



GTC hears pair of requests in latest meeting

GTC hears former gaming incentive plan along with request to increase the Higher Education Scholarship

By Nate Wisneski

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Over 1000 General Tribal Council (GTC) members heard complaints about a now defunct Gaming Management Incentive Plan along with a request to increase the Higher Education Scholarship from

\$20,000 to \$25,000 during an August 16 GTC meeting at the Turtle School.

The plan, which was rescinded in December of 2007 by the Oneida Business Committee (OBC), was available to 52 managers within the gaming division in which 51 of them received the bonus. The plan required managers to meet certain criteria in which they need to show increased profitability, customer service excellence, compliance standards met, and special project execution.

Many GTC members questioned the motive of requesting the presence of the GTC to hear about an incentive plan not in place, while some were calling for even more information such as salaries and the dollar amount of each person's bonus.

Petitioner Linda Dallas was also calling for repercussions against those who accepted bonuses, but ultimately the information was accepted as a report only with no further action to be taken.

The GTC also heard a request to increase the Higher Education Scholarship due to the increase in educational cost of tribal members looking to further their education. The current scholarship has a maximum amount of \$20,000 but many private schools are now exceeding that allotted amount, which creates an out of pocket expense for the tribal member.

Any change to the standing scholarship policy was going to require a two-thirds

majority vote. While many GTC members spoke of their gratitude towards the current scholarship, the attempt to raise it failed by 11 votes.

This GTC meeting was the fifth of the year and first for the newly elected administration. A rough average of nearly 1000 GTC members at every meeting would put the year to date cost of the stipend policy at roughly \$500,000. The stipend policy will cost the tribe nearly \$1,000,000 with pending petitions and regularly scheduled GTC meetings.



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Chief justice of Menominee Tribal Court dies at 87

KESHENA, Wis. (AP) – Rita Ann Keshena, the sitting Supreme Court chief justice on the Menominee Tribal Court, died at her home Sunday of apparent natural causes. She was 87.

Keshena had training as a nurse and in the theater arts but went back to law school at age 57 because she wanted to devote her life to her tribe, said Lisa Waukau, the tribal chairman and Keshena's niece.

"The law was her passion, native people were her passion," Waukau told The

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Keshena

Artisans, Performers Showcase Unique Talent



Kali Photos/Steven J. Gandy
The Oneida Powwow dancers again dazzled the crowds at the Oneida Casino Community Stage during three performances during the annual Artstreet festival. The dancers graced the stage twice on Saturday and once on Sunday afternoons. Multiple drum groups performed while the dancers, in full regalia, demonstrated various types of traditional Native American powwow dancing. In addition, several local artists set-up shop near the stage and demonstrated how they make culturally significant art pieces. Jennifer Stevens demonstrates how to make Iroquois style pottery.



Veterans honor Korean War era POW Valder John

By Dawn Walshinski

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The Oneida community and area veterans said goodbye to a decorated Korean War and Vietnam War soldier, a community leader and a friend, at the funeral of Valder John on Friday, August 22. John died the morning of August 19 at the age of 77.

John was a prisoner of war (POW) during the Korean War and was one of eight survivors of the 1950 Sunchon Tunnel Massacre. He shared his story in the book "They Came Home: Korean War POW's Tell Their Stories" by Pat Avery, and in the Wisconsin Public Television documentary "Wisconsin Korean War Stories."

According to long time friend Nathan Smith, John was open to talking about his

war time experiences. "He enjoyed coming amongst the veterans and telling us all the different stories and stuff, which a lot of people don't want to talk about when they get out, but he would tell you what happened," said Smith.

John served 26 years in the Army and was active in veterans groups in Texas, Florida and Wisconsin.

Several veterans remarked on the cookouts John would host for his fellow veterans.

"He would have feeds at this house and put the ideas and strengthen them through group type sessions," said George Greendeer. "He was three times a combat veteran,

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Valder John



Area veterans pay tribute to the memory of decorated war hero Valder John during his funeral procession on Friday, August 22 2008.

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ONES students drawn to healthy choices

From Page 1A/Valder John

By Steven J. Gandy
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Visitors to the Turtle School's garden will notice a new addition. It wasn't planted or expected to grow, but it did take the care and nurturing of the entire 2008 summer school program class to bring it to life.

A mural designed and created by the Turtle School's summer school program class was raised on August 22 and was designed to give students a creative outlet to avoid drug and alcohol abuse.

The mural program was sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency.

Cynthia Thomas, the mural's coordinator and an art teacher at the Turtle School said, "So we did a mural for the school garden as a way to not participate in drugs and alcohol; to give them other things to excel at."

Each student added to the design of the mural, a turtle with various garden designs on its back.

"We started with the turtle and they had to design their own drawing of the garden



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Students of the summer school program stand before their creation in the Turtle School's garden.

An unveiling ceremony was held in the home economics room at the turtle School where a presentation about the mural project was delivered by the projects coordinator Cynthia Thomas. Chili, Frybread and prizes were available for those in attendance.

and out of everyone's, I took one item I thought they did really good at and applied it to the mural, and then they went and they painted the

piece that they put on there," Thomas said.

It took the students nearly three weeks to complete the finished product.

"They all did a wonderful job and I'm really amazed with all the work they put into it," Thomas noted.

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Rita Keshena
The Honorable Chief Justice of the Menominee Tribe

Associated Press on Monday. "She came home in 1981 and worked for the rest of her days."

Keshena returned to the reservation in northeast Wisconsin after receiving her law degree from the University of California, Los

Angeles in 1980.

She was a tireless supporter of Indian sovereignty and native American rights, Waukau said.

"She was a strong proponent of Indian gaming," she said. "Very early on, she saw the value to Indian tribes for them to have gaming on their lands."

Keshena, the granddaughter of Band Chief Keshena for whom the Village of Keshena was named about 1852, was the first woman in the tribe to earn a law degree. She also was the first woman to become the tribal court's chief justice when she was appointed last year by the Menominee Tribal Legislature and sworn in last October.

Matthew Seestedt, 57, remembered his mother as an intelligent, articulate woman with a fondness for reading, especially the works of Shakespeare. That's one reason his mother was so interested in returning to school, even in her mid-50s, he said.

"I believe she liked the student life. It was learning, it was reading, it was writing," he said. "She was just always driven, always striving to be better."

Waukau said she sometimes worried about how hard Keshena worked. As Keshena's one-time boss, Waukau urged her aunt to retire when she turned 80, but Keshena insisted she had no time to slow down.

"She said, 'No, I do not

choose to retire, I have a lot of work yet left to do,'" Waukau said. "She never took days off, never thought she had time for things as mundane as vacation."

Along with Seestedt, Keshena is survived by another son and four grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, August 27.

he was a leader. He carried that on into his civilian life. Whenever he had a project, he never gave up, he kept pushing hard to find the answer."

Even as his health was declining, John made appearances with other Oneida veterans at a signing of the Great Lakes Compact by Wisconsin Governor James Doyle this spring, and at the annual Oneida Parade on July 5.

John also continued to recruit members for the Robert W. Cornelius VFW Post 7784, according to Ruth Wagner. Wagner was John's

caregiver for the past year and a half. When he learned of her military service as a Cryptologist in Japan "he said 'You're going to join the VFW', and then they presented me with this eagle feather, and it really is my pride and joy," said Wagner. "He was always nice, always had a good word for everybody, a very generous man. I'm going to miss him."

To see Valdor John speak about his experience as a POW, go to <http://www.wisconsinstories.org/korea/video.cfm>

22nd Annual Banquet

Oneida Sportsman's Club, Inc.

When: Friday October 10, 2008 **920-833-7786 / 660-3093**
Jerry Jordan **920-336-3737 / 660-4884**

Where: Colonial House Supper Club/King's Quarters Room, N 4330 Cty Hwy E, Freedom, WI

Time: Social begins at 4:30 pm, Dinner: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$35/person before Oct. 10, 2008 \$40/person at the door

Contacts: Jim Green,

Numerous door prizes, guns, raffles & live auction. Gift certificates or donations of goods or services from your business are greatly appreciated. Business name announced during door prize or raffle winner. Donations of \$100 or more will have business name in banquet program. Donations of \$250 or more business name noted in banquet and receive 2 free banquet tickets.

CORRECTION

In the August 14 issue of the Kalihwisaks, Former Oneida Business Committee Chairman Gerald Danforth was misidentified as Jerry Hill. Kalihwisaks Managing Editor Dawn Walschinski apologizes for the error.

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Local

Passing On...

John, Valder 'Val'
March 15, 1931 – August 19, 2008



Valder "Val" John, 77, Oneida, died Tuesday morning, Aug. 19, 2008, at home, surrounded by family and friends. The son of the late Guy and Naomi (Webster) John was born March 15, 1931, in Oneida. On July 5, 1980, he married the former Linda Welch in El Paso, Texas.

Mr. John was a 26 year decorated Veteran of the U. S. Army. "Val" served in Vietnam for three tours of duty, served with the NATO Troops, and was one of eight survivors of the Sunchon Tunnel Massacre. During his years, he met five standing U.S. Presidents. Val was a member of the Robert W. Cornelius VFW Post 7784 and was a life member of the Florida Ex-POW's.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; two sons, Valdor II, James; two daughters, Valerie

and Karen; two step-sons, Scott and Jason Edmundson; and eight grandchildren; four sisters, Jane Salzman, Dorothy Ermenc, Helema Jordan, and Susan Crotty.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Guy; three sisters, Clara, Mary and Beulah; and one brother, Jim Cooper.

Funeral Services were held at Oneida United Methodist Church, Freedom Road, Oneida on Friday, Aug. 22, 2008. Pastor Earl L. Smith, officiated with full VFW Veteran Services at the conclusion of the funeral.

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

Danforth, Arthur D.
March 15, 1931 – August 19, 2008

Arthur D. Danforth, continued on his journey with the Creator on August 14, 2008, at the age of 73. Loving father of Deborah (Don) Hecker, Jennifer (Al) Popovich, and Robin (John) Fleischer. Loving grandpa of Jason, Genna, Justin, Elizabeth, Jaki, Alex, Victoria, Dan and great-grandpa of Kaden. Dear brother of the late John (Wilma), Huey, Ellen (Vern), and Jim. Arthur is survived by Virginia, the mother of his children, and his dear friend

Peggy. Further survived and loved by numerous, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Funeral Service was held at 12 noon on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 with Interment at Forest Home Cemetery. Memorials to the Wisconsin Pink Shawl Initiative are appreciated.

MAX A. SASS & SONS Funeral and Cremation Services, 1515 W. Oklahoma of Milwaukee assisted the family with arrangements.

Jourdan, Ronald Whitney
December 5, 1938 – August 12, 2008



Ronald W. Jourdan, 69, Chicago, Illinois took his final walk into the spirit world on August 12, 2008 at Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago, Illinois with his wife and family by his side. He was born on December 5, 1938 in Green Bay to Henry E. and Mary (Powless) Jourdan. In 1960, he married Joan Mallory of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a graduate of Seymour High and went on to become a draftsman for Western Electric in Chicago. Later he worked as a control systems designer for Fluor Daniel, Inc also of Chicago. He was a Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne and served with the 1st Cavalry after the Korean War. He served for several years as the Chairman of the Board for the American Indian Center. Ron was president of the Knights of Sights, a magic club in River Grove, Ill. where he was billed as the only American Indian magician. He was a dancer and often the MC for pow wows here in Wisconsin and around the Chicago area. He often went to schools to talk to the kids, to inspire them to get a higher education. His philosophy was: The only person holding you back is yourself. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, archery, bowling and golf. Ron was a good father, a loving grandfather, a faithful husband and a trusted friend to all who knew him. He was a man of patience and endurance, a man of strength and solidarity who will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends.

Joan: his children; Tracy and Sharon Jourdan, Sherry and Richard Petrie, and Mark Jourdan, all of Chicago, and by his grand children, Christopher and Samantha Jourdan and Eric, Richie and Scott Petrie, by his siblings: Mildred Figueroa, Barbara and James McKinzie, Yvonne E. Jourdan, Patricia M. Benson, Kenneth and Jan Jourdan, Judith L. Jourdan, Henrietta "Chico" and Tom Daly, Hank Jourdan, Diane C. Jourdan, and Diana Demaree, by ex-brother's in law, Dean Tubby, Jerry McDaniel and Tom Thorstenson. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Ephriam, Jesse, and Virgil "Lucky" Jourdan.

Drum and Military services were held at 7:00 pm on August 16th at the American Indian Center on Wilson Avenue in Chicago, Illinois with Jay Mallory of the American Indian Church officiating. Ron's body will be cremated and his ashes brought back home to Wisconsin. The family has asked that any donations be sent in his name to the American Indian Center, 1630 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Ronald's family would like to extend a special thank you to Debbie Valentino and to the American Indian Center staff for all their help in making funeral arrangements. A special thanks also goes to Ron's sister, Henrietta for the hours and days she devotedly supported his family during his long illness.

He is survived by his wife

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of
Muriel 'Jeanne' Metoxen
 who passed on 3 years ago ~ August 24th
 November 26, 1936 ~ August 24, 2005

Precious Memories of you...



They say as time goes by it gets easier...
 Yet, we still miss you as though it was yesterday.

We all Miss YOU so much and can't wait to see you again someday.

Hope you updated all our relatives in the Heavens above...

We'll always treasure precious memories of you... the wisdom and guidance you shared, especially, the precious gift of your Love!

Love & Miss YOU, Mom!

Deeply Missed & Forever Loved...
 Husband Russell,
 Children - Kerry, Kelly, Kirby & Krissy,
 Grandchildren, great-grandchildren & Family

In Loving Memory of...
Ken Powless
 who passed away on August 28, 2001




*Gone are the days we used to share.
 But in our hearts you are always there.*

*The gates of memory will never close.
 We miss you more than any one knows.*

*With tender love and deep regret,
 We who love you will never forget.*

Forever in our thought and prayers,
 Carol and Lisa Slivicki

Happy 70th Birthday
on Sept. 4th Mom
Doris Smith
You are not Forgotten...



We Miss You Very Much and We Love You!

David, Kids, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

In Loving Memory of...
Joy Ninham
 December 5, 1930 – August 20, 2003



Remember Me...

*Remember me with all of your love
 And with pain or with sorrow
 Though I'm not with you,
 I feel your love
 Yesterday, today and tomorrow.*

*It was special to be your child
 For the time I was there
 Cherish our memories together
 Even when you think life isn't fair.*

*Though I may not be there with you
 I am always around
 Sometimes I do appear to you
 A butterfly, a song or in a friend you have found.*

*Remember me with a joyful heart
 Along with happiness and love
 These are the things that keep me alive
 Forever within your heart...*

Love the Ninham Family

In Loving Memory of...
Erwin F Cottrell
 who's hopes and dreams were tragically taken
 on August 29th 2005

Rainbow...

Written by Erwin F Cottrell

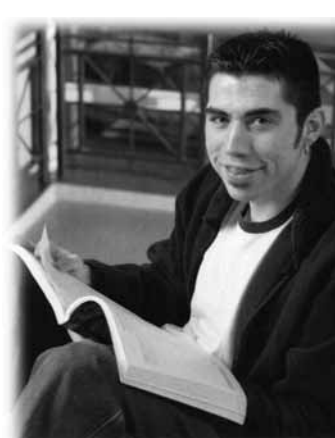

*Blue Skies and Emeralds,
 Petals of rose.
 A wish through your hair
 From a wind that blows.*

*The color of autumn,
 The bird and the bees.
 A kiss and some wine
 In the shade of the trees.*

*A touch of sweet sunshine
 To warm up your heart.
 And mine will stop beating
 If we venture apart.*

*And when the scent of violets
 Rise into the air,
 Just open your eyes
 And you know I'll be there.*

Sadly missed by Mom, Dad, Louis
 Family and friends

In Loving Memory of...
Mary Ann Waterloo
 on her "73rd" Birthday 8-19-1935 ~ 5-1-05

I am writing this from Heaven where I dwell with God above; where there's no more tears of sadness, there is just eternal love.

Please don't be unhappy just because I'm out of sight, remember that I am with you morning, noon and night.

The day I had to leave you, when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and he said, "I welcome you."

"It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. For your dearest family, they will be here later on.

I need you here so badly as part of my big plan, there is so much that we can do to help our mortal man." Then god gave me a list of things he wished for me to do, and most on the list of mine is to watch and care for you.

I will be beside each one of you every day for weeks and years, and when you're sad I am standing there to wipe away your tears.

When you lie in bed at night, the days chores put to flight, God and I are closest to you in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth those 69 years – because you're only human they are bound to bring some tears.

Please do not be afraid to cry it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there were some rain. I wish I could tell you all that God has planned, but if I were to tell you, you would not understand.

One thing is certain, though my life on earth is done: I am closer to you now, like the warmth of the sun. There are rocky roads ahead for you and many hills to climb; together we can do it taking one day at a time.


When you're walking in a field and you have me on your mind, I am walking in your footprints just a half a step behind.

When you feel that gentle wind or breeze upon your face that's me, just giving you a great big hug or just a soft embrace.

When it's time for you to go from that body to be free – remember you aren't going, you are coming here to me. And I will always love you from that land up above ~ we'll be in touch soon.

P.S. God sends His love.

