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Indian law experts say politics may curb casinos

MILWAUKEE (AP) - A lobbying scandal in Washington, D.C., and efforts to curb new off-reservation casinos could harm the chances for casino proposals in Wisconsin, experts in American Indian law say.

Federal approval of any off-reservation casino is unlikely in the next three years, said Eric Eberhard, a Seattle lawyer with an extensive tribal gaming practice. He noted such proposals have languished under President Bush.

Making the situation worse for casinos is a scandal involving lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who has pleaded guilty to federal charges stemming from schemes to bribe public officials and defraud Indian tribes who were his lobbying clients,

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Awards honor community members



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Loretta Webster gives a brief thank you speech after accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award.

By Phil Wisneski
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Giving recognition to the unheralded and unassuming yet most deserving people is what the Community Service Awards Program is all about according to the Oneida Amvets. It was held on February 2, 2006 at Doxbees Supper Club in Seymour. The program is designed to give support and applause to the heart and soul of the Oneida community. The award winners go above and beyond their normal duty, but yet these individuals don't hesitate to do even more.

These traits are what make all the 2005 award winners special and vital to the Oneida community.

Winners include: Elder of the Year - Carol Robelia, Lifetime Achievement Award - Loretta Webster, Medical Health Awards - The Community Health Staff of Marguerite Bork, Vicki Johnson, Karen Nolan and Neva Archiquette, Social Services Award - Rhonda Tousey. Courage and Leadership Award - Lea Zeise, Educator of the Year - Anita Barber, Caretaker of the

Land - Mary Jo Nash, Law Enforcement Award - All Oneida Police Officers, Gaming Employee of the Year - Jill Green, Customer Service Award - James Bruce Smith, Volunteer of the Year - Bill Cooper. All winners received certificates of acknowledgment and numerous other gifts.

Along with the awards two scholarships were awarded. The Cherisse A. Slove

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Youth honored at annual Pow Wow



Kali photos/Dawn Walschinski

There was a tremendous turn out for the annual Honor the Youth Pow Wow held at the Oneida Nation Elementary School Saturday, February 4th. There were 105 dancers including 45 Tiny Tots, 35 Color Guards and 17 drum groups with host drum Medicine Rock from Lac Du Flambeau. Medicine Rock consisted mostly of young men ages 10 to 15.

Above: Don McLester and grandson Jacob lead out twin brothers Ashton and Zander during an intertribal dance.

Left: Girls fancy dancer Tianna Hackett goes into a spin.

Recovering our seeds, land, relationships

By Sherrole Benton
Special to the Kalihwisaks

Many Native people gathered at the 3rd Annual Indigenous Farming Conference, Feb. 2-5th, to encourage each other and plan for greater independent and organic food production on their reservations. For Indigenous people, the best way to protect their own land, seeds, wildlife, and foods is through their cultural heritage and sovereign power as nations.

The event was possible due to the many sponsors that provided the support needed to host such a successful event. The Oneida Nation of

Wisconsin, White Earth Land Recovery Project, T s y u n h # h k w < , Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council, and the Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems sponsored the 3rd Indigenous Farming Conference, (IFC) in Oneida, WI. The IFC brings Indigenous communities together to share projects, increase traditional knowledge about traditional agriculture, share seeds, learn about resources, and create an Indigenous Agricultural Network.

During IFC's film festival, attendees saw how huge agricultural corpo-

rations use "genetically modified organism" (GMO) technology to change seeds, plants and wildlife. The corporations, like Monsanto and Dow Chemical, and their GMO products are a threat to Indigenous communities.

"I'm interested in how we reaffirm our relationship to the Creator through our songs, our ceremonies, and how we live our lives," Winona LaDuke said during her opening speech of the conference. Her message for native people is

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Farm Conference



photo courtesy of Sherrole Benton

Winona LaDuke was the key note speaker at the Indigenous Farming Conference held last week at the Radisson.

Cayugas pay taxes to advance trust application process

Auburn, N.Y. (AP) Seneca and Cayuga counties will lose millions of dollars and be prevented from enforcing laws if the Cayuga Indian Nation of New York is allowed to put its lands into federal trust, officials said Friday.

The counties made their arguments to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, submitting reports that showed in the first year they would lose about \$85,000 combined in property tax revenue.

Depending on the rate of tax growth, those yearly losses could climb to as much as \$15 million between the two counties.

Friday was the deadline for the counties and the state to file opposition statements to the Cayuga's trust application.

The New York Cayugas have applied to put all their land holdings in the two counties into federal trust, which if approved, would make them exempt from taxes, local laws and zoning regulations.

On Thursday, the tribe paid more than \$178,000 in delinquent and current property taxes, a required step in the application process. Until then, the Cayugas had refused to pay taxes, maintaining their land should be tax-free because it lies in their ancestral homeland in both counties.

"The issue is not the taxes past due, but the taxes that will never be paid if the land is taken into trust," said Robert Shipley, chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors.

The tribe owns high-stakes video gaming halls, which they have temporarily closed, and combination gas stations and convenience stores in Seneca Falls and Union Springs. The Cayugas also own a car wash, a campground and two parcels of vacant land.

Shipley said the counties also lose sales tax revenue from the Cayugas' businesses. It cost Seneca County alone about \$200,000 in lost sales tax revenues in 2005, he said.

Putting the Cayuga's land
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Local

FACE children honored with star quilts



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Mothers, fathers and grandparents created star quilts for their children in the FACE program and presented the hand made blankets on Wednesday, February 9th. This was the first time sewing for many of the participants. According to the volunteer project leader Jodell Crawford, receiving a star quilt from a relative is a great honor in the tradition of the Dakota people. The quilts were given to the children to honor them and to give them encouragement.

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to look at ways to recover what was lost, and to restore their land, wildlife, relationships and communities.

LaDuke is an Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg and is the mother of three children. She is the Executive Director of Honor the Earth and the Founding Director of White Earth Land Recovery Project (WELRP).

LaDuke reminded everyone that the Creator gave Indigenous people stories and instructions along with the gifts of food and medicines. The story of the three sisters: corn, beans, and squash, is an example of the Creator's gifts and sacrifices for the Haudenosaunee people. Among the Anishinaabeg people, the wild rice and fish are important spiritual gifts.

"We've separated ourselves, increasingly, from how we (use to) live," LaDuke said. Returning to natural, organic, and traditional foods, "is a process of 'de-colonizing' yourself and saying, 'What is it we're going to do to transform ourselves and our communities?'" It involves re-thinking, learning, and re-learning," she said. People are spending too much money off the reservation, and too much money on bad food, she added

"It's a lot of work to grow one's own garden, gather berries, teas, fish and hunt, and then preserve those foods for the coming months ahead. But, it's an important step to take to re-connect to those who grow the food, the ancestors, each other and the Creator, and to the cycles of life. It's also another step to take toward exercising sover-

eighty as nations."

LaDuke said the White Earth tribal council passed one of the first anti-GMO's ordinances in the country, specifically for the protection of the wild rice. She encouraged other tribes to also adopt ordinances to protect their native seeds and traditional foods from powerful agricultural corporations. She informed the audience that the "Indigenous Peoples Council on Bio-colonialism," has model ordinances that tribes can adopt to protect their seeds, plants, and foods.

"This issue of genetically engineered crops affects our heirloom seeds and plant varieties which are part of our cultural heritage of our nations. It is the right of a nation is to exercise jurisdiction," LaDuke said. "Try to keep them out of your territory, or regulate them."

Being able to control one's own food source is empowering for the individual and for tribes. "You can't talk about sovereignty if you can't feed your people," she said. Only people who are truly independent and capable of producing their own foods are also capable of being sovereign.

LaDuke suggests that native communities need to create mission statements that says tribes want to feed their own community, they want to keep their food local, they want to be in charge of it, and they want to know what they're growing.

"It gets back to this essential thing: that food is sacred. It is one of the most sacred gifts ever given us by the Creator. Those foods are medicine, all the good stuff that's in our traditional foods is what we need to challenge diabetes or other health

issues" she said.

In that way we recover our relationship to ourselves, to those who grow and harvest it, to our ancestors, and to the continuum of life.

"We need to get back in that continuum. That's how we restore our relationship to the one another and to the Creator," LaDuke said.

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Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Robin Martinez. The Roberta Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship was received by Jeanette King. King has a 4.0 grade point average and is pursuing a degree in nursing. She has dedicated her education to her son that past away at the age of three.

The final award was given to the John family. They were recognized for the years of service in the armed forces. Between five family members over 77 years of military service was accumulated.

Many of the award winners were very emotional in accepting their awards. Mary Jo Nash of the Department of Land Management received

an even more rousing applause for her hard work and dedication. Her hard work has returned over 7,800 acres of the Oneida Nation Reservation to the Oneida Nation. According to Fred Muscavitch, Director of Land Management, this accounts for about 29% of the reservation.

Master of Ceremonies Lloyd Powless kept the audience of over 300 community members on their toes with his quick jokes and snappy remarks. He did a good job at keeping the show moving, but also took the time to make sure each award winner received his or her recognition.

Also in attendance was the

Amvets State Commander Dennis Barrington. He was invited by the Oneida Amvets and graciously accepted.

"This was a great evening for the community," Barrington said. "It's nice to see this kind of support." meeting.

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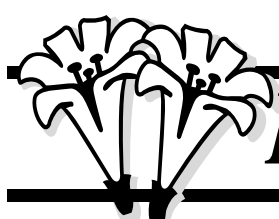
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Local



Passing On

Cornelius, Lois A.

August 3, 1926 – February 7, 2006

Lois A. Cornelius, age 79, of N8706 Maplewood, Bowler, died on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at her home.

Born on Aug. 3, 1926, at Big Lake in the Town of Red Springs, she was the daughter of the late Elmer and Eureka (Jourdan) Davids, Sr. She worked in the Sturgeon Bay shipyards during World War II and spent most of her life living in Shawano County. She worked as a teacher's aide in the Bowler School District for many years. She loved flowers and plants, clipping news items from area newspapers, feeding birds and squirrels in her yard, campfires, playing the organ and just collecting things.

She married Norrin "Joe" Cornelius at Mission Lake in the Town of Red Springs on Aug. 31, 1947. She is a member at the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; children, Dr. Carol Cornelius of Oneida, Jody (Aleta) Cornelius of Oneida, Norma (James) Flauger of Gresham, Dr. Neil (Lorraine)

Cornelius of Oneida, Reva (Robert) Fuhrman of Wausau, Norrin (Teri) Cornelius, Jr. of Oneida, Lowell Cornelius, Sr. of Bowler, Carmen Cornelius (Pete Powless) of Bowler; 40 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by six brothers and sisters, Dorothy Davids of Gresham, Marion (Robert) Shubinski of Berwyn, Ill., Glen (Marky) Davids, Sr. of Bowler, Elmer (Donna) Davids, Jr. of Milwaukee, Corinne Kroening of Marion and Bruce Davids of Bowler plus many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dotty Cornelius; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Bernice Miller-Pigeon and Margaret Raasch.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2006 at the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness, Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler. Burial followed in the Stockbridge Indian Burial Grounds.

Swedberg Funeral Home of Shawano, assisted the family with arrangements.

Red Lake prosecutor Heffelfinger to resign Feb. 28

Minneapolis (AP) – Two weeks after presenting the findings of a school shooting investigation that may define his term as Minnesota's top prosecutor, Tom Heffelfinger announced Tuesday that he will step down at the end of the month to return to private practice.

Heffelfinger, appointed as U.S. Attorney for Minnesota shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, was in the news most recently for his office's investigation into the shooting deaths of 10 people on the Red Lake Indian Reservation on March 21, 2005.

However, Heffelfinger told WCCO-AM that the shooting

didn't play a role in his decision to step down. Heffelfinger was criticized by some families last month for not sharing more information about the investigation that followed the shooting.

"The relationship at Red Lake and the work with the people up there has been one of the things of which I have been most proud," Heffelfinger said. "We accomplished some really positive things up there over the last five years."

Last month, Heffelfinger went to the American Indian reservation in far northern Minnesota to present some of the results of his office's

investigation to the families of victims and tribal officials.

Although he did not make the findings public, relatives who saw the presentation said Heffelfinger told them that up to 39 people had some sort of advance warning of 16-year-old Jeff Weise's plans to open fire at Red Lake High School.

Weise killed his grandfather and grandfather's girlfriend, before heading to the high school where he killed seven people, before killing himself. The only person prosecuted was Louis Jordain, 17, the son of the tribal chairman. The teen admitted to exchanging threatening communications with Weise.

The reservation is a sovereign nation, so crimes committed there are tried in federal court, rather than by state authorities.

In a news release, Heffelfinger said he tried to balance a prosecutor's traditional role of crime fighting with the added responsibilities of fighting terrorism.

He told WCCO-AM that after he leaves, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales will put in an interim replacement until President Bush appoints a new U.S. Attorney for Minnesota.

Heffelfinger said he expected the entire process would take six to nine months.

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Eberhard said.

Still, backers of three off-reservation casino proposals in Wisconsin say they remain committed to working toward getting approval from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The three off-reservation casino proposals are: the Menominee tribe's \$808 million casino plan for Kenosha; a plan by the Bad River and St. Croix Chippewa bands for a \$200 million casino in Beloit; and the Lac du Flambeau Chippewa tribe's \$110 million casino plan in Shullsburg.

Bruce Greene, a Boulder, Colo.-based Indian law

expert, said the Abramoff scandal heightened concern over tribal casinos.

"I don't think the climate is going to support any expanded gaming efforts by tribes," he said.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has argued Congress never intended Indian gambling to grow into Las Vegas-style operations bringing in almost \$20 billion a year.

McCain, chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, is pushing to strengthen the Indian gaming act by making Indian gaming more transparent and increasing the safeguards to protect

patrons.

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., recently introduced a bill to impose a two-year moratorium on new tribal casinos.

Greene said McCain's proposal will likely inhibit federal action on pending casino plans.

A spokesman for the Menominee tribe, Evan Zeppos, said changing the rules for proposals that already are developed would be unfair.

Existing rules already require extensive public review and local support and have not allowed off-reservation casinos to proliferate, he said.

Only three off-reservation casinos nationally have met all required approvals since

1988. One of those casinos was the Forest County Potawatomi's Milwaukee casino.

Tribes nationwide have proposed 10 off-reservation casinos, including the three from Wisconsin, said George Skibine, the Bureau of Indian Affairs official in charge of reviewing the plans.

Tribes seeking federal recognition or restoration of tribal status have proposed a similar number of casino plans.

Skibine said he didn't think the way his agency looked at off-reservation casino plans has changed in the current political atmosphere.

"We just implement the law that's on the books now," Skibine said

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The Oneida Family Fitness staff welcome you to visit their facility and encourage everyone to have an orientation. Stop in. We'll be happy to show you around.

Please see additional Family Fitness Highlights in this issue of the Kalihwisaks on page 7A

In Loving Memory of

Rafael R. Alicea

who passed away 1 year ago on Feb. 22, 2005

Grandpa Alicea...

My grandpa entered Heaven's gates on February 22, 2005. He felt the brush of angels' wings as he entered into the sky.

He left behind a family still shedding their solemn tears, and a heart-broken wife whom he loved for many years.

Without him here, I feel like my days shouldn't go on, but I hear grandpa's voice saying, "It's ok, Sara, stay strong."

Throughout all his years he was a gracious man. He was always there to lend anyone a hand.

