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University of Illinois will drop Chief Illiniwek mascot

By David Mercer
Associated Press Writer
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) ~ On a fall day in 1926, University of Illinois student Lester Leutwiler danced onto a football field in Philadelphia at halftime of an Illini football game. Wearing a homemade American Indian costume, Leutwiler was the first Chief Illiniwek, and began an 81-year-old tradition of performances by the mascot at football and basketball games. Under pressure from the NCAA, activists and some students and faculty, the university announced that current chief Dan Maloney's per-

New Oneida Health Center Ombudsman



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Matt Cornelius is the new Ombudsman for the Oneida Community Health Center and Behavioral health.

Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

Matt Cornelius stepped into the role of ombudsman for the Oneida Community Health Center and Oneida Behavioral Health on Monday, February 1.

Cornelius will work with patients and clients of the two organizations to address complaints.

"I'm going to be acting as a third party mediator type, working with patients that have issues like a problem with a bill, or maybe they thought they were treated unfairly," said Cornelius.

He will also work with employees in both areas.

"If the employees are hav-

ing issues internally, I would also be there for them as well," said Cornelius.

Cornelius has a Bachelors of Arts in Theology from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has previously worked as a lay minister for the Oneida Methodist Church and is active with the First Assembly of God. He hopes to use the counseling skills he developed in the ministry when working with patients and employees.

"If somebody is having problems, I offer 'can I say a prayer for you?' They're very accepting of that. Most people are very open to that," he said.

He hopes to expand his role in the future to handle patients

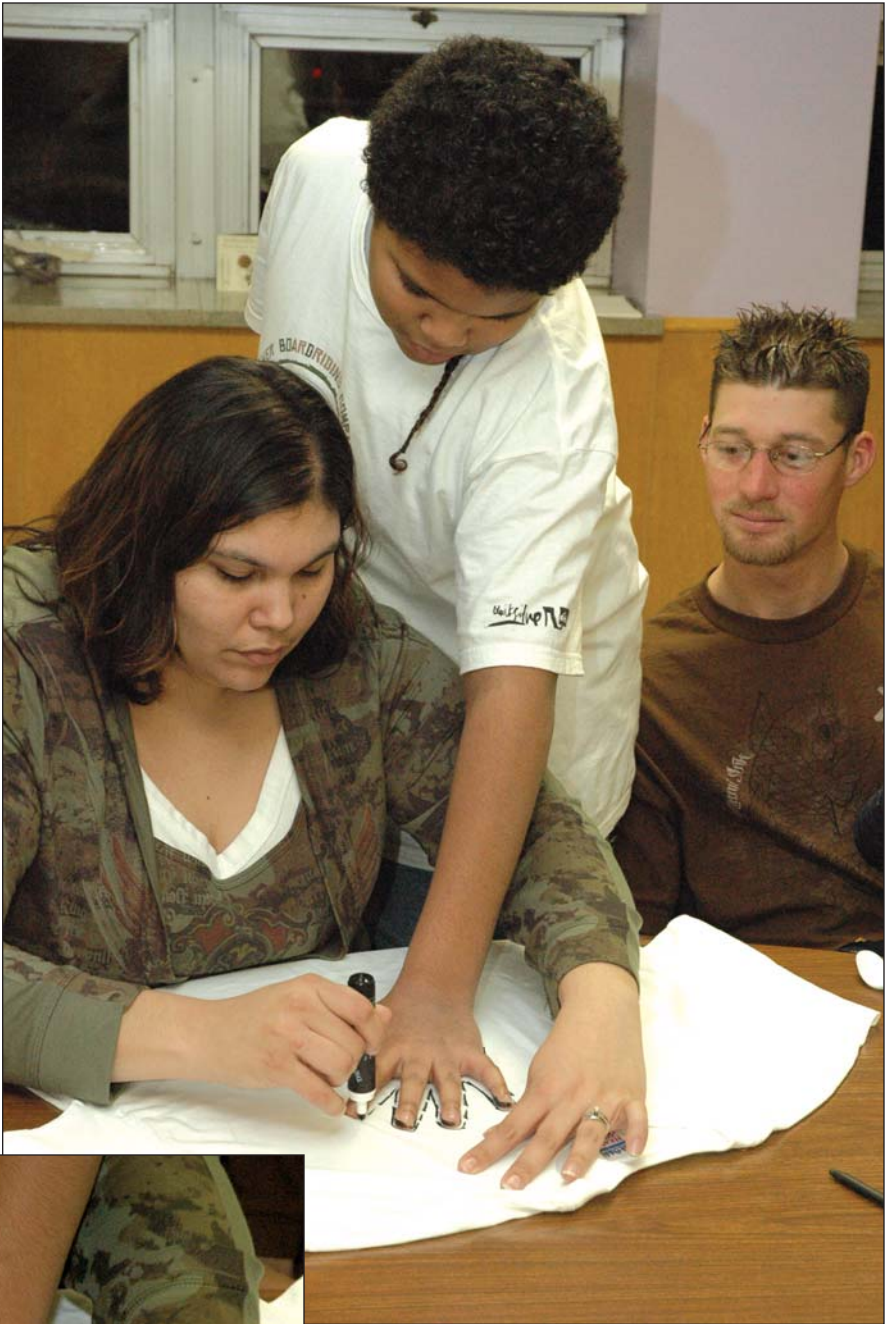
and staff at the Anna John Nursing Home.

