims, and to resolve future claims. The government also would spend \$2 billion to buy back and consolidate tribal land broken up in previous generations. The program would allow individual tribe members to obtain cash payments for land interests divided among numerous family members and return the land to tribal control.

The settlement also would create a scholar-ship account of up to \$60 million for tribal members to attend college or vocational school.

If cleared by Congress and a federal judge, the settlement would be the largest Indian claim ever approved against the U.S. government - exceeding the combined total of all previous settlements of Indian claims.

Last year, a federal judge ruled that the Indian plaintiffs are entitled to \$455 million, a fraction of the \$47 billion or more the tribes have said they are owed for leases that have been overseen by the Interior Department since 1887.

President Barack Obama said settlement of the case, known as Cobell v. Salazar, was an important step to reconcile decades of acrimony between Indian tribes and the federal government.

"As a candidate, I heard from many in Indian Country that the Cobell suit remained a stain on the nation-to-nation relationship I value so much," Obama said Tuesday in a written statement. "I pledged my commitment to resolving this issue, and I am proud that my administration has taken this step today."

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar called settlement of the 13-year-old case a top priority for him and

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on your FM dial... Thursdays 10:00PM to midnight Obama and said the administration worked for many months to reach a settlement that is both honorable and responsible

"This historic step will allow Interior to move forward and address the educational, law enforcement, and economic development challenges we face in Indian Country," Salazar said.

Elouise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe from Montana who was the lead plaintiff in the case, called the proposed settlement crucial for hundreds of thousand of Native Americans who have suffered for more than a century through mismanagement of the Indian trust.

"Today is a monumental day for all of the people in Indian Country that have waited so long for justice," said Cobell, who appeared at a news conference Tuesday with Salazar, Attorney General Eric Holder and other U.S. officials.

"Did we get all the money that was due us? Probably not," Cobell said, but added: "There's too many individual Indian beneficiaries that are dying every single day without their

money."

The proposed settlement affects tribes across the country, including

virtually every recognized tribe west of the Mississippi River. Tribes in North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Montana are especially affected by the breakup of Indian land into small parcels, said Keith Harper, a lawyer who represents the plaintiffs.

The settlement would give every Indian tribe member with an Interior Department account an immediate check for \$1,000, with additional payments to be determined later under a complicated formula that takes into account a variety of factors. Many tribe members also would receive payments for parcels of land that are held in some cases by up to 100 family members, in an effort to consolidate tribal land and make it more useful and easier to manage.

The settlement does not include a formal apology for any wrongdoing by the U.S. government, but does contain language in which U.S. officials acknowledge a "breach of trust" on Indian land issues.

An apology "would have been nice," Cobell said, but was less important than settling the dispute. "Actions are more important to me than apologies," she said.

Appeals court to hear suit over Native American boy's hair style

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS
(AP) – A southeast Texas school district asked a federal appeals court Friday to throw out a ruling that its enforcement of a grooming policy violated the rights of a kindergarten student who refuses to cut his hair for religious reasons.

In January, a federal judge in Houston barred the Needville Independent School District from disciplining the boy, a 5-year-old of Native American descent, for wearing his 13-inch hair in two long braids outside his shirt.

The boy's parents, Kenney Arocha and Michelle Betenbaugh, say he has a constitutional right to wear a hairstyle that conforms to his Native American religious beliefs. His father hasn't cut his hair in 11 years, believing his long braids have religious meaning.

A three-judge panel from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments Friday from lawyers on both sides of the case but didn't immediately rule on the district's appeal.

Fleming Terrell, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, said the boy's "sincerely held religious belief" that his

hair should be worn long was burdened by the district's grooming policy and by the alternative hairstyles it proposed for the boy.

"This case is about a Native American child's right to religious freedom," she said.

The district says it has a right to enforce its grooming policy, which requires that a boy's hair not cover his ears or touch the top of his shirt collar.

Roger Hepworth, a lawyer for the district, said the policy is designed to teach proper hygiene, promote discipline and avoid disruptions in school.

"His religious belief is that he not cut his hair, and in no way did we ever make him cut his hair," Hepworth said.

The boy, identified as "A.A." in court papers, enrolled in the school district in August 2008. About a week after classes started, he was placed on "in-school suspension" and limited to oneon-one instruction. A month later, U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison issued a temporary order for the school to let him return to regular classes and wear his hair how he wanted.

The district initially refused to exempt the boy from its grooming policy, but later said the

boy could wear his hair in a single braid behind his ears and tucked under his collar. The boy's parents challenged that proposal.

"It's clear that the punitive policy that the school came up with at the 11th hour certainly places a substantial burden on (the boy's) religious practice," Terrell said.

In his ruling, Ellison agreed that the exemption policy would "influence him to cut his hair in violation of his religious beliefs."

"It is difficult to imagine that allowing one male child to wear long hair, as part of his religious beliefs, would disturb the school's sense of order and its efforts to teach its students hygiene," the judge wrote.

Circuit Judge E. Grady Jolly pressed Hepworth to explain why the district has prolonged the court challenge rather than allow the boy to wear his hairstyle of choice.

"Why wouldn't you just say that and be done with it?" he asked.

"It's not the (lower) court's job to decide how the policy should be," Hepworth said. "It's the school district's, within constitutional limits."



ONEIDA

4470 N. Pine Tree Road, Oneida, WI

Christmas event benefits local community, vendors

By Tani Thurner

www.kalihwisaks.com

Special to the Kalihwisaks On December 3, 2009, the first annual "Keep it in the Community Christmas Benefit" was held at Parish Hall. The event was organized by several tribal members and employees that work in the Norbert Hill Center. The purpose of the event was to provide Tribal members and employees an opportunity to make a little extra money before the holidays, and to encourage Tribal members and employees to do their holiday shopping from each other, instead of spending the money in chain stores, where the profits would leave the community.

Community members were offered free table space to set up their wares, and the turnout, both for vendors and for

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shoppers, was rather around in the afternoons large. Both the main floor and the basement of Parish hall were filled over 50 vendors set up tables, and an estimated 300-400 people visited throughout the evening.

Tribal member and employee Kathy Metoxen came to the event to do some Christmas shopping. "It was packed. It was a big turnout," Metoxen said, "I bought more than I needed."

There were tables of food and baked goods, handmade crafts, pet treats, jewelry, beauty products, and more. Duck Creek Coffee Company sold different types of warm holiday drinks, including hot chocolate. Aurelio Wheelock and her niece Trisha sold several different kinds of baked treats, similar to the goodies Trisha brings

to the offices of Norbert Hill Center.