Mom I know your celebrating with the best. We all Love and Miss You. Love you Mom! Theresa Mae



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Calendar 2008

September 1

Labor Day Golf Outing

WHEN: Monday, September 1
TIME: 12:00pm, shotgun start
PLACE: Crystal Springs Golf Course, Seymour, WI
 Entry fee: \$50 Price includes 18 holes of golf with cart and meal and contest holes and door prizes. Registration deadline is August 27. To register call Dale Webster at 920-869-2322 or Ben Skenandore at 526-7521. This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association, Oneida Chapter.

September 4-7

United Tribes International Powwow

WHEN: September 4-7
TIME: Various
PLACE: Lone Star Arena, Bismark, North Dakota
 \$15 entrance fee. Daily admission is \$8. Elders (60 and over) and children (5 and under) enter free.

September 5-7

Indian Summer Festival

WHEN: Friday, September 5 - Sunday, September 7
TIME: Various
PLACE: Milwaukee's lakefront Maier Festival Park
 Indian Summer Festival celebrates the 2008 theme, "Honoring Our Northern Relations." Festival hours are 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are \$10 (advance), \$12 (gate) for adults and children 12 and under are free. Seniors age 60+ will be admitted for \$10 at the gate. **FYI: 414-604-1000**

September 6

Oneida United Methodist Men's Club Pig Roast

WHEN: Saturday, September 6
TIME: 4:00pm - 7:00pm
PLACE: Oneida United Methodist Church, N6048 County Road E

All you can eat pig roast. \$8 adults, \$5 ages 6-12, free under age 6. Come see the newly remodeled kitchen. Contact Erwin at 920-498-2697 for more information.

September 11

4th Annual Fall Fest

WHEN: Thursday, September 11
TIME: 10:00am - 3:00pm
PLACE: Conservations Office, N8047 County Road U
 Environmental, Health & Safety Division invited you to the 4th Annual Fall Fest. Free lunch and activities. Meet the staff and learn about our projects and services. Call 920-497-5812 for more information.

October 25

3 Sisters Powwow

WHEN: Saturday, October 25
TIME: Doors open at 11:00am
PLACE: Oneida Nation Elementary School (Turtle School), Seminary Rd.

Raffles, concessions, give aways, vendors. Grand entries at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Feast at 5:00pm. Registration for dancers closes at 4:30 pm. **FYI: 920-496-5310**

November 27

9th Annual Thanksgiving Community Feast

WHEN: Thursday, November 27
TIME: 11:00am - 2:00pm
PLACE: Parish Hall, Oneida

The Planning Committee for the 9th annual community Thanksgiving Dinner would like to invite you and your family to share a meal prepared by many volunteers. Approximately 200 hundred meals have been served each year. To donate food or cash, please contact: Carole Liggins (cliggins@oneidation.org) (920-869-4432). To volunteer, please contact: Paula King Dessart (pogi@oneidation.org) (920-869-4362) or Brian Doxtator (920-471-9166).

Tuesdays

Women's Talking Circle Group - Summer Hours

WHEN: Every other Tuesday evening
TIME: Tuesday, 6:00pm-7:30 pm
PLACE: Community Education Center Conference Room, 2632 S. Packerland

Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle Group. Come and join us as we discuss a healthy lifestyle, relationships, children, jobs and overall wellness. Summer meetings will be August 26 and September 9. For more information: Contact Marlene Summers or Bev Scow at Wise Women Gathering Place 920-490-0627.

Wednesdays

Loom Work Beading Class

WHEN: Wednesdays
TIME: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Site II Community Building, W1144 Park Dr.
 Breezy will be teaching a loom work beading class. Materials will be provided. Class is open to those ages 13 to adult. To register, call Breezy at 920-869-6669.

Fridays

Women's Support Group

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

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UW-Green Bay honors Maria Hinton and Prof. Abbott

GREEN BAY - The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay today (Tuesday, Aug. 26) announced the recipients of the 2008 Founders Association Awards for Excellence.

The awards for excellence and their recipients are: Teaching - Prof. Lucy Arendt; Institutional Development - Mike Barry; Classified Staff - Sandy Bohman; Scholarship - Prof. Andrew Kersten; Academic Support - Paul Pinkston; Community Outreach - Cyndie Shepard; and Collaborative Achievement - the Oneida Language Project of Prof. Cliff Abbott and Tribal Elder Maria Hinton.

UW-Green Bay Interim Chancellor David Ward and Founders Association President John Heugel presented the awards before an audience of approximately 500 at the annual UW-Green Bay Faculty and Staff Convocation at the University Union. The Founders Association, a philanthropic organization, began the awards program in 1975.

The award for collaborative achievement honors Abbott, a linguist and professor who teaches courses in communication and First Nations Studies, and Hinton, an Oneida Tribal Elder who is one of a relative handful of surviving native speakers of Oneida. The two meet each week to make audio recordings of Hinton's pronunciations for the first online, oral dictionary. (Their work, about halfway completed, is archived at www.uwgb.edu/Oneida/.) Hinton's keen memory was critical to the Oneida Nation's preserve-the-language movement rekindled in the 1970s. She and her brother, the late Amos Christjohn, collaborated to create the first written dictionary of the oral language. It was a desire to enhance her linguistic and teaching credentials that led her to earn a UW-Green Bay bachelor's degree in Communication and the Arts in 1979, at age 68. Today, at 98, she is the University's oldest living alumnus. She

received a standing ovation when she stepped forward to receive her Founders Award plaque at the awards ceremony.

Arendt, recipient of the teaching award, is a professor of Business Administration who wins praise for combining expertise in the field - management and organizational behavior - with an ability to connect with students. Her teaching style is described as unusually interactive, involving group work, role playing, and sometimes the use of other media such as popular music or film clips to demonstrate concepts in her field. Her award citation noted that a colleague in UW-Green Bay's Teaching Scholars group characterized her as a leader in faculty efforts to promote best practices in effective teaching, and called her a "shining star" among a constellation of stellar teachers." Arendt is a UW-Green Bay alumna, having earned her bachelor's in Business Administration and Spanish, and master's in Administrative Science. She earned her Ph.D. in management science at UW-Milwaukee. She has taught courses at UW-Green Bay since the 1990s, and joined the faculty as a full-time lecturer in 2004 and as an assistant professor in 2006.

The recipient of the Founders Award for institutional development, Barry, is retiring this year after 15 years service with UW-Green Bay as its purchasing director and director of institutional support. Nominators praised Barry's integrity, his strong sense of public accountability in a time of tight fiscal resources, and his leadership in helping implement more efficient and cost-effective procurement procedures and business systems. The citation noted that during Barry's tenure the University successfully completed major construction projects with Mary Ann Cofrin Hall, the Kress Events Center and the Laboratory Sciences Building, along with significant remodeling to the University Union and Student



Photo courtesy of UW-Green Bay

Native Oneida speaker Maria Hinton and Prof. Cliff Abbott were given an award for collaborative achievement for their work recording the Oneida language for an online oral dictionary.

Services Building, among others. Barry helped ensure that contracts were finalized and specialized equipment purchased and installed on time, within budget, in accordance with state policies.

Bohman, this year's recipient of the Classified Staff Award for Excellence, is a library services assistant with the University's Cofrin Library, with primary responsibility as the acquisitions supervisor. She was cited for her ability and dedication in tracking down and ordering books, videos and a variety of materials for use by professors, staff and students in their research and coursework. Colleagues praised her technical mastery in using the latest electronic search tools to locate rare, out-of-print or highly obscure works, navigating UW-Green Bay and the UW System collections as well as resources around the world. Bohman has been with the University's library for 38 years. Since 1993, she has also managed the library's Federal Depository Library Program.

Kersten, a historian and professor with the Social Change and Development academic unit, is a repeat recipient, having earned recognition for outstanding teaching in 2007. This year's recognition in the category of scholarship and research reflects the fact that in just 11 years at UW-Green Bay he has published no fewer than six books, with a seventh forthcoming, as well as about forty articles, chapters, or encyclopedia entries and about thirty book reviews. He was also awarded an \$800,000 grant to promote the study of history in Wisconsin. Kersten's research has addressed issues in labor history, the law, race relations in mid-20th-century America, and the American home front in World War II. Kersten has been a member of the UW-Green Bay faculty since 1997, when he earned his Ph.D. in United States history from the University of Cincinnati.

Pinkston has the title of campus planner. He is based in the Office of Facilities Management and Planning. His Founders Award for Academic Support noted his detailed and far-sighted work as a planner, project manager and liaison on millions of dollars' worth of major capital projects and ongoing initiatives since he assumed his current position in 2001. Nominators praised his capacity for flexibility, creativity and problem-solving in managing projects to maximize benefits for the University, its faculty, staff and students, and the general public. A graduate of UW-Green Bay in Urban and Regional Studies, he first joined the staff in 1989.

Cyndie Shepard joined UW-Green Bay in 2001 upon the appointment of her husband, Bruce, as UW-Green Bay chancellor. She served as an instructor in courses in education and in theatre arts, but perhaps became best known as a co-founder and director of the award-winning Phuture Phoenix Program. Seeing a need in her new community, Shepard shaped the new initiative to pair at-risk grade school students with college students. Since 2003, Phuture Phoenix has enabled about 5,000 fifth-graders to tour the UW-Green Bay campus and led to roughly 10,000 hours of tutoring in middle schools per year, by roughly 300 UW-Green Bay student tutors. Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle has praised the program for inspiring students to complete high school and pursue higher education; he also credited it as an inspiration for his Wisconsin covenant initiative. Cyndie Shepard, now at Western Washington University where her husband recently was appointed president, accepted the University Award for Excellence in Community Outreach via videotaped acceptance remarks.

Recipients of the Founders Association Awards for Excellence are chosen by a committee of UW-Green Bay faculty and staff from responses to a call for nominations.

Jeffery S. Skenandore, Sr. Golf Memorial

All Proceeds go towards Criminal Justice scholarships



September 12, 2008

10AM Shotgun Start

(Registration Opens @ 8:30AM)

Location: Ledgeview Golf Course - 3149 Dickinson Rd DePere, WI

Fee: \$300 per 4 player team (includes 18 holes with cart and dinner)

Registration Deadline: September 8, 2008

Any Questions Contact: Eric Boulanger (920)869-6678

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Business



BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

Angling for a living

Skenandore relishing his shot at pros

By Nate Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

Most people do not get the opportunity to turn a passion into a career, that's why Shawn Skenandore is cherishing every second of his budding professional fishing career.

"It was a dream of mine to start pro fishing ever since I was introduced (to fishing) by my step-dad," said Skenandore. "I get this opportunity and exposure for endorsements and the opportunity to represent myself, family, tribe, and Native Americans."

Skenandore will be on a very short list of professional anglers of Native American descent.

Skenandore will make his pro debut in the early spring of 2009 with Warrior Boats. Warrior will provide a \$50,000 boat sponsorship along with everything he will need to fish on the professional tour.

"The contract (with Warrior Boats) is on a year to year basis. I met with their staff and they wanted to give me an opportunity to follow my dream," said Skenandore. "All they ask of me is to have fun."

"We are very excited to welcome Shawn as a member of the Warrior Pro Staff," said Dan Klimek, President of



Submitted photo

Shawn Skenandore prepares for a fishing tournament on Shawano Lake in early August. Skenandore boat, "Debbie", is fully sponsored by Warrior Boats and named after his mother.

Warrior Boats. "Shawn brings a lot of enthusiasm and energy to the fishing world, and we are looking forward to his success on the bass circuits."

Skenandore will be traveling all over the country competing against the biggest names in professional fishing and knows it will be hard work and pressing on his family. "There will be a lot of dedication and time away from my family, friends, and work while I travel across the world," he said.

In addition to the Champion of Champions

Bass Tour, Skenandore will be fishing the FLW, BFL, and the Bass Masters Open and Elite Series. The tournaments will have Skenandore crossing the country at his own cost. He will be responsible for the travel, lodging and tournament entry fees. To offset those costs Skenandore is looking to secure other sponsorships and has started a guide service to capitalize on his outdoor sports talents.

Many of the events he will be fishing in will also be available for viewing on ESPN and Fox Sports Net.

Although Skenandore's

nerves have set in, he is excited to showcase his skills and enjoy himself. "My number one goal is to get more exposure for myself and promote myself (for future endorsements). I also want to have fun and enjoy the opportunity given to me," he said.

Skenandore put his family's motto to use with the realization of professional fishing. "If you can dream it you can do it. I now get to fish against some of the biggest names in fishing and I am from a little ol' Indian reservation," he said.

Coon croons lunch time crowd



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Jamie Coon capped off the 8th annual Oneida Summer Concert Series presented by the Oneida Nation Arts Program on August 14 at the Norbert Hill Center. Coon blended a soulful twist on contemporary adult pop. Coon's work has been featured in films and television shows.

Money Smart Kid 2008

Essay Contest for grades 6 - 8

In support of Green Bay Area's Money Smart Week Wisconsin 2008—taking place October 12-18—the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and partner organizations in the Greater Green Bay Area are sponsoring the Money Smart Kid Essay Contest. Students in grades 6-8 attending a Partners in Education public or private school are encouraged to enter by answering the Money Smart question below with an essay of 300 words or less. Three finalists will be selected to attend the Money Smart Kickoff Event on October 14 and one student will be named this year's Money Smart Kid, winning a \$500 scholarship sponsored by UWGB SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise). Other finalists will receive a \$50 savings bond sponsored by Green Bay Area Partners in Education.

Money Smart 2008 Question...

Your dream is to attend college; however, your family does not have enough money to pay for college along with all the other bills. Together, you and your family need to find ways to afford college. What are the potential solutions to this problem? In answering the question, make sure to address all of the following points:

1. Why you want to attend college.
2. What are some ways you and your family could pay for college?
3. What way or ways do you think are best and why?

Guidelines: Candidates must...

- Be a student in grades 6-8 attending a Partners in Education public or private school. (Partners in Education districts include: Ashwaubenon, Denmark, De Pere, Green Bay, Howard-Suamico, Luxemburg-Casco, Pulaski, Seymour, West De Pere, Wrightstown.)
- Have knowledge of money management skills (decision-making related to spending and saving, investing, use of credit, etc.) appropriate for their age and grade level.
- Demonstrate how they practice good money management skills in their daily lives.

To Apply:

- Student must have parent or guardian permission to apply and participate.
- Student must write an essay (300 words or less) on the assigned question.
- Essays should be keyed on plain white paper, double-spaced. Do not put your name or school on the essay. The Money Smart Kid Application Form should be attached to the essay page.
- The essay must be the work of the student submitting the essay.
- The application form must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- The application and essay should be **postmarked by September 26** and mailed to:

Money Smart Kid
Partners in Education/Green Bay Area
Chamber of Commerce
400 S. Washington Street, P O BOX 1660
Green Bay, WI 54305-1660

Timeline—2008 Money Smart Kid Contest

- ✓ Deadline for applications — postmarked by September 26.
- ✓ Finalists interviewed October 8 & 9.
- ✓ Money Smart Kid introduced at Kickoff on October 14, 6:30 p.m., UWGB

For an on-line application go to:

www.greenbaypartnersineducation.org

IROQUOIS FARMS 30TH REUNION

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE, STORIES AND OLD STUFF they learn from the experience?

WHEN: October 1, 2008

TIME: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Refreshments will be served

WHERE: Tsyunhehkwa Farm on County J

WHO: Everyone who had an involvement with Iroquois Farms back in the late 70s/early 80s. Everyone who worked, lived, volunteered, visited, hung out...

AND anyone and everyone in the community who might be interested in coming and hearing all the crazy stories folks have to tell about "back in the day."

Looking at the:

PAST: Iroquois Farms - who were they, what was their mission, why did they do what they did, what did

they learn from the experience?

PRESENT: Tsyunhehkwa - who are they, what is their mission, why do they do what they do, what are they learning from the experience?

FUTURE: What does that look like? What is food sovereignty? What are food systems? Who are the people who will carry that into the future?

NEED: Names of folks, RSVPs, memorabilia (old pictures, posters, etc)

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Oneida Business Committee Forum

Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...



Vice-Chairwoman
Kathy Hughes

The GTC meeting on Saturday, August 16, was attended by 934 people. Before the meeting could actually get started we once again had to discuss the status of the election. While I respect the need to question, going back and forth with the same answers to the same questions got a little frustrating. Every member has a

right to know what is happening but the few who don't like the answer continue to hold up business and cause more frustration than anything else. We must learn to accept the desire of the majority and move on.

Further discussion will occur on this issue because the Business Committee is having a review of the election process through work by the Audit Committee. The results of that review will be reported out to the General Tribal Council. The legal challenges to finalize the election results were followed with the Appeals Commission denying the requests for injunctions. Nevertheless, the concerns raised need to be considered and used to improve the elections on the next go around. There is always room for improvement.

We addressed the first item on the agenda which was the Gaming Management Incentive Plan that had been adopted in 2006 and rescinded by the Business Committee in November 2007. It is unfortunate that we had to spend an hour and a half discussing something that no longer was being used but it did afford the opportunity to present the plans that are being worked on for a Tribal wide incentive plan. We couldn't discuss this future plan in any great detail because it is still in the development stage but expect it to be finalized soon.