I remember he loved to eat, and he loved to cook. He would use recipes that aren't found in books.

He also loved to fish. Sitting on the side of the lake, Patiently waiting for naive fish to take his bait.

But he was a Fisher of Men which was most important. Taught God's word to his family, so their faith became abundant.

My heart aches to see him again, but I know he's in a better place. Where he can live for eternity, and look Jesus face to face.

Now he looks down upon us from way up above, Watching over our family sending us his love.

~ By Sara Wisneski

Forever Loved...
by his Children and Grandchildren



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into trust status also would result in a "checkerboarding" effect and "serious jurisdiction problems and conflicts of land use," the counties said in their report.

A public hearing on the trust application is scheduled March in Seneca Falls.

The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, a co-plaintiff in the land claim, owns a 239-acre farm in Aurelius. It pays taxes on the property but has not applied to put the land

into trust.

A federal appeals court last year dismissed the Cayugas' land claim to some 64,000 acres in both counties and nullified a \$247.9 million court awarded jointly to the two tribes. The court said the tribes waited too long to reclaim the land.

The U.S. Justice Department has joined the Cayugas in petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to review the circuit court decision.

In Loving Memory of

Dawn M. Skenandore

who left us 10 years ago



We thought of you today with love,
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Kidney transplant a success for sisters



Photos Submitted by Marni King
Sheila Otto and Relia Price at UW Hospital.

By Dawn Walschinski
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Sheila Otto feels ten years younger since receiving a kidney from her sister Relia Price at University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison January 19th.

“I feel like I’ve got more life to me,” said Otto.

Otto suffered from polycystic kidney disease, a hereditary condition where cysts grew on her kidneys and took over the organs causing them to lose function.

Otto had been undergoing dialysis treatments three days a week before Price stepped up to be an organ donor.

“I just told her there is no way I could ever thank her. She said that it was something she wanted to do and she was glad that she had,” said Otto.

The donated organ went to work right away.

“Once my body realized it had a good kidney, in one day I lost 10 pounds from all the fluid that it was kicking out. They said I was an over achiever.”

Otto is enjoying the new freedoms the kidney is giving her, large and small.

When on the dialysis treatments, she had been limited in the amount of liquid she could take in and forbidden to consume dairy products.

“I was always a big water drinker before, so it’s nice to be able to keep a glass of water by me,” she said.

She has replaced 12 hours a week of dialysis sessions with 18 pills taken daily and blood tests every three days.

“It just takes 10 minutes at the most and you’re out of there and back home again,” she said.

Best of all, Otto is free to travel now that she no longer needs dialysis sessions.

“It still seems unreal to think you can go where you want to go and nothing is going to hold you back from doing it,” she said.

through a trying time.

“(Marni’s) one of my best supporters. She did so much for the benefit and everything was just such a huge success,” said Otto of her offspring.

“(Erika) was a big help to me mentally and physically coming home. The moral support was there with her,” said Price of her daughter.

Price wants to spread the word about polycystic kidney disease which is called a silent killer.

“From speaking to the people at the hospital, it’s something that’s very common but little is known about it,” she said.

The only symptom to the hereditary disease is high blood pressure when a person is in their thirties or forties. An ultrasound test done on the kidneys would reveal the presence of cysts, however there is currently no treatment or cure.

Otto’s and Price’s father Bennett King died at the age of 57 of polycystic kidney disease. Otto was the only one of 14 children to inherit the condition.

After going through the transplant process, Otto hopes more people will be willing to do what her sister has done for her.

“There’s so many people that (a transplant) would help, and I know there’s a lot of people that are waiting for kidneys,” she said.



The names of people who have donated organs are set into a wall at the UW Hospital where the transplant was performed. Price’s name will be added to the wall in six months.

Oneida Museum opens new exhibits



Photo by Dawn Walschinski

The Oneida Museum re-opened Friday, February 10th and featured three new exhibits: Our Nation in Conflict: Iroquois Role in the Revolutionary War, Oneida Removal and Resettlement and The Works of Jim Hill. The exhibits were done in-house by Lydia Tallchief.

Above: Oakley Arnold leads Paula and Donald Miller on a tour of the new displays.“I think these are wonderful. I think these are meaningful mix of current, past and present.” said Paula.

The HRD Corner - The Screening Process Continued

The Screening Committee consists of:

»Personnel Commission member

»The position supervisor

»The Area Manager (optional)

» HRD Representative

After the screening process is complete, applicants who have been screened out will receive notification that they have not been selected for an interview. However, NOT all qualified applicants may receive an interview. In some cases, the Screening Committee may decide NOT to interview all of the qualified applicants. This can happen for a number of reasons:

- 1) a large number of qualified applicants,
- 2) a highly, educated and/or experienced group within the qualified applicants, or
- 3) choosing a preferred category only.

Let’s look at each of these reasons:

Large Number of Qualified Applicants- For some positions, the large number of qualified applicants to interview is not man-

ageable or cost-effective. There can be 100+ qualified applicants for just one position. It is not a good use of resources to interview all of the qualified applicants. The Screening Committee may decide to decrease the number of interviews.

One of the ways to do this is by testing. [Example - If a position required good writing skills, then each qualified applicant could be asked to complete a writing sample. The Screening Committee might select only the top 10 applicants for an interview based on their writing samples. The candidates not chosen for an interview would receive a letter.]

Highly Educated and/or Experienced Applicants - During the screening process, the Screening Committee may have a group of highly educated and experienced applicants. For example, there may be 55 qualified applicants for a manager position. Forty of the 55 applicants just meet the minimum qualifications of a Bachelor’s degree with two years experience.

But 15 of the 55 applicants have Master’s degrees with more than two years experience.

The Screening Committee may decide to only interview the 15 highly qualified applicants. The other 40 qualified applicants would get a letter stating they were not selected for an interview.

Preferred Category Only - The Screening Committee may have a large number of qualified applicants for a certain position. The Screening Committee may decide to decrease the number of interviews by only interviewing enrolled Oneidas. The applicants not meeting this preferred category would get a letter stating they were not selected for an interview.

Some might believe these decisions are so that supervisor or even HRD can pick and choose whomever they want or even play favorites. Actually, the goal of hiring is to find the best matched and most qualified applicant for the position, in a manageable and cost-effective manner.

Creation of a Pendelton

Submitted by Beth Bashara
Director of the Oneida Nation Arts Program

(Oneida, WI) - Oneida Retail and Joint Marketing are seeking an Oneida of Wisconsin artist to create the design for a new limited edition Pendelton blanket. The blanket design should reflect the unique qualities of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and will have limited distribution.

The artist selected for this very special opportunity will receive \$300 cash plus the first blanket and \$100 gift card from Retail for the single use of design in the creation of up to 1,000 blankets and promotional materials.

For more information or applications, please go to our web site at www.oneidanationarts.org or call (920) 490-3833. Applications are due March 24, 2006 either in the ONAP office (1270 Packerland, cottages behind Fitness Center) or by mail to: ONAP, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155.



The 2005 Caretaker of the Year Award was presented to Mary Jo Nash on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at Doxbee’s Supper Club which was hosted by the Oneida Amvets. Dr. Frederick Muscavitch, Director of Land Management presented Mary Jo with the award and a pendleton blanket.

Mary Jo was nominated because of her dedication, commitment, and professionalism. Her contributions have resulted in a successful outcome to a multi-year effort of enormous importance. This acquisition is something of which we can all be truly proud. (Gollnick, 2005).

Caretakers Corner

Mary Jo is very knowledgeable regarding land of the Oneida Reservation. She is committed to the continual efforts toward acquiring land and working with Land Commission. Over the past two years she has worked through the many avenues of politics in order to secure the Sanger B. Powers Reformatory. This was a major accomplishment that the Tribe has pursued for many years. Her success, for that alone, warrants this annual award of Caretaker of the Land.

In addition to her work, she also has quality time for her husband, and two children; her annual chili cook-off, her Las Vegas cribbage tournament; the West DePere Booster Club, traveling, baking, and golf.

In summary, I am honored to have this opportunity to pay this tribute to Mary Jo Nash, Caretaker of the Year. (Muscavitch, 2006).

Another Reason To Love Sundays!

Sunday Brunch
Sundays 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Enjoy a bountiful variety of delicious breakfast dishes, elegant entrees, enticing salads, and wonderful desserts.

Featuring made to order omelets and waffles, and carved country ham.

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SEOTS News

SEOTS Office Hours:
M-T-W-TH-F: 8-4:30PM
Saturday: 9AM-12PM
Call for hour availability on the weekend, 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.*

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-383-9526.

Domestic Violence – Milwaukee Women's Center 272-5132, Ext. 153. Bagwajikwe Madosh is the Native American Case Manager/Advocate and available to assist any woman or family members.

Urban Circle of Voices – Milwaukee's Native American Newspaper, 643-5510, Vicki Rank.
Interfaith Program for the Elderly – Meals on Monday and Friday, 11:30AM-631 N. 19th St. First Friday of the month at 5PM.

Movies and Library
The SEOTS office has a collection of movies and library books for check-out. A large selection of Native American books fiction and non-fiction. Books and movies can be checked-out free of charge. Also, please return any past due books or movies so we can update our library.

Attention All Community Members

Craft Class
The class is a continuation of the Doll Class from February. Participants that finish the class will have a doll dressed in a Iroquois

women's outfit.

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29th

Time: 6 - 8pm

Place: Seots office, 2778 South 35th Street

The month of April we will be making a purse with Raised Beadwork on it.

It's Your Choice Program for Teens

It's Your Choice is a program directed to Middle and High School teens. Home work help is provided, along with guest speakers, field trips, extra-curricular activities, attendance incentives, evening meals and bus tickets are provided. Parents are welcome to attend. The program is facilitated by Oneida tribal member and MPS teacher Amy Tromp. This is a Healthy Lifestyle Education Program sponsored by the WE Indians of Milwaukee Public School Systems. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. For information Contact Dona Yahola, We Indians Program at 304-6121.

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Time: 4 - 6:30pm

Place: Seots, 2778 South 35th Street

Cultural Heritage

Cultural heritage class will hold two classes this month. Randy will conduct a class about the Clan System on Thursday, March 9th. If you have any questions about Oneida Culture and tradition this class may be of interest to you!

Date: Thursday, March 9th
Tentatively Class will also be held on March 23rd which we will present a topic about Women in History, since March is Women's History Month. Please call for final information about the class on the 23rd.

Time: 6:30 - 8pm

Place: Seots, 2778 South 35th Street

Oneida language class
Taught weekly (Saturdays)

Oneida Language class is taught weekly by teachers from Milwaukee and guest teachers from Oneida! Families and children are welcome! Language teacher Mark Powless would like to see you come with your children. Part of the class is planned for fun and easy learning for our children. They are our lifeblood for the Oneida language. Please try to attend!

Oneida language classes are taught at SEOTS on a weekly basis with Oneida instructors. You can also access the language program during the week on computers available at SEOTS.

Dates: Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25th

Time: 10am-12pm

Place: Seots

Walk in for Veterans at the SEOTS Office

Rodney Pearsall, a staff member from the Milwaukee Veterans Center will be available for any questions and information available to Veterans without an appointment once a month at SEOTS. Rodney is a counselor with the Vets Center. His specialty is working with war veterans and their families, although he will try to help any veteran with any questions they may have. The Vet's Center does with work closely with the VA Hospital and several agencies and organizations in order to provide the best care for veterans. -- All Veteran's

Are Welcome--

Date: Tuesday, March 7th

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Place: SEOTS

Pow-wow Time

Indian Summer 15th

Annual Winter Pow-wow

Wisconsin State Fair, Wisconsin Products Pavilion, March 4th and 5th - Doors open at 11am on both days, Grand Entries at 1 & 7pm, Saturday and Sunday at 1pm.

Tax Preparation Services

Tax preparation will not be prepared at the Seots office but can be prepared at four sites in the Milwaukee Area. Please call for information on the sites available. 384-7740

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

Attention all Community Members

One of our young community members is in need of a "kidney transplant". Jessica is now on the waiting list for a transplant. Its possible for any healthy person to be a donor. If you are interested, you can call Jessica's nurse Nancy at (414)385-2550. Tell them you are interested in being tested for a match for Jessica, that is on the kidney transplant list. You may also just call to ask questions of what criteria you must meet to be a donor. Who know's you may be a match?

Jessica will also appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Computer lab now available for use

Use the lab for job search, school papers, resumes, information research and language study. Come and check out the lab. Open lab every day and Saturday 9 - 12pm.

Oneida Singers

Oneida singers meet every Monday at 6:30pm at the SEOTS office. They are available for events and ser-

SEOTS Staff

Mark Denning.....Director
Anne Kreutzinger.....Administrative Asst.
Carmen Flores.....Administrative Asst.
Deb Ushakow.....Community Education Specialist

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to our office yet, please stop in! Check your Kalihwisaks for SEOTS News once a month for a listing of events. If you don't know the staff, come in and see us.

The office is located at: 2778 South 35th Street. Phone: (414) 384-7740

vices. Please contact Mamie at 643-8972 or Seots 384-7740.

Veterans

Support Our Veterans! Veterans have served our county since the Revolutionary War. They are also requesting that we support our Veterans where ever they are serving. The contact person for the Color Guard is Leon House (414)543-1622. We are proud of our Color Guard and all our Veterans. Keep up the good work!

MAIRN Milwaukee Area Indian Resource Network Meeting

If you are an agency or a business new to the area, attend this meeting. Area Native agencies and businesses meet once a month to share helpful information about our community, such as: contacts, what's happening in Indian country regarding health, community education, and other important issues that affect our community. Guest speakers will present topics of interest and will share their resources that are available for the community. This is a must for area Indian agencies and businesses.

Date: Wednesday, February 22nd

Time : 12:00-2:00pm

Place: Next Meeting will be held at "The Gathering Place" at the Ignace Indian Health Center, 1711 S. 11th Street , alternate place will be Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Office, 2778 South 35th Street.

Notices will be sent to members (Others interested please call 384-7740)

Potluck---Potluck---Potluck

Tsyunhehkwa

If you are interested in products from Tsyunhehkwa

we may have what you're looking for at the SEOTS office. We carry dehydrated corn, dried corn, wild rice, salsa, jellies and jams. If there is anything you would like that we don't carry we would be happy to pick it up for you on our monthly van trip to Oneida.

SEOTS Advisory Board meetings

The board meets on a regular basis every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The public is invited.

Date: Tuesday, March 14th and 28th

Time: 6:00pm

Please call and inquire before attending 384-7740

Van Trip

Date: Wednesday, March 15th

Time: Van leaves at 8:00am sharp and returns at approximately 5:30pm

SEOTS van trip and script pick-up

Script pick-up: Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29th

Last day to call in meds for the following Wednesday pick-up is no later than 4:00pm each FRIDAY! You must order meds the week BEFORE each pick up. You can not order the same week you are requesting a pick up unless you are going to pick up your meds or arrange to have someone else pick them up for you. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions about this. Always make 2 calls - SEOTS & PHARMACY (If you don't get your name on the SEOTS List, your meds will not be included in the pick up.)

ONEIDA VFW Post #7784
will be sponsoring a
Fish Fry Luncheon
from
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday • February 22, 2006

\$6.00 per plate
Your choice of Haddock or Cod
with Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, and bread



Student Intern Program

◆ Do you want to gain helpful and meaningful experiences in your chosen field?