Many tribal organizations and community members that took part in the event seemed to be filled with the spirit of giving. Oneida Y.E.S. advocate Jacqueline Ninham Cornelius brought several members of the Wise Youth organization, and they hosted a free cookie decorating table so that youngsters could have some fun while their parents shopped. Several vendors donated raffle prizes, including a \$100 gift certificate for Lia Sophia Jewelry, a handpainted Christmas ornament, gift baskets of beauty products and fresh baked pet treats, handmade potholders and more.

Tribal member Joey Summers, his fiancée, Alicia Yazzie, and his son, Natosi arrived long before the event started. The two Summers men stood at the door and helped vendors carry their wares inside and get their tables set up. Yazzie decorated the hall, drawing signs, setting up the raffle tables, and doing



Photo courteys of By Tani Thurner

Laura Hock delivers donated food items from the Community Christmas Benefit to the Oneida Food Pantry.

several other odd jobs to ensure the event went smoothly.

Cameron Dokis, of Dokis Bay First Nation, in Ontario, Canada, was visiting Oneida during the event, and volunteered to help out. Dokis set up most of the tables for vendors, helped his girlfriend sell fudge, and at the end of the night he took down and stacked all of the tables and helped clean the hall. "This was a good event,"

Dokis said, "It's very cool to see a Tribal community come out like this to support each other."

In addition to providing free table space for vendors, the organizers of the event also hosted a food drive for the Oneida Food Pantry, selling raffle tickets and giving one raffle ticket for each nonperishable food item or toiletry that was donated. Then, the gifts donated by several vendors were raffled off.

Through the raffles, the event brought in many boxes and bagsful of items for the Oneida Food Pantry, and the cash that was raised was used to buy several gift cards to the Apple Orchard, which will also be donated to the Food Pantry, thus "Keeping it in the Community" a few times

Marj Stevens also host-

• See 8B **Christmas Benefit**

NEW YEAR'S EVE BINGO PARTY December 31

Sales begin at 10AM. Tickets \$50. On-Demand Bingo begins at 11:30AM.

Dinner served 3:30PM - 7PM.

Warm-ups begin 5:30PM.

Party favors, drawings.

Specials pay \$1,199. Blackout pays \$5,000.

December 31, 2009 - January 1, 2010

- 10 \$2,010 Drawing Winners (Jan. 1. See drawing information below.)
- 10 Hours of 2X Bonus Points (Jan. 1, 6AM 4PM) 2.
- Free \$1,000 Slot Tournament (Jan. 1 at 10AM) 3.
- \$10 Standing Stone Gourmet Lunch Buffet (Jan. 1, 8AM 2PM Jan. 2 & 3, 9AM 2PM)
- \$10 Pizza & Pasta Buffet at the Standing Stone (Dec. 31, 12:30AM 2:30AM)
- Free Entertainment (Dec. 31 at Main, IMAC & Mason Street)
- Bingo Party (Dec. 31 at Bingo Hall) 7.
- Free Hors d'oeuvres (Dec. 31 at 11PM)
- Free Champagne (Dec. 31 at 11PM)
- 10. Free Party Favors

Every 10 (ten) base points = 1 ticket. Ten (10) \$2010 winners will be drawn from combined drawing tickets earned on Fri., Jan. 1, 2010 between 12am - 11:59pm. Drawing held Sat., Jan. 2, 2010, at 8am.

Need not be present to win.

Dec. 31

Main Casino

Pachuco Jose y Los Diamantes7:30pm Gizzelle......8:45pm The Del Moroccos...... 10pm Los Straitjackets......11:45pm IMAC Casino Mariachi Nuevo Sonido10pm and 11:30pm Mason Street Casino Eddie Biebel & AJ Srubas 10pm and 11:30pm



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Tsyunhéhkwa: A year of food gathering in review



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Volunteers come from all over to help with gathering and storing the white corn crop in late September and early October. The white corn is braided and hung to dry and used throughout the year to make corn soup and corn bread.

By Jeff Metoxen

Tsyunhéhkwa Manager

We hope our annual update finds you enjoying the holidays and preparing for our upcoming Winter season! We realize that the 2009 season has been trying times for all of us, and our program continues to look at ways to meet your needs through our products and services, and keep our

cost down to the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin and to our customers and

As we are closing out the 2009 year, a key area we wrapped up was our 16th Annual Community Harvest and Husking Bee on October 02. The week long event was very successful and provided us a wonderful opportunity to share the

knowledge and responsibility we have with our White Corn. We had excellent participation from our community members, and especially higher education institutions like, St. Norbert College, UW Oshkosh, UW Green Bay, Fox **Technical** Valley Institute. We continue to review our entire process around the White Corn to

better meet the needs of our Community and improve our service.

In October, construction around our cannery was completed and we were able to open up to continue processing. After they completed and approved our inspections, Operations took little time to begin filling the request for our Cannery products, especially for our White Corn. They were able to meet the Thanksgiving Corn Bread order of more than 650 loafs. The Agricultural and Retail components helped the Cannery complete these orders in time for the hol-

Retail has been working very hard on ways to help all of us during these difficult, economic times. They provide more than one thousand items to help in your natural health needs and your mind and body care.

Caretakers' Corner

Many coupons and discounts have been provided during 2009, which will continue into 2010. They have completed a number of Gift Baskets for your shopping needs, and provide the service of making customized Gift Basket orders. Contact them directly to sign up for their email of Preferred Customer notices and specials.

I always like to include a list of our current staff, which are here to serve you. Jeff Metoxen, Manager, Ted Skenandore, Agricultural Supervisor, Charnon, Horticulture Farmer, Kyle Wisneski, Greenhouse Technician, David Miller, Agricultural Worker, Frank Haney, Outreach Worker, Gerald Coenen, Sub-Relief Agricultural Worker. Vickie Cornelius, Food Processing Supervisor,

Jamie Betters, Cannery Worker II. Raeann Natural Skenandore, Health Retail Supervisor, Bonnie Stoneman and Crystal Meltz, Customer

Service Specialists. We wish all of you a healthy, Holiday season and a prosperous New Year. - Hoyan! Please send any of your comments, questions or suggestions to my office at (920) 869-2141, Office Line, (920) 713-8639, Cell (920) 869-2147, Fax Line, 1-800-236-2214, imetoxen@oneidanation.org Email. Stop by and visit when you can: A gricultural Component, 139 Riverdale Drive, (920) 869-2718

- Cannery/Norbert Hill Center, N7210 Seminary Road, (920) 869-4379.
- Retail Store, Suite 8, Ridgeview Plaza, 3759 West Mason, (920) 497-5821.