Cornelius is the son of Clarence and Sandy Cornelius. He grew up in the San Francisco area until moving back to Oneida with his parents in 1984.

He and his wife Penny have two young sons, Aaron and Stephen. In his spare time, Cornelius likes to fly remote controlled planes.

Community members may contact Cornelius at 920-869-4569 or at 1-800-236-2868, or email mcornell@oneidation.org. His office is located in the Little Bear Development Center at N7332 Water Circle Place.

CAPPS honors local men for positive roles in Oneida



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Local men were awarded t-shirts for their positive roles in the community and their families. Others were encouraged to sign the shirts to show their support and thanks. Above, Jennifer Hargrove traces her son Cayman's hand for Luke Hargrove's t-shirt.



See Page 8A

Mascot dropped

Wisneski tradition continues at Kali

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

The Kalihwisaks staff would like to introduce its newest member, Nate Wisneski. Nate is a 2004 graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point with a degree in communications. He has worked for the Kalihwisaks in the past as a freelance writer and looks forward to becoming a full-time member of the staff.

"Since doing the freelance it's always been an interest of mine...you get to be creative," Nate said.

Nate previously had been working in the insurance field and is looking forward to his new responsibilities with the Kalihwisaks.

"I'm looking forward to going out in the Oneida community and meeting people, getting to know a lot more people than I do," he said.

If the name Wisneski sounds familiar it's because Nate is the second of two brothers that have graced the pages of the Kalihwisaks. Nate's older brother Phil worked for the Kalihwisaks five years before moving over to the Public Relations department.



Wisneski

Spitzer agrees with Mohawks for casino in Catskills

By Michael Gormley

Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) ~ A decades-old proposal for a casino in the Catskills took a major step Monday with Gov. Eliot Spitzer's agreement for the St. Regis Mohawk tribe to build and operate a gaming center at Monticello Raceway.

The Sullivan County casino that would be expected to draw gamblers from the nearby New York City area is also expected to provide hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to state government, as

well as help revive the economically hard-pressed region. The \$600 million casino is expected to provide 3,000 permanent jobs and create a building boom in the area.

The casino would also mark a return of the region as an entertainment hot spot, where top comedians, bands, singers and boxers once made regular stops. The names of the now closed Catskills resorts and the stars who honed their craft there are part of American entertainment legend.

"By working together, we can establish a premier gaming facility that will produce significant revenues for the tribe and the state and help spark a resurgence of the Catskills region," Spitzer said.

Under the agreement, the state would receive 20 percent of the revenue from slot machines for the first two years, 23 percent for the next two years and 25 percent after that. Ending another major sticking point, the tribe agreed to comply with state tax, labor and health laws.

For a sovereign tribe, the state couldn't simply require adherence to state laws.

"We commend Governor Spitzer's decisive action and commitment to our Sullivan County casino project which we believe will generate tremendous opportunities in and around the Catskills region," the Mohawk St. Regis Tribal Council said in a prepared statement. "We rejoice in the prospects this important project presents for the future of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, the people of Sullivan County, and New

Yorkers across the state."

The 30-year effort, however, isn't over.

Spitzer and the tribe are now urging the secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior to make final approvals, including taking raceway land into a trust. The department includes the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Democratic governor wouldn't predict how the Republican Bush administration will react.