◆ Do you want to enhance your resume with real work experience?

If the answer is YES, then the Oneida Tribal Student Intern Program is for you.

Student Interns are placed within Tribal Departments to gain meaningful, real-world experience in your chosen field.

This experience can enhance your resume and possibly open the door for employment with the Oneida Tribe.

Requirements

◆ Enrolled in the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin;

◆ Must be in "Good Standing" with the Oneida Higher Education Department.



Gain Experience in these areas!

- ◆ Customer Service—Gaming
- ◆ Oneida Fitness and Health Promotions
- ◆ Kalihwisaks—Journalism
- ◆ Librarianship
- ◆ Experiential Education
- ◆ Recreation Therapy
- ◆ Network / PC Support
- ◆ Early Childhood
- ◆ Elementary or Secondary Education
- ◆ Computer Education
- ◆ Computer Technical Background
- ◆ Health Field
- ◆ Nursing
- ◆ Marketing / Communications / Business
- ◆ Law / Legal Intern
- ◆ Natural Resource / Biology
- ◆ Oneida History
- ◆ Retail / Administration
- ◆ Employee Relations—Gaming specific
- ◆ Community Planning
- ◆ Legislative Affairs—Lobbying

Submit Application, Resume, and Cover Letter to:



Oneida Tribal Human Resource Department

c/o Student Intern Program
2630 West Mason Street
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54304

(Resume and cover letter is required with application)

To obtain an application from the Human Resource Department:
Call (920) 496-7900 or (800) 236-7050

Brian A. Duxtator, Ext. 3660 or Tanya Danforth, Ext. 3612

- or - Download application @

http://hrd.oneidanation.org/application/application.shtml

Interview skills training is available at the Oneida Community Education Center, please call 496-7860!



Oneida History & Resources

“Chronology of Events: Research on Oneidas in Wisconsin 1634-2000”

A compilation of activities involving Oneidas in Wisconsin, from their lives in New York to their migration to Wisconsin. Information involving treaties, land transactions, formation of the IRA government, Works Progress Administration, accounts about life and more.

217 pages, \$20.00 plus \$3.95 s/h © 2003

“Oneida People, Places, Dates and Events: A Resource Guide”

A genealogy guide about Oneida people in Wisconsin from the early 1800's through the 1940's. Entries include information from census records, diary accounts, land records, church records, boarding school information, civil war records, newspaper accounts and correspondence.

Available on compact disk (cd), \$65.00 plus \$4.95 s/h © 2005

Works Progress Administration 167 Notebooks Collection

Twelve original collections of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) stories gathered in the late 1930's involving accounts of life on the reservation. This collection contains over 11,000 hand-written pages transferred into typewritten text with cross-referenced indexing.

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To see excerpts of the book, go to: www.angelfire.com/on3/oneida

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Legislative Review/Letters



Vice-Chairwoman
Kathy Hughes

A few months back I mentioned a transition that would be occurring in the “Three Sisters Housing Site” located in Green Bay across from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. This site was built in the early 80's with funding received from HUD (Housing & Urban Development) for low income

Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...

families. Over the years it has served a much needed purpose but the Oneida Housing Authority is in the process of changing the site to address a new need for Elderly Housing. As of this writing there are now 23 units identified for the Elderly. Initially the Elders were hesitant to accept the new housing location, but as the numbers moving in started to grow the transition started to move along rapidly and I anticipate a waiting list being created very soon.

Good Job to the Oneida Housing Authority for seeing a need and making adjustments to meet that need!

Keeping up with the demands of changes can be a challenge but it is also what makes this environment we live in so exciting. Occasionally we do have to

sit back and reassess where we came from and why we did things the way we did. Mistakes are an excellent educational tool for learning how to do things better. Of course the changing laws enter into the mix and require some of those changes.

On January 19 I went to Washington DC to participate in a lunch hour briefing with Senate Staffers on the re-authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, an endeavor that has taken over 5 years. While there, I also met with Senator McCain's assistant and with the Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Jim Cason. We try to always do some meetings with Legislators when we are in DC.

January 24th, a United Tribal Leaders meeting took place in Carter, Wisconsin

hosted by the Potawatomi, We discussed lobbying strategies in light of the campaign finance reform discussions taking place in the State and Washington DC. The race to fill the position being left by Congressman Mark Green in District 8 was also discussed. The Tribes will be meeting again in the near future to begin detailing the GET OUT TO VOTE initiatives we hope to all participate in.

January 25th I traveled to Madison for the State's Building Commission meeting because the agenda had a discussion on the Hobart, Ashwaubenon, Lawrence and Oneida Public Safety Facility plans. Representative Tom Nelson has supported us on this initiative and put the request to the Commission with the hope of getting planning dollars identified to carry on this project as a pilot for the State. This project is a cooperative effort amongst the local governments and supports the Governor's call for creating greater cost efficiencies in providing services to our communities. January 26th saw us in Milwaukee for a meeting

hosted by the SEOTs Office to provide an update to the community on the New York Land Claims. While there we took the opportunity to also review the processes for providing delivery of pharmaceutical supplies to Oneidas who got their scripts filled at the Oneida Pharmacy. This is a new program that should be getting under way very soon. With any new program I am sure there will be problems that we will have to work out. Please forward your concerns to us with any suggestions you may have to correct them.

Recently I was appointed to the Indian Health Services/Veteran Affairs Steering Committee. I wasn't sure what this would entail, but I attended my first meeting of the Steering Committee on January 29th in Phoenix, Arizona. Collaboration is the new buzz word amongst the various Departments in Washington DC. Several years ago, IHS began working with the Dept. of Veteran Affairs to provide more efficient services to Native Americans. The Steering Committee is working on the procedures that need to go

into effect to make this happen. But I discovered from my recent meeting that there is a great deal to learn on both sides of the aisle. A veteran has the option of receiving care from a VA Clinic or an Indian Health Clinic but there is presently no way for the one to carry forward to the other without the individual having to start from scratch and completing a great deal of paperwork. Our discussions on this Sunday focused primarily on this process and what can be done to make it as seamless as possible. Not as easy as it sounds but I am sure we will be able to come up with something. First we have to understand each others processes currently in place.

As you can see, it appears I have been doing a lot of traveling lately and I guess I have. But these are generally very short trips and I don't expect them to be frequently occurring. I serve on two national committees, TTAG and IHS/VA which meet only twice a year. The rest of the time we conduct business through conference calls.

Letters, Opinions...

The Buffalo Baron

The sacred cow to be granted that tribal members cannot obtain access to. Don't get me wrong I appreciate the buffalo and the beef cattle as the next person. What I object to is the lack of land for tribal members, and the lack of respect for questions asked of a committee entrusted to handle the Tribe's land holdings. The following information is from minutes in which I posted to the Oneida Land Commission.

Question 1. At what point can Tribal members expect to be able to use the agricultural land available. Answer: Send Judy the Agriculture SOP

Question 2. How much Ag land does the Tribe own and how much is leased out to non tribal members? Response: the Oneida Farm has approximately 4,612 acres of which 3,927 acres are leased to non-tribal members. (Please note: The tribe has purchased back a little over 10,000 acres – so where are the Tribal members in the scheme of things).

Question 3. Does the Land Office have a surveyor on staff and if not, why not? Answer: No, if we need one we contract with outside sources. (Note: recent and past “mistakes” could have been avoided has a surveyor been on staff)

Question 4. When can we have a community meeting on the use of the former Sobiek property? Response: refer to the Agriculture SOP. When Land Management decides to advertise tribal wide she can apply. (Note: It is now apparent that I will not get a straight answer – but it gets better – read on).

Question 5. When will the rail road track land become useful to the community, such as biking, hiking, riding cross country skiing trails? Response: Ask your elected representatives and request the issue be given greater priority (Excuse me, I thought the Land Committee was involved with “land” somehow?)

Question 3. Is it true that the Land Commission purchased land this past spring for 20,000 dollars an acre from two former tribal executives when they could have purchased it directly from the former owner for 2,000 an acre? If so, why? Response: Offers to purchase land and negotiations involved in the purchasing process are confidential. Any community member wanted to get more

involved with this process is encouraged to seek a seat on the Land Commission. (Note: for the record this transaction is filed in the Brown County Court house and is a “public” document)

Question 7. Why was America's Dream denied their request for land for Tribal members to build on? Response: Judy is no longer a part of the team for America's Dream. Excuse me, what does that have to do with my question?

Is there a “Land Baron”? What do you think? Seeking an answer from the Land Commission with get you no where fast. As to their last comment about participation: Thanks to Madlyn Genskow and the General Tribal Council the Land Commission will be elected henceforth and when that opportunity arises I can only hope the baron is deposed.

Judy Cornelius
Tribal member

GTC Falls Short

I would like to thank all those who showed up for the General Tribal Council Meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2006. We fell 17 people short and therefore, had no quorum. I understand it is very difficult for people to understand what is the issue. On September 25, 2003, I became aware that a lawn mower purchased through the Oneida Recreation Department and I was listed as the contact person. The lawn mower was delivered to my Immediate Supervisor's residence and I notified the Oneida Police Department. I then entered into the grievance process as a witness, a petitioner and a respondent. I experienced disclosure of protected material by the Oneida Personnel Commission, I experienced failure to follow their own rules, I experienced tampering with sworn testimony and observed and experienced the inappropriate treatment of witnesses.

I filed a complaint with the Oneida Appeals Commission to hold the Oneida Personnel Commission accountable for \$50,000 in punitive damages and \$25,000 for emotional distress, a reaction of false and misleading statements made in the Powless vs. Bain case and an apology letter to all entities that received the decision.

The hearing was set for January 20, 2005 and the Oneida Personnel

Commission's attorney or a representative for the Personnel Commission failed to appear. Past precedence when a party fails to appear the decision goes in favor of the appearing party. Instead, I was told the Personnel Commission has immunity.

Immunity was not created to condone misconduct or to say the Oneida Personnel Commission is above the Law. Since bringing this information forward on September 25, 2003, these grievance hearings have exploited my friendships, accused me of giving false and misleading testimony, question my credibility, ethics and loyalty to the Oneida Tribe.

Where is my justice?

Respectfully submitted,
Arlouine Bain

Oneida Nation; Where Do We Stand?

Sakoli, my name is Ron Hill, Jr. “Tehassi”. I am writing this to the GTC to hopefully help our citizens understand where we need our Oneida Nation government to stand. There are a lot of issues facing our nation, the one I have chosen to pick up is our nation's SOVEREIGNTY.

According to the United States Constitution, “Treaties are the supreme law of the land.” “Treaties are superior to State laws and State Constitutions.” Treaties are contracts between Sovereign nations.

The Sovereignty of our Oneida Nation historically and currently is in great jeopardy. We all need education about our Treaties and sovereign rights. The more we know, the stronger our Nation will grow. We all need to hold the United States Federal Government accountable to its Treaties and ensure that our Sovereignty is not further eroded.

The following are excerpts from the primary Treaties the Oneida Nation are party to, each indicates our Sovereign Status:

*Treaty with six nations, 1784 article 2. “The Oneida and Tuscarora Nations shall be secured in the possession of the lands in which they are settled.”

*Treaty with six nations, 1794 article 1 “Peace and friendship are here by established, and shall be perpetual,

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Letters

Legislative Update

Greetings to all Oneida Nation citizens, employees and community members:

I hope you and your families are in good health. I am going to utilize this legislative review to try and communicate a very complex but vital issue, which affects all tribes. On February 6, 2006, President Bush submitted his Budget Request to Congress for Fiscal Year 2007. The news is not good for Indian Country. The continuing wars in the Middle East, the growth of mandatory spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), and the President's refusal to raise taxes resulted in overall decreases in discretionary funding including spending for programs operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS). According to a report released by the White House, Indian Country stands to lose more than \$160 million in health care, education and other funds under the President's proposed budget plan.

By law, the President is required to submit a budget plan to Congress detailing how much he wants to spend and for what purposes the money would be used. Congress then has the responsibility to appropriate the money. This is done through a set of legislative bills, which must work their way through various committees in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. The first step in the Congressional process is for both chambers of Congress to agree on budget rules, which determine the limits on how much money will be appropriated. Spending levels for specific programs are then set within those limits. While Congress ultimately determines funding levels, it often defers to the President's general wishes. It will be important for Indian Country to continue to press its concerns in Congress, and this will require the continued presence of Indian lobbyists in Washington.

Under the BIA, the President is proposing to cut \$65 million from current spending levels but seeks to increase the budget of the Office of the Special Trustee by nearly \$22 million. Tribal leaders for years have protested the reprogramming of funds from critical programs, which provide basic and essential services to Indian people to the Special Trustee's Office, which has the responsibility for cleaning up the Indian trust funds mess. Indian people should not be harmed for the federal government's failure to uphold its trust responsibilities to Indian people. While Congress is currently entertaining a bill which would enact a legislative fix for some of the more important problems with the Indian trust system, the Executive branch (the President and the

Department of the Interior) continue to impede a fair and just resolution, with the result that they must continue to operate an inadequate and inefficient trust management



Councilman
Paul Ninham

system with money taken from other Indian programs. Again, Indian people only have one way to protect their interests and that is to continue to lobby members of Congress to resolve the trust fund problem through the legislation that has been proposed.

For several years the Oneida Tribe has not been affected too much by these two problems. We have an agreement with the federal government, which virtually guarantees a stable level of funding from the BIA

despite the draining of resources to deal with the trust fund crisis. However, the President's budget would completely eliminate funding in some areas and this would result in no funding for Oneida in those areas. For example, the President is proposing to completely eliminate funding for the Johnson O'Malley Program. Oneida receives \$133,100 each year under this program, which is used by the Y.E.S. Program to assist Oneida children attending school on and near our Reservation. Additionally, the proposed plan would eliminate the Community Fire Protection program. We use this money (\$13,600 a year) to pay for some of the services provided by the Village of Hobart and the Town of Oneida. Funding for other Oneida programs would be severely reduced. These include the Indian Child Welfare Program, Wildlife and Parks, Roads Maintenance and the very successful Circle of Flight program. It is the responsibility of Tribal leaders to protect these important programs, and we fully intend to engage whatever resources we have to convince Congress that funding for these programs should not only be restored, but, increased at higher levels.

Finally, while the President is proposing a modest overall increase in spending for the IHS, his plan would also eliminate direct funding for Urban Indian Health programs. It is unclear at this time whether this would have an effect on Oneida Tribal health care services by increasing the level of need, but we already know that the modest increases in funding proposed by the President for Clinical Services, Preventative Health Services and Facilities Support are not enough to meet the existing level of need for our current clients. Once again, your elected Tribal leaders must take up the fight for Tribal members whether or not they live on the Reservation. More than half of all Indian people nationwide live in urban areas, and their healthcare needs deserve to be met.

Oneida Family Fitness

Family Fitness Highlights

Oneida Family Fitness Hours:
M-T-W-TH-F: 5:30AM-8:30PM
Saturday: 7AM-2:00PM
For more information call 490-3730

Oneida Family Fitness update...

By Adam Brown

Oneida Family Fitness

NEW programs and services... Is your health and wellness a priority to you? Do you know how well you are? How would you like to improve your health? Wellness profiles are now available. Fitness specialists are ready to meet with you to assess your lifestyle. This service is provided at no charge. This analysis can provide a road map to enhance your health and well being.