Ownership of our reservation lands grown to 37%

A generation is usually considered a 20 year period. This article looks back at the last generation - from 1989 through 2009. This was a generation unlike any other in Oneida history. It was a generation that made unprecedented strides in reclaiming the jurisdiction and exercising our

sovereignty. As long as Oneidas have existed, as long as there have been Iroquois people, the primary value has been to take care of Mother Earth. All of our prosperity, health and well-being grow from Mother Earth. Just so, our sovereignty and jurisdiction grow from the land.

to protect the land. When the Tribe became an IRA (Indian Reorganization Act), the first negotiation was to get ownership of land. All of the over \$1200 was spent on land. Even at the time of extreme poverty on the reservation, our leaders/our earlier generation, did not ask for money for themselves, but knew the importance of the land.

Fifty years later, when we opened our first bingo games, the leaders of that generation and the community thought of land first when they set aside 25% of all revenues for land acquisition. This continued on when the Tribe began selling cigarettes—some revenue was always set aside for land acquisi-

The history of land acquisition from 1891 - 2009 the Tribe always strove budget. The understanding that land ownership strengthens our sovereignty and establishes greater jurisdiction was the mantra. At the same time, that generation saw that new enterprises could be started for the purpose of bringing greater revenues to purchase land. This generation was the children born before the 1950's who was dedicated to the Tribe's vision to reacquiring what is rightfully ours. This generation followed the value of the earlier generations that stressed the seven generation vision - what we do today will affect our nation out to the seventh generation. Reacquiring land will guarantee our seventh generation will have a home, an existence, and even greater

track how much land individual tribal members owned in fee in 1937, the figures for land that remained in trust are readily available. At least 600 acres of land never lost its trust status and remain in trust status to this day. Among these lands were the railroad bed and, also, allotments

which reverted to the Tribe. In the fifty years from 1937 to 1987, the Tribe usually waited for a seller to approach the Tribe, and then we would look for money to purchase the land. More often than not, the money was not avail-

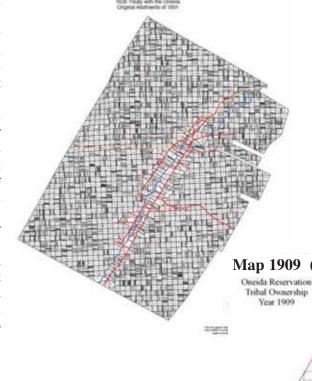
By 1987, the Tribe

owned 3,412 acres of land (10%), but then the new generation took over, changes took place, and land acquisition became a renewed priority, a priority that was funded. This new generation strategized and became a dominant force in real estate. The strategies changed with the market and with special opportunities. The Land Commission redrew the face of the map, where today we own over 23,000 acres (37%) of

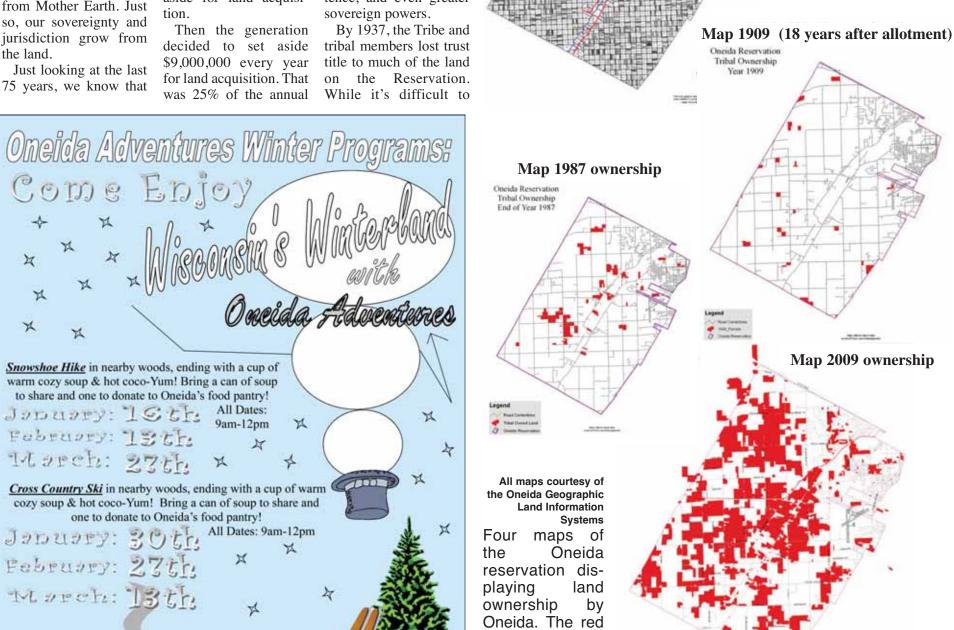
With the year 2010, a new generation begins its plans for the next 20 years. New ideas, new values are emerging. What will this generation look back on in the year 2030?

the Oneida Treaty of

1838 lands.



Map 1891 Allotments



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Basic questions for

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- Why is it important to list tribe as Oneida Tribe of WI?

There will be an U.S. • Why is the U.S. Census important to you?

> Reference material can be requested from and Registration open completed essays sent to: now for Central Lloyd E Powless Jr Service Technician P.O. Box 365 Oneida Wi, 54155 certificate lpowless@oneida gram; online class-

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er the required care."

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Winter/Spring semester and the clinical course during the summer, students could complete the program in August 2010. The clinical course is 19 days in length, eight hours each day. Clinical sites include hospitals in Green Bay and Appleton; sites could also potentially be set up in other Wisconsin Northeast areas.

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Admissions Counselor/Student Recruitment Specialist American Indian Liaison

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This program will address various financial aid programs available; the basics of federal, state and institutional financial aid programs; how to work with the financial aid office, fill out the FASFA application and understand the Financial Aid Award Letter; how to meet

important deadlines; and how to complete the appropriate forms for grants, scholarships, federal work-study and student loans. Tips will also be shared on how to search for national, local and institutional scholar-

The program will also include a Q&A Session with financial aid officers from University Wisconsin-Green Bay, Wisconsin Northeast Technical College and St. Norbert College.

The program will start at 6:30 p.m. and go until 7:30 p.m. followed by the one-to-one Q&A session from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Admission is free and high school student and parents are invited to attend.

To register, please call Partners in Education at (920) 437-8704.

Scholarships...



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Purpose

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Scholarship amount:

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2. Entering freshman at a four-vear college.