The Education Scholarship discussion was also lengthy

but I think everyone has a good understanding of the impact for and against. Across the board support is there for this fund but the reality of the present day revenue stream makes it difficult to move to an increase at this time. It is understood by the Business Committee that we must consider ways to implement an increase in the near future.

This was a long meeting but after approximately 4 hours it was decided it would be better to recess and take up the remainder of the agenda at a future date.

The new Business Committee has been in, what we refer to as a transition.

This is a time to review what we considered to be major components of the Tribal Organization. There is a lot of information being disseminated from a high level perspective. This week we expect to get into the detail of the FY2009 budget.

We are also incorporating some of the external demands into this schedule. As an example, Governor Doyle had his annual luncheon with Tribal leaders on the Forest County Potawatomi reservation in Carter, WI. All of his cabinet Secretaries were also in attendance. I, along with Brandon Stevens and Tehassi Hill attended the luncheon. Meeting with our State gov-

ernment is important communication that has proven to be beneficial for Oneida and all the Tribes in working out better relationships that convert to better services.

In closing, while our elections are a matter of record we must still be mindful of the election this fall for a new President and, here in our little part of Wisconsin, the need to re-elect Congressman Steve Kagen. John Gard has never been good for the Oneida Tribe or any Tribes in Wisconsin, as proven when he was in the State Assembly. And the Republican Party track record along this line falls far short of meeting our needs.

OBC Forum...

I'm excited for this new era and the next three years. The orientation and transition is starting off with great potential and vision. All of the new Business Committee members along with the continuing members are working hard to learn about everything, new and old, that is important and affects our tribe.

This last week of transition will be a good one. As a continuing council member, I have been learning right along with everyone else more about our history and culture. I also see teamwork being used throughout the transition, and I know this will be a huge asset as we move forward with future projects. I appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and willingness to learn. I can't say in words how excited I am to see everyone willing to soak up all the information being provided. I believe we are all starting off on the right foot and with good minds.

I would like to thank the community and the organization for their cooperation and support throughout the transition process. The transition is truly a great opportunity for all of us. We

learn about all the issues, we also learn about each other. We see the successes over the many years of our predecessors, which for me, makes it even easier to plan for the future. Looking at our past, current needs and stabilizing our economy and governance for the future will help us to be prepared to make well informed decisions and opinions when the transition is complete.

As we move into our new roles as members of the Business Committee 2008-2011, I have accepted the position of Chairwoman of the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC). As part of this new responsibility, I am going to work diligently with the Council to improve the processes and communications of the LOC. Working closer with the Business Committee, tribal members, employees, management and other tribal agencies is key to better communications. Some of the efforts toward improve-



Council Woman
Trish King

ment will include developing a more user-friendly legislative process and have better lines of communication on all aspects of the LOC, i.e. community meetings, targeted input requests,

meetings with impacted agencies, just to name a few. The LOC will set its goals and objectives to align and support the Business Committee's priorities. The LOC begins its meetings in October. Until the OBC has set its priorities, the LOC will work on updating its by-laws, simplifying procedures, and addressing legislative issues from the previous OBC and current issues of the GTC.

As I work to improve the outreach and communications of the LOC, I ask each of you take a responsible role in monitoring the Legislative Operating Committee's meeting agendas as well. You can find all the information about the

LOC and our current laws/policies on the internet at www.onloc.oneidationation.org. Please also note, the information on the website is continuously being updated, so I encourage you to visit often. Also, if you need to research information on any legislative item and you cannot locate the information on this site, please feel free to contact Peril Huff at (920)869-4376 for assistance.

The LOC held its first public hearing on August 19, 2008 regarding a Constitutional Amendment which would allow for voting in the general elections by absentee ballot. We received several comments orally and in written form at the public hearing, but we still want to hear from you. The deadline to submit comments to the Legislative Reference Office or the Tribal Secretary's office on this topic is 4:30 p.m. on September 3, 2008.

Once again, I'd like to thank everyone for their support in re-electing me to the Oneida Business Committee and I look forward to working together to move our Nation forward.

Letters & Opinions...

Valdor John Honored

It is with deep sadness that I honor the life of Valder John. Val brought honor to his own life and the lives of so many others. His service to our country was exemplary. Val served in Vietnam for three tours of duty. As a member of the Robert W. Cornelius VFW Post 7784, Val helped his fellow soldiers when they came back to Wisconsin.

I firmly believe that it is our duty as a nation and as a community to guarantee that those who serve in harm's way receive the benefits they have earned when they return home. Val embodied this spirit in so many ways.

Our community has lost a great leader in Valder John. My condolences to his family and all those who mourn his passing.

Congressman Steve Kagen, M.D.

The 2008 Oneida Tribal Election

I am very concerned about the process that was carried out. I have obtained a copy of the Oneida Election Board Special Meeting Minutes, Dated July 15, 2008. This is a quote from the minutes. "Motion by Richard Moss to put recount on hold approximately 6:55 p.m. until Chair returns from getting the accurate tabulator at her place of residence as eight (8) ballots are missing from the total amount of ballots."

What kind of election process is it where Election Board members can take anything that has to do with the election home and have it in their personal position! As stated above 8 ballots were missing. There were candidates who lost by less than 8 ballots, including the important position of Vice Chair of the Business Committee.

Also, when I voted, the pen that I was given to mark my ballot had in that went right through the paper to the other side of the ballot. I told Rocky Hill about it but she said it was ok. I have never seen anything like that in an election either.

Please attend the GTC meeting that will be coming up to address this election.

*Madelyn Genskow
E1859 Rural Road
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-256-1797*

Take Back the Site organizers say thanks

We would like to take this time to give a big thanks to all the people who supported our (take back the site) picnics we had this summer. The picnics were held at site II, site II, and "National Nite Out" picnic in three Sister's Park.

Opening prayers- Ron Hill, Dennis Danforth and our youth, -Edward Powless,

Oneida Police Dept. Eric Boulanger-Merlin Cornelius, Green Bay Police Dept. - Mike Erickson-Crime Director, Oneida Fir Dept.- Kurt Pelky, Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, Unity Youth Group

Live Music at all three sites- Cherry Bounce, Flying Feather Band, and Rockin Daddys

Food Organizers- Greg & Vicky Matson "its good tasting" Susan Daniels- Heifer international, W.T. Creations-Winnefred Thomas-Corrina

Oneida Arts Program-Gabrielle Metoxen

Oneida Casino, Oneida Singers, Oneida Conservation, D.P.W Oneida Apple Orchard, Tsyunhehkwa Retail, Oneida Intervention- Carla Gramma's Diner, Scotty's Potties and Oneida Housing Staff, who Participated.

You are all greatly appreciated it was such a great success, we apologize if we miss someone.

Isabel Parker, Breezy and Michelle Jordan and O.H.A

Lack of communication

There seems to be a lack of communications in the community, a lack of knowing what's going on. The way our people find out things seems to be word of mouth or the Kalihwisaks. I found myself not knowing things and I sometimes wonder why. I think I read enough. The information just somehow isn't there.

So, since I'm on the Oneida Nation Commission On Aging (ONCOA), I will share with you my report on the CWAG conference held July 10 - 11 2008 at the Radisson Inn. CWAG (Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups) is a grassroots membership organization directed by seniors, pursues justice and quality of life for people of all ages through legal and legislative advocacy, education and leadership development. Its good for our people to attend conferences because we can learn a lot from them. I've gone to many

conferences for ONCOA and learn many things. The things I learn are written in reports to ONCOA.

However, the things I learn doesn't get into the community. So, the Kali is publishing my ONCOA report in this issue. I hope you read it and find something of interest. Just a note, Tom Frazier, Executive Director of CWAG, observed that the majority of the people in the county are following a path of ignorance and apathy, "I don't know, I don't care" attitude when it comes to health care. Is this "path of ignorance and apathy, 'I don't know, I don't care' attitude" seems to be a part of our culture, part of "a lack of knowing what's going on?"

Hugh Danforth

Athelete enjoyed Indigenous Games

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) were held in British Columbia, Canada this year. I got to participate in them and travel to a new place. I got to meet many new people and learn many new things. One of my favorite parts of the games was the opening ceremony. We paraded down the street yelling and cheering for Team Wisconsin. Then we went down to opening grounds where each team was introduced. When we

walked through we were on TV. People were cheering and yelling as we walked through and sat on the bench. I looked around and I was surprised to see so many faces and people cheering. As all the teams sat down we got to see people dancing, singing and drumming. It was an outstanding thing to see.

Another one of my good memories would be going to watch the basketball games. Some of the games were very close and intense. My friends and I didn't care who was playing, we would just go and watch the games, but going to watch the Team Wisconsin older boys play it was fun. We got to cheer and have a good time. We didn't always stay the whole game, but it was fun to watch. We tried to watch Team Wisconsin when they played for the gold, but it was way too busy and packed to sit anywhere. We had to stand to watch them. The boys went through a very intense game, but they pulled through and took home the gold.

I played on the midget basketball team also with seven other girls. Some of us girls already had a bond because we went to the last games in Denver with each other. We played well as a team. There were some pretty aggressive teams there, but we managed

to hang in and win some games. We won three and lost one, taking second in a pool and third over all. We each got bronze metals.

I'm very thankful for being able to travel all the way to British Columbia for the

Indigenous Games this year to play basketball. It was a blast and hopefully I can go the next time. I hope to keep moving forward on my sports and hopefully the rest of the athletes will do the same.

Megan Polar



Kalihwisaks

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Minutes



Oneida Business Committee Meeting Minutes

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING August 6, 2008 Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair, Trish King - Council member. Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Paul Ninham - Council member, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer, Vince DelaRosa - Council member, Patty Hoelt - Secretary, Melinda J. Danforth - Council member, Edward Delgado - Council member

Others Present: Elaine Doxtator, Briana Doxtator, Marlene Ninham, Mike King, Dionne Jacobs, Barb Skenandore, Tehassi Hill, Nathalie Benton, Jen Green, Matthew Green, Lori Danforth, Jim Van Stippen, Nate Wisneski, Scott Denny, Brad Graham, Pete King III, Pearl McLestor, Cheryl Stevens, Vicki Cornelius, Brandon Stevens, Kathrine Jordan, Jennifer Hill Kelley, Racquel Hill, Laura House, Dellora Cornelius, Brian Beaulieu, Julie Denny, Debbie Danforth, Wanda Diemel, James Gollnick, Kitty Melchert, Jason Johnson, Marsha Danforth, Florence Petri, Mary Jo Nash, Pamela F. Ninham, Pat Pelky, Shirley Hill, William Cornelius, Louise Cornelius, Patricia Ulrich, Gloria Wheelock, Cathy L. Metoxen, Debra Ushaka, Marjorie E. Stevens, Winnifred L. Thomas, Tyrone Wheelock, Erv Wheelock, Tina Danforth, Kalleen Denny, Jasmine R. House, Linda S. Dallas, Shirley Jennings, Luther Laster, Linda Powless,

Opening Prayer: Richard Baird

Special Recognitions: 25 years of service recognition to Laura House by Gaming General Manager Neil Cornelius

Recognition to Jerry Hill by Chairman Gerald Danforth

Recognition to the Oneida Language Program
by Chairman Gerald Danforth

Introduction of 2008-2009 Royalty by Iris Metoxen; Miss Oneida Tashina Red Hail, Junior Miss Oneida Justine Mehajah, Lil' Miss Oneida Kevonna Neal

Recognition to Lisa Summers by Chairman Gerald Danforth

1. Call to Order Chairman Gerald Danforth at 9:32 a.m.

2. Oath of Office

Oneida Child Protective Board

Wesley Martin administered by Patty Hoelt July 17, 2008

Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Board

Christopher P. Carusona II administered by Vince DelaRosa July 22, 2008

Chris Luttrell administered by Vince DelaRosa July 22, 2008

Debra L. Fabian Matson administered by Vince DelaRosa July 22, 2008

Kim M. Reyes administered by Vince DelaRosa July 22, 2008

Oneida Environmental Resource Board

Richard Baird administered by Ed Delgado July 29, 2008

3. Approval of the Agenda

a. Additions Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2008

b. Deletions

c. Moves

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the agenda with adding the Finance Committee meeting minutes of July 22, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes to be Approved

July 7, 2008 Special Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the July 7, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

July 9, 2008 Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the July 9, 2008 Business Committee minutes with the correction of the spelling of Earnie to Ernie on page one of nine, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

July 29, 2008 Special Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the July 29, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business

Oneida Police Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr./July/Oct) David Webster

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: Motion by Paul Ninham to table the Oneida Police Commission quarterly report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Remain on table

6. Reports

a. Oneida Tribal School Board (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct) Debbie Danforth – submitted

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Oneida Tribal School Board quarterly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Oneida Housing (Monthly) Susan House – submitted

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Oneida Housing monthly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ombudsman (Monthly) Matt Cornelius – submitted

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Ombudsman report to the Aug. 20 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Oneida Appeals Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct) Winnifred Thomas – submitted

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Oneida Appeals Commission quarterly report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct) Lois Strong – submitted

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct) Brenda Mendolla-Buckley – submitted

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Lance Broberg - submitted

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

h. North American Indigenous Games Update (Monthly) Scott Murray – submitted

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the North American Indigenous Games monthly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Travel Reports

1. Gerald Danforth RE: National Indian Gaming Association July 22-24, 2008

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer travel report from Gerald Danforth regarding National Indian Gaming Association July 22 through 24, 2008 to the Aug. 20 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Like Services update

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Like Services update as FYI with another update report due July 23, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Like Services update report, seconded by Patty Hoelt. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Smits Farm Residential

Development Plan

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: Motion by Patty Hoelt to direct the General Manager to bring back an explanation to the July 23 Business Committee meeting explaining the comprehensive development for residential uses for the Smits farm site, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Smits Farm Residential Development plan, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approval of the Indian Housing Plans

(IHP) for the years 2003-2007

Excerpt from June 13, 2008: Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer the IHPs for the years 2003-2007 back to the Oneida Housing Authority and to bring back the changes within 30 days, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoelt to approve the Indian Housing Plans for the years 2003-2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoelt, Transition Team RE: New BC Transition Plan update

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: Motion by Patty Hoelt to direct the Transition Team to report to the Business Committee on the progress of creating the transition plan at the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the new Business Committee transition plan update, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoelt RE: Status on Oneida Health Board and Anna John

Nursing Home Board

Excerpt from June 25, 2008: Motion by Patty Hoelt to defer to the July 3 Joint Executive Staff meeting and to report back to the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoelt to defer the status report on the Oneida Health Board and Anna John Nursing Home Board to a September Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mercie Danforth RE: \$250K or More Contract Report

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Action: Motion by Patty Hoelt to accept the \$250K and More Contract report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Gerald Danforth RE: 4 Fires Trust Fund contribution

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Oneida Land Claim Tour

Land Claims Commission Corner

The New York Homeland Tour 2008



Submitted by Jennifer M. Stevens

Tour Coordinator

The Oneida Land Claims Commission had their fourth New York Homeland Tour this August 3-9, 2008. The objective of the tour was to give Oneida community members an opportunity to see our original ancestral land in Central New York with in the Oneida and Madison County boundaries. The goal of the trip was designed for our passengers to learn more about the Oneida history by seeing significant historical sites such as; Chittenango Falls, Nichols Pond (Champlain Battlefield), Camping on Oneida Lake, Fort Stanwix, Willet Museum, Oriskany Battlefield Solemn Ceremony, Erie Canal Boat Cruise, and the Shakowi Cultural Center & Gift Shop on the Oneida Territory.

The Oneida Land Claims Commission brought a 55 passenger bus to New York State. This year's passengers were: Mark Powless Sr., Kristy Dunlap and David Batiste, Brian Dessart, Penny, Jesus, Juan, and Jessica Hernandez, Jamie Better and Kyle Wisneski, Beverly Skenandore, Justin Doxtater, John De Corah and Joyce Skenandore, Christopher Carusona, Dwight Hill, Terry Hetzel, Yolanda Hernandez, Veronica Hernandez, Jesinia Ninham, Sherry and Brandon Jubert, Randy Cornelius, Kathe Cornelius, and Ruby Arnold, Jackie Hill, Simon DeCoteau, Lydia Rambalski and Carol House, Muriel Krogman, Tina Cotrell, Elaine Skenandore-Cornelius, Sylvia, Karissa, and Hanna Waupoose, Dorothy Danforth, June Jabas, Rober, William, and Oscar Schuyler, Bradley and Heather Skenandore, and Denise Thompson. Our goal is to give everyone a chance to go on our tours, although we can't accommodate sixteen-thousand Oneida members, they still have the option to register if they would like to participate in future tours.

First of all, the trip started out a warm welcome from a familiar face, our Bus Driver, Jeff Le Breck from Lamers Bus Inc., Rita Lara the Oneida Museum Director racing frantically to the bus to put reserved seating for staff and Elders, Passengers loaded their luggage, and Bob Brown burned tobacco and saying prayers for our safe journey to our New York Homelands. Finally everyone was settled on the bus just ready to pull out of the drive way and one last straggler arrived... Beverly Skenandore. Sooo just when we thought we were going to start our long journey to New York our bus driver, Jeff helped her load her 10 bags of luggage that wasn't including her carry-ons! WEW! Little bit of an exaggeration but we were happy to gather all our ducklings and start our journey to New York. We planned on leaving August 3, 2008 at 9:00 AM and have to say we left at 9:30 AM which is a MIRACLE for a whole bus load of Oneidas-usually they like to go on turtle time.