Have you ever started an exercise program time and time again only to lose motivation, causing you to be unsuccessful in meeting your goals? Our team of fitness specialists have designed "Commit to Fit", a 12 week exercise program tailored to provide the tools you need to obtain your desired goals and enhance your fitness level. The program includes a wellness profile, pre and post fitness assessments, strength and cardiovascular program design and equipment orientation. You also get private consultations to include goal setting, behavior modification guidance, and educational information. Altogether this program is valued at over \$200, but we offer it to our members at a cost of only \$50! All "new" members who purchase a one year membership can register to participate in Commit to Fit at no cost. This free offer only available

Oneida Family Fitness Employee

Meet Maureen Cisler...



Maureen started working at Oneida Family Fitness in 2002 as an administrative assistant. She transferred here from gaming where she used to work in the vault. Maureen loves working at Oneida Family Fitness and has always admired people who put effort into physical activity. She enjoys meeting all of the wonderful people



Oneida Family Fitness, Adventure & Recreation Addition 2004

Photo courtesy of Adam Brown

Artist sketch of the new expansion now underway at the Oneida Family Fitness Center.

within 30 days of joining Oneida Family Fitness. Call or stop in to make your appointment today!

Our locker rooms and shower areas are open again. The construction project is

progressing so that we may make Oneida Family Fitness better and more convenient for you! Due to the extensive and technical nature of the work being done in the pool area (dehumidification and ventilation systems, painting, and flooring) this area will remain closed until further notice. The CP Center has been made available for our members during this time. Further announcements and

updates will be provided as soon as progress information becomes available. We recommend members phone ahead 490-3730 if you have any questions.

Once the construction project is completed you can look forward to a larger and more inviting lobby area, more private appointment areas for wellness profiles, and assessments, and elevator service to all levels. We will

also be able to provide two all new ADA compliant changing areas for members with special needs. You can look forward to a new fitness specialist presentation area and we will be expanding our childcare services! Get ready for an overall more efficient and aesthetic Oneida Family Fitness! We look forward to seeing you and helping you meet your fitness and health goals.

who come in to work out and get healthy.

Maureen was born and raised in Green Bay and is one of 5 girls in her family. She loves camping and fishing with her husband and that is where you will find her most weekends from May through October. Maureen has two beautiful daughters and one step son who are grown and live on their own. She also loves reading, cooking and going to church with her family.

Maureen feels that working for Oneida Family Fitness has been a blessing to her and she looks forward to assisting and encouraging all of the fitness center members to keep a healthy lifestyle.

Oneida Family Fitness Staff

Michelle Mielke.....	Fitness Center Director
Todd Shelto.....	Fitness Center Assistant Director
Lori Bembnister.....	Fitness Specialist Lead
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Eric Frantz.....	Fitness Specialist
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The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at: 2640 West Point • Green Bay, WI Phone: (920) 490-3730. Look for **o.f.f. highlights** once a month in the Kali.

Heart Healthy Day

By Lori Bembnister
Fitness Specialist Lead

February is National Heart Healthy Month. Come one and come all to celebrate A Heart Healthy Day at Oneida Family Fitness. We are located at 2640 West Point Road.

Mark your calendar to join us on Saturday Feb 18 from 8:45-12:00pm in the gymnasium for our **"Heart Healthy Aerobic Jam"**. Family Fitness members ages 4 and up are **"FREE"**. Non members ages 4-13 are \$1.00 and Adults 14 & up are \$5.00. Please contact Lori Bembnister at 490-3730 for more details. Listed below is the agenda for our **"Heart Healthy Aerobic Jam!"** We hope to see you there!!

AGENDA...

♥ ~ 8:45AM – 9:00AM:	Registration (Gymnasium)
♥ ~ 9:00AM – 9:15AM:	Warm Up & Stretch
♥ ~ 9:15AM – 9:45AM:	Country Line Dancin'
♥ ~ 9:50AM – 10:20AM:	Cardio Kickboxing
♥ ~ 10:25AM-10:55AM:	Strength Training/ResistABall
♥ ~ 11:00AM – 11:20AM:	Abdominals/Low Back
♥ ~ 11:20AM – 11:30AM:	Stretching
♥ ~ 11:30AM – 12:00PM:	Healthy Snacks

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Saturday Classes in March

Did you know that Oneida Family Fitness offers a different group exercise class every Saturday? Did you also know these classes are free of charge to our members? Just because it's the weekend doesn't mean you can't meet your friends to have a good time and work out. We are open bright and early from 7am until 2pm on Saturdays. If you don't usually take fitness classes this is the perfect opportunity to try something new because every Saturday is something different.

Our Saturday classes start at 9am. Here is the schedule for March:

March 4-Spin and box with Eric
March 11-Core Strengthening with Ryan
March 18-Fitness kickboxing with Adam
March 25-Circuit Training with Jason

Fitness Members for the month of February...

Jessica has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for about two years. She was first motivated to begin an exercise program because she has diabetes, and after seeing what this disease can do to a person, she decided to take better care of herself and not live that type of lifestyle. She currently receives a lot of support from the Diabetic Team at OCHC, her fitness trainer, and her aunt. Her biggest obstacle to improving her life is to stop doing so much for others and start paying more attention to herself.

So far, Jessica's average blood sugar level has been dropping. She is also losing weight, eating healthier, and is happier than she was before exercising. These accomplishments can be attributed to the fact that Jessica is currently enrolled in Weight Watchers, and is also exercising five days per week. She usually meets with her fitness trainer once per week. On the other days, she performs strength training, cardiovascular exercise, and joins line dancing class on Tuesdays. With everything that Jessica is doing, her biggest goal right now is to get healthy and not have to take any medications.

Jessica enjoys exercising at Oneida Family Fitness because it is not very far from home. She also enjoys the friendly staff, and enjoys the fact that she doesn't feel like she is being judged for being there. Besides exercising, Jessica enjoys spending time with her family. She also likes to help out at her family's tire shop.

Lastly, Jessica's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "No matter how hard it is, you need to stay focused. Like the saying goes when you are learning to ride your bike- when you fall off, get back up and try again!"

Gene has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for about five years. At first,

Gene started to exercise to lose weight, but now he's just wants to be healthy. There are a few obstacles that Gene has

had to overcome. He had to quit smoking and eat healthier. He also had to get back in the saddle a few times after walking away from exercise when his expectations were not met. In the end, his health and well-being kept him coming back in order to feel good about himself.

Currently, Gene has lost about forty-five pounds since exercising on a regular basis again. His workout routine consists of weight training three days per week, one hundred ball crunches per day, performing cardiovascular exercise by using the elliptical for eight miles per day, and stretching on a regular basis.

Gene enjoys exercising at Oneida Family Fitness because he works next door in Social Services and the convenience is great for him. Besides exercising, Gene spends a lot of time with his friends and family.

Finally, Gene's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "It won't happen in thirty days! Working out at being healthy is a lifestyle!"

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Thunderhawk girls get win number nine

By Phil Wisneski

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The Oneida Nation girls basketball team had a little revenge on their minds when they took the court against Marinette Catholic Central on February 13 at the Turtle School.

Last season, when the Thunderhawks traveled to Marinette, they were without leading scorer Twyla Danforth, players had the flu and Irene Danforth was just coming back from a broken foot. Things didn't look good.

"They took advantage with no mercy by running the score up on us," head coach Cheryl Stevens said.

The Cavaliers won that game 57-32.

This season was little different. Oneida dominated the inside game and won the game easily 39-26. The game

wasn't as close as the score would indicate because Stevens substituted liberally the final four minutes of game.

"This game could have been a much bigger spread for us, but I got my JV players in there when we were up," Steven said.

The Thunderhawks broke open a fairly close game in

the final moments of the first half and the opening four minutes of the third quarter.

With Oneida leading 15-13, ~ Cheryl Stevens t h e Oneida Head Coach Thunderhawks

went on a 11-0 run that stretched into the first four minutes of the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

The game also had special meaning as it was parent's night and senior night. Senior Stakwas Danforth did not dis-appoint the home crowd and scored 17 points. Twyla Danforth lead Oneida with 18

points. Both players dominated in the low post where Marinette Catholic Central had no answer for their strength and height.

"It was a good win for parent's night and for our only senior, Stakwas Danforth," Stevens said. "The win was a great feeling and I loved the big crowd."

Oneida 10 7 11 11 - 39
MCC 3 10 3 10 - 26

Oneida: Vega 1, Stevens 3, S. Danforth 17, T. Danforth 18. FT: 9-31. F: 19. Fouled out: Stevens, T. Danforth.

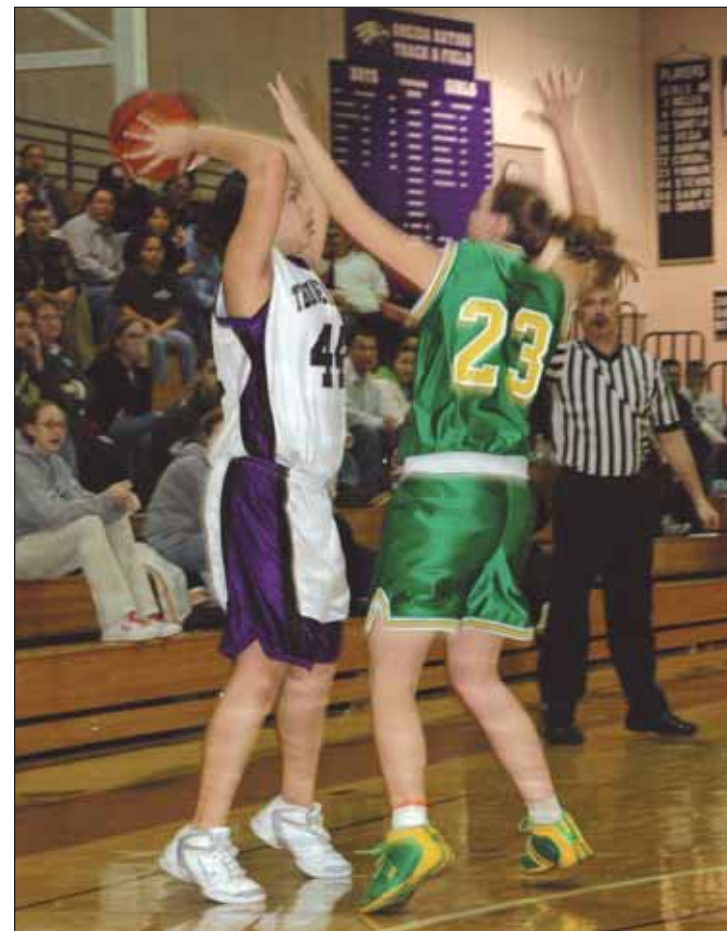
Oneida 35 OVC 47

Oshkosh Valley Christian outscored the visiting Thunderhawks 26-11 in the second half to secure the win. Oneida was lead by Stakwas Danforth's 12 points. Twyla Danforth chipped in 11.

Oneida only converted on three of 11 free throws for the game.

Oneida 14 10 7 4 - 35
OVC 9 12 16 10 - 47

Oneida: McLester 2, S.Danforth 12, Cornelius 2, Stevens 8, T. Danforth 11. FT: 3-11. F: 13.



Kalih photo/ Phil Wisneski

Oneida's Louis Stevens looks to pass the ball inside against Marinette Catholic Central. The Thunderhawks won the game 39-26 and improved to 9-10 for the season.

Oneida Nation wrestlers bow out at division three regionals

By Caterina Delgado

Special to Kalihwisaks

The sounds of hollering, "shoot, grab his leg, cradle him, take him down", are just some of the commands heard and said by Oneida Nation High School Coach, Thom Burke and fans of the February 11, 2006 Regional Wrestling Championship Tournament. The Regional Tournament was held on a Saturday in Wrightstown. The five young Oneida Nation High School team traveled there to see where they stood for the Division III Regional Championship.

A 7:30 a.m. departure on that Saturday morning was a nice relief compared to the usual 6:30 a.m. departure for most tournaments. The five young wrestlers in their purple warm ups stretch and yawn as they prepare for their first wrestling Regional match, shortly after they arrive at Wrightstown's fairly new high school. After weighing in they're able to indulge in breakfast consisting of fruits, bagels, eggs and whatever else is offered at the tournament to get them going for the day.

The Mat men of Oneida come to Regionals with the following records; Freshman, Joslin Skenandore a 1st year wrestler, record 1/11, Sophomore, Michael Stevens, 4 years wrestling, record 9/9, Sophomore, Sean Metoxen, 8th year wrestling, record 14/12, Sophomore, Lakwaho McLester, 9th year wrestling, record 9/9, and Junior, Eddie Metoxen, 8th year wrestling, record 12/6.

A routine workout for the High School team consists of

24 laps in the Turtle School gym, 90 push-ups, and 90 sit ups, wrestling live for 30 minutes, conditioning, and stair laps. They alternate their lifting of weights with working on their arms on Mondays and Wednesdays, and legs Tuesdays and Thursdays, said Coach Burke.

"The wrestlers know what they have to do to make their weight" said Coach Burke. "There's a scale in the wrestling room if they want to weigh themselves." Coach Burke adds.

Sophomores Michael Stevens and Sean Metoxen take the mat first to warm up by practicing take down moves. Stevens loses his first round to Sam Bramstedt from Manitowoc Lutheran. Stevens finishes the tournament in 5th place. Sean Metoxen wins against Manitowoc Roncalli's, Adam Ley. Sean Metoxen also goes on to wrestle 2 more times and takes 3rd place and in an exciting 3rd round with only 26 seconds left pins Mike Schmelter from Brillion.

Sophomore Lakwaho McLester fights to the finish during his match and completes his season with a 9/10 record, taking 5th place. Freshman Joslin Skenandore does the same and ends his season with a record of 1/13 in 5th place also.

Junior, Eddie Metoxen has a bye the first match and goes on to wrestle Eric Boylan from Wrightstown and is defeated. During an intense first 2 rounds of Eddie Metoxen's third match against Jared Barnard from Brillion and with a close



score of 5 to 6, Eddie Metoxen is down by one point. The stakes are high because this is the match that will determine who takes 3rd for the 160 pound weight class for Division III Regional Championship. Eddie Metoxen is still down by one point and for the last 5 seconds he over powers Barnard in the Half Nelson move and pins him sending the crowd into a roar as they cheer for the 3rd place Regional Champ. Eddie Metoxen is congratulated by his mom, Tammy Metoxen and brothers Sean and Tyler Metoxen who have all supported each other during the wrestling season. Eddie Metoxen says in his final words for the season, "Lookin' forward to next year and we had a good season this year."

Coach Burke congratulates his hardworking wrestler, Eddie Metoxen.

Coach Burke concludes, "They all wrestled good and they all wrestled hard."



Kali photo courtesy of Caterina Delgado

At top, Sean Metoxen of Oneida attempts to pin his opponent Adam Ley of Manitowoc Ron Calli. Above, Eddie Metoxen grapples with Eric Boylan of Wrightstown. Both Sean and Eddie lost their matches (pictured) however, both young men placed third at Regionals this past weekend in Wrightstown.

Skenandore and Cornette Advance to WIAA wrestling sectionals

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Two Oneida wrestlers from the Green Bay West/Southwest team have advanced to the division one WIAA Sectionals.

Eddy Joe Skenandore and Les Cornette both won their regional championship matches last weekend in De Pere.

The sectionals will take place Saturday February 18 in

Kaukauna. Both wrestlers have had outstanding seasons thus far.