- 3. Undergraduate at a four-year college (second freshman, sophojunior senior)
- 4. Graduate or Ph.D. student.

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- 3. Two (2) sealed letters of recommendation, one from a teacher, employer or other professional familiar with your academic potential. No family or relative letters of support. 4. A one-page typed
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Only complete appliwill cations reviewed. They will be scored as follows: Letters

Recommendation: 10

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Nuske, Virginia Scholarship Coordinator **WIEA** P.O. Box 910

Keshena, WI 54135 Responsibilities of

scholarship recipient: 1. Must meet applica-

- tion deadline with complete packet. 2. Must be maintaining
- at least a 2.50 Cumulative GPA. 3. Must be carrying suf-
- ficient credits to maintain full-time status 4. Must send a copy of
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- 5. Scholarship must be used for educational purposes.

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Peter Charles DOB 06/02/1941 DOD 10/06/2009

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Please include phone number where you can be reached during the



Jaevion Rudell Beltran

Jaevion Rudell Beltran, was born proud parent

Brooke Renee Beltran on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Bellin Hospital. Memorial Jaevion weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 20 inches long. Proud maternal grandparents are Rodolfo and Joni Beltran and Uncle, Rodolfo Beltran Jr. Jaevion was welcomed by his big sister Jaelin and other family mem-

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& Friends



Bonnie, Kris, Brian & Danny

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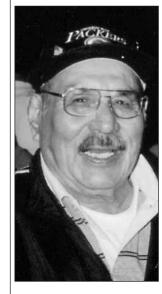
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Kappy 1st Birthday on Christmas Day, December 25 to Marley Rose



Love You Bunches! The Stevens Family!!

Happy 2nd Birthday

Brandon YellowBird-Stevens, Jr. December 12th



Love You Bunches! The Stevens Family!!

Happy Birthday Don Lilly December 16th



Happy | | th Birthday Tehya Margaret





Love. Carla and Adrianna

Happy 42nd Birthday

Coo-Coo Lahslase?slaha·wí (He Brings in the New Year) Surprisingly Enough I'm 42



Johnny 2nd

Love you, Dad, Mom. Brothers...Michael, Matt. Hawkins Grampas, Grammas, Aunt, Uncles & All your cousins from up North

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Field trips important to art curriculum

By Jasmin Webster ONHS junior

ONHS art teacher Becky Anderson sees field trips as an important part of her teaching. Over a school year, Anderson said she tries to take her classes on at least two

field trips.

"The main reason we go on field trips," said Anderson, "is for photography students to have a wide variety of subject matter and art students to view and experience other people's art work."

One example took place on October 21, when students in all of Anderson's art classes went to the Kohler Arts Center to view the exhibit," The American Story."

Included in this exhibit were artists from fifteen different places and cultures and their art and stories. One artist, Lisa Rusch Fifield, was born in Milwaukee and is Oneida. Fifield paints watercolors of Oneida myths and legends about women.

Other artists included a man from Cuba, an



Submitted photo

Oneida Nation High School students participate in art field trips to enhance their overall art experience at the school.

African woman who did the House on the Rock crochet, and a blind man from Tennessee.

As part of the field trip, the students were also able to do a project where they molded a part of their face or hand and filled the mold with hot wax. Then, they created a book and glued the wax mold to the cover of the

In the past, Anderson

and Door County's Cave Point. She has also taken her students to the Youth Art-Month Show in Madison at the capitol building, where her students have displayed their own work for the last four years. She plans on attending again this

"I have so many good artists," said Anderson,

gets selected. Then, it's good to go to the capitol and see the work on display."

The art students seem to enjoy the trips. "The Kohler Arts Center trip was fun," said senior Shanica Hill. "I loved it. It was something new and exciting and extraordinary. I actually put my face in this gooey stuff."

Lip Treatment

By Jaylee Godfrey

ONHS junior and Thunderhawk Times editor

Winter has arrived and, with it, chapped lips. I would like to help you in buying the right Chap

First of all, I would stick with the regular ChapStick brand or Soft Lips. They work the best for mine. You can use any of the Soft Lips because they are all basically the same.

But when it comes to Chap Stick, it's a whole different story.

I use Chap Stick's fresh effects or another one I use is with aloe Vera. It's called "100% naturals lip butter." They work great and if you are still chapped

after using these, try Chap Stick's overnight lip

I have tons of chap sticks because I'm an addict. I guess I'd call myself a "chapstick-aholic" because I apply it every five minutes.

Wampum belts focus of presentation at ONHS

By Jaylee Godfrey

Thunderhawk Times editor

teach us about the wampum belts Monday, Dec. 14.

To make it easier, the staff decided to separate the classes in half: sixth hour was freshman and sophomores while seventh hour was juniors and seniors.

The time went by so fast, and Brooks had so much to say. He talked about the belts in order of historical events, like when they were made and whv.

First, he talked about the Five Nation's Belt. He said, "If you're Native American, you should know about this one because then you will know why you belong to the Iroquois Confederacy."

Brooks also talked about the ever-growing tree and how it represents us in the way that we're always growing as a people and individually.

He also talked about the Two Row Wampum Belt, which is my personal favorite. It stands for two cultures living on earth and how their members are able to lead different lives, led by their own cultures.

He spoke about the George Washington Belt. He said the name we gave Washington, which is translated to "town destroyer," is still the name we use for him today. The belt was sup-

posed to be a peace offer. It represented the mainstream culture and its thirteen colonies and how, if they would stick together, they could not be broken. Sound familiar? It's like us trying to

stick together!

The last belt Brooks talked about was the Oneida Belt. The belt should be in Oneida but, is not because of legal issues. He said he thought, "The court ruled it to us, but he could not be sure."

He also talked about the quahog shells coming from the Atlantic Ocean and how the white and purple represented different things. He said, "You mostly see purple because sometimes it represents death." But, white equals a pure mind and the ability to have a good mind, which is why, when you're down, you put white wampum around your head to have good thoughts.

He also said, "Water helps you have a good mind and a good spirit." So, he said, "Drink a lot of water, but not too much because you'll be going to the bathroom all day."

Brooks also said, when speaking about the belts, that he would "forget things and come back to them when he remembered." He also said, "I will never talk about these belts exactly the same way, I will never do this presentation the same way."