We entertained the restless Oneidas with movies, snacks, and beverages, not to mention a shared joke here and there.

Rita Lara entertained the crowd with a game to find out what our passengers really knew about the Oneida people. You would be surprised that some people didn't know the three clans and some had to show off and name practically all of them like Mark Powless Sr. In fact he was sitting proud coming in first while leaving everyone in the dust with a lot of the answers. Of course Loretta V. Metoxen our Tribal Historian and Randy Cornelius were a head of the crowd so we tried to avoid asking them any questions! I believe Rita Lara asked Randy to give us the three clans in German. So he was thrown off a bit!

Back to Snack and Beverages...I left the JTPA youth Aiyana Cruz and Derek Jourdan in charge of the snacks throughout the trip and they coerced and designated other youth to help participate in the Snack and Beverage Homeland Tour Experience. Yolanda Hernandez asked frequently if she could help. Soon enough the youth on the tour participated in one way or another to keep our stomachs full and bodies hydrated on this long long...journey not to mention they even passed bags down the bus for the trash. Thanks to them we would be starved and dehydrated not to mention stuck in a dirty bus!

Ahhh again memory lane...our New York Homelands Tour 2008... We weren't very far not even in Chicago and I hear, "Jennifer, are we there yet!?" "Hey, ahh...Jennifer, how long will it take to get there?" I thought for a moment I was hearing children asking these questions but they were grown adults!

We finally arrived to New York and ate at Grazianos, an Italian restaurant in New York. If you haven't been to Central New York, you'll notice there are a lot of authentic Italian restaurants there-you barely see franchises there. So that was a cultural exchange for us as well and the food was great...especially the pasta, chicken, and Blackberry Ice Cream. The 55 and over stayed at Days Inn and the 54 and under including myself and most of the staff camped at Verona Beach State Park on Oneida Lake. Although some of us forgot our sleeping bags we tried to make due and provide them where they were needed. All in all, we were able to sit around the fire, share stories, get acquainted, eat some smores and toast marshmallows-in most cases turn them into torch lights. And we had to give the children neon bracelets and necklaces...they thought it was fun but also a great tracking device when needed!

Day three finally arrived...August 5. I was anxious to get us started and head for Nichols Pond Park, Also known as Champlain Battlefield-some of us favored the Grain pits and Indian Springs across the street from Nichols Pond Park. We loaded back on the bus and headed for one of the prettiest historic locations on our itinerary, Chittenango Falls. I haven't seen any failing photos yet of the falls and we spent a good two hours eating lunch, taking pictures, hiking, and enjoying playing in the water along the banks

August 6 came up quick,

although we had some rain the campers survived, I had the best sleep through out the trip hearing the rain trickle on the tent. It felt so good to be close to Oneida Lake-I felt so safe there. The next morning still sprinkling we all gradually packed up and headed for Rome, New York to see Fort Stanwix and the Oriskany Battlefield. During a survey on the bus passengers not only liked Chittenango Falls, they also enjoyed the Willet Museum(Loretta V. Metoxen was one of the main advisors for the history of this museum.), watching and participating in the Weapon(guns) Demonstrations they were able to talk and meet fellow Oneidas such as Nate George(of Oneida, New York) who participates in "Live History," he calls it vs. reenactments to provide individuals opportunities to see how the Oneidas and fellow soldiers dressed, talked, and acted during the time when the Fort Stanwix was built.

Later that evening we all arrived at the Oriskany Battlefield where a Solemn Ceremony was held for all the lives lost there on the battlefield including hundreds of Oneidas-some that are direct relatives to most Oneidas of Wisconsin. Brian Patterson whom is on the Men's Council for the Oneida Community of New York said some good words. He made an announcement that the Oneidas of Wisconsin traveled a long way to participate in the event and said, "Welcome Home." His words hit home with a lot of the passengers including myself. Being the coordinator of our Homeland Tours and this my second year...That was the first time anyone has said that to me. I have to say, I was stunned at first, and taking in the hearing of the guns being fired, and the soldiers in uniform, and seeing the Oneida men in their traditional clothing it definitely got me choked up. After the ceremony the passengers and I were able to mingle and talk to some of the Oneidas from New York and received a warm welcome.

August 7, 2008 was finally here our last main Tour Day for the Homelands tour. Everyone loaded on the bus and we headed towards the Erie Canal to experience a boat cruise to go through the Lock-throughs of the Erie Canal. Land Claims Commissioner, Rita Summers stated that this was her second year attended the Home Lands Tour and through experiencing the trip the second time and being more educated on the historical sites she said, "I was able to understand the Erie Canal; how it took it's part and served its purpose for the transportation." Loretta V. Metoxen, the Land Claims Commission Chair and Tour Historian explained to the passengers that one of the main reasons the Oneidas were relocated to Wisconsin was because New York State wanted to build the Erie Canal and our Homelands was right in the heart of New York State. She also explained that the Erie Canal in the early 1820s was served as today's I-90-a major transportation Route. I myself learned that some of our very ancestors had to ride Barges from our original homelands through the locks, and major lakes such as; Lake Ontario, Erie,



Photo courtesy of Jennifer M. Stevens

Members of the 2008 New York Homeland Tour participate in a historical reenactment at Fort Stanwix in Rome, New York.

Huron, and Michigan to finally arrive on the shores of Green Bay.

After the Erie Canal we drove to the Oneida Territory and saw the Shakowi Cultural Center. The passengers were able to see the museum, Oneida artifacts and gift shop. This years tour really liked to shop till they dropped so I tried to leave them at the Museum and gift shop for as long as I could! Jeff Le Breck, the Bus Driver, Reggie, and me raced to the airport to drop off our car rentals and had to chuckle...We were getting phone calls that they were done shopping and wanted to know when the bus was coming. That is a miracle in itself-the only reason I think they were getting restless again was because they bought the store out and it closed at 4:30! We learned quickly that this bus tour was filled with passengers that really like to SHOP! I have to say Kathe...You are a Shopping Queen Mean Machine-Kathe Cornelius has me shopped out by far!! Loretta V. Metoxen had to make a couple announcements that this trip is not about shopping, it's about learning about the history of our people...We couldn't bear it anymore so we finally broke down that night and took a group to What...? What store do most Oneidas shop at? It doesn't matter if you are from New York, Canada or Wisconsin...where ever they are! I swear in my travels and meeting other Oneidas-one way to tell they have Oneida blood is you see them at WAL-MART!

August 8 snuck up on us and we had to head home. Again we stayed at Maumee, Ohio and the kids, staff, passengers enjoyed the local restaurants, and the pool, while others went to their rooms to rest up for the next day.

August 9 was finally here-I couldn't believe how fast the tour was and you could tell some passengers REALLY couldn't wait to get home. Again I started to hear the famous questions and we weren't very far not even in Chicago and I hear, "Jennifer, are we there yet!?" "Hey, ahh...Jennifer, how long will it take to get there?" "Jennifer, do we have to stop for dinner? Can't we just drive straight through!?" Of course we had to thank a major player on this bus tour, our bus driver...Jeff Le Breck. He has been our bus driver for the two recent tours, not once complained, treated our Oneida members with great care, genuine concern,

and respect. Not just because he was working-it was just natural to his demeanor. Everyone thanks him at our last stop before we got home. We passed cards around and the Commission thanked him with some gifts on behalf of anyone. We'll hopefully get Jeff Le Breck for our bus Driver as long as we can. He knows the tour route by the back of his hand and very efficient.

To get us back on track with more of memory lane of the New York Homelands Tour 2008...I have never seen Oneidas move so fast! Although it took us a bit to get everyone on the bus when leaving for New York...boy I never seen such a site, Oneidas every where grabbing their luggage, loading their cars as fast as they could, and in a snap the trip was over... We left the Oneida Turtle School and returned to the Oneida Turtle School all in one piece. Bob Brown's and everyone else's prayers and good thoughts truly helped us have a safe, fun, educational and memorable journey to our New York Homelands and back.

Last but not Least...The Land Claims Commission, Loretta V. Metoxen, Chair, Wendel McLester, Vice Chair, Charlene Cornelius, Secretary, and Commissioners Amelia Cornelius, Rita Summers, and Hugh Danforth would like give a special thanks to the Oneida Cultural Heritage Center for Sponsor \$15,000 for this year's event and providing their staff Loretta V. Metoxen, Reggie Doxtater, Lou Williams Jr. and Michelle Danforth, Bob Browns good prayers, the Oneida Museum with their beautiful gift package donations, photos and video footage and their staff Rita Lara, Sara Summers, Josh Gerzetch, and David Hernandez, Land Claims Commission staff Jennifer M. Stevens Tour Coordinator, Judith L. Jourdan, whom did a beautiful job with the Tour Activity Book, and our JTPA staff Aiyana Cruz and Derek Jourdan, Oneida Health Center for their RN Yvonne Cornelius, and gift donations from the Oneida Bingo and Casino, Oneida Land Management, and Oneida Tourism, Mark Powless for sharing his good words on the tour, Liz Obomsowin, from Oneida New York, for joining us on the Erie Canal to sharing more Oneida history, and most of all, for Loretta V. Metoxen for going on the tour sharing your wisdom, knowledge of our history, and insatiable leadership-a great role

model for our community and our youth.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge two of our staff whom are mourning at this time:

Our sympathies go to Judith L. Jourdan and Hugh Danforth and their families and friends. We would like to send our heartfelt sympathy for Judith L. Jourdan whom lost her brother, Ronald W. Jourdan August 12, 2008 and Hugh Danforth's Brother, Arthur D. Danforth on August 14, 2008. Sorry for your loss-our hearts go out to you and your families.

Well...it was another enjoyable homelands Tour. Through a survey on the bus the passengers favored Chittenango Falls, Fort Stanwix, and the Oriskany Battlefield Solemn Ceremony. On that note...I look forward to crossing paths with past New York Tour Passengers and meeting future ones. The Oneida Land Claims Commission will be having these tours every year and look forward to giving more Oneidas the opportunity to learn about our rich history as Oneida People.

I know that some of the passengers weren't appreciating the confinement of a bus for 4 hours at a time but can you imagine being on a boat or barge with out breaks from New York to Green Bay? At least our journey to New York and back was an individual's choice. I don't know many Oneidas today that would like to be put in the circumstances our ancestors were put in having to travel a long distance on a boat and a good percentage were traveling to our new reservation in Wisconsin not by choice. Questions that come to my mind are...How well were they fed, treated, and clothed to face such a long journey? Were they treated like Kings and Queens or cattle just so they can also face their own "Trail of Tears," and leaving behind their families, ancestral lands, life long memories, and most of all their identity as Oneida people. I try not to think too hard to imagine what our ancestors had to face and what they sacrificed for us and our children to follow. Sure the bus may have been crowded and we got restless at times, but by our ancestor's sacrifices I think we had it pretty good.

I'll sign off here and the passengers of this year's New York Homeland Tour 2008 know the rest of the stories...

~Jennifer M. Stevens
Tour Coordinator
(LCC Executive Assistant)

State/National

Is McCain's history with Indians helping?

By Erica Werner

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – This election year, Native Americans will have a rare opportunity to vote for a candidate who knows their issues well and has worked with them for years.

Yet, Republican presidential candidate John McCain's long history with Indian country may be hurting him as much as helping.

As a senator from Arizona, a state with more than 20 federally recognized tribes, McCain has spent two decades on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, including two stints as chairman. But some Native Americans are angry over McCain's attempts while chairman from 2005 to 2006 to put more regulations on Indian casinos. They say he should have been more focused on Indian health care and other needs.

Some also resent McCain's decision to refuse campaign donations from tribal governments.

By contrast, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, is taking their money.

McCain faces other challenges in Indian country, where Native Americans tend to vote heavily Democratic. Though Indians make up just about 1 percent of the U.S. population, they comprise key voting blocs in states where they're concentrated such as North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Alaska and New Mexico.

Despite his lack of background in tribal affairs - there are no federally recognized tribes in Illinois - Obama is making a big play for those votes, with lots of help from former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, a widely respected figure in Indian country.

On the donations, McCain's advisers say tribes should spend their money on their own needs, not on politicians. But some Indians feel their money has been viewed as tainted ever since an investigation that was started by

McCain found that Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff was ripping off tribal clients.

Some tribes say they were the victims of that scandal, not participants in it, and have every right to make political donations.

McCain "couldn't claim any major legislative victories during his tenure as chairman concerning Indian country," said J. Kurt Luger, executive director of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association in Bismarck, North Dakota. "He put forward a piece of legislation that would have added more burdensome regulation to our gaming industry at a time when our federal funding was at its lowest point."

To counter McCain's long history, Obama has met eight times with tribal leaders, opened campaign offices on reservations, run a radio ad in the Navajo language and released an Indian policy platform more than a year ago.

It's making an impression.

Obama has "really reached out more, I think," said A. Gay Kingman, executive director of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association.

Kingman said her group hoped for a meeting with McCain when he was in South Dakota this month, but it didn't happen. The McCain campaign cites scheduling conflicts.

"We were very disappointed because we've had a long history with Sen. McCain and I know that if he personally had gotten the message, he might have met with us. But we couldn't get to him," Kingman said.

McCain's campaign responds that none of Obama's promises can match McCain's years of service on Indian Affairs. The campaign has a long list of McCain's accomplishments for Indian country, including his sponsorship of the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994, which aimed for more self-sufficient tribal government; legislation to address

methamphetamine use in Indian country; and authorship of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act.

They also cite his work to update the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Critics note that the bill didn't actually pass the Senate until this year, with Democrat Sen. Byron Dorgan chairing Indian Affairs.

"Sen. Obama's going to have to meet with (tribes) on a daily basis to catch up with the 25 years Sen. McCain has spent on their issues," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, senior policy director to McCain. "I don't think there's anything that even looks like a horse race in terms of intimacy of association and familiarity with the issues."

For some Native Americans, it may come down to a choice between the devil you know and the devil

you don't - a phrase Obama himself has used about the campaign.

"Sen. McCain knows us intimately, so he knows our strengths as well as our weaknesses, so that could play good and bad for us," said Jacqueline Johnson, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians. "Sen. Obama is newer to this field.

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From Page 7A/Minutes

seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion withdrawn.

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to recess at 5:05 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow Aug. 7, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES REGULAR RECONVENED MEETING August 7, 2008 Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair, Trish King - Council member, Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Paul Ninham - Council member, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer, Vince DelaRosa - Council member, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Melinda J. Danforth - Council member, Edward Delgado - Council member

Others Present: Elaine Doxtator, Tim Huff, Louise Cornelius, B. Dickson, Jim Von Stippen, Racquel Hill, Eleanora Smith, Tana Aguirre, Brandon Stevens, Noreen Smith, Brian Beaulien, Rosa Melchert, Tehassi Hill, Jeanette Ninham, Nate Wisneski, Laura Marthe, Mat Kimstron, Dottie Krull, Gina Powless Buenrostro, Debbie Danforth, Elizabeth Steinfeldt, Kim Mehojah, Derek Denny, Jeff Bvozban, Marjorie Stevens, Rich Figueroa, M. Metoxen, R. Metoxen, Cathy L. Metoxen, Linda Dallas, and other people, who's names are unreadable.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Gerald Danforth at 10:05 a.m.

b. Requests

1. Patty Hoeft, Racquel Hill

RE: Approval of the certification of the 2008 election results

Except from Aug. 6, 2008: Motion by Trish King to defer the acceptance of the election board results until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Oppose: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to declare the official election results, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Patty Hoeft, Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa, Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to adjourn at 11:03 a.m., seconded by Mercie Danforth. Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on August 20, 2008.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Protecting Wisconsin's Children from Internet Predators



By JB Van Hollen
Attorney General

Our kids are our most precious resource. Families work very hard to raise them, pass along values and traditions, educate them, and give them every opportunity to achieve their dreams. At the Department of Justice, we also work very hard to protect them. Nowhere is this commitment greater than in our efforts to fight Internet predators.

While the Internet has opened many doors for our children, from education to communication to entertainment, it has also become an active crime scene. Online sex predators use technology to connect with kids, using all the tools they use: instant messaging, picture and video trading, chat rooms, web cameras, web microphones, social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook, and even online gaming networks like X-Box Live.

Child pornographers have invaded the Internet in many forms. Commercial websites, often located abroad, find an endless supply of customers in the U.S., including in Wisconsin. Others use chat rooms to obtain and trade images and movies, while some simply use their own digital cameras, camcorders, or cell phones to manufacture images. As for cell phones, have you heard the term "sexting?" It refers to sexually explicit chat through text messaging that used to take place only in Internet chat rooms. Often, predators use cell phones after meeting children online.

Predators also use file sharing programs like LimeWire, which many parents believe are just used for music. We have identified approximately 15,000 separate computers in our state that possess and offer to distribute this filth.

Nationally, the story is no different. Statistics kept by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) illustrate the scope of the problem:

- Since 1992, for example, NCMEC's Child Recognition and Identification System (CRIS) has reviewed more than 15 million child

pornography images and movies seized by law enforcement.

- Since 1998, NCMEC's Cyber Tipline has received more than 600,000 reports of suspected online child exploitation taking place around the country, including some one-thousand tips referred to our ICAC.