Skenandore had the best record in the area. He is 41-0 for the season and wrestles in the 215 pound weight bracket.

Cornette transferred to Green Bay Southwest after three very successful seasons at Seymour. This season, Cornette has compiled a 37-3 record thus far.

Both Skenandore and Cornette have captured Fox River Valley Conference championships in their

weight class.

Skenandore is ranked #8 in t h e Wisconsin Wrestling Online state individual wrestling rankings.

Cornette is ranked third in division one by the same website. He currently holds a career 152-24 record. LAs season her finished fifth at Madison in the WIAA Individual Finals.



Cornette

Oneida boys hoops fall short

By Phil Wisneski

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The Oneida Nation boys basketball went on the road and nearly pulled off another upset. In a gutty effort the Thunderhawks fell to Sevastopol 50-45. The Pioneers left the gym with a 9-9 record for the season and Oneida fell to 1-18.

"I'm not much for moral victories, but it was nice to see our guys come out and play hard tonight," Oneida head Coach Scott Murray said. "I hope our guys finally see that if we bring it every night, we can play with anybody."

The Thunderhawks were lead by Gavin Hill's 16 points and 16 rebounds. Darrell Skenandore chipped in 12.

Oneida 13 9 11 12 - 45
Sevastopol 9 15 13 10 - 50
Oneida: Powless 10, Cantu 5, Hill 16, Skenandore 12, Lynk 2. 3-PT: Powless 2, Cantu, Skenandore. FT: 11-17. F: 16. Fouled out: Hernandez.

Oneida Nation 29 Living Word Lutheran 69

The Thunderhawks were no match for the Wolves as Living Word Lutheran pounded the ball inside to 6'6" Erik Borresen. Borresen abused the smaller Oneida players and scored a game high 19 points.

The Wolves opened the game by outscoring the Thunderhawks 21-9 in the opening quarter. Living Word Lutheran finished off Oneida in the third quarter by clamping down on defense and held the Thunderhawks to just two points, while scoring 18.

Nick Cantu lead Oneida with 8 points.

Oneida 9 8 2 10 - 29
LWL 21 12 19 16 - 67
Oneida: Powless 6, Cantu 8, Hernandez 6, Skenandore 5, Gutierrez 1, Hill 3. 3-PT: Cantu 2. FT: 9-21. F: 20
Fouled out: Hill, Cantu, Powless.

Oneida Nation 44 Tigerton 51

The Thunderhawks got to within three points at the end of the third quarter, but ran out of gas and couldn't complete the upset bid. Tigerton was lead by Paul Sellner's 20 points. The Tigers improved to 12-3 for the season, while Oneida Nation drops to 1-16.

Gavin Hill lead Oneida with 19 points, all coming in the first three quarters. Nick Cantu added 14 points for the THunderhawks.

Oneida 10 15 11 8 - 44
Tigerton 14 17 8 12 - 51
Oneida: Cantu 14, Hernandez 4, Gutierrez 3, Hill 19, Skenandore 4. 3-PT: Cantu 4, Hill. FT: 3-4. F: 12.
Fouled out: Hill.

Oneida Nation 53 Stockbridge 67

Oneida was out-hustled by Stockbridge during the most critical moments of the game. Numerous offensive rebounds and lose balls found their way into the hands of visiting Stockbridge.

Chris Mader lead Stockbridge with 23 points while Rilee Zeinart added 14.

The Thunderhawks were lead by a career high 13 points from Freddie Hernandez. Gavin Hill chipped in 12 points in a losing cause.

Oneida 10 10 14 19 - 53
Stockbridge 16 11 20 20 - 67
Oneida: Powless 2, Cantu 4, Hernandez 13, John Christjohn 1, Josh Christjohn 7, Hill 12, Skenandore 9, Lynk 5. 3-PT: Hernandez, Skenandore. FT: 7-12. F: 17.
Fouled out: Powless, Skenandore.

Civic Center Art News

Submitted By: Michelle (McCormick) Smith

Wow! January was an exciting time for the members at the Civic Center. The children visited African culture and learned about the different types of art created by this culture. In our other classes, we learned different drawing skills and uses of different items to create works of art. The children were able to experience art in many aspects and learned that art is not just created in drawing and painting but many things can be used to create art.

For the month of February, I will be working with differ-

ent community members to set up classes geared toward Native American projects and classes to prepare ourselves for the upcoming Pow Wows this spring and summers. These classes will be available to the public and will be posted in my next article. If you have a talent to offer in this area, please feel free to contact me.

The Art Club is also in the process of developing plans for museum visits, art shows, mural paintings, and much more. We are looking for local artists to attend our meetings and give great input into the planning process.

'Trumpeting the Stone' Honors the Oneida Nation

by Sandy Dennett

Special to Kalihwisaks

"A trumpeting triumph for Native Americans" read the headlines of a recent article in the Tallahassee (FL) Democrat. The article went on to describe the "world premiere" of a trumpet concerto that honors the Oneida Nation. The concerto

Trumpeting the Stone, written by Mohican composer Brent Michael Davids, is the outcome of a vision of Wisconsin tribal member Dr. Christopher Moore. Funding for the research and commissioning of the concerto was provided by an Oneida Nation Arts Program grant and a grant from Florida State

University (FSU).

Moore and the FSU College of Music Symphony Orchestra debuted Trumpeting the Stone before a full house at the Ruby Diamond Auditorium in Tallahassee on Saturday evening, February 4, 2006. The composer, Brent Michael Davids, also present for the

performance, provided valuable insight into the interpretation of the concerto. Davids' composition career, spanning 30 years, includes works for the National Symphony Orchestra, the New Mexico Symphony, the Kronos Quartet, the Joffrey Ballet, and numerous scores for television and film.

Moore, who received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Eastman School of Music, with financial assistance from the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin for his doctoral degree, is an Assistant Professor of Trumpet at FSU. He has won numerous solo competitions, as well as a Grammy award in 2000 for a recording with the Chestnut Brass Company. Moore also has extensive ensemble and teaching experience.

Program notes by composer Davids begin: "Trumpeting the Stone is dedicated to the Oneida People of Wisconsin, the Standing Stone People." Davids wrote about the shared history of the Oneida people and the Mohicans. When the Mohicans lost their land in what is now called the Hudson River Valley and the Berkshires, the Oneida people accepted the Mohicans into "their ever-dwindling homeland." Concluding the program notes, Davids wrote: "Composing a new trumpet concerto that honors the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin remains a proud moment for

this Mohican composer."

As a member of the audience and the mom of Chris, this writer experienced many emotions listening to the rehearsal of Trumpeting the Stone on Friday, the performance on Saturday evening, and finally, the 2.5 hour rigorous recording session on Sunday morning. I heard and felt the musical expression of tenacity, pathos, despair, love of our original homelands, hope, and belief in our selves. I also felt our ancestors' struggles and then, their peace, calm, and wisdom. Later in the concerto, hearing the 14-member chorus singing Hymn #15 evoked feelings of pride and familiarity. Musical expressions of energy followed, along with the emotions experienced when conquering obstacles. The concerto ends with the confirmation of a new dawn, a celebration of joyful complexity.

A CD of Trumpeting the Stone will be available at a later date. A Wisconsin debut is being planned for Spring 2007.

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Photo submitted by Sandy Dennett

Mohican member Brent Michael Davids (left) and Dr. Christopher Moore of Oneida dedicated "Trumpeting of the Stone" to their nations' intertwined histories.

New sign for Travel Mart



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

An new billboard went up near the Travel mart off of Highway 29 to increase visibility to motorists.

T'Thunderhawk

ONHS Student Council has been busy!

by Scott Lynk
ONHS senior

Okay, it's more than half way through the school year and, although it may look to some people like the ONHS Student Council actually did a lot.

There wasn't a Homecoming dance, but there was a lock-in at the Turtle School which turned out pretty good, with just a little over half of the students showing up. The lock-in started at 9 pm and went to 9 am. Activities lasted all through the night starting open gym, making cookies, video games, movies to start things off. About 1:30 am, there was a basketball tournament with the team of Lois Stevens, Anthony Gutierrez, and Josh Chrisjohn taking the whole thing. Then, students played volleyball followed by open gym for the rest of the morning.

Another success this year was the pie throwing contest, or throw a pie a teacher. For fifty cents, you could brighten your day by throwing a whipped cream pie at either Carol Johnson, the English teacher, Mitch Belemare and

Lynn Adrian, the special ed teachers, or Becky Nutt, the Science teacher.

One thing we are working on right now is a light-box sign for our high school building. This year, the Student Council decided to take designing the box into their own hands by asking ONHS alumnus Chris Hartman to sketch our idea's on to paper. What we've come up with is a medicine wheel to go around the cross on the front of the building. The design will have the Six Nations wampum belt boarder and inside the four spaces of the medicine wheel will be spiritual-long house, physical-sports, emotional-corn husk family, and mental-books.

Something we are working on for next year is a "Junior-Senior Options Program" with the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce Partners in Education: Youth Apprenticeship program. We are now partners with ten other school districts to provide opportunities for qualified ONHS 11th and 12th graders in business and education. The program is a combi-

nation of high school, NWTC classes and a job in a student's field of interest. Juniors and seniors who qualify because of exceptional behavior, academics and attendance can be placed in opportunities outside of school during the school day for additional credit and, possibly, pay.

The school store is also open and students can buy school-friendly snacks, drinks, and school supplies.

This year's student council members are:

Seniors:
President—Anthony Gutierrez (*Student Council Vice President*)
Vice President—Scott Lynk
Treasurer—Salisha Ninham (*Student Council Treasurer*)
Secretary—Virgil Stevens

Juniors:
President—Lois Stevens (*Student Council President*)
Vice President—Freddie Hernandez
Treasurer—Twyla Danforth
Secretary—Lenita Cornelius

Sophomores:
President—Lauren Mills
Vice President—Neset Vega

Native American Dance Theater was pretty cool

by Leticia Behringer
ONHS freshman

On Thursday, January 26, Guidance Counselor Tom Kenote took some students to UWGB for the Native American Dance Theatre. It was part of a campus visit to get us acquainted with the nearest state university. We visited the dorm rooms, the library, the weight rooms, swimming pools, and the

whole campus. It was pretty cool.

Then, we went to the theater to see the performance by the Native American Dance Theater group. This is the eighth annual NADT and began at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville last summer. The program was a "Celebration of Dance, Song and Tradition."

According to the Weidner

Center, where the performance was held – "The first national company of American Indian dancers and musicians continues to awe and inspire audiences as they perform authentic and traditional Native American dances, representing a broad spectrum of American tribes."

The whole day was a great experience.

Sports Link... Favre's Retirement?

by Scott Lynk
ONHS senior

To retire or not to retire? That is the question. Yeah, that's the question everybody in the U.S. wants to know the answer to. If he returns, Brett Favre would be entering his 17th season in the NFL. But does he want to? Just like any other choice in life, there are pro's and con's to his decision. Pro's would be the possibility of another ring, a few more records, media headlines, and a chance to get rid of last season's record. Con's would be, another horrible season, more injuries, and ... media headlines. If Brett Favre came back, it

would most definitely make his fans happy as well as the Packers themselves. If he were to retire, it wouldn't be that bad either, seeing that the Packers drafted Aaron Rodgers just last year. Rogers could be pretty good (although he is nothing like Brett Favre with his "no guts no glory" game decision making).

Along with Rogers, the Packers would have their number one wide out, Javon Walker, and running back Ahman Green back from injuries. However, with a new head coach, people are already saying it just might be another bad season like the one that just ended.

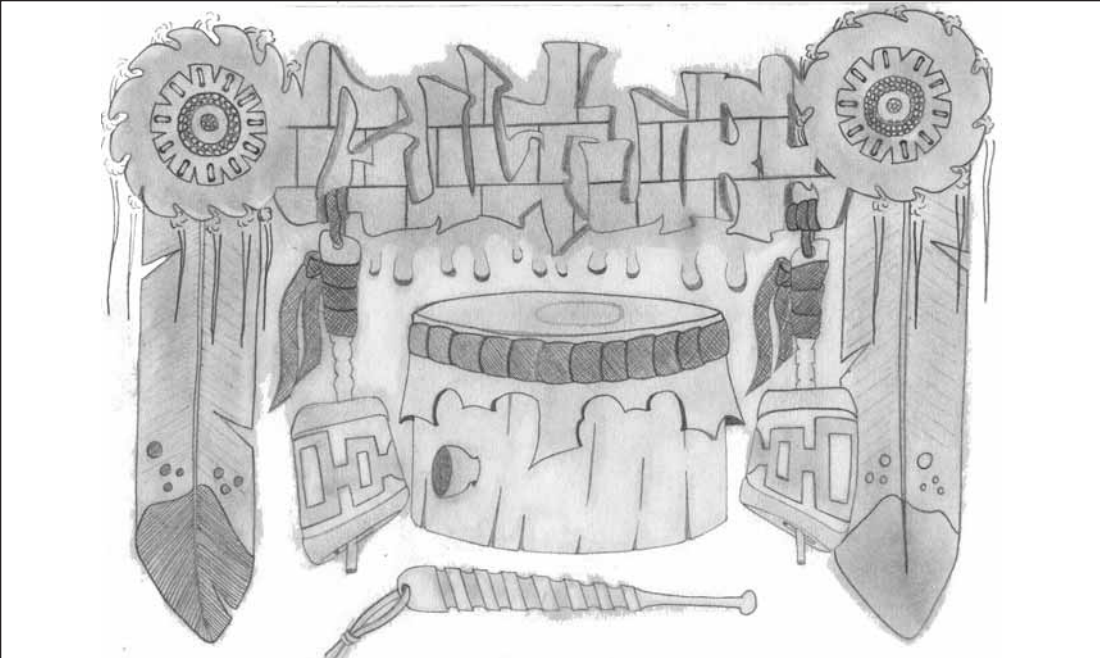
Super Bowl is really Super

by Stakwas Danforth
ONHS senior

Everything about the Super Bowl is super. The cost for one Super Bowl ring is \$5,000, plus adjustments for increases in gold and diamonds. The league pays for 150 rings – that's about \$750,000. I think that is a lot of money just for rings. What I think about the Super Bowl is that it is fun to watch and good entertainment but they spend too much money on it. I think its also really cool that so many people get into the Super Bowl.

Football itself started during the 19th in England during a soccer game when a player was getting angry with just using his feet to manipulate the ball. So, he decided to pick it up and run with it. Today football is one of the top sports in America today. It has changed a lot from the old days as far as the equipment, scoring and how its organized.

Culture Class Logo Contest awards \$285 in prizes



by Cynthia Thomas
Special to Thunderhawk Times

A logo contest was offered to all ONHS students, grades 9 - 12, to assist in developing a class logo for the Ohusyakehka Kanunyashuha class. The winning logo will be embroidered onto apparel for future use.

The requirements for student entries were to be a black and white drawing, signed and dated by the artist, on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper, and demonstrating the instruments used when singing Iroquois social songs.

Kyle White, Summer Smith, Lakwaho Mclester, Scott Lynk and Luanne Funmaker.

Winning logos:
Above, John Christjohn, 1st Prize; At right, Sapatis Menomin, 2nd Prize; and bottom, Salisha Ninham, took 3rd Prize.



Another Take on the Super Bowl

by Scott Lynk
ONHS senior

The Super Bowl. The most anticipated football game of the year.