Community Member has taken her students to "That someone always Forest Brooks came to Social dancers express thanks



Submitted photo

We'd like to send a Special Thanks to:

Amour-Organizer, Sarah Wonderlich-Organizer, Sheri Mousseau-Superintendent, Cindy Thomas-Chaperone, Amy Tromp-Indian Community School, Forrest Brooks-Chaperone, Brandon Stevens-Business Committee Member, Tehassi Hill-Business Committee Member, Jim Kelly-Photographer, and the NIEA Planning Committee for this wonderful opportunity to attend the 2009 NIEA Conference! Please forgive me if we've forgotten anyone.

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High School yearbook contest update

By Jaylee Godfrey ONHS junior and Thunderhawk Times

Every year for our high school yearbook, we have a contest. Each student has the option to enter and all they have to do is design a cover.

Art teacher Becky Anderson then has all the covers done that year rated and the one that is selected becomes the actual yearbook cover for that year. Over the years, there have been some excellent covers representing some great ONHS artists.

So what are the guide-

lines? According

Anderson, a cover has to say "Oneida Nation High School" and well as the year, in this case "2009-2010." It has to be on a vertical white paper.

After all the entries are in, everyone decides which one is best. And it is submitted to be put on the cover of the year book. It's a fun little contest that involves the school, and it gives us a chance to voice our opinion about what the yearbook looks like.

Plus, we have a yearbook class that students can join to help put pictures in and design what the yearbook looks like inside.

Ornaments for Charity

By Jaylee Godfrey ONHS junior and

Thunderhawk Times editor

The ONHS student council has decided to make tree ornaments for the Civic Center's annual Christmas tree and art teacher Becky Anderson has stepped in to help, since she is the art teacher.

Each of Anderson's classes made potpourri ornaments. They had potpourri on the inside and a lace cloth on the outside, tied with ribbon. They were cute, festive, creative, and easy.

Other classes contributed ornaments.



Oneida Nation High School students learn about the importance and history of wampum belts from Forest Brooks (far right).

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Long Night moon December 2009

Snow Plowing Procedures for Elders

PURPOSE:

To ensure the safety of our elders by providing snow and ice removal for emergency vehicle access.

Elders on Lifeline & Dialysis.

- Elders 70 years and • Elders aged 55 - 69
- disabled/handicapped and living alone.
- Elders aged 55 69 serious health/safety issues.

If it snows consecutive days lifeline & dialysis clients will remain priority due to the high demand and severity of the illness.

- There maybe times when the plowing teams will come and clear a path for emergency vehicles and will return the next day to finish. If the plows do not return by the next day, please call the office at 920-869-
- Snow plowing and shoveling will consist of driveway and Any questions call home only.
- Elders that have

the workshop together to learn:

Symptom management

Nutrition management

Medication management

How to develop a suitable exercise program

Breathing exercises and stress management

Problem solving skills and goal setting

members family capable of shoveling snow or plow trucks they do the plowing.

How the Team Works Depending on the forecast of snow

When the workers get to the driveway they start:

- Plowing end of driveway
- Path to house
- Another worker gets out starts shoveling or snow blowing sidewalk, ramps & garage
- Driver finish plowing drive way
- Next day workers return and finish the driveway whole and mailbox
- Ramps and sidewalks if needed

Total Elders Serviced Snow Plowing: 120 Trucks Workers

We appreciate your patience and thank you for allowing us to serve you.

main entrance to Robert LaGest 920-869-1551

CONDITIONS

Living Well with Chronic Conditions is designed to improve the self-management

skills of people living with a chronic health issue. This program, which meets 21/2

pants the confidence and skills needed to manage the challenges of living with a

chronic health condition. People with different chronic health conditions attend

How to communicate with family, friends and health care professionals

How to deal with emotions such as anger and depression

hours, once a week for six weeks, teaches new strategies that will give partici-

Oneida Resident Centered Care Community (ORCCC) January 2010

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What is included in the Oneida Resident Centered Care Community (ORCCC)?

- ORCCC is a project to construct a building that will house new and expanded programs to serve the elderly, disabled and the Oneida community.
- New elderly congregate meal site to serve residents and the communi-
- Community meeting

space

- Fully staffed physical and occupational therapy center for residents and the community
- Expansion and relocation of the Elderly Services Home Chores program
- Adult day services cen-
- Elder Activity Center to serve a larger popula-
- 40 apartments (48 beds) for residents

Why are you doing this project?

 Direction was given by GTC several years ago

- Community needs a facility of this type
- The Anna John Nursing Home is desperately in need of replacement.

Why now when we are in such a difficult financial position?

- · The elders have waited for 16 years for this facility. If not now, when?
- The project has endured many setbacks since it's inception in 1993.
- The project has been placed "on hold" twice, lost funding, changed ownership, impacted by regulatory

changes and has gone through the early stages of design four times.

 Our financial position does not change the fact that this project is needed now more than ever due to the increase in elder population.

More information to come in future DRUMS editions.

Contact Information: Cornelius, Dellora ONCOAChairwoman, or Lois Strong at 920- 869-2448 or 1-800-854-1551

Congrats November Point Winners

November was the first month of our Elderly Incentive Program, and received quite the welcome! Over 40 community members participated in the program for the first month and stayed very busy with all of their activities. The top 10 point winners will receive gift cards each month, with the top 2 receiving "grand prize" gift cards. Remember, each month is a new month-points wiped out and anyone 55+ can participate during any given month. Point cards must be submitted to one of the following

locations by the 15th of the following month:

- Ridgeview Plaza (Vanessa Miller)
- Elderly Services
- (Michelle Cottrell) • Oneida Community Health Center
- (Betsey Nickel) Oneida Family Fitness Center
- Social Oneida (Tina Services Jacobson)
- Oneida Community Library (Kymberley Pelkey)
- County H Rec Center (Kim Diemer) New point cards can

also be picked up at any one of these loca-

Nov. Winners • Helen Vande Hei

- (GRAND PRIZE)
- Marcello **Powless** (GRAND PRIZE)
- Marion Doxtator
- Judy John
- Cora John
- Clara Kerwin
- Gary Melchert • Lida Metoxen
- Jane Salzman
- Ella Sauer

Prizes will be left at the front desk of the Elderly Services Complex located on 2907 S. Overland Road.

Winter Special

Receive a Healthy Homes Assessment during the months of January-March and get 60 points!

NOTE: You are only eligible for assessments if you live within reservation boundaries. You cannot receive an assessment if you have already had one in the past. To set an assessment, please contact Oneida Community Health @ 869-4840. Great job November

Participants.