To make matters more disturbing, surveys have shown a correlation between child pornographers and child molesters. In 2005, sobering results were released from a study at the Federal Correctional Institution in Buttner, North Carolina. Researchers indicated that of about 200 federal inmates convicted of Internet child pornography crimes, some 89% admitted to molesting children as well.

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force of my office's Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is dedicated to identifying and arresting those predators. Since 1998, the ICAC Task Force has arrested more than 600 offenders and executed more than 800 search warrants. To help prevent kids from becoming victims, and to help parents, teachers, and child welfare advocates better protect kids, we have educat-

ed more than 160,000 citizens of all ages across Wisconsin. Parents are the first line of defense in protecting their children from online predators. We have included some tips for parents to help protect their children.

At my request, in its last budget, the state legislature funded two additional Special Agent positions for our ICAC Task Force, as well as three new forensic computer analyst positions. Those specialists perform the critical task of finding and analyzing digital evidence, sometimes right after agents seize it. This teamwork often allows us to take the predator into custody literally within an hour from the time a search warrant is executed.

Our DCI professionals partner with a growing list of local law enforcement agencies throughout the state. We now have 55 ICAC affiliates throughout the state, more than doubling our partnerships since 2006. Additionally, we work hand-in-hand with our federal counterparts to investigate crimes against children that result in a wide-range of federal charges.

Let Internet predators take note. My commitment is unceasing. We will identify you, arrest you, and take you off the street; we will follow you to every area of the Internet, no matter where you try to hide; and we will work together in law enforcement to stay one step ahead of you.

The Oneida Planning Department and
The Planning & Design Institute (PDI)
are sponsoring a

Comprehensive Plan Summit

The purpose of the summit is to present the results and findings of the Oneida Reservation Comprehensive Plan and to provide information about the next steps of the Comprehensive Planning Process. The Oneida Reservation Comprehensive Plan sets broad policies and guidelines for future growth and development. The plan will serve as the basis for both daily and long-range decisions that will influence the development of the physical, social, political, economic, aesthetic, and other related factors of the community.

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
Radisson Hotel and Convention Center
Three Clans Ballroom

Please plan to attend one of the three consecutive sessions:

- Session One: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- Session Two: 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Deli Lunch at 12:00 noon
- Session Three: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet at 5:00 p.m.

Attorney General Van Hollen: Internet Safety Tips for Parents

- **Be an Active Parent.** Keep open lines of communications with kids about Internet use. This process should begin as soon as a child gets online.
- **Prepare Your Children for the Online World as You Do the Real World.** Make no mistake, the online world is real, and so are its dangers. Talk to your children about the benefits and dangers of the Internet. You tell your kids not to jump into a stranger's car alone and why that's dangerous; tell them why they shouldn't travel the Internet Highway alone and why

- that is dangerous.
- **Watch Internet Use.** Internet predators are watching your kids online. You need to be, too. One suggestion: keep computers in common areas.
- **Use Software Resources.** Use filters that block inappropriate websites or online services that are harmful to kids. Consider installing monitoring software, which records everything kids do online, from instant messaging to videos to picture trading.
- **It's Not Just the Computer.** Find out how your kids are communicating and understand the

- technology. If you can't appropriately supervise use, don't allow it.
- **Report Online Exploitation.** Call local law enforcement or the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force at (608) 266-1671.
- **Find Out More.** Visit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's "net smartz" websites. www.netsmartz411.org is geared to help parents; www.netsmartz.org includes information for parents, kids, educators, and law enforcement. We use these materials. You should too.

SEOTS

South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

SEOTS Office Hours:
M-T-W-TH-F: 8-4:30PM, CLOSED NOON TO
1:00PM FOR LUNCH
Call for available weekend hours, 414-329-4101

For Your Info...

Housing Information

If you have any questions regarding housing in Oneida, please give the Housing Authority a call. Call **1-800-236-2214** and ask for the Housing Authority and ask to speak with Lisa Vega or Julie Cornelius.

FYI - Sweat Lodge

Women's Sweat Lodge in the community is held weekly by a community member. For information call **383-7072** and ask for Dona.

Information around the city
211 Impact - Simply call 211 for help with life/food/shelter/health/crisis intervention, etc.

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

Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center: 414-383-9526

Milwaukee Indian Manpower at Spotted Eagle High School **414-342-0706**

Domestic Violence - Milwaukee Women's Center: **414-272-5132**

Domestic Violence Task Force Contact Person - Bagwajikwe Madosh **345-8688**

Indian Council for the Elderly Meals on Monday and Friday -11:30am, 631 N. 19th St. at Redeemer Lutheran Church - First Friday of the month at 5pm. Phone # **414-934-8096**

Indian Community School **414-345-3060**

American Indian Council on Alcoholism **414-671-2200**.

Computers Available
At the SEOTS office daily.
Call for details **414-384-7740**

SEOTS Mission...

Our mission is to provide for the well-being of On-yote-a-ka in southeastern Wisconsin; preserving our culture and environment for the next seven generations.

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you! Check your Kalihwisaks for SEOTS News once a month for a listing of events. The office is located at: 6820 W. Wedgewood Drive. Phone: **(414) 329-4101**

Summer Fun and Summer Work

Submitted by **Deb Ushakow**
SEOTS

We had a busy and great summer at SEOTS this year! Our office was privileged to have two very hard workers for the summer. Oneida offered a youth workers program and we took advantage of that with open arms. We were gifted with two fine young men Benno and Devin. Since we just moved to our site there was much to be done. We put them to work each and everyday. Various duties included painting, spackling, setting up shelves, cleaning, unpacking boxes, hanging bulletin boards, organizing office equipment and stocking inventory. At election time Devin and Benno set up the room where it was to be held and painted signs for the election. If you called and heard a male's voice it was either one of the teens answering the phones and taking messages. We felt it was important for them to learn phone etiquette, communication skill, file, take messages and enter data on the computer.

Not only did we have them work hard, but we had fun! Music is something we all like, and we took turns listening to each others music! Country, rock, hip hop and rap! We all learned a little bit about each other.

Benno and Devin were helpful, eager to learn and fun to work with. We hope that they will be able to use some of the skills they learned for the future. The staff enjoyed their company and it was a pleasure to be able to have two wonderful young men work and be a part of the staff at the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services office. We

wish Devin and Benno a great future!

What's been happening at SEOTS over the summer?

- We had two great teens Devin Ninham and Benno Salzman complete various jobs assigned to them and they taught us new music!
- Staff has worked daily to get the office in shape
- Kids Klub was attended with 18 youth, teaching cultural history, making corn husk dolls, going swimming and mini-golf.
- We had our yearly SEOTS picnic at the Wehr Nature center with a Scavenger Hunt
- The Pink Shawl Ladies had monthly meetings at Seots, planning for Indian Summer, Koman cancer walk and making moccasins.
- The Oneida Singers practice weekly and have been traveling to Oneida practicing for an event happening out East this fall
- Presentations this month about the SEOTS Agency for referral and information was at the Fire Departments training facility and one for Health Care Watch.
- Staff helped volunteers prepare for the Candidate Forum
- Staff make approximately 6 trips per month for medication, van trips, meetings and GTC meetings. Some of these trips include taking tribal members for doctor appointments, GTC meetings, visiting relatives, fun trips and various other SEOTS outings. (The total of trips can vary each month)
- Intake for medication for one month averages 650

- medication orders
- Phone intake for staff over a 3 month period averaged 1586 calls. One month lowest at 966 calls with the highest of 2296 calls. That included script orders, community support, education, enrollment, notary, housing, medical information, computer education and job search.
- Walk-ins averaged over a 3 month period 330 per month with the lowest at 209, and the highest at 456 visits.

SEOTS THANK YOU TO ALL THAT MADE OUR DREAM COME TRUE!

SEOTS office moved to 68th and Morgan and the SEOTS staff, board members and staff members from Oneida, were a big part of helping this dream become a reality. It was a lot of team work, including going above and beyond to make the move a success. The staff (Anne, Carmen, Deb and Sharon)



Drive in Milwaukee.

Pink Shawl at Indian Summer

The Wisconsin Pink Shawl Initiative will be at Indian Summer this year again. They will have an information table and be a part of the Grand Entry at 1:00pm and 7:00pm on Saturday. The Blessing will be at 12:00pm on Saturday at the Oneida Village that is near the center of the grounds near the entrance. Bring your shawls and if possible wear a skirt (preferably dark) for the Grand Entries

Looking for volunteers for Indian Summer for SEOTS and Pink Shawl Table

Please give us a call to volunteer at **414-329-4101**.

Next MARIN Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 24th

Time: 12:00pm
Place: SEOTS Office, 6811 W. Morgan Avenue - Front Entrance
Potluck and bring any information to share

Contact List for SEOTS

SEOTS Board would like the community to sign up on a contact mailing list. This would help the office to

inform you of any changes and or short notices for meetings and classes etc. Please call SEOTS at **414-329-4101**

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Regular Events...

Oneida Singers

Date: Mondays, September 1, 18, 15, 22 & 29

Time: 6:30pm

Place: SEOTS - Contact person John House **(414) 443-0301**

Veterans Walk-in with Rodney Pearsall - Benefits Specialist

Date: Thursday, September 4rd

Time: 10:00 - 1:00pm

Veteran's contact person for Color Guard - Leon House **(414) 543-1622**

Circle of Healing Group Information

Please Call Rodney Pearsall for registration, information, and time of meeting

Rodney Pearsall - Milwaukee Vets Center - **414-536-1301**

Meeting will be held at SEOTS

Computer Lab

Open Daily for use (unless reserved for class)

SEOTS Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 9 & 23

Time: 6:00pm

Van Trip

Date: Wednesday, September 17

Time: Departs SEOTS at 8am and returns by 6:00pm

Med Pick-up

Dates: Wednesday, September 3, 10, 17 & 24th

MUST BE CALLED IN the Friday BEFORE the Wednesday Pick-up.

Events are open to all Oneida's wherever you may live!

Photo courtesy of Deb Ushakow

Devin Ninham and Benno Salzman painted letters on the windows outside the SEOTS offices. They also completed various jobs assigned to them such as helping the staff move into the new location at 6820 W. Wedgewood Drive, and they taught us new music!

Place: SEOTS, 6811 W. Morgan

Please come to the front of the building, enter at the west door

Language Class

Please call for an update on the starting language class **414-329-4101**

New Procedure

Dispensing Medications at SEOTS

Please note: Beginning September 11, 2008 persons coming to SEOTS to pick up medications - **ON THURSDAYS ONLY** - will enter the building through the front entrance located at 6811 W. Morgan Avenue. This accommodation is being made due to limited parking at the rear of the building.

Tribal members will enter at 6811 W. Morgan, follow signage to the Bird Room and a staff person will assist you.

All other business will be conducted at the main office. If you have questions, please call **414-329-4101**.

Interested in a New Career? How about Plumbing?

Call Oneida Tribal Member Mike House - **414-359-1310** or **1-888-248-3392**

Focus...



Calendar

Special Events
September
2008

Check out the Web Site www.oneidanation.org select news and click on Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services

SEOTS Visioning Session

Come to SEOTS for an update on Visioning Sessions held in 2008. The SEOTS Board will be here to give you an update and be here for your questions, answers and suggestions. Please attend as it will be informative!

Date: Tuesday, September 23rd

Where: SEOTS Office in the front, on Morgan Avenue

Time: 6:00 pm

Please Park in the front and enter on 6811 W. Morgan

Oneida Health Center Information: Session #1

The Oneida Health Center representatives will be here for two days to answer questions and to cover information regarding health services available to the community. They will cover services that include eye-care, dental, diabetic information, Senior Care sign up and Medicare D. If you have any questions that you would like answered, please stop in..

Place: SEOTS - Front of the building at 6811 W. Morgan

Date: Thursday, September 25th

Time: 10am - 4:30pm

Session #2

The Oneida Health Center will also be visiting the meal site.

Place: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 631 North 19th, Mealsite is in the rear of the church off of the parking lot.

Date: Friday, September 26th

Time: 11:00am

Oneida Nation Active**Fathers Program**

A six-week program bringing Native fathers of all ages together to share experiences and stories about fatherhood will meet in September. This

is a rare opportunity to learn how important your influence and role modeling is on your children. Meals will be provided and incentives are offered!

Place: Gerald Ignace Indian Health Center, 1711 S. 11th Street

Dates: Saturdays from September to October 25th

Time: 10am - 2pm

Please contact the SEOTS office at **(414) 329-4101** to register or the facilitator at **1-888-490-2457** and ask the receptionist to transfer you to Harold Hampton

Please donate any clothes for Village Green at Indian Summer

The SEOTS office is a drop-off site for the Oneida Clothing Exchange coordinated by Diane Jordan. All donated articles of clothing will be assembled in the Village Green, a new environmental area being launched at Indian Summer Festival this year. All items will be available for exchange at Indian Summer or will be re-distributed to needy people on various Native reservations.

Please donate to this worthy cause. You can deliver donated clothing from now until September 4th to the SEOTS office at 6820 W. Wedgewood

Lifestyles

College Students, Supervisors gather for picnic as Summer Internship nears completion

By Yvonne Kaquatosh

Kaliwisaks

An end of summer picnic was held for college interns and their supervisors on Thursday, August 14th.

Brian Doxtator, coordinator of the internship program, expressed gratitude to the supervisors who took on the task to hire an intern this summer.

According to Doxtator, there were 48 interns hired through the HR Department – staying in contrast to last years figures.

Barb Kolitsch, Interim HR Director for Geraldine Danforth, expressed the programs purpose was to increase/improve Oneida members lives and the “chance to get their foot in the door for getting a job.” “We want our tribal members to be employable,” added Kolitsch.

Brandon Stevens, a former college intern who is now an elected official, shared his experience with those in attendance, saying, “Just knowing the importance of the program first hand, I encourage you (students) to continue.” Stevens said that

he sees the potential for the program, adding that he had the education but no experience. “You are the emphasis for future planning,” was his closing message to the interns.

Tahassi Hill, Melinda Danforth, Patti Hoeft and former BC Treasurer, Mercie Danforth were also in attendance at the picnic.

A number of supervisors were also on hand to express appreciation for the opportunity to have an intern within their organizations.

The intern program which was started in FY 2005, was initiated due to the growing concern from applicants who met the educational requirements of the job description, but did not meet the years of work experience.

“The intern program's main intent is to provide work experience relative to a college student's degree, so that Oneidas are marketable and competitive within their respective degrees,” said Doxtator.

At right is a list of the majority of participating students for the 2008 Summer Internship program.

- STUDENT**
- Melissa Alvarado
 - Keshia Belisle
 - Kayla Christjohn
 - Kyle Cornelius
 - Travis Cottrell
 - Apache Danforth
 - Cecilia Danforth
 - Gerald Decoteau
 - Jamie Doud
 - Schuyler Doxtator
 - James Gollnick
 - Leia Gray
 - Jennifer Hargrove
 - Melissa Heckner
 - Jasmine House
 - Jeffrey Jentz
 - Tracy King
 - Joel Kohlwey
 - Jerrel Kurowski
 - Paulette Leschig
 - Cassandra Martinez
 - Jason Martinez
 - Delilah McKinney
 - Elijah Metoxen
 - Gabrielle Metoxen
 - Iris Metoxen
 - Rhiannon Metoxen
 - Kimberly Ninham
 - Eliza Pelky
 - Tenielle Richardson
 - Isiah Skenandore
 - Kyle Skenandore
 - Isiah Smith
 - Mike Skolaski
 - Deke Suri
 - Louis Williams Jr.
 - Sarah Wunderlich
 - Daniel Zayas

- DEPARTMENT**
- Planning
 - Language House
 - Higher Ed
 - Environmental
 - Kaliwisaks
 - Communication
 - Health Center
 - Behavioral Health
 - Health Center
 - Hard Court
 - Legislative Affairs
 - Gaming
 - Backgrounds
 - Library
 - Language House
 - Conservation
 - Oneida Health Center
 - M.I.S.
 - O.N.S.S./Recreation
 - O.B.C.
 - C.E.C.
 - Civic Center
 - Land Management
 - Fitness Center
 - Arts Program
 - O.B.C.
 - Surveillance
 - H.R.D.
 - Museum
 - Law Office
 - DPW – Facilities
 - Planning
 - G.L.I.S.
 - DPW – Facilities
 - Emergency Management
 - Cultural/Heritage
 - Indian Preference
 - Tsyunhekwa



Kali photo / Yvonne Kaquatosh

As an alumni of the program, Brandon Stevens, shared his experience and the importance of the program adding that he “see's potential for the program” and encouraged the students to continue with the internships offered by the Oneida Tribe. Stevens is a newly elected Oneida Business Committee member.



Kali photo / Yvonne Kaquatosh

Above left, Leah Stroobants, along with the DOLM Supervisor displays her certificate of Appreciation. Stroobants is a double major at UWGB, in the area of Business with emphasis in Marketing.