Some might say the Steelers came all the way from behind or you might say that it was destiny for Steelers' Running Back Jerome Bettis to finish with a ring.

But did they really come all the way from the 6th seed to win the big game? In fact, they didn't. Well, really they did. But maybe they should have been the number one seed all along. Let's call it unfortunate that the Steelers were seeded 6th because they put a whooping on every team they played in the AFC with a 31-17 win over the Bengals, a 21-18 win over the Colts, and a 34-17 win over the Broncos. And, all of those games were played at the opponent's house. Jerome Bettis finishing with a ring is just icing on the cake for his Hall of Fame career.

What happens from here, I

couldn't tell you. Neither can anyone else. So don't be fooled. We'll see what happens next season, because almost every team in the NFL has a legit shot at Super Bowl XLI.

My Scoop

“Playing With The Big Kids” – Should Freshmen Play Varsity?

By Darrell Skenandore
ONHS Junior

Should high school freshmen be able to play varsity sports? If you ask that question to 10 people, 9 of them would say 'yes, because of the talent level' and the other one would probably just say 'they can't because they are too inexperienced.'

The Number one reason why freshmen should play varsity is talent. Some freshmen come out of middle school with such high talent that they can compete in varsity sports. They could make a huge impact on the field, court, or track.

Then Number two reason is size. Some kids are so huge that they have to play varsity to make it a challenge. Say there is a 6'8 kid playing junior varsity. He would dominate scoring like 30 points a game and 20 rebounds, so they have to throw him on varsity where there are kids that are the same size or close to it so they can actually try to play some defense on him.

The last reason is probably to get experience. Say you have a kid that is a great starting QB for the junior varsity team and you know that your QB for the varsity team is graduating next year. You are going to put him in the games that are out of hand so he can get some experience and not be totally (incompetent) the next year when they try to play varsity.

Do you think that freshmen should be able to play varsity? I think that if they are big enough and talented enough, they should be able to play – even if they are in middle school.

Thunderhawk

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Education

Scholarships

Wisconsin Indian Education Scholarship

The Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) is pleased to provide scholarship assistance to American Indian students attending institutes of higher education for the 2006-07 academic year.

This scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship and is not based on financial need.

Four scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded, one in each of the following categories: 1) New or continuing student attending a vocational/technical or tribal college. 2) Entering freshman at a 4-year college. 3) Undergraduate at a 4-year college (second semester freshman, sophomore, junior or senior). 4) Graduate or PhD student.

Applicants must be Wisconsin residents with proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin tribe. Must be a full time student with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better.

For application materials contact the Oneida Higher Education Office at **920-869-4033** or **800-236-2214**. For more information contact Virginia Nuske, Scholarship Coordinator, WIEA, P O Box 910, Keshena WI 54135 or call **715-799-5110**. **Deadline for receipt of all application materials is March 17, 2006.**

Purcell Powless Scholarship Fund

In 1989 Purcell Powless established a scholarship fund for Oneida Tribal members pursuing graduate and post graduate studies.

The fund provides financial assistance with tuition, fees and required textbooks to students who demonstrate financial need.

Applicants may be full-time or part-time students,

N@the> OI\$-wase—What's Up from the After School Kids

Submitted by Mrs. Pagel
After School Program

The After School Journalism Team is proud to announce that we have doubled our numbers.

We had four new members join as of the first of the new year. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them through their introductory interviews.

We tried a new type of journalism to acquire these interviews. The use of a digital video camera gave our reporters a chance to experience not only the interviewing part of this assignment, but also the photo journalistic aspect of reporting.

We video taped ourselves interviewing our new reporters. We worked on dialogue and scripts. Voice control and enunciation were important areas we practiced. And, yes, we certainly had our share of takes and re-takes. And despite the bloopers, we were able to bring you the following interviews.

Jairica Joins Our Team

by Josanna

I began by asking Jairica how old she was.

"I am 10," she replied.



I asked her why she was in the after school program?

Jairica told me she was in the

program because she had trouble getting her work done.

She told me that her favorite subject in school is basketball. Jairica has one brother and two sisters.

Meet Jesse by Nigel

Jesse met with me at the library. We began our interview with a few questions. I asked Jesse how old he was. He

said he was ten years old. Jesse told me he was in the After School program because it was fun. When I asked Jesse who his friends were, he had a long list of names. Jesse's favorite subject in school is Math. Jesse has two brothers, Tyler and Travis.

Paul, A New Face by Jesse

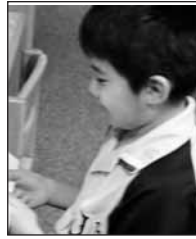
As my first assignment I

interviewed Paul. Paul is new to the After-school program.

He joined the after-school program in January. Paul is 10 years old. Paul told me he joined because his father wanted him to get his work done. His best friends at school are Vincent and Roberto, two other Fourth Graders. Paul has a three year old sister. His favorite subject in school is gym class.

And Here's Tyler... by Jairica

Tyler is one of the new students in Mrs. Pagel's After School class. He is 10 years old and is in Fourth Grade. Tyler joined the After School program in January because he needed to get his work done. Tyler told me his favorite subject is Football. He has two brothers, Jesse and Travis. Jesse is 10 and Tyler thought Travis was eight.



The Power to Dream, the Power to Achieve...

The Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education's 2006 Native American Student Art Competition open to American Indian/Alaska Native students in Grades K-12 and Preschoolers ages 4 & 5.

Please encourage student participation; spread the word to schools, teachers, & students.

Outreach kits available with further information on rules & entry, as well as the flyer & poster to help you share news of the competition.

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2006

For more information,

visit:

www.indianeducation.org
or call Sarah at **202.775.3980** or email: **sarah@kauffmaninc.com**

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between the United States and the Six Nations."

*Article 2 "The United States acknowledges the lands reserved to Oneida, Onondaga and the Cayuga Nations, in their respective Treaties with the State of New York, and called their reservations, to be their property; and United States will never claim the same, nor disturb them or either of the Six Nations, nor their Indian friends residing thereon and united with them, in the free use enjoyment there of."

Treaty with New York Indians, 1838 article 4. "The right to establish their own form of government, appoint their own officers, and administer their own laws; subject, however, to the legislation of the Congress of the United States, regulating trade and intercourse with the Indians. The land secured to them by patent under this Treaty shall never be included in any State or Territory of this Union."

There are many federal acts and laws the government has imposed upon us. Many are in direct violation of our treaties. One example is the **Dawes Allotment Act**. The main purposes of the Dawes Act were to diminish tribal land holdings, to extend the reach of the federal government, and to promote the assimilation of our people. The process involved removing land by dividing it in to parcels, then assigning it to individuals and placing it into Federal Trust for twenty five years. After this time period the land was removed from Trust and placed in "fee simple" which means that local and State governments could levy taxes on the parcels of land. Many of our people didn't understand this process or were unable to pay the taxes and the land was seized. This is in direct violation of the Treaty with New York Indians, 1838 article 4.

Treaties are the supreme law of the land. We still honor our end of the treaties, so why doesn't the United States? In part because we choose to go along with the federal guidelines of a "federally recognized tribe". We have voluntarily not exerted our Sovereign status. Nearly every time we abide by federal incursion we lose. We lose our rights, we lose our sovereignty, we weaken our Nation. Every time we negotiate gaming compacts and sign them we are losing our Sovereign right of self-governance and self-determination. Our casinos and businesses are located withing our Nation's borders. No other government should have any right or jurisdiction over our Sovereign Oneida Nation. It is not lawful for the federal government to make an "act" "order" or "law" that effects all Treaty Nations. Every Indian treated Nation has its own "contracts" with the federal government. Every Nation needs to be dealt with separately. Our Sovereignty is tied directly to those treaties. The federal government does not want us to realize our own supreme independent political authority that we have carried through out time. The only real government holding us back is our own. It is time to

realize our Nationhood to its fullest. We need strong people to stand up for our nation and say, **"I am an Oneida citizen of my Oneida Nation, we will no longer stand aside and watch our Sovereignty disappear under Federal laws of a Foreign Nation"**.

Such a position would allow us to raise issues like:

*Why don't we deputize our own police department? Our Oneida police department is deputized by Outagamie county, which means we are giving our sovereign right to a foreign government.

*Why do we pay taxes to a foreign government?

*Why do we allow non-Indians to live freely in our Nation without paying taxes to us?

*Why are we paying monies to a foreign government to run our casinos that are within our borders?

*Why do we allow non-Indians to hunt within our borders without a tribal non-Indian hunting license?

*Why are we allowing a foreign government to collect taxes within our Nation's borders?

Land also plays a huge role in a sovereign government. Just because our Nation doesn't hold the "proper federal title" to the land does not mean our Nation lost our land base. This land is our Nation's borders is under the supreme political authority of our Oneida Nation. Do we really want to copy the United States government and divide up our land into parcels and give individuals title to land? Or even make title at all? Historically, the land that our people lived on was that, we lived on the land, there was no titles or deeds and we prospered.

Non-Indians hold state recognized title to lands within our borders, that does NOT mean we lost our right to govern our Nation's land base that is in its entirety within our borders. For example, if a German citizen goes to the United States to work and live for a while and buys a house and some land, does that mean that land becomes a part of Germany? NO, it does not! Instead, the land remains under the authority of the United States, and that German worker has to pay all taxes and fees that come along with being a land owner and an employee within that Nation (us).

It is time to take action to improve our Nation status. We can't afford to stand by and allow the United States Supreme Court and U.S. Congress to further erode the Sovereign status of our Oneida Nation. The only way a foreign court should have any jurisdiction is if we were to sign a treaty to be apart of an international court. Remember these treaties were passed by Congress and signed into law by the president of the United States of America. We uphold our end of the treaties, and it is past time to start acting and thinking like a Nation. We are only as Sovereign as WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BECOME!

Sincerely,
Tehassi Hill

K – 4th grade Science Fair March 8th

The Oneida Nation School System is hosting it's 21st annual science fair for students in the FACE Program through 4th grade. Following are the **schedule of events:**
March 8, 2006
Public Viewing – Small Gym, 1:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.
Presentation of Special Awards – Cafeteria
Time: TBA



College of Menominee Nation

December, 2005

Dear College of the Menominee Nation Community Member:

You may be aware that College of Menominee Nation's (CMN) current Strategic Plan is nearing its end. Consequently, it is time for the College to develop the next plan that will continue and guide its growth for the next five years. To this end, the Planning Committee, appointed by the College Board, is gathering information on the status of the current plan so that they can evaluate our progress and make recommendations for the future. These recommendations will then be presented to the CMN Board for review and final action.

Like all organizations, the College must remain focused, yet flexible, in its efforts to keep pace with our changing environment. To successfully maintain educational excellence and meet the needs of the College Community, a great deal of planning and organizing for the future is necessary. Our strategic planning process will help us define what is basically and fundamentally important as we establish goals for the college and identify the actions we need to take to achieve those goals.

As we enter and engage in this endeavor, it is mandatory that all members of the College community, including community members, students, and employees be involved. Your ideas are needed to ensure a strong academic institution for future generations. Ms. Betty Jo Wozniak, CMN Board Vice-Chair, is the Chairperson of the Planning Committee and is aided by CMN staff. **The purpose of this letter is to inform you that you will be hearing more about the process and means of obtaining your participation so your voice is heard.** So I ask you to take some time to reflect on the college; what is has accomplished and what you want it to be for the future.

In closing, I encourage you to become actively involved in the development of this process and the plan itself. Your direct participation is the only way the College of the Menominee Nation will achieve its long term goals. We must come together to ensure an excellent educational facility that will engender strong nations, not only for Menominee, but also for the other tribes and communities we serve, and at the same time help, meet the needs of the Northeastern Wisconsin area.

Respectfully,

S. Verna M. Fowler
S. Verna M. Fowler, Ph.D.
President

Health

GOOD MIND...

"a C.A.P.P.S. approach to address underage drinking"

great future!

On January 31, 2006 a community dinner was presented by CAPPS, with a traditional meal provided by the women of the Longhouse. Women of the Oneida Community were recognized for being a source of support to area youth and community members in their every day lives and in times of need. A presentation was also given by Annette Cornelius on how healthy and nutritious eating can improve our overall health and quality of life.

The women have now been asked, or will be asked, to join together to discover what the Oneida Community needs to strengthen its future. They will also be asked to be available to review requests. The first request of the women will be that they identify peace makers in the community. One of the hopes is that the identified peace makers would be available to help youth find balance and guidance. This will continue to help youth stay out of the county court systems.

Five years ago a group of five met to begin talks about the number of youth entering and getting caught in the court systems. Peacemaking, a way of life that is part of the Oneida Tradition and Oneida Culture, was brought forward as a result of these meetings. The five of us talked about peace making and learned about the Peace Maker and Hiawatha. Then we discussed what would be needed to offer peace making. The first thing was to have people who are peace makers and have the gift of peace making. We discovered that there were already peace makers in the community who were identified. There were enough to start offering peace making with the understanding that we would need to discover other peace makers. And for those who had the gift to be trained as time went on. So, then the question was asked how traditionally peace makers were identified and trained. The answer was that it was the women. The women were the ones who watched the children grow. Then they would, notice their gifts, share the knowledge of those gifts, and help the children find the training they needed to develop and hone those gift so they could best serve them and the community throughout their life. We knew we would need to find a way to bring women forward to fill these roles again, because the women are still the nurturers of the children, they still are able to identify those gifts. So as not to have to wait, we would use the peace makers who were already identified then look to find the women.

Contact was made with Outagamie County and several training sessions took place. Then the process began. Today, when a referral for an Oneida youth is sent to Outagamie County, the youth and his/her family is offered peace making as an option. When peacemaking is accepted by a family, an intervention takes place that's purpose is to bring or return balance to the youth and those of the community effected by the youth's behavior. When peace making is declined, the youth received a list of requirements to be completed and contact is minimal. The opportunity for the youth to grow and come to balance is diminished. Then, if the youth gets in trouble again things can quickly move on into the court system (there are some incidents that are severe which move into the court immediately).

Peacemaking was then brought to both to the Oneida Nation and the Seymour School Districts. The Oneida Schools have since adopted peacemaking as an option, as part of policy and procedure, to be offered to youth and their parents when a youth gets into trouble or becomes out of balance. The Seymour Schools and their staff have also agreed to use peacemaking to assist their students whenever possible.

So, we are grateful for the women who were identified as supportive to our youth and to the community. Their gifts will benefit the entire Oneida community as they help to bring Peacemaking to the forefront of our available resources.

Peace making, worked for hundreds of years. Why should we settle for other world methods that do not work? Why should we continue to allow our children to fall into imbalance and destruction and not provide them with a means to save themselves?

There were 70 women's names brought forward and an additional 41 listed on the surveys handed out at the dinner. The original 70 will be listed in bold and the additional 41 in regular print.

WOMEN LISTED BELOW PLEASE BE AWARE. For those of you that are interested the evening meeting the first will be held February at 21 contact Marlene Summers at Wise Women **490-0627** for the time and place - the first noon meeting will be held February 22 at the Oneida Social Services Building off Parkerland on West Point, if you have any questions call Justin Souto at **490-3854** or Alex Lei-Nako at **490-3774** the first morning meeting will be held February 23 at 8:00 in Parish Hall, if you have any questions call Justin Souto at **490-3854** or Alex Lei-Nako at **490-3774**.