For Any questions regarding the incentive program, please contact Vanessa Miller @496.5351

3 Emergency Preparedness Presentation's on **January 13, 2010**

• 10:30 am.: Site II Commons Area

1:30 pm.: Site I Library2:30 pm: 3 Sisters Library

Presenter will be Marty Antone. There is going to be some great information regard-1ng

"What to do in an Emergency"

- You will receive a pack with emergency items
- Must be 55 or older

For more information please Joyce Ann Hoes at 869-2448 Ext 6844 Transportation Supervisor Elder Services

Come see the...

Elder Gift Shop

at the Eldery Services Building on Overland

- Shawls Children's Regaliazz
- Women's Regalia Ribbon Shirts Open 8AM to 4:30PM

Come Browse...



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Thursday's at 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, & 11th To Register call: Louetta at 869-4852 or Tina at 869-2448

Facilitators: Louetta Fowler & Tina Pospychala

Oneida Elderly Services Pod A

25th Annual Oneida School System Science Fair

1st Place Name Title Grade 5 Michael Robinson

Light Up Electricity Florence John Volcano Eruption Sequoia Metoxen Detective Work Felix Webster GreenPenny/Shiny Penny

6th Grade

Kyle Beechtree, Michaela Peters Expanding/Contracting Jade Cornelius-Daubon, Elianna Jimenez

Nathan William-Freeman

Investigation of Acids Brittney Hill, Angalee Powless and Alkalis

Louisa Mehojah, Tiger Smith

Niko Pocan

Akasha Berg, Lilian Stands Justin Hill, William Johnson Cree Tubbby

Jaycob Johnson, Tessa Stanton Ta-Koma King, Michaela Welch Grace Powless, Bernice Stevens

Brianna Bissonette, Janet Seering Yohnehtote Danforth, Cortnie Schabow Travis Stevens, Richard Waubeno

1st Place

Name Grade 7

Byron Halona Akacia Muscavitch Ayashe Barton Ruby John

Grade 8 Muriel King

2nd Place

Yakira Tate

Grade 5

Sadie Wilbur & Brandon Barnes Quanah Pocan Taliah Frederick Kwnwahta Smith

Toni Bodway, Makayla Doxtater David Doxtater-Hill, Synala Smith

Grade 7

Kasey Counard

Nicholas Metoxen

Title

Light

Solar Electricity Logic vs Creativity Crystals

Testing the Water

Starting and Stopping

Temperature & Crystals

Planting With Colors

Growing Crystals Rock Candy Color to Grow Rockets Floating Egg

Making Connections

Master of Magnets

Angelica Schuyler Majesty Batiste Kristen George

Karissa Cornelius-Waupoose Shelia Stevens Dante Thomas

Grade 8

Cody Cornelius Josanna Cornelius-Daubon Aaron Hill

Shawntel Skenandore

Tyler Stevens

Jesus Silva

3rd Place Grade 5 Marissa Cornelius

Stop Rot Climbing Water Riley Waubeno Nevada Webster Jr. Magic Flowers Devon Denny & Bradley Skenandore Taking a Dive

Iron for Breakfast

Floating Eggs

Dyeing Candy

Bubbling Evaporation

Tempos & Heartbeats

The Creators Game

Exploding Canisters

Power of Perception

Paper Airplanes

Defying Gravity

Burning Gas

Paper Bridge

Fruity DNA

Soft Shells

Pop Explosion

Soda Fountains

Moving H2O

Fertilizing Seeds

Hot Air Balloon

Bouncing Ball

Popcorn Power

Fishing Line Frenzy

Beginning to End!

Wheelchair Basketball

It's a Gas

3rd Place Grade 7

Grade 8 Kylene Welch

Daniel Arce Faith Powless Kyrian La Barge Autumn Pocan

Jesse Stevens Avery King Natosi Summers

Eddie Powless Crouch

Marcus Skenandore Sequoyah Morgan Matthew Powless

GMO Corn vs. White Mason Powless & Kalene Beechtree Corn

Grade 12

Maria Metoxen

Byron Halona

Recognition for Highest Scoring Projects

Ruby John Muriel King Ayashe Barton Akacia Muscavitch

Chuck Giordana Environmental Award: Felix Webster Madonna Micheletz Excellence Award: Byron Halona Amos Christjohn Culture Award: Dante Thomas

Science Fair Winners

The Oneida Nation School System held their annual competitive science fair on Friday, December 11, 2009. There were 108 student participants in grades 5-12, with 87 projects entered. Local professional community members from the Oneida area volunteered as judges. Eighty students from grades 5-12 were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons. Three honorary memorial awards were given for outstanding projects.







From Page 1B/Christmas Benefit

ed a table at the event; not to sell anything but to provide information about the Indian Preference Law, and to offer vendors information on how to sign up to be on the Tribal Vendors list. Stevens said she was very happy with the event. "The Christmas Benefit was very wellattended. It was great to be able to buy from our own community."

Tribal member and employee Peril Huff was another vendor at the event, hosting a table to sell handmade stockings, decorations, handbags, bows and more. "I thought it was very successful for a first time event," said Peril Huff, a Tribal member and employee, "I would like to see it again next year."

"The organizers of the it Keep in the Community Christmas Benefit want to thank all of the wonderful people that helped with this event. Thank you to all of the vendors that donated raffle prizes, thank you to all of the people who helped out before, during, and after the event to make sure it ran smoothly. Thank you to all of the people who worked so hard to organize the event. Thank you to Wise Youth for running a fantastic cookie decorating table. Thank you to Officer Lyle Metoxen for keeping an eye on things. Thank you to all of the people who told all of their friends to come, and to all of the people who donated items or money for the food pantry. Thank you to the people who came out to do their holiday shopping and to support the community. Thank you to the people who lent us necessary items like CD players and Christmas CDs. And thank you to the VPW, for letting us book Parish Hall and making sure we had enough tables.

The kindness and generosity you all have shown are absolute proof that the Oneida community is made up of the greatest people in the Yaw^ko Happy Holidays!"