Kali photos / Yvonne Kaquatosh

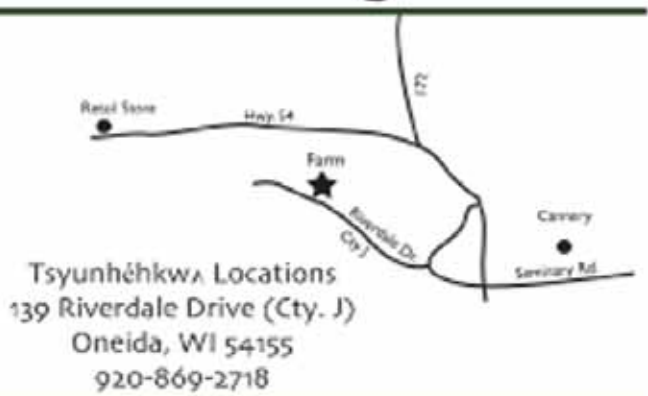
Jasmine House files through the line shaking the hands of HRD personnel which included Brian Doxtator, Summer Internship Program Coordinator and Barb Kolitsch, Interim HRD Director. At left, future leaders of the Oneida Tribe look on.



tsyunhéhkwa (joon-hey-qwa) Harvest Days

Community Husking Bee
Saturday, September 27 thru
Friday, October 3, 2008
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Education Days
All schools and classes are welcome to participate, please call for reservations.
Crystal at 920-497-5821 or
Frank at 920-869-2718



Sheku kyata,
Greetings to you from the staff at tsyunhéhkwa. We are hoping that the growing season is providing for you and your family the sustenance needed to maintain your peace and health.
We are currently preparing for our White Corn Harvest. We would like to offer an update on the status of our growing season for our Heirloom White Corn.
As planned in the spring of this year, we opened the planting season appropriately with a tobacco burning to make acknowledgement and give thanks to our three sisters; the corn, beans and squash for them continuing their responsibilities of providing our life sustenance. In addition, we made acknowledgement for all of the life forces that contribute to fulfilling responsibilities that continue our life cycles. Included in this is our commitment as humans to offer thanks and acknowledgment for all of creation and to work within

the established systems respectfully.
As instructed, on the new moon in May we planted 6-1/2 acres of our Heirloom White Corn. The support of the community has made a great contribution to our improvements yearly. For this we give acknowledgement and thanks to all of you that have taken the time to assist us in many ways.
We are able to give back to the Oneida Community by meeting our mission and producing foods to offer and share. We are responsible for providing the White Corn at many gatherings and functions. Our many donations make it possible to continue to include corn soup and kanastóhale at funerals, ceremonies, pow-wows, local restaurants, various community events, fundraisers and gatherings as raffles, door prizes and gift basket items.
As your cultural based community service program, we continue towards meeting the needs of the community

in providing organically grown, high quality foods that provide sustenance and please our tastes at the same time. Our staff is very fortunate as the support from the Oneida Nation tribal members and government enable us to continue employment while addressing the challenge of regaining food security within our community with culturally congruent foods and processes. For this we are thankful and accept the challenge.
During our upcoming 15th Annual Harvest and Husking Bee we call upon the community to participate in renewing of relationship with our sustainers, families and community. Through all of the processes of the White Corn, we look forward to establishing and reestablishing community. We look forward to your participation in any way you can contribute.
Yawaʔokó for your time.

Environmental

Growing season ends, harvest to begin

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

The drought that blasted the growing season in the summer of 2007 led to a less-than-bumper crop for area growers. All that has changed this year though according to Ted Skenandore, title here of Tsyunhehkwa who believes this year's crop of white corn may be the best the farm has ever yielded.

"This year we have a real nice stand of corn, I think. I would say probably the best ever."

With the growing season rapidly coming to an end, there will be a large demand for community help to harvest this year's entire crop.

To compound the "problem," Tsyunhehkwa also has two additional acres of white corn to harvest compared to years past.

The planting of the additional two acres of corn during a good growing season could be hailed as great timing and foresight on the part of the Tsyunhehkwa staff, however, Skenandore admits it was just a matter of supply and demand.

"It was coincidental that it just happened to be a good corn growing year. But during my research I learned that (Tsyunhehkwa has) been buying about 30 bushel per year. According to my math we grow about 15 bushel per acre; that is why we planted two additional acres, so we

didn't have to purchase any additional. If we keep consuming the corn at the rate we have been, we may need to plant more in the near future," Skenandore said.

This year's growing season has been very helpful and will be producing more corn which will need to all be harvested by hand.

"I'm thinking the corn is a good 10 - 12 feet tall this year. It's nothing special that we did. We fertilized it at the three leaf stage, but this year we had cooperation from the weather," Skenandore stated.

Skenandore credits the good growing season to an abundance of rain early in the season.

"Usually there's a drought around July or something and this year we didn't get any of that until August."

Community members, again, will have the opportunity to lend a helping hand at Tsyunhehkwa's annual Harvest and Husking Bee scheduled to take place September 27 through October 3.

"We really have to try to get the community members involved; have them coming out here. For our whole tribe this corn is our tradition, so anybody that's interested in eating the corn should come on out and give us a hand and help us harvest it," Skenandore said.

The Harvest and Husking Bee will consist of three basic



Kali file photo

White corn harvest 2007

stations. First with be the actual picking of the corn, the second is the shucking of the corn to three leaves and then the braiding and hanging of the corn.

Don't think its all work, though.

"It's not just all work. We sit under the tent and husk it and share stories and humor. It's actually a lot of fun," Skenandore said.

Food will be available daily for the volunteers as a 'thank you' from the Tsyunhehkwa staff for their help in the harvesting.

Harvesting the eight acres of corn by hand can be a daunting task and the staff at Tsyunhehkwa knows that the communities help is imperative to a successful harvest.

"We couldn't do it alone; we really appreciate everybody's help."

Even though the official

dates are from September 27 through October 3, Skenandore reminds people that the harvest will last much longer.

"Even though we only hold it for one week, the guys are still going to be out in the fields after that and we defiantly invite anyone to come along and help out. It's going to take probably take another month to get the corn off the field," Skenandore noted.

Tsyunhehkwa will also be sponsoring other workshops throughout the rest of the year. They will be at Indian Summerfest in Milwaukee and will be holding an apple workshop on October 26 at the cannery. In addition, they will also be holding a white corn workshop on November 6, also at the cannery.

For additional information about upcoming Tsyunhehkwa events call (920)689-2718.

Agricultural education focus of Growing Green



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

The Oneida Nation Farm in conjunction with AgVentures to present the Growing Green Experience.

Two days of activities included presentations on Friday and Saturday August 22 & 23. Friday's presentation focused on the agricultural community. Information was provided on the value of manure, using stabilized fertilizers and farming's impact on the environment.

Saturday's activities focused on the general public. Family activities relating to plant and crop nutrients, the origins of our food supply and the innovative equipment used in today's agricultural society.

There was also a large corn maze available for families and guests to make their way through.

Are you, a friend or relative in need of Vocational Rehabilitation Services?

If you reside in the Milwaukee area please contact the G.L.I.T.C. (Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council).

G.L.I.T.C. in coordination with the State of Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), has developed a program specifically geared towards Native Americans living with disabilities. It is designed to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain or improve employment.

If you live in Milwaukee County and are interested in more information about this program, please feel free to call Lynette Paull (414) 389-6451 or Oralann Caldwell (414) 389-6454.

Rabies Clinic

FOR PETS OWNED BY ONEIDA TRIBAL MEMBERS
Sponsored by Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division

OUTDOOR CLINIC DATES

WEDNESDAY
September 17th, 2008
4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
September 20th, 2008
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Both clinics will be at the Norbert Hill Center (Arbor)

SAVE TIME WAITING IN LINE
Complete pre-registration form found in the Kalihwisaks or at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 5

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

- FOR DOGS - FREE Rabies, Canine 6-in-1 Distemper, & Lyme Disease vaccinations
- FOR CATS - FREE Rabies, Feline 3-in-1 Distemper, & Feline Leukemia vaccinations
- FREE CERTIFICATE of Vaccination & Immunization Tag For Each Animal

WHEN DO YOUR PETS NEED SHOTS? CATS OR DOGS

- 1 Rabies Vaccination - Good for 1 Year (if less than 12 months old)
- 1 Rabies Vaccination - Good for 3 Years (if older than 1 year old)
- 1 Distemper Vaccination - Good for 1 Year
- 1 Lyme Disease or Feline Leukemia - Good for 1 Year

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- Oneida Tribal ID: NO EXCEPTIONS
- Animal's Past Rabies/Vaccination Record
- YOUR DOGS/CATS: LIMIT - Up To 5 Animals Per Household
- Current Dog License OR Proof Of Address (Driver's License)

Do You Live ON the Reservation?

- Must Show OR Purchase Oneida Pet License On-Site
- Cost: \$10/animal (\$5 Neutered/Spayed)

Do You Live OFF the Reservation?

- You Should Purchase License from Your Municipality

Environmental, Health, & Safety Division

See You At Our 4th Annual

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Music
Activities
Meet the Staff!

September 11, 2008
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Pet 1 Name: _____

Please Circle: Dog Cat
Male Female
Spayed/Neutered

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Color: _____ Age: _____

You may attach additional paper for more pets
Your vaccination certificate will be ready for you
Wednesday, Sept 17 or
Saturday, Sept 20.
Thank you!

Please contact Steph Mineau, 920-496-5340 if you have any questions or concerns.

Hours of Operation:
Sept 17, 4-6:30 pm & Sept 20, 10 am-Noon

Education

Youth Enrichment Services Program Mission Statement

We assist in the advancement of educational, cultural, and social development of American Indian students in the Oneida Community and surrounding school districts

The 2008 academic year is about to begin for the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) Program. This article is to introduce the Oneida membership to our services and share our flow chart with you.

The YES Program started out as the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program, a federal program put in place to meet the unique needs of American Indian Children. This is not to be confused with Special Needs.

YES goals as assigned in '05

- Raise the grade point averages of students
- Raise the number of graduates
- Lower the drop out rate

'07-'08 YES student count

Freedom - School supplies and fees only	65
Green Bay - Southwest quadrant	272
Pulaski - School supplies and fees only	45
Seymour	273
West DePere	234
Total	889

Who can get help from YES?

Following JOM guidelines American Indian youth who are K-12 students attending a public school in the YES service area, and...

Are a quarter (?) degree Indian blood or...

Enrolled members of a Federally Recognized Tribe and has a completed YES Application on file

Funding Sources

The YES Program is primarily funded through revenues from the Oneida

Gaming Operations and partially funded by the Johnson O'Malley Program

YES statistics assist in obtaining grant funding for special projects.

Staff, parents and students raise funds for special activities, incentives, supplies, camp fees, etc.

Y.E.S Program Provides

- Academic Assistance
- Youth & Family Advocacy to protect student rights
- Financial Assistance for School Fees & School Supplies
- Facilitate prevention/intervention Youth Groups with other Tribal programs
- A pilot Mentorship project at Seymour Middle School
- U.N.I.T.Y (Leadership Development)
- Information clearing house for youth opportunities

Functions Sponsored by YES Program

- Pre-College Information
- Summer Opportunity Information
- High School Graduation Banquet
- Academic Field Trips
- Resource & Referral Services - Link families with community services.
- Networking (schools-families-community)
- Parent activities
- Academic Assistance
- Career Exploration
- Leadership development
- Fundraising for extra curricular activities, class fees, supplies and academic field trips.

Advocates and Specialists

- Introduce, support and reinforce Oneida culture through various cultural activities
- Are considered Indian Education Specialists in the public schools
- Improve all areas of growth and development through skill building activities
- Provide continuous service during the academic year
- Provide opportunities for homework help
- Provide resources for school staff
- Work with individuals and in small groups
- Provide before and after school enrichment activities
- Have access to school databases to track homework, attendance, etc. for eligible youth - Maintain a tracking system on youth participants

- Conduct annual F.I.N.D. Youth survey
- Provide incentives to reward youth for achievements

YES Youth Advocates Who are Youth Advocates?

Professional individuals hired by the Oneida Tribe to ensure the civil rights of American Indian youth are not being violated

Advocates are required to have a higher education degree. YES Advocates hold Associates to Masters Degrees.

Advocates have at least 2 years of experience working with youth in an academic setting.

Individuals with knowledge about the Oneida people or a background in American Indian Studies are preferred.

What do Youth Advocates do?

- Ensure all required credits for graduation are completed
- Monitor academic profiles of youth
- Monitor student outcomes
- Monitor youth involvement
- Career exploration
- Advocate for student civil rights
- Provide academic enrichment opportunities like college visits
- Mentor Youth
- Intervention and referrals - Network students & families with community support programs
- Initiate mediation between school & families
- Facilitate youth prevention/intervention groups with internal and external service agencies

Advocates help guide youth to assistance in overcoming a variety of personal, family and community issues including but not limited to:

- Domestic Violence and/or Assault - physical, sexual, mental
- Students harassing one another - physically, verbally, through cyber messages, and negative text messages
- ATODA - dealing, drunk students, huffing, overdose of prescription drugs, sharing prescription drugs with others
- Suicide - attempts, threats
- Self mutilation - cutting, burning, self inflicted tatoos, scarring
- Fighting on buses, in school, on school property

- Weapons - ice picks, knives
- Bomb threats
- Sexual activity from necking to intercourse and pregnancy
- Eating disorders
- Homeless youth
- Incarcerated youth
- Suspension in and out of school
- Truancy-skipping, detention, expulsions

Advocates Make Referrals to Tribal and non-Tribal service agencies on behalf of our youth.

YES Enrichment Specialist

Who are YES Specialists?

The YES Specialists are required to have a Bachelor Degree or higher in Education or closely related field to serve middle and high School Students.

Specialists must have a teaching license or substitute teaching license in order to work with youth

What Do Enrichment Specialists Do?

- Conduct individual youth assessments by reviewing report cards, MAP and WKCE scores.
- Provide individual skill development
- Proctor necessary assessments
- Re-teach lessons
- Meet with Teachers
- Assist youth in asking teachers for help.
- Provide home work help

How are Students Selected for YES services?

A completed application is on file, including parent permission

Students sign in or staff accepts referrals from Parents, School Personnel, and/or Youth Advocate

Note: Students cannot receive services without a completed YES application.

Arrangements made with teacher during class time with parental approval

Students will continue based upon their commitment to self-improvement.

Parents!

Y.E.S. is for you too

How Are Parents Involved?

- Read progress reports. Complete surveys.
- Encourage students to seek Y.E.S. Staff for assistance.
- Ask questions.
- Assist with fund raising activities.

- Attend parent committee meetings.
- Volunteer to assist YES staff.

Incentives

The YES Program recognizes the importance of motivating students to perform to the best of their abilities.

An incentive program is designed to motivate academic success & encourage positive behaviors

Wrap up

Historically, American Indian Children have been in a position where their identity has been jeopardized by the loss of language and culture. Studies show that these two elements are crucial to academic success. Although they are not the primary focus of YES, these elements are vital parts of our training sessions to assist our youth in becoming academically successful

YES continues to monitor the current educational advancement of our youth.

Many people ask how learning the language and the culture will help our youth get along in the world. Many studies have shown that the more young people know their roots the more they advance in the educational system.

The language and culture are vital to Oneida in order to exist as a Nation. These are 2 components looked at when recognizing Indigenous nations. Many are losing their status because they do not possess either.

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GB chancellor committee seeks opinions

GREEN BAY -- The search and screen committee for a new chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay will hold a series of open forums to get input from campus and community members before beginning its search. The committee seeks input from all members of the campus and community regarding essential qualities of the next chancellor.

A tribal forum will held at the College of Menominee Green Bay Campus located at 2733 S. Ridge Road on Wednesday, September 3 from 11:00 to 1:00. We will provide a light lunch.

The search committee wants to listen to and learn from Native people, to better understand what stakeholders want in the next chancellor, and also to identify key strengths of UW-Green Bay to present to prospective candidates. We hope that you will come and provide us with opinions and thoughts about the chancellor position. We also want to respond to any questions that anyone may have regarding the search process.

Dr. Denise Scheberle chairs the 21-member search committee, made up of UW-Green Bay faculty, academic staff, administrators, students, and community members. Dr. Rosemary Christensen, Objijwe, is also a member of the search committee. This will be a great opportunity to have our voice considered in this important matter.

New track for MISD

(Keshena, WI) - August 12, 2008 - The Menominee High School Outdoor Track Dedication Program will take place on Saturday, August 16, 2008 during the Menominee Relay for Diabetes at the Menominee High School in Keshena. The track dedication program will begin at 10:00 a.m., with the relay running from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The program will feature comments from a number of area leaders and officials.

The new outdoor track will not only be used by students but will also be available for the community to use on evenings and weekends. The Menominee Diabetes Relay is one of many events that will be held at the new outdoor track, and there is even discussion about the police department possibly doing some training there.

"We are excited to offer the use of the new track to organizations like the American Diabetes Association and our fellow community members," said Wendell Waukau, MISD Superintendent. "We are looking forward to the numerous events and opportunities this track will bring to our students as well as the community."

The Track Dedication Program and Relay event will be part of a national video shoot by the American Diabetes Association as part of its Native Initiatives Campaign. Currently, 26% of the adult Menominee population has diabetes or pre-diabetes, with more than 30 newly diagnosed cases at the Tribal Clinic in 2007. Knowing that physical activity can prevent and reduce complications of diabetes, the clinic organized this relay to create awareness of Diabetes treatment and prevention.