Carolyn Miller, Jackie Ninham, Cheryl Van den Berg, Diane Jordon, Cleo Cornelius, Stacy Grignon, Lizann Elm, Marge Funmaker, Lisa Vega, Karen Skenadore, Betty Skenadore, Barb Summers, Toni House, Vange Danforth, Marlene Summers, Margo Reiter , Keshia Belisle, Yako Lor Brooks, Helen Arce, Patricia Skenadore, Ruth Melchert, Julie Mehojah, Noni Cottrell, Cherry King, Jeanette Dakateau, Lean Thompson, Amanda Stevens, Wanda Jorgenson, Elaine Parker, Linda Nockideneh, Freida Clar, Cheryl Stevens, Isabel Parker, Nicole Brooks, Gina Moede, Patti Hoeft, Evelyn Elm, Carissa Metoxen, Yasiman Metoxen, Diane King, Shirley Hill, Kymberley Pelky, Marlene Ninham, Vicky Matson, Maria Danforth, Lori Webster, Barb Skenadore, Valleen Menomin, Marj Stevens, Annette Cornelius, Vicki Cornelius, Bev Scow, Prudie Doxtator, Tammy Kott, Alexandra Lei-Nako, Maria Hinton, Shirley Barber, Bev Skenadore, Maxine Thomas, Dellora Cornelius, Vanny Wheelock, Cathy Delgado, Becky Nutt, Brooke Metoxen-Smith, Julie Denny, Carol Elm, Candi Jo Cornelius, Mindimoye, Alice Skenadore, Susan White, Kim Tilton, Sue Reiter, Carolyn Redhail, Lisa Summers, Kim Summers, Tina Danforth, Sandy Dennett, Laura Manthe, Justine Souto, Joyce Johnson, Dawn Thomas, Cynthia Thomas, Colleen Johnson, Brenda Kindness, Carol Martin, Lillian Smith, Cindy Reiter-Summers, Denise Beans, Anita Barber, Patti Morin, Nadine Escamea, Patti Archequette, Jennifer Youngblood, Charlene Cornelius, Yvonne Cornelius, Dr. Carol Cornelius, Joan Neville, Toni McCutcheon, Sheena Danforth, Jane Webster, Linda Torres, Joanne Torres-Jacobs, Amy Allenby, Laura Cornelius, Bobbi Webster, Colleen John, Joylyn Cornelius, Kathi Cornelius, Loretta Metoxen, Sandy Skenadore, Debbie Danforth, Gail Danforth

Please join us on Monday, February 27, 5:30-7:30 for our next community dinner located at Social Services Building in the Community Room. Nationally acclaimed motivational speaker and author, DJ Vanas will be our guest speaker.

This project is supported by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

CAPPS (Community Analysis Process for Planning Strategies) is the national model used to mobilize the community to share resources, ideas, and information surrounding an issue.

Poster contest...an education in food



Kali photos/Dawn Walschinski

Seventy prizes were awarded to students in the Oneida Nation School System participating in the Nutrition Awareness Poster Contest. Above: First grader Gavin White stands in front of his award winning poster featuring healthy foods and traditional designs. Right: Guest speaker Melissa Luedke from Natural Ovens Foundation illustrates how much fat is in a container of donuts with the help of Justin Hill.

Tour De Cure at Turtle School June 4th

[Green Bay, WI, -- The Wisconsin office of the American Diabetes Association will be presenting the 15th annual Tour de Cure on Sunday, June 4, 2006. The fundraising event is a bike ride for all ages and experience levels that will take place at Oneida Nation Elementary School.

Tour de Cure is a nationwide series of cycling events held in more than 80 cities. Tour is a ride, not a race, offering routes designed for everyone from the occasional rider to the experienced cyclist in distances of 15, 25, 50 and 100 kilometers. An estimated 250 riders and 50 volunteers will participate in this local event. Registration brochures will be distributed throughout Green Bay and Fox Valley. Sponsors this year include Oneida Casino, Bellin Health, NBC 26, and WOZZ 93.5.

A goal of nearly \$79,000 will benefit more than 330,000 Wisconsin residents affected by diabetes. Every mile ridden and each dollar raised will be used to support the programs, services and research provided by the American Diabetes Association. Another goal of Tour de Cure is to raise community awareness of the disease by providing information about diabetes and the services provided by the American Diabetes Association.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. Founded in 1940, the Association is a community-based organization that provides services in every region of the country.

Diabetes is a devastating disease that can lead to blindness, heart disease, stroke, kidney failure or lower limb amputations if left uncontrolled.

To join the fight against diabetes as a rider or volunteer, please contact the American Diabetes Association online at www.diabetes.org/tour or at **888-DIABETES (888-342-**

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Contract Health Community Meeting

Where: Oneida Health Center, When: February 28th, 2006

Time: Presentations at 9:00am and 1:30pm

Available for any questions - 9:00am to 3:30 pm

Updates on Contract Health guidelines

Proof of Residency (update)

Alternative Resources

February 28th is the last day to bring in any medical bills for the fiscal year 9-30-2004 to 9-30-2005.

Medicare Community Meeting

Did you apply for Extra Help for Medicare D? Did you receive your award letter for Medicare D? Have you received you plan information and RX cards? Does the Pharmacy have your information on prescription coverage? If you answered **NO** to any of these questions, come to the next **Oneida Community Meeting**.

Where: Oneida Health Center

When: March 1st, 2006

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Presentations at 9:00am and 1:30pm

Bring any information received from Medicare and any plan information or any prescription cards. If you have any questions please contact **869-2711** for the Medical Benefits Coordinator.

Environmental

Three factors in how to build a lake

(Article 2 in a series of 7)

As the Oneida begin the process of building a fishing lake there are several factors to consider. The first step is to determine what you would like your lake to do for you? Is it a fishing lake, a water skiing lake or a pond to swim in?

In the case of the Oneida Nation, the goal of the lake is to restore a healthy fishery to the Reservation, thus providing tribal members with a place to fish and carry on the important tradition of fishing. Duck Creek is currently in a long term clean-up process. Meanwhile, Pat Pelky notes, “Building a fishing lake now for the Oneida Nation will allow the Tribe to rebuild an important tradition before it is lost.” So, we know what we are trying to achieve in building this lake, a healthy and sustainable fishery. The next step is to consider possible sites and their various hydrology, topography, and soil types.

Water

A site’s hydrology and soils are related and both will affect the lake’s fishery. Hydrology refers to the "study of water,” it is the study of the movement, distribution, and quality of water. In our case we are concerned with the hydrology of the area surrounding the new lake.

Kris Krause, P.E., senior project manager for RMT, Inc. says, “The kinds of fish the lake will be able to sup-

port depends on where the lake water is coming from. Is it surface water provided by storms or is it ground water seeping up from the earth?”

A surface water fed lake tends to be higher in nutrients from agricultural and urban runoff. It may also include chemicals such as pesticides and oils from fields, lawns, parking lots, and roads. Runoff is mainly from rainfall and snow, often causing shoreline flooding and damage to shoreline vegetation.

Ground water fed lakes tend to have colder water with more stable flow and water levels. The water quality also tends to be better since many of the nutrients and chemicals are filtered out as the ground-water flows through the soil.

Topography

Steep topography in the drainage basin that feeds the lake will generally yield more surface runoff and cause more erosion in the drainage basin. The soil carried by these tributaries and steep slopes leading to the lake will cause sedimentation in the lake. In addition to filling in the lake, the sediment is harmful to fish and other aquatic life.

“The landforms and soil of the Oneida Nation were greatly influenced by the glaciers that covered Wisconsin thousands of years ago”, says Tony Kuchma, Wetland Program Coordinator for the Oneida Nation. Nearly 10,000 years ago the last ice age was ending in what is now

Oneida. During this time glaciers advanced and receded several times. Our landscape has been shaped by this glacial activity. As the glacier advanced to the east it pushed a large amount of material into a ridge called a moraine. The glacier then retreated and advanced again several times forming prominent moraine ridges and valleys.

One of the most prominent glacial features that can be seen today is the Duck Creek valley. Both Freedom Road and Seminary Road are located at the top of glacial moraines. Duck Creek flows east from the Burma Swamp near Black Creek until it encounters the eastern moraine near Freedom. The moraine forces Duck Creek to flow north at this point. Between the two moraines the glacier removed all the soil until it encountered bedrock. This limestone bedrock can be seen today within the creek channel.

Soils

The types of soil within the glacial moraines are varied. Sand and gravel deposits within the moraine are often mined. The large number of sand and gravel pits on or near the Reservation is a result of the glacial history. Sandy and gravelly soils tend to be highly permeable and allow groundwater to easily flow through them. Constructing a lake in sandy groundwater fed soils would potentially allow for a cold

water fish species such as walleye to become established.

As the glacier continued to melt it formed large shallow lakes. Meltwater from the glacier carried clay and silt into the lakes where it settled to the bottom. Eventually the lakes drained and we were left with the clay and silt soils. These soils are not very permeable and are good at holding water. This is an advantage for holding water in a man made lake. However, plants have a hard time growing in clay and people tend to prefer sand beaches.

Some of the lower areas of the glacial lakes stayed wet. Today these low spots are wetlands. Soils in wetlands are usually high in organic matter such as peat and muck. Groundwater is usually near the surface in wetlands and this could be an advantage for lake construction. A drawback would be that mucky soils generally don’t provide good spawning habitat for most fish species.

As you can see, there are many factors to consider when building a lake on the Oneida Reservation. Investigating these factors will help us reach our final goal of creating a healthy lake with a sustainable fishery. The new lake will allow the Oneida Nation to continue their important fishing traditions for many years to come.

Oneida waste water treatment facility ready for construction

Submitted by the Oneida Engineering Dept.

Currently the Oneida Tribe has sewer service boundaries controlled by the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewage District (GBMSD). The Tribe currently does not have authority for its own sewer service area. After several requests to hook up the Site II system were denied, it was decided a Tribally controlled treatment facility would allow the Oneida Nation to determine its own sewer service areas and control where we want or don’t want to develop in the future.

The 2020 Land Acquisition Plan produced by the Division of Land Management states that at least 51% of land within the 1838 Treaty Boundaries of the Oneida Reservation will be purchased. Any sewer infrastructure not in Tribal control contributes to the development of land not currently held by the Oneida Nation and raises the cost of land for future acquisition. An example of this work in process is the recent purchase of the Sanger B Powers Correctional Center (SBPCC) property where we needed to prove we could treat their failing septic system by the end of 2006.

The new facility will provide the capability of serving Central Oneida, Site One, Site Two and the Hwy. H area, Rolling Hills, E & EE, Aliskwet Court & Cora House neighborhoods. It will also allow us the capability to determine where future housing and development takes place. Sanger B Powers Correctional Center will be served with a force main under the control of the Tribe.

Project location is approximately 300 yards northwest of the Oneida Thunder Car

Wash next to the Hwy. 54 One Stop and approximately 400 yards northeast of the Little Bear Development Center. The treated waste water will be discharged into the Foxtails Wildlife area wetlands which leads to Oneida Creek and eventually discharging into Duck Creek. Currently, waste water is sent to GBMSD treatment system and discharged into the Bay of Green Bay, removing it from the Oneida water table. The new Oneida Facility will put the water back where it came from assisting in recharging of the aquifer and replenish Duck Creek.

Excavation for the installation of the water and sewer infrastructure will take place along the west end of County Hwy. U from Sanger B Powers Correctional Center to St. Joseph St. and turn west into the Foxtails Wildlife area eventually connecting into the treatment facility.

Excavation for the installation of sewer infrastructure will take place east, down the old Railroad tracks down West Service Road on the North Side and across State Hwy 54 approximately 200 yards west of the Hwy 54 bridge.

Excavation for installation of sewer infrastructure will also take place along the east side of Standing Stone Drive towards Freedom Rd.

Bids for the Sanger B water main & sanitary force main were received January 31st with the Waste Water Treatment Facility project bids due February 7, 2006. The construction project is slated to start on April 3, 2006.

Any questions can be directed to Oneida Engineering Department Project Manager Wayne Metoxen at **869-4556**.

Working the Cycle

Submitted by Denny VanVreede

Oneida Nation Farm Supervisor

Greetings from the Oneida Nation Farms. By looking at the title of this article, I bet your wondering just what cycle is being talked about? In today’s agriculture, it’s all about the cycle in everything from cattle, grain marketing cycles, to equipment, and seed -fertilizer cycles.

Let’s take a look at cattle prices. Feeder cattle have been at an all time high the past few years. These prices reflect the low cattle numbers in the U.S. The low numbers can be related to the Mad Cow scare, and also 9-11, which reduced demand for beef by lowering the number of people dining out and such. When the farmer cannot cash flow, he reduces his cow numbers, which in turn lowers the amount of cattle to finish and slaughter. I think prices will fall slightly this year but still remain relatively strong.

So why are we talking about this? It’s cycles in Agriculture. Take a look at grain prices. Corn, wheat and soybeans are at low prices, and we are hoping for a price spike in the next 2-3 months so we need to watch closely to know when to sell our commodities. This is a classic example of breaking the cycle, because historically high fuel prices mean high commodity prices. However in today’s world economy, some of the old tried but true cycles are now starting to fall by the wayside. This is just some of the cycles we are consistently faced with in today’s agriculture.

In 2005 the Oneida Nation Farms had a very good year. Our cow-calf herd is doing great, and we had an excellent calving season with a 4% mortality rate followed by explosive growth. We weaned some calves at 650 pounds. Our feedlot is finishing some really excellent finished carcasses and our beef project sales on quarters and halves are showing a nice profit.

The Oneida Nation Buffalo are in very nice shape, and soon you will see some improvements in the corral system making it for a more safe and easy handling for our crew to work with this magnificent creature.

Our plans for the spring planting season are in full force, with equipment purchased and repaired. The equipment is in relatively good shape, with no major expenses expected. The new

equipment should be more efficient by being able to travel slower to save on the machine but yet get more ground covered. Which all comes back to working the cycle.

The Farm has been involved in a lot of activities this past year from the Oneida Jigging Dance, Outagamie County Fair, July Bison Month at the Oneida Farmers Market, Oneida Falling Leaves 4-H, Oneida Turtle School and the Oneida High School, FFA, Wisconsin state wide corn plot, The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, and contributing donations, such as sweet corn to many community members and tribal departments. The results from the corn plot are published in the Wisconsin On-Farm Testing / Wisconsin Association of Professional Ag Consultants 2005, and I am proud to announce that in the 95 day maturity range, the Oneida Nation Farms had the highest yielding variety in the state. This variety was the L.G. seed that yielded 216 bushel of dry grain on a single pass. The interesting point is that we duplicated the plot and overall in our plot, this particular variety finished in 4th place. Again this shows how all the planning and testing doesn’t always end up the way you figure. Again your working with the cycle.

The Oneida White Corn yield was pretty good. It is in storage, with some cleaned for resale at the Orchard and some uncleared for the Farm site.

The Farm has made some big strides in the past few years and hope to gain even more! With Team Work from our Farm Manager, Patricia Cornelius, Farm Supervisor, Denny VanVreede, Administrative Assistant, Marlene Westgor and along with a good working Agriculture crew, Gary Fischer, Leo Mencheski, Duane Ihde, and Chris Cornelius, hopefully things will run smoothly this upcoming year and show an even better bottom line, which means even more working the cycle.