Happy Hour

Wednesday

Specials

Specials

Wednesday 4pm - 7pm Thursday 4pm - 7pm Friday

Saturday

3pm - 6pm & 10pm - Close 12pm - 4pm

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

5pm-9pm Nightly Dinner Speicals

Pan Fried Walleye

All-You-Can-Eat

Broasted Chicken

Baked Cod

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

\$4.25 Import Bottles 7pm-Close \$1.50 Old Style & Pabst Bottles

Thursday \$0.25 Wings \$9.99 All-You-Can-Eat Rib Basket **Specials** Fish Fry Friday Fried Shrimp, Perch, Cod

\$4 Call Doubles \$2 Grasshoppers Late Night Ĥappy Hour 10pm - Close

4pm-Close \$7 Domestic Pitchers \$3.50 Bomb Shots

Saturday Specials Queen Cut - \$15.99 Other Nightly Food Special Also Sunday Specials All-You-Can-Eat Taigate Buffet - \$10 (Includes 1st Drink)

Prime Rib - \$21.99

\$4 Captain, Bacardi, Jim Beam. & Jack Daniels Dbl Mixers \$1 Off 20oz. Tap Beers



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CDC: About 1 in 6 Americans have had swine flu

By Mike Stobbe AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) -Swine flu has sickened 50 about million Americans, and killed about 10,000, according to new estimates released by federal health officials

on Thursday. That means about 1 in 6 Americans have had the illness, said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The estimates are for the first seven months of the pandemic, from April through mid-November. The new numbers are a big jump from previous estimates, which said swine flu had sickened 22 million Americans and killed about 4,000 through mid-October.

Most of the increase is due to cases that occurred after early October, when the nation saw the peak of a second wave of illness, CDC officials said.

The CDC also estithat nearly mates 200,000 people were hospitalized through mid-November - about the same amount that occurs normally in an entire winter flu season.

While the elderly account for most of the hospitalizations deaths from seasonal flu, the largest proportion of reported swine flu hospitalizations and deaths are in non-elderly adults, CDC officials said.

More than three-quarters of the deaths were people ages 18 to 64, according to the CDC.

The new estimates seem to echo an unpublished, in-depth CDC analysis of 100 U.S. swine flu deaths. About 80 percent of those deaths were in people ages 20 through 59, and 45 percent were obese, that research found.

Flu estimates are tricky and inexact because many illnesses are relatively mild and go unreported, and hospitalizations and deaths often involve maladies beyond the flu. The CDC actually thinks that between 34 million and 67 million Americans have gotten sick from swine flu, but Frieden gave 50 million as a midpoint estimate.

difficult to compare. Seasonal flu kills about 36,000 Americans each year, according to a longstanding estimate. But that number includes many elderly people who had not only seasonal flu

and related pneumonia

Deadline for the VFW time capsule is

Bring memorabilia to VFW Commander Cletus Ninham

920-869-1596 or 920-869-7784

January 1, 2010

Flu estimates are also

but also heart attacks and strokes. The new CDC swine flu estimates do not include heart attacks strokes, mainly because there hasn't been time to collect that kind of data.

So it's likely the new estimate is conservative, and undercounts elderly deaths, CDC officials acknowledged.

Even so, the number of hospitalizations deaths of younger people from swine flu far exceed what normally occurs in the same ages from the winter flu.

"This flu is much harder on younger people," Frieden said at a press conference in Atlanta.

The swine flu pandemic has so far hit in two waves in the United States: First in the spring when it was first identified, then a larger wave that started in the late summer.

In late October, 48 states reported widespread flu activity. Increasingly, that appears to have been the peak of the second wave. Since then, fewer states have been reporting widespread cases, and the number of school closings due to swine flu has at times dropped to zero.

But there are still plen-

ty of ill people _ as many as during the worst days of many regular flu seasons. And CDC officials have said the signs of declining cases do not necessarily mean the worst is over.

About 15 percent of Americans have had swine swine flu, Frieden said. Between 5 percent and 20 percent of Americans get seasonal flu each year, experts believe.

Even though tens of million of Americans have had swine flu, the majority haven't, so it's still important to get a vaccination, Frieden added. Swine flu vaccine first came out in early

October in very limited supplies. But deliveries are increasing dramatically, and now about 85 million doses are avail-

Also on Thursday, the CDC released a study that found American Indians and Alaska Natives have died from swine flu at a rate four times greater than other Americans.

The study looked at swine flu deaths in 12 states that are home to about half of the nation's American Indians and Alaska Natives, and counted 42 people in those groups who died of swine flu or its complications by mid-November.

That was a rate of nearly 4 out of every 100,000 people for that group, compared to a rate of about 1 per 100,000 for everyone else.

The finding was not surprising. American Indians and Alaska Natives have higher rates of diabetes, asthma and other conditions that make them more vulnerable. The two groups also have higher poverty rates, and were hit harder than other people during past flu pandemics.

The study is being published in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Holiday health and safety tips

By Venessa Miller

Injury Prevention Coordinator

With Christmas just around the corner, we all have plenty to fill our calendars with. However, amidst all the craziness, it's important to remember to keep your family and friends

As we wrap up the last of this year's "holiday tips" series, from all of us at the Environmental, Health & Safety Division, please have a safe and healthy holiday!

Any questions or concerns and suggested tips can be forwarded to Vanessa Miller at 920-496.5351 or vmiller@ oneidanation.org

It seems like every week there is a different party or celebration to go. Have fun! Relax! Enjoy! However, during the holidays, alcoholimpaired crashes become a serious threat. Follow these few guidelines to keep this threat from becoming your reality.

- 1. Plan ahead-Designate a sober driving well ahead of time if you know that you are going to be drinking.
- 2. Give your keys away. If an unplanned celebration pops up, give your keys to a trustworthy responsible friend or family member. (emphasis on responsible and trust-

worthy!) And make sure that they understand not to give them

Tip #7

'Tis the season of visiting! Keep the following in kind to ensure that you can truly enjoy your company:

- 1. Try to clean up as you go along. Little knicks and knacks always seem to find their way in the mouths of your little visitors. TRICK OF THE TRADE: Place an empty shopping bag on the door handle of busy places of your house, such as the kitchen, front doors, etc. Throw garbage in there as the day goes on, so you don't have to constantly make your way to the garbage can.
- 2. Keep a list with all of the important phone numbers you or a baby-sitter are likely to need in case of an emergency. Keep the list on the fridge or the phone. Include the police and fire department, your pediatrician and the national Poison Help Line, 1-800-222-1222.

Tip #8: With all the goodies and gifts you will be accumulating, Christmas time is prime for many burglars. A burglary occurs ever 15 seconds in the U.S. So here's a few tips to ward off burglars, of at least cut down on their haul!

- 1. Try to invest in light timers. TV and radio timers can be set from the remote. Keeping your lights and TV on all night screams "NO ONE'S HOME!"
- 2. Don't think you are safe just because you have a "vicious attack dog." Many robbers come prepared and even bring treats!
- Keep yourself guarded at all times, even with family and friends! You'd hate to think it, but the fact remains that burglaries are crimes of familiarity-meaning people rob who/where they know. Lock your valuables up!
- 4. Have two different jewelry boxes. Keep one on your dresser filled with your inexpensive things. Lock up your expensive pieces in a safe place. Once burglars find the cheaper box, they often stop looking for more.