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Good News

New Arrivals

If you have a birth announcement, please send it to the Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920) 869-4280 for more information. There is NO CHARGE for birth announcements. However, if you would like to include a photo, please send a SASE with your submission. Please include baby's full (first, middle & last) name, parents (first & last), d.o.b., weight (lbs. & oz.), length, grandparents (maternal/paternal), siblings (names only). Also, if the baby was given an Indian name, please include the correct spelling and meaning. Please include phone number where you can be reached during the day!

Gracie Mabel Neurenberg

Gracie Mabel Neurenberg, newborn daughter to Kristin and Jason Neurenberg, was born on Saturday, June 21st, 2008 at 2:03 pm at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. She weighed 7lbs 2oz and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Proud maternal grandparents are Jerry and Tricia Jorgenson. Proud paternal grandparents are Robert and Brenda Neurenberg and Lynn Johnston. Gracie was named after her Great-great grandmother Mabel Humphreys, and she has two siblings Brandon and Jenna.

Stevi Rose Ventura-Cornelius

Stevi Rose Ventura-Cornelius was born to proud parents Morningstar Cornelius and Steve Ventura, Jr. on July 23 at Aurora Bay Care Medical Center. Stevi weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 22 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Beatrice Skenandore and Wendel Cornelius, Jr. The paternal grandparent is the late Steve Ventura, Sr. Stevi has three brothers; Thomas, Jr., Jeremy, and Anthony.

Check out the Kalihwisaks on the Intranet!

Congratulations

Jazmin
For bringing the gold in archery



Love Mom, Gma, Shad and Family

Happy Birthday

Happy Belated 4th Birthday
Elise Rosemary White



Love Mom, Dad, Gavin, Josalyn, NaNa, PaPa, old Grandma, Grandma Sandi, Grandpa Jerry and Family

Congratulations

Aaron
Shooting with the big boys and bringing home the bronze.



Love Shad, Cheryl, Tanya and Family

Happy 16th Birthday

Zach Skenandore



Love always, Mom, Dad and Daquota

Congratulations

Oneida Archers
For bringing home gold - Jaz, silver - Oscar, and bronze - Aaron



From Shad, Cheryl, Tanya and Family

Happy Birthday

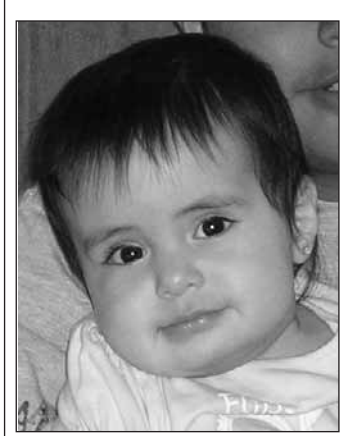
Happy Birthday to Ron House, the best Godfather ever.



I love you, your Beat Boxin, Kung Fu, Cheerleader, Princess, Hailey

Happy Birthday

Happy belated 1st birthday to Shaun Annette Thomas (birthday was on 8/8/08)!
Love,



Mama, Daddy, and brother Trent

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to my Wonderful Husband, Ron House on August 29th



Have a wonderful day, We love you lots. Wife Candy, Mother in law Mary, and the whole Jourdan Clan.

Happy 13th Birthday

Jairica Christjohn
on September 1st!
"My beautiful baby, you are growing up so fast"



Love, Mom, JaNace, Jacinda



Congratulations

Melissa A. Hill on completing Army Boot Camp at Fort Joachim S.C. on July 3, 2008



Love you Diane, Chief Corn-Jim Hebb, Grandparents, Harvey, Pat Skenandore and the late Elda Swamp.

Happy Birthday

Happy belated 9th birthday Gavriella Van Boxtel (birthday was on 8/25/08)!



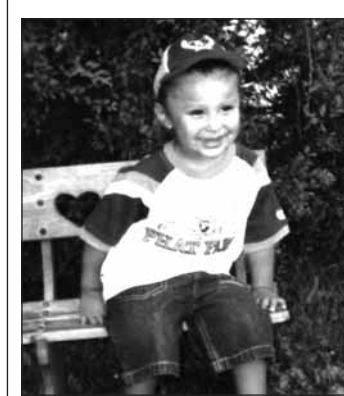
Love, Auntie Christina, Uncle Shane, Trent and baby Shaun

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday August 24th **Shelly Stevens** Hailey

Happy Birthday

Happy 3rd birthday August 29th Vernon Steven



We love you mom, dad, Shakira, Anastasia, Coleman, Kelly, Natasha

Kalihwisaks
NEXT DEADLINE
is... **Wednesday**
September 3, 2008
@ 4:30 P.M.
with a
PUBLISH DATE
of... **Thursday,**
September 11, 2008
Questions, please call:
920-869-4277, 4279,
4280 or 4090
or email us at:
kalihwisaks@oneidationation.org

Reminder from the Enrollment Department regarding... 2008 Membership Payment

- Oneida members enrolled before February 28, 2008 and age 18 before September 1, 2008 are eligible. Eligible minors will have their payment placed in a Trust Account.
- **FY-2008 Membership Payment Forms were mailed on May 16, 2008 to each eligible tribal member who had an address on file.**
- It is the responsibility of each tribal member to submit a completed/notarized payment form to the Oneida Enrollment Department by the deadline identified EACH PAYMENT YEAR.
- **Please contact the Oneida Enrollment Department for any check address, income tax withholding request or name change.**
- No photocopied, faxed, or emailed forms will be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **Do not use pencil or white out. Do not alter or change any information (i.e. writing over, scribbling out). Your form will not be accepted!**

After forms are accepted and processed, a postcard receipt will be mailed to the CHECK address indicated on the payment form. Postcard receipts will be mailed every two weeks. Please allow time for delivery. If you have submitted a payment form and do not receive a yellow postcard receipt at the check address indicated on the payment form, contact the Oneida Enrollment Department at: (800) 571-9902 or (920) 869-6200.

Important Dates:
Deadline to submit forms...Close of Business on Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Address... Oneida Enrollment Department
210 Elm St.
P.O. Box 365
Oneida, WI 54155

Checks mailed on...Tuesday, September 30, 2008
Please allow time for delivery!

Holy Apostles Church Presents...

Church Picnic at Parish Hall

Sunday - August 31st
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Oneida Parish Hall
(Take 172 West to Freedom Rd., take left, 1 block down on your left)

- Games
- Raffle of (1) Radisson Hotel - Casino Package gift certificate
(Includes: 1 night stay for 2, w/breakfast buffet for 2 and 2 \$10 casino certificates)
- Booyah & Other foods
(Adults: \$5/plate & Kids (age 3-10): \$3/plate)



- Games
 - Bake Sale
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- For more information, contact Abby Webster at
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Notice of Availability

Anna John Nursing Home of Oneida, Wisconsin...

...will provide care from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 for uncompensated services to all eligible persons unable to pay who request those services. Requests may be made through the Finance Coordinator, Social Services, or Administrator's office. All services of the facility will be available as uncompensated services. Eligibility for uncompensated services will be limited to the person whose family income is not more than the Category C of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services. This notice is published in accordance with 42 CFR 124.504 Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Services. Anna John Nursing Home will make a written conditional or final determination of your eligibility for uncompensated services within 10 working days, but no later than 2 days after admission following pre-service request; or by the end of the first billing cycle following a post-service request. We invite interested parties to comment on this allocation plan.

United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS Midwest Regional Office Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building One Federal Drive, Room 550 Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Environmental Services

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ACTION: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is publishing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for an Environmental Assessment regarding the proposed transfer of approximately 132 acres of Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Fee Land to Federal Trust Status for non-gaming purposes. This land is known as the Former W. & E. Guntlisbergen Property. These parcels are a part of Sections 4, 8 and 9, Township 23 North, Range 19 East, Town of Oneida, Outagamie County, Wisconsin. Outagamie County Tax Parcels that cover this Acquisition are 170216600, 170215700, 170215600, 170215400, 170147900 and 170147800. Planned activities include the development of a subdivision containing Single Family Residence and Possibly Multi-Family living units (such as a duplex) and an associated storm water drainage system, utilities, residential roads and other related housing infrastructure to connect with local services as needed. Based on the EA it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment; therefore an EIS is not required.

30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD: The Finding of No Significant Impact and the EA are available for review and comment for 30 days (beginning on August 27, 2008), from the date of publication in the Appleton Post Crescent.

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

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

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin EA/FONSI
c/o
Terrance Virden, Regional Director
BIA Midwest Region
Whipple Federal Building
One Federal Drive, Room 550
Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4007
FAX Number: 612-713-4401

Legal Notice

Combined Notice of Probate

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Oneida Real Property Law and the Probate of Non-Trust Estates Standard Operation Procedure, SOP NO. 67.1.2-9, testimony will be taken and evidences received for the purpose of administering the following estates:

Place: the Conference Room at the Division of Land Management, 470 Airport Road, Oneida, WI 54115.

When:

**Thursday,
September 18, 2008**

**Case Number:
2008-lcp-0002**

**Decedent's Name:
Marie Scott**

**Date of Death:
November 10, 2007**

Time of Hearing: 1:30 PM

All Persons having an interest in an estate, including creditors, are notified to be present in person or by attorney and furnish such evidence as they may desire.

If necessary, the hearing may be continued to another place and time.

Failure to appear may result in loss of any rights claimed.

The names and addresses of all known presumptive heirs, beneficiaries, will witnesses, Claimants and other interested parties may be found on the Individual Notice of Hearings or from the Division of Land Management. Dated August 18, 2008.

Tina L. Figueroa
Land Title and Trust Specialist/Probate.

Commission Vacancies

Oneida Police Commission: One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications:

Shall serve a five (5) year term; Must be a member of the Oneida Tribe; Must be 25 years of age or older; Must submit to a complete background investigation.

The following would prohibit any person from serving on the Oneida Police Commission: (1) A felony conviction in the State of Wisconsin or any conviction or a crime in another state that would be considered a felony conviction if the offense and adjudication occurred in the State of Wisconsin. (2) A felony arrest which results in a misdemeanor conviction due to a plea arrangement. (3) A conviction of any ordinance violation that could bring discredit to the Commission. (4) Any Pardon issued by the Oneida Tribe or the governor of any State, for an offense specified in section 1-4, (c3A-C) shall not deem a person as "exonerated" for the purposes of membership on the Oneida

Committee Vacancies

Police Commission.

- Must submit to drug testing prior to appointment and on an annual basis

- Must not be an employee of the Oneida Police Department

- Shall attend applicable training

- Must be a person of known good standing in the community

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2008 North American Indigenous Games held in Cowichan, British Columbia

By Dawn Walschinski

Fun, competitive, once in a lifetime; these are the words used by athletes and coaches to describe the 2008 Indigenous Games held in Cowichan, British Columbia August 3-10.

Oneida sent 33 youths to the games as part of the 192 members of Team Wisconsin. The athletes participated in 14 sports such as track and field, archery, basketball, baseball and swimming in three age divisions against approximately 5000 competitors from across the USA and Canada. According to Scott Murray who coached the Juvenile Boys Basketball team "it's the Olympics for Native Americans."

Overall, Oneida brought home a lot of gold, silver and bronze as 29 of the 33 athletes won medals.

For many participants, the inter-state and inter-Province nature of the games brought the competition to a higher level. Brennan White of the Juvenile Boys Basketball Team likened the athletes who go through try-outs to make their teams to all-stars.

Derrick Denny noted that playing shooting guard for

Team Wisconsin was different than playing for Seymour High School.

"It was like I was representing a whole state versus a community," he said.

Andrea Kolitsch returned home with six gold medals from the swimming competitions.

"It's really fun; you get the competition that you usually don't get around here," she said. "They were going pretty fast and I had to work really, really hard to beat them."

The final game between the powerhouse Team Washington and underdog Team Wisconsin Juvenile Boys Basketball teams was hailed as one of the highlights of the games.

"Team Washington was the team to beat," said Murray.

Before a packed gymnasium, Team Wisconsin won a hard fought game 115-98.

"Nine guys came together, bought into the system, and executed what we had to do, and won the gold medal," said Murray.

However, while doing well in the competitions added to the fun of the Indigenous Games, the athletes also enjoyed meeting people from

all corners of the USA and Canada.

"It was really fun because of all the people you meet. There's like amazing people from all around North America," said Kolitsch who is swimming for Bay Port High School this year.

"I wish that we could have stayed longer, like played every single team," said White who's a senior at Southwest High School.

The 2008 Indigenous Games was limited to 5000 athletes due to housing restrictions. The 2011 Indigenous Games will be held in Milwaukee and will include youth and adult categories. Murray is the vice-chair of the Wisconsin Intertribal Athletic Association and expects approximately 14,000 athletes and coaches to attend the 2011 games.

"What I would like to see is as a goal for Team Wisconsin would be to have somebody entered in every single sport that's offered," said Murray.



Photos clockwise from top left: The Junior Boys Basketball Team proudly show off their hard earned gold medals. Team Wisconsin had to overcome the punishing defense of the Team Washington to win 115-98 in the final Derrick Denny and Brennan White represented Oneida as part of the team. Aaron Lara won bronze, Jazmin Skenandore won gold and Oscar Schuyler II brought home the silver in archery. The Bantam Boys Basketball Team brought home the bronze. Albert King, Sandy Cohen II, Rodney Denny, Marquis Hines Jr, and John Powless IV represented Oneida with coach John Powless III. Andrea Kolitsch prepares to swim for one of her six gold medals. Basketball action took center stage. The Junior Boys Baseball Team swung for silver. Dominic Cantu, Devin Grey, DeBen King, Jamison Skenandore and Evander Delgado represented Oneida as part of Team Wisconsin.



2008 Indigenous Games Results

- Basketball – Juvenile Boys (Gold)**
Brennon White, Basketball
Derick Denny, Basketball
- Basketball – Juvenile Girls (Silver)**
Lindsay Hill, Basketball
Danielle Denny, Basketball
- Basketball – Midget Boys**
Kyle Danforth, Basketball
- Basketball – Midget Girls (Bronze)**
Megan Polar, Basketball
Natasha Polar, Basketball
- Basketball – Bantam Boys (Bronze)**
Sandy Cohen II, Basketball
Rodney Denny, Basketball
Marquis Hines Jr, Basketball
Brickman House, Basketball
Albert King, Basketball
John Powless IV, Basketball
- Baseball – Juvenile (Silver)**
Dominic Cantu – Baseball
Evander Delgado – Baseball
Devin Gray – Baseball
DaBen King – Baseball
Jamison Skenandore – Baseball
- Baseball – Midget (Gold)**
Desmond Denny, Baseball
Cyrus Fabricius, Baseball
- Swimming**
Tyler Fabricius, Swimming – Silver / Bronze
Andrea Kolitsch, Swimming – 6 Gold / 1 Silver
Sarah Metoxen, Swimming – 2 Bronze / 2 Gold / 2 Silver
- Volleyball – Juvenile**
Shatare Metoxen – Volleyball
- Volleyball – Bantam**
Destinee Funmaker, Volleyball – Bronze
- Track and Field -Juvenile**
Luanna Funmaker – Track & Field
Raeanna Funmaker – Track & Field
- Track and Field -Bantam**
Bryce Elm – Track & Field
- Archery – Juvenile**
Jalessa Schuyler – Archery
- Archery – Midget**
Aaron Lara, Archery – Bronze
Jazmin Skenandore, Archery – Gold
- Archery – Bantam**
Oscar Schuyler, Archery – Silver
- Girls Softball**
Cree Metoxen – Girls Softball



Sports

Exhibit chronicles American Indians throughout baseball's history

By John Kekis

AP Sports Writer

HOWES CAVE, N.Y. (AP) — Long before Jackie Robinson endured torrents of racial taunts in breaking baseball's color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, Louis Sockalexis had a bull's-eye on his back.

From the day in 1897 when he first donned a uniform for the Cleveland Spiders, Sockalexis suffered more than his share of racial slurs.

"If the small and big boys of Brooklyn find it a pleasure to shout at me, I have no objections," Sockalexis told the Brooklyn Eagle during his rookie season. "No matter where we play, I go through the same ordeal, and at the present time I am so used to it that at times I forget to smile at my tormentors."

Sockalexis figured the tormenting was just part of the game. A Penobscot Indian

from Maine, he's considered the first player of Native American descent to make it to the major leagues. (James Madison Toy played with Cleveland a decade earlier and was said to be of Sioux ancestry, but he never publicly acknowledged his Indian heritage and his 1919 death certificate lists his race as white.)

Sockalexis' story is one of many chronicled in "Baseball's League of Nations: A Tribute to Native Americans in Baseball," an exhibit on display through the end of the year at the Iroquois Indian Museum. The exhibit features photos and several artifacts, many on loan from the National Baseball Hall of Fame in nearby Cooperstown.

"There's never been an exhibit like this before," said 61-year-old Mike Tarbell, an Akwesasne Mohawk who serves as an educator at the

museum and was a pitcher in his athletic heyday. "For myself, it's like a breath of fresh air. We're always doing something that involves pottery or basket making or painting or sculpturing of some kind. We've forgotten that baseball was a part of our history as well."

Indeed. Counting current players Joba Chamberlain (Winnebago Nation) of the New York Yankees, Jacoby Ellsbury (Navajo) of the Boston Red Sox, and Kyle Lohse (Nomlaki Nation) of the St. Louis Cardinals, more than 50 Native Americans have played major league baseball.