Agriculturally yours,
Denny VanVreede, Farm Supervisor
Oneida Nation Farms
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Seymour WI 54165
Phone: **1-920-833-7952**
Fax: **1-920-833-2559**
E-mail:


farm@oneidanation.org



Calendar

EVENTS

February 23
Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser WHEN: Thursday, February 23, 2006 TIME: 3:00pm to 6:30pm PLACE: Parish Hall, Oneida People-To-People Student Ambassador Fund Raiser \$5.00 per plate. Contact Dianne at 869-5258 FMI.
February 28
Holy Apostles Church Pancake & Porkie Supper WHEN: Tuesday, February 28th TIME: Serving 4 to 6 p.m. PLACE: \$5 per person. FMI, call 869-2565
March – April
Holy Apostles Church Lenten Fish Frys WHEN: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st & April 7th TIME: Serving 3 to 6 p.m. PLACE: Serving 4 to 6 p.m. FMI, call 869-2565
Please call the <i>kalihwisaks</i> office at (920) 869-4280, 4279 or 4277 to include events in this section. <i>Any future announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.</i>



Open to all Oneida Students, Parents, Elders & All Community Members

Topic:	Community Input regarding new proposal for Oneida Nation High School/Community Resource Center
Date:	Thursday, March 16, 2006
Time:	Noon-6 p.m. Presentations, 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.
Place:	N.H.C. Business Committee Room
Contact:	Troy Parr, Oneida Engineering Dept. 869-4529 Sherri Mousseau, Administrator 869-1676

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. 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!



Ma-Shu-Ska Jarod Pidgeon
Ma-Shu-Ska Jarod Pidgeon Was born January 12th, 2006 to Jarod Pideon and Orenda Hill at St. Francis Hospital in Milwaukee weighing 6 lbs, 10 oz and measuring 19 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Renee de la Cruz and Daniel Pidgeon, maternal grandpar-ents are Kathy and Wayne Hill.



Raymond Rico Dickenson
Raymond Rico Dickenson was born December 19th, 2005 to Angeline Dodge and Richard Dickenson weighing 7 lbs, 14 oz.
His siblings are Travis, Peter, William and Mariah of Wisconsin and Shayne Browning of Montana.



Darrell Hill, Jr.
Darrell Hill, Jr. was born September 24th, 2005 to Darrell Hill, Sr. And Dolores Espino weighing 8lbs, 9oz and measuring 21 inches.
His paternal grandparents are Diane Hill and Darrell John and his maternal grand-parents are Sylvia DeLeon and Lauro Espino.



Everett James Danforth
Everett James Danforth, newborn son to Melinda J. Danforth and Kelly Cable, was born on Wednesday, January 25, 2006. Everett weighed 7lbs 9oz and was 19" long.
The proud maternal grandparents are Dennis and Margaret Danforth.
The proud paternal grand-parents are Daryll and Kay Cable.
The great-grandparents are Marilyn Danforth and the late Leander Danforth and Carol Cornelius and the late Gerald "Everett" Cornelius.

Happy 4th Birthday

Satunha-lak Tesehsohslie@ku Ow\$la
on February 5th
Ruby



Kunolunkwa, Mama

Happy Birthday

Uncle Joe!



Love Adrian & Alonzo

Happy 4th Birthday

Alexis
on February 20th



Love Mom, Waylon & Kyle

Congratulations

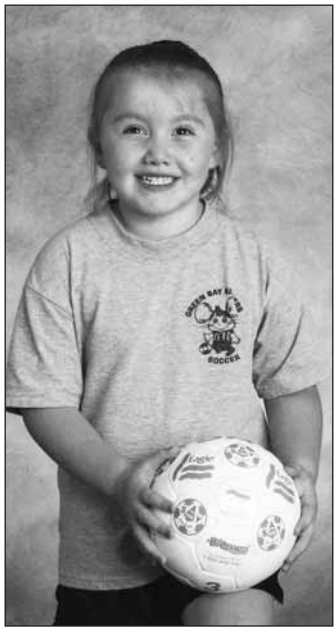
Erwin Dann
on achieving your Associate of Occupational Studies Degree in Automotive & Diesel Technology & several awards;
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Directors Honor List, Excellent Attendance & Alpha Beta Kappa Nominee.



Love, Your Family

Happy 7th Birthday

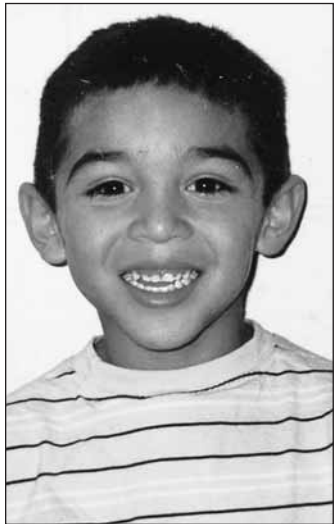
February 25th
Nikki Corbeil



Love you bunches
Mom, Dad, Grampa's & Grandma's, Aunts, Uncles, all your Cousins & Rusty & Toto

Happy 5th Birthday

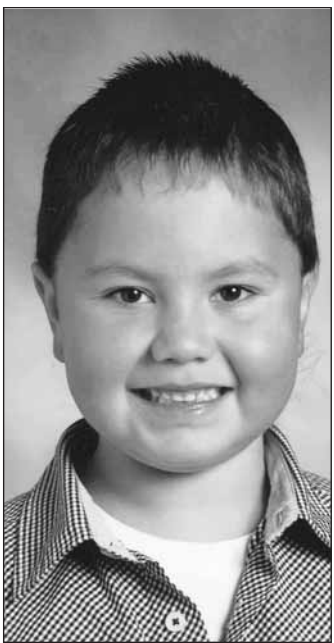
to my Little Man
Adrian



Love Mama & your bro Alonzo

Happy 7th Birthday

February 26th
TaKoDa John (Kenasa)



Love you! Love you!
Mom & Dad, Bubba, Grampa's and Gramma's, Aunts, Uncles, all your Cousins & "Georgina"

Happy 7th Birthday

Satunha-lak Tesehsohslie@ku Ow\$la
Chauncey (Happy)



From Mom, Dad, Levi & Belle Mae

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary March 2006 Calendar of Events

Animal Stories for Preschoolers:
Busy as a beaver!
Monday, March 6 at 10AM and again Monday, March 20 at 1:00PM

Children and their families can learn about busy beavers during Animal Stories for Preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the short stories, "Think of Beaver" by Karen Wallace and "Beavers" by Nancy White Carlstrom. After the stories, participants will participate in a fun craft project. Cost is \$2 per resident or Friends member and \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

Party with the Animals
Wednesday, March 22 at 10:00AM

Looking for spring break activities? This year, don't miss your chance to party with the animals at the Wildlife Sanctuary. There will be games, live animals,

hands-on activities and refreshments. It's fun for the entire family. For children 8 years old and younger. Cost is \$2 per Green Bay resident or Friends member or \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by March 17 by calling (920) 391-3671. Space is limited.

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary is a 700-acre wildlife refuge featuring live animal exhibits, education displays, miles of hiking and walking trails and excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. It is open daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm with trails closing at 4:30pm. There is no admission charge. The Sanctuary is located at 1660 East Shore Drive on Green Bay's east side across from the Bay Beach Amusement Park.

For more information about the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, visit their web site www.baybeachwildlife.com

ONES Recognition Second Quarter '05-'06

ONES Honor Roll grades 3-8

Submitted by Yvette Peguero

Assistant Principal
Oneida Nation Elementary

Honors 3.0-3.49

Third Grade

D'anna Cornelius - 3.439
Dayton Sanapaw - 3.403
Karissa Cornelius - 3.334
Waupoose
Ruby John - 3.281
Carleigh Skenandore -3.263
Mitchel Cornelius - 3.106

Fourth Grade

Brandon Joy - 3.349
Muriel King - 3.333
Shy House - 3.332
Sequoyah Morgan - 3.124
Maritza Nieto - 3.015

Fifth Grade

Noelle Metoxen - 3.402
Izaak Jones - 3.332
Mangione
David White - 3.315
Abalone Paprocki - 3.227
Jonathan Danforth - 3.174
Eveyonna Ortega - 3.158
Fredrick Miller - 3.001

Sixth Grade

Guadalupe Martinez - 3.435
Anna Cornelius - 3.417
Colleen Cornelius - 3.400
Chelsey Cornelius - 3.292
Brandon Andrews - 3.289
Anthony Cornelius - 3.205
Phillip Starr - 3.205

Seventh Grade

Shane Skenandore - 3.499
Janace Christjohn - 3.415

Jaylee Godfrey - 3.405
Maurens Beans - 3.353

Eighth Grade

Joshua Smith - 3.418
Layni Stevens - 3.101
Dylan Wheelock - 3.083

High Honors 3.5-3.79

Third Grade

Byron Halona - 3.720
Shantel Vandyke - 3.649
Akacia Muscavitch - 3.615
Yen<stahawise - 3.579
Brooks

Fifth Grade

Carissa Metoxen - 3.685
Diego Metoxen - 3.507

Sixth Grade

Haley Hill - 3.667
Michael Santiago - 3.571
Jordan Smith - 3.510

Seventh Grade

Jade Doxtater- 3.511

Eighth Grade

Alexandria Redhail - 3.524
Highest Honors 3.8-4.0

Third Grade

Briana Doxtator - 3.860

Fourth Grade

Yewanaka>yu -3.965
Brooks
Josanna Cornelius- 3.896
Daubon

Fifth Grade

Cayman - 3.895
Berg-Morales
Aleah Jimenez - 3.895

ONES Attendance Recognition

Submitted by Yvette

Peguero

Assistant Principal
Oneida Nation Elementary

Perfect Attendance F.A.C.E.

Chayton Mousseau

Kindergarten

Camille Billie, Alex Denny
Ernesto Amezcuita

First Grade

Noelia Ramirez-Gilsoul,
Florence John

Second Grade

Eric Denny

Third Grade

Ruby John, Shantel VanDyke

Fifth Grade

Corina Lara, Noelle
Metoxen, James Hebb

Excellent Attendance Kindergarten

Jack Mehajah, Jada
SittingBear, Jacqueline Hill,
Orville Summers, Jose
Guzman, Joseff Cornelius

First Grade

Marissa Cornelius, Sandra
Torres-Mejia, Sadie Wilber,
Esaiaas Bautista, Sonny
Nacotee, Tabbitha Ninham

Second Grade

Travis Stevens, Kasey
Counard, David Doxtater-
Hill, Louisa Mehajah,

Angalee Powless

Third Grade

Mitchell Cornelius, Briana
Doxtator, Byran Halona,
Dante Thomas

Fourth Grade

Sequoyah Morgan, Shy
House

Avery King, Jesse Stevens,
Matthew Powless

Fifth Grade

Diego Metoxen, Kaylynn
Powless, Noelle Metoxen,
David White, Sonny
Jourdan, Devan Little,
Fredrick Miller, Paige
Ninham, Devonte Pointer,
Matthew Skenandore

Sixth Grade

Brandon Andrews, Gage
Robertson, Anna Cornelius,
Matias Metoxen, Bradley
Sievers

Seventh Grade

Jade Doxtater, Shane
Skenandore

Eighth Grade

Cheyenne Starr
Number of students with
Perfect Attendance: 11
Number of students with
Excellent Attendance: 44

Lunchroom Good Behavior Pizza Party Winners

Submitted By Yvette Peguero

Assistant Principal
Oneida Nation Elementary

Grades 1-2

Donald Counard, Niko
Pocan, Brandon Barnes

Grades 3-5

Sandy Cohen, Avery
King, Cody Cornelius, Jesse
Stevens, Kayu Brooks,
Muriel King, Sequoyah

Morgan, Shelia Stevens,
Lacy Redhail, Larissa
Cornelius, Alyssa LaRock,
Heather Stevens

Grades 6-8

Robert LaGest, Maurens
Beans, Konkapot Betz,
Rethmon John, Donovan
Robertson, Edward
Santiago, Adrian Huff,
Shane Skenandore, Nick
Person

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NEXT DEADLINE

is...**Wednesday**

February 22nd, 2006

@ 4:30 P.M. with a PUBLISH DATE

of...**Thursday,**

March 2nd, 2006

Questions, please call: **920-869-4280, 4279 or 4277**

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Board Vacancies

Oneida Seven Generations Corporation: One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications: a. All board members must have at least five (5) years experience in one (1) or more of the following areas: real estate, commercial development, business management, risk management, finance, tribal government or accounting. b. The majority of the members must be voting members of the General Tribal Council, the amount of non-Oneida board members will not exceed two (2). c. The term of office will be five (5) years with the exception of the non-Oneida board member who are limited to one (1) five (5) year term. **Deadline date for receipt of applications of February 17, 2006.**

Oneida Child Care Parent Advisory Committee (PAC): Two (2) Vacancies.

Qualifications: Shall serve a two year term. Shall have (2) Norbert Hill Child Care Parent members. Purpose: We provide the highest quality educational and support services to all children and families. We empower the children through the use of developmentally appropriate practices. Our practices reflect the unique cultural heritage of the Oneida Community and build the foundation for the next Seven Generations. **Deadline date for receipt of applications of March 17, 2006.**

Board Vacancies

Oneida Housing Authority (OHA): One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications: a. A board member may be a member or non-member of the Tribe. b. No person shall be barred from serving on the Board because he/she is a tenant or homebuyer in a housing project of the Authority. c Term of office shall be four (4) years.

Purpose: The Oneida Housing Authority shall be organized and operated for the purpose of: 1. Remediating unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals;

2. Alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for person of low income; 3. Providing employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement extension, alteration or repair and operation of low income dwellings. **Deadline date for receipt of applications of March 17, 2006.**

Oneida Pow Wow Committee: One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications: Shall serve a three (3) year term. May be required to perform the supervisory duties in regard to a Pow Wow. Shall have up to nine appointed members.

Deadline date for receipt of applications of March 17, 2006.

Job Opportunities

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tion and review of audit workpapers, coordination of the preparation of the final field audit report and the planning and conduct of follow-up audits to verify corrective actions. This function also includes the ongoing review, analysis and evaluation of tribal control standards, casino procedures, rules of play and ongoing revisions to these standards and making recommendations to the supervisor and management regarding the standards.

Job Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: This position requires

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How To Apply: Apply online at the WiscJobs Website <http://wiscjobs.state.wi.us/public/>. For questions, please contact Mary Becker, DOA Personnel, 9th floor, 101 E Wilson St, PO Box 7869, Madison WI 53707-7869.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

What: Tri-annual submission of the Oneida Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Plan. The Plan consists of processes anticipated to be implemented in administering the TANF program.

Come in to review what is contained in the revised plan which will cover the operating period of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2009.

A copy of the Plan is available at the Oneida Community Library and you are invited to review and provide feedback either in writing or in person at one of the sessions scheduled below.

When: March 21, 2006

Where: Oneida Tribe Social Services Building

Time: Friday, February 24, 2006 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm OR Monday, February 27, 2006 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Your feedback is appreciated as this plan will affect families in our community through the provision of supportive services related to employability and employment, and in assisting people in becoming self-sufficient.

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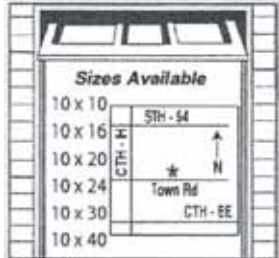
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