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Have yourself a Merry Fit-Mas

By Eric Frantz



and less **Eric Frantz** time exercise. If this sounds familiar to you, don't fret! There are plenty of little things you can do to find time for fitness to get you through to the New Year! Try some of these ideas out:

 Walk as much as possible. Take extra laps at the mall, park further away in the parking lot, and use the stairs,.

• Wake up a little bit earlier on the day of a family get-together in order to go exercise first.

• If everybody's sitting around opening gifts or watching football, get on the floor for some crunches, pushups, or light stretches. Also try isometric exercises -squeeze and hold the abs, the glutes or even press the hands together

to engage the chest.

O.F.F.

• If we get some snow, take your kids outside to go sledding. It's really easy to work up a good sweat while climbing back up the hill in the snow.

· Eat a healthy breakfast on a day of a family get-together. This may help to keep you from overeating on the higher calorie foods later in the day.

• Drink plenty of water. Although the cold weather may make you less inclined to grab a glass of water, it is just as important in the winter as it is during the summer. Water helps counter the dehydrating effects of travel or drinking alcoholic beverages, and it may also help satiate your appetite since thirst is

and spirit in good shape. Enjoy the time you have with your family and be thankful for them.

often mistaken for hunger. (www.acefitness.com) Lastly, keep your mind

Wellness for the New Year!

By Amanda Riesenberg Fitness Specialist

In terms of your overall wellness, how do you see yourself one year from now? Come me Monday January 2010 as we develop your individualized wellness plan for the upcoming New Year to help you determine your wellness vision of yourself for 2010. The program will be held in the education

room of the Oneida

Family Fitness Center

from 12:15 – 1:00 pm.



as to how to set weekly SMART goals to help you obtain your 3, 6, and 9 month goals. No falling off of your New Year's Resolution this year! If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Fitness Center at 920-490-3730. Space is limited, so sign up at the O.F.F. front You will develop your desk early.

Burn more calories with interval training

By Brad Sosinsky Fitness Specialist

Are you caught in a funk with your exercise routine? Do you wish you could burn more calories with less time? If so, now is the time to change it up. Consider performing aerobic interval training. Interval training is becoming a popular way to exercise.

What is interval training? Interval training is simply alternating bursts of intense activity with intervals of lighter activity. Take walking for example. You may start walking at a leisurely pace and then do a period of fast walking segments and then back to the leisurely pace. The same can go with jogging. You can jog at your regular pace and then do a quick sprint for a segment and then back to the jogging.

Here are some of the benefits that can come from interval training:

• You'll burn more calories.

The more vigorously you exercise the more calories you'll burn, even if you increase intensity for just a few minutes at a

You'll improve your aerobic capacity.

As your cardiovascular fitness improves, you'll be able to exercise longer

or with more intensity. Imagine finishing your 60 minute walk in 45 minutes or the additional calories you'll burn by keeping up the Brad Sosinsky pace for the full 60 minutes.

You'll keep boredom at check.

Turning up your intensity in short intervals can add variety to your exercise routine.

 You don't need special equipment.

You can simply modify your current exercise routine.



seconds hard, 30 seconds rest. • Interval 2–30

seconds rest. • Interval 3–25 seconds

seconds hard, 30

hard, 30 seconds rest. • Interval 4–25 seconds

hard, 30 seconds rest.

• Interval 5–45 seconds hard, 30 seconds rest.

• Interval 6–45 seconds hard, 30 seconds rest.

• Interval 7–20 seconds hard, 30 seconds rest.

• Interval 8–20 seconds hard, 30 seconds rest.

• Interval 9–15 seconds hard, 30 seconds rest

• Interval10–15 seconds hard, 30 seconds rest

• Cool-down 5–10 min-

The principles of interval training are the same for everyone. But you can take interval training to many levels. You determine the length and speed of each high intensity interval based on how you feel that day.

Stop in at Oneida Family Fitness and talk with a Fitness Specialist about adding interval training to your workout routine.

ONEIDA Family Fitness Center

Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve - 5:30am - 1:30pm Christmas Day - Closed

New year's Eve - 5:30am - 3:00pm New Year's Day - 9:00am - 2:00pm

Oneida Family Fitness Staff

Michelle Mielke......Fitness Center Director Amy Griesbach......Office Manager Ryan Engel......Fitness Specialist Supervisor Stefanie Reinke......Fitness Specialist Supervisor Eric Frantz......Fitness Specialist Jason Manders......Fitness Specialist Jessica Treml.......Fitness Specialist Amanda Riesenberg......Fitness Specialist Brad Sosinsky......Fitness Specialist Hudson Denny......Fitness Specialist/Promotions Teresa Holschuh-Sieja......A quatics Trainer/Supervisor Nicole Cooley......Lifeguard Orrie Kreuscher.....Lifeguard

The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at: 2640 West Point • Green Bay, WI

Phone: (920) 490-3730 Look for O.F.F. Highlights once a month in the Kalihwisaks!



A Wall and the Remile

When: January 11th, 2010

Time: 12:15-1:00 pm

Where: Oneida Family Fitness Center (Education Room)

Presented by: Amanda Riesenberg, Fitness Specialist

Join us as we develop your own individual wellness plan. You will learn how to write your own vision and turn that vision into reality by developing SMART goals that will keep you on track throughout the entire year.

One lucky participant will win a free fitness Assessment!

Oneida Adventures



Come join in the fun and sign up for an Intro to Kayaking Class today!

Classes will be offered on Wednesdays & Thursdays in the Oneida Family Fitness Center Pool, 2640 West Point Rd Green Bay, WI.

2010 Indoor Kayak Classes

3 week Class Sessions

Thursday nights: Class times: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

January 14th, 21st, and 28th February 11th, 18th, and 25th

Wednesday nights: Class times: 6:30-8:00 p.m. · March 17th, 24th, and 31st

April 14th, 21st, and 28th

Cost is \$50.00 for one 3 week session

\$20 for Tribal members, Oncida fitness club members, or Oncida employees Pool kayak class covers:

*Learn how to exit a kayak

*Forward, reverse, sweep, sculling draw, stem draw, high and low braces *Essential equipment

*Safety, T- rescues, and self-rescues will be reviewed

Adults and ages 12 and up invited to register. Space is limited so be sure you register in advance. Contact Mark Steinbach at(920) 490-3846 or Cindy Young at (920)490-3863 msteinba@oneidanation.org or cyoung@oneidanation.org