"We came up with a lot of cool stuff that we didn't think we were going to find," said museum curator Stephanie Shultes, who assembled the exhibit. "It was kind of amazing, once we started, how much there really was out

there, how many of these guys that you did find out about you may have never realized before were Native (Americans)."

American Indians were introduced to baseball in several ways. Lewis and Clark are said to have tried to teach an early version of baseball to members of the Nez Perce during the famed explorers' trek across North America in 1804-06. And in the late 1800s, Native American prisoners of war at Fort Sill, Okla., played baseball, including Apache warrior Geronimo.

An integral part of early attempts at formal education, religious conversion and assimilation into white society was the playing of sports such as baseball at federally operated boarding schools. More than 100,000 Native American children attended the 500 boarding schools that followed the opening of the first in Carlisle, Pa., in 1879.

Jim Thorpe, considered by many to be the greatest athlete of the 20th century, was among those children for whom success in baseball and other sports became a source of pride and success. The games also provided freedom from the boarding school regime.

Sockalexis broke new ground with the Spiders. Nicknamed "Deerfoot of the Diamond," he attended college at Holy Cross, where he participated in baseball, football and track. When his baseball coach left for the same position at Notre Dame in 1896, Sockalexis transferred. He was expelled because of problems with alcohol, but signed with the Spiders.

Sockalexis had a batting average of .313 with three home runs and 33 RBIs in three seasons before injuries and struggles with alcohol led to his release in 1899. He finished his career in the minor leagues and returned to Maine to coach juvenile teams.

Despite his brief stint at the top echelon of the sport, Sockalexis paved the way for the likes of:

- **Charles Chief Bender**, a Chippewa from Minnesota who starred on the mound for the Philadelphia Athletics, compiling 212 wins in 16 seasons. In 1953, 28 years after retiring, Bender became the first Native American elected to the Hall of Fame.

- **Allie "Super Chief" Reynolds**, a hard-throwing right-hander of Creek descent who went 131-60 in eight years with the Yankees and finished his 13-year major league career in 1954 with a 182-107 record.

- **Pepper Martin**, an Osage who starred at third base and the outfield for the Cardinals' famed "Gashouse Gang" of the 1930s, and in 1931 was named the first Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

- **Zach Wheat**, a Cherokee outfielder who starred for Brooklyn in the early 1900s and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1959.

- **Rudy York**, a Cherokee who as a rookie catcher with the Detroit Tigers in 1937 broke Babe Ruth's record for most home runs in a month, hitting 18 in August, and also drove in 49 runs that month to break Lou Gehrig's record by one. York finished his career with 277 home runs, 1,152 RBIs and a .275 batting average.

- **Jack Aker**, of Potawatomi descent, spent 11 seasons as a reliever with seven teams in the majors and since 1994 has been teaching baseball to Native American children in Arizona and New Mexico.

- **Thorpe**, a Sac/Fox from Oklahoma and direct descendant of the warrior Black Hawk who played for the Giants, Reds and Braves from 1913-19. Thorpe also played in the NFL and won gold medals at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics in the decathlon and pentathlon.

"That was my hero," said Tarbell, whose grandfather attended the Carlisle school with Thorpe. "I kind of did myself like him. Jim Thorpe was in my mind whenever I did something. I wanted to follow his path."

Native Americans were expected to ignore racially charged ridicule. Nearly every player of Indian descent

who stepped onto a ballfield during the first half of the 20th century was called "Chief." It wasn't the only taunt: "Redskin," "Heap-Big Injun" and chants of "Back to the reservations," "Dog Soup" and "Whoop, Whoop" were part of the racist cacophony that emanated from the stands.

Bender didn't win games he scalped opponents. After throwing one of the best games of his career, Bender was depicted wielding a tomahawk and wearing a head-dress.

Even teammates and opposing players sometimes did the taunting as teams around the country began calling themselves Indians and owners recruited Native American players as gate attractions.

Moses Yellowhorse, a Pawnee signed by Pittsburgh in 1921 as a pitcher and regarded by historians as the first full-blooded American Indian to play in the big leagues, hit Detroit slugger Ty Cobb so hard in a 1922 exhibition game that Cobb had to be carried from the field.

"Cobb was hooting and hollering before he went to bat, and that infuriated Yellowhorse," said Todd Fuller, author of a Yellowhorse biography.

In Gene Locklear's eyes, the prejudice never disappeared. Signed by the Cincinnati Reds as an amateur free agent in 1969, Locklear, who was born and raised on the Lumbee Nation in North Carolina, played only five seasons before retiring at age 30 after a brief stint with the Yankees.

"I endured a lot of stuff," said the 59-year-old Locklear, an award-winning artist who has had one of his paintings displayed in the White House. "If you go back through my record, in 1975 I was hitting .450 (for San Diego) and they sent me to the minor leagues for a month. I think that's racism. They didn't like me."

Tarbell endured hateful epithets, too, during his amateur playing days, which ended prematurely because of injuries suffered in combat while serving in Vietnam. However, like Sockalexis, he was usually wearing a smile.

"I was a pitcher, and when they said, 'Get that Indian out of here!' or 'Take that redskin back to the reservation!', it was part of the game," Tarbell said. "But each of those players had to face me one at a time, and so I went away with a smile on my face. I struck them out."



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T-Hawk football ready for flight

By Nate Wisneski

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The Thunderhawk football team lost every skill position player from last year's playoff contending team, but first year head coach Sonny Martin has high expectations for the upcoming season.

"Three games really stick out that we will have a tough time with," said Martin. "It looks promising with our good additions this year."

The T-hawks return only five starters from a team that finished 3-5 and narrowly missed the playoffs after losing their final game last season. This year's squad consists of 21 players from grades nine through twelve.

"We had a lot of key losses. The entire specialties graduated," said Martin. "Key guys that were supposed to come back this year didn't, some decided not play and some transferred schools."

Most of those non-returning students would have started and contributed along the offensive line, an area that most concerns the first year head coach. "If most of those kids came back, offensive line would not be an issue," he said.

Martin is looking at sophomore quarterback, Eddie Santiago, to step into one of those vacated skill positions and succeed. "Eddie was a back up last year. He got a year under his belt and looks

better this year than last year," Martin said.

He also established an ever needed weight lifting program so Oneida athletes are keeping up with their competition. "We are lifting every Monday. A lot of the other teams we play are getting bigger and bigger every year. We need to work on strength, I can tell you right now, we are going to lack in that area," he said.

With rather large questions

marks surrounding the Thunderhawks experience, Martin has simplified his schemes and will rely heavily on his athletic defense to reach his goal of a playoff appearance.

"I believe our defense will be our strong point this year," he said. "Looking at our schedule and the talent we have, it is not far-fetched to consider the playoffs an option. We have a legitimate shot (to make the playoffs) if

everything goes as planned."

Martin also hopes to use football to not only create better players, but better young men. "My personal goal is to get three to four kids to school. If they play ball, great, if not, that's my personal accomplishment. (High school athletics) teaches you discipline and time management that will help kids later in life," he said.



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Assistant coach Deke Suri leads Thunderhawk players through tackling drills teaching form and technique. The Thunderhawks open play August 30 at Living Word Lutheran.

2008 T-Hawk Football		
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Healthy Children, Strong Families initiative

By Tina Jacobsen, RD, CD
Oneida Health Promotion

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New Location...

Native American Service Center relocated

The Native American Service Center has moved from 410 Dousman Street to **201 W. Walnut Street, Suite 204**, near the corner of Broadway and Walnut toward the river in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Center is a friendly and safe place for all Native American and Alaskan Natives to come Monday through Friday from 8 AM through 5 PM.

The new location brings a multitude of positive changes that includes a cleaner, healthier, and safer location on the Green Bay public bus route. Parking is closer, safer, and more convenient. A large conference room is available. We plan to utilize the conference room for Health & Wellness Outreach and Referral Services that include, but are not limited to, awareness and prevention, education, training, seminars. We will also be hosting children, youth and community activities and events.

The Native American Service Center shares the building with other businesses that offer services that are cohesive and complimentary to the work and efforts of the NASC. Integrated Community Services (ICS)

offers Section 8 Rental Assistance, Energy Assistance, Housing Evaluations and Administrative Services. Also located in the building are Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., Personnel Connection, WINR Donated Wheels Brown County, Bank Mutual, Talbot's Martial Arts Center, America's Dream, Inc., and Family Childcare and Resources of Northeast Wisconsin.

The mission of the Native American Service Center is to develop and maintain an urban center in the Green Bay area to assist in the needs of Urban Native Americans and Alaskan Natives of Brown and Door Counties, who need services or resources in the areas of health, social, economic, educational and cultural enhancement with community involvement and participation encouraged.

The primary focus at the Native American Service Center at this time is to provide an outreach referral program that will support the activities necessary to adequately meet the unmet health, social, economic, educational and cultural needs of the urban Indian population. To successfully achieve these goal and objectives, the Native American Service Center has a Community Health Representative (CHR), AODA Counselor and AODA Clinical Supervisor on staff. Our staff is dedicated to helping our clients determine what they need and helping them find the right resource(s) that will help them.

Our Health & Wellness Program offers Diabetes Testing for awareness and prevention; Blood Pressure Monitoring; Prescription Pick-Up and Home Delivery Services; Disease Awareness; Home Visits Upon Request to Set Up Meds and/or Medical Equipment; Health &

Wellness education, and HIV/AIDS Awareness. Services are free of charge. Lisa Kaquatosh-Tucker is our Community Health Representative (C.H.R.) for this area. Lisa is a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

Our AODA Program offers AODA assessments and referrals; Individual, Couples and Group Counseling; Adult and Adolescent Counseling. Our AODA program incorporates Native American spirituality and teachings, as well as the standard AODA practices. Referrals from DOCC are accepted. Services are free of charge. Georgia Marrowbone is our certified and licensed AODA Counselor. Georgia is a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa Tribe of Indians. Joanne Torres-Jacobs is our certified and licensed AODA Clinical Supervisor. Joanne is a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

The Native American Service Center also offers a Women's Talking Circle at 2:30 PM on Tuesday afternoons; an outpatient group Wellbriety (based on White Bison Program) is offered at 4:00 PM on Tuesday afternoons; Red Road AA Group meets at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evenings; and beading starting at 2:30 PM on Fridays. Goodwill vouchers are also available.

We offer support to our clients and help them find the right resources. We also encourage them to be involved in our community programs and to socialize with friends, family and community who utilize our services. Services are open to all Native American and Alaskan Native residents of Brown County and Door County. Services are free of charge at this time.

The Native American Service Center is currently in its infancy stage as we only opened our doors ten (10)

months ago in October 2007. As a gathering place for ALL Native American and Alaskan Natives, one of our primary goals is to become an educational resource for the community about Native American and Alaskan Native history, culture, values and services. To do this we respectfully ask for your help. We need information from all of the Tribes. We are gathering information to share with our clients and to help them find the resources they need. We are gathering information regarding tribal history, culture, ceremonies values, enrollment, genealogy, health, medical, dental, vision, AODA, behavioral health, social services, housing, education, employment, methods of transportation, training, workshops, event & activities. We respectfully ask people to give of their time, knowledge, experience and talents. To teach culturally enriching activities and events at the center.

Please mark your calendars and reserve Wednesday, October 1, 2008, to join us from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Native American Service Center to celebrate our one year anniversary. There will be raffles and door prizes. Refreshments will be served.

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NASC Native American Services Center

Health, Wellness, Outreach & Referral Services

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Other Support Groups offered by the Native American Service Center include the following:

- Wellbriety Group Every Tuesday 4:00 PM
- Red Road AA Group Every Tuesday 7:00 PM
- Women's Talking Circle Every Friday 2:30 PM

NOTE: Please call the center to schedule an appointment if services are needed outside the scheduled date and time.

For more information, please contact our Community Health Representative Lisa Kaquatosh-Tucker. The Native American Service Center is located at 201 West Walnut Street - Suite 204 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Please feel free to call the center at (920) 445-0388 or fax information to (920) 445-0190.

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CWAG 31st Annual Convention Report

July 10-11, 2008
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
Green Bay, WI

By Hugh Danforth

Day One

George Potarache, convention chair, opened the session talking about securing the present and protecting the future for elders. Kathy Hughes gave a welcome for the Oneida Nation. Senator herb Kohl gave a video welcome. He said that the senate is considering a bill to rate nursing homes with a five star system. He also considers CWAG as the foot soldier for elder health in Wisconsin. He talked about the Drug Companies lobbying doctors to use their higher priced drugs and wants to do something about that practice. Senator Russ Feingold also gave a video welcome presentation. He said that things should change with a new president. He talked about finding solutions to health care cost and protecting medicare and medicaid. He said that prescription drugs through Wisconsin's Senior Care cost less than "Part D" which was a good thing for Wisconsin. Mark O'Connell, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Counties Association, was the session's keynote speaker. He talked about taxes and how the private sector having the solutions to the health care problems.

Tom Frazier, Executive Director of CWAG, observed that the majority of the people in the county are following a path of ignorance and apathy, "I don't know, I don't care" attitude when it comes to health care.

I attended "The Real Coat of Living: Wisconsin's New

Elder Economic Index" workshop presented by Betsy Abramson. Consultant, WI Women's Network. She pointed out what the:

- average income for a single elder renter in Wisconsin was \$19,810
- average WI women's social security benefit was \$11,331
- average WI men's social security benefit was \$15,196
- average WI women's income in retirement was \$15,395
- average WI men's income in retirement was \$18,223
- the Federal Poverty level for single adult is \$10,400

She also talked about the expenses for a single elder renter. She showed a chart showing the 35% of the expenses was housing. She talked about a widow in Marathon County with only a social security income of \$931 a month and has a \$1527 a month expenses, monthly income short fall of \$596. She's a person who played by the rules and worked everyday. After talking to a benefit specialist, they were able to keep her in her home and not to have her in institutional care.

Governor Jim Doyle was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. The governor talked about an elder women who could live on her own, someone who needed a little help. He talked about an elder women in a nursing home who could live independently, someone who needed a little help and could be living in her home.

He talked about Wisconsin's Family Care and how it could give the elders a little help to keep them in their homes and out of institutions. He talked about Senior Care and Badger Care Plus, two Wisconsin Programs that help with the cost of prescriptions, about the transportation fund having billions of dollars, that with a little of that money could help with the mobility of elders, giving them the opportunity to get out and about.

After the governor's speech, I attended the "Put Your Home to Work For You" workshop by Michael J, Odden, Vice President, Reverse Mortgage Product Mgr. M & I Bank. Reverse Mortgage is a federal program that is backed by HUD. It enables older homeowners to convert all or part of their equity in their homes to tax free proceeds with out having to sell, give up title or take on a new monthly payment on their home. The rates are low. An elder homeowner can take part of the total equity or one lump sum of the equity regardless if the home has a mortgage or is title free. The money could be used to pay off existing debt, update

or remodel your home or purchase a a second home. However, they strongly discourage investing the money. You have the option to pay off the mortgage or not. If you miss payments, you will not lose your home. The presenter talked about a man who used the option to use his equity to have twenty two monthly payments to him so he could have someone come in to help him out. If this didn't happen, he would have gone to a nursing home and the nursing home would have drawn down his assets. This is a person that was able to function but needed a little help. The man passed away after two months. The property was sold and the bank got what was owed them and the rest of the money went into his estate. Common myths about the program are:

- ◆ Your selling your house to the bank - No
- ◆ Must own home free and clear - Incorrect.
- ◆ Restrictions - None
- ◆ Effects retirement benefits - Not true

According to the presenter, the bank's interest is, "Quality of Life," it's about living, helping people, peace of mind.

Day Two

On day two, I attended the "License to Steal" work shop by John Hendrick, Elder Financial Empowerment Project." A financial power of attorney can be a powerful planning tool, but can become a weapon that threatens your financial survival." He showed the ten top ways to make sure a financial power of attorney dose not become a license to steal. The bottom line to this is, "is your agent trustworthy?" John says that 60% of the agents are relatives.

I also attended the CWAG closing session's open forum where many ideas and questions were brought forward. There were concerns about the \$9 billion being spent in Iraq every month. There were concerns about the increase in fuel cost to heat homes this winter. There was talk about increase in benefits specialist program, focus on the people who need help the most, increase wages and get more people. And there was more.

Observations

CWAG had sixty-seven business sponsors with one tribal sponsor, the Mohican North Star Casino & Bingo. The conference had forty-eight Exhibitors, two of which were tribal, the Oneida Nation Museum and the North Star Casino & Bingo.

I observed that Oneida was the only tribal entity at the conference. In conclusion, I found the conference very interesting and informative.

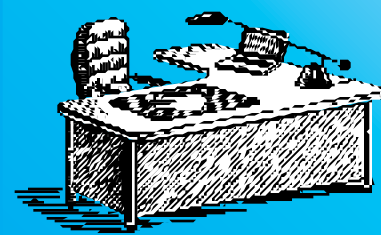
THANK YOU — 4 Nations Picnic — A good time was had by all Oneida Housing Authority Picnic — New friends were made

Recently here at Elderly Services, we received a telephone call from an Elder; Lorleen John is doing a good job. He is pleased with her service.

Thank you, Lorleen!

ELDERS AND EVERYONE... ..DRUMS CONTACT

From the desk of Linda Douglas



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



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