See Page 7A Catskills

Community meeting held to discuss new Oneida High School



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

The Kalihwisaks received incorrect information identifying Mirand Smith as the 2nd grade student participating in a Friendship dance in the LifeStyles section, Feb 15th issue. It should have been Olivia Pigman. We apologize for the error.

Please contact **jmartus@oneidanation.org** with comments or ideas from our first ever event or upcoming gatherings.



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

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Also discussed were numbers gathered from a survey given to students, faculty and community members. The survey focused on gathering information about potential services/electives offered at

Survey results are available on the Oneida Intranet bulletin board. Also there is information regarding the project on the Oneida Nation web-site: <http://www.oneida-nation.org>.

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2007 Spring Election
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RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

DATE: March 22, 2007

TIME: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Turtle Room

INVITED: ♦ Brown County Executive Candidates
♦ Outagamie County Executive Candidates
♦ Green Bay Mayoral Candidates
♦ Town of Oneida Candidates
♦ Village of Hobart Candidates

AGENDA: ♦ Welcome
♦ Candidate Presentations
♦ Closing Remarks

Refreshments Will Be Served.

A large, stylized graphic of the American flag is positioned on the right side of the page, partially overlapping the text. It features the stars and stripes of the flag in a diagonal orientation.

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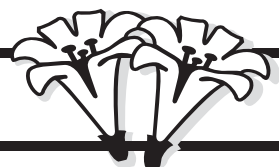
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Local



Passing On...

Danforth Rodriguez, Michelle L. 'Babygirl'

November 28, 1967 – February 20, 2007

Michelle Lynn (Babygirl) Danforth-Rodriguez, 39, Oneida, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday February 20, 2007 at a local hospital due to a long illness of renal failure, surrounded by a loving family. She was born on November 28, 1967 in Green Bay, WI to Eunice Stevens and the late Reginald Danforth. She graduated from Seymour High School. She was employed with the Oneida Senior Services until she became ill with renal failure in 1998. Babygirl loved her children and grandchildren very much; she loved to explore restaurants, joy riding and was a big fan of jewelry.

Michelle is survived by her children: Jerome Cornelius, Alicia Elm and her friend Nestor Ramirez and Randall Danforth, sisters and brothers: Brenda (Fred) Lynk, Reginald Danforth, Michael

(Bernadette) Danforth (Blackthunder) and Prairie Rose Danforth, grandchildren: Anthony and Andrew, nephews: Scott, Jonathan, Alex and Ethan. Her special friends Jr. Wayka, Darlene, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Her father preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday February 23, 2007. Rev. Julio A. Alvarado officiated with burial in the Oneida Methodist Cemetery.

Ryan Funeral Home, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements.

Please go to www.ryanfh.com to express online condolences to the family.

The family would like to thank Davita Dialyses Center and St. Vincent ICU for all their care.

Davids Edith C.

Wednesday, February 21, 2007



Edith C. Davids passed Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at the age of 77 years.

Edith was the dear sister of Donald (Phyllis) Davids, Barbara Skenandore, and Marvin

(Susan) Davids.

Edith is also survived by nieces, nephews and other family members.

Services were held on Friday, February 23 at South Suburban Chapel with interment at Arlington Park Cemetery.

Prasser-Klecza Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Stock car racer's winnings donated to charity

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

Much like the oval track Carl Christjohn races on, his life has come full circle.

Christjohn, who lives in Antigo, Wis., began stock car racing on the Langlade County Speedway last season after a couple of years away from the sport.

"I told my kids that I'm so passionate about (racing) that I would race for nothing," he said.

After learning that two friends of his had breast cancer, he decided to donate all of his winnings to the American Cancer Society through the Langlade County Relay for Life.

"I sponsored my own team in memory of my mother," said Christjohn. Breast cancer took the life of Mary Ann Christjohn on Christmas Eve in 1973.

"My racing theme last year was Racing for Life, so that's been our motto," said Christjohn.

Racing his '75 Nova in the WASOTA Street Stocks has been a family affair. His daughter Kayona sold 50/50 raffle tickets in the stands at races with some of the money going to the Relay for Life. Christjohn's 15-year-old son Cody was his crew chief. In addition, Christjohn's brother Lee Christjohn and three nephews are involved in the sport.

"You can't define family better than that," he said.

Christjohn donated \$1723.55 in prize money to the American Cancer Society the night of the Langlade County Speedway Banquet, Saturday, February 24.

He and his children also raised nearly \$1200 for the Relay for Life, an event where participants take turns walking through the night to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Christjohn credits his friend Roy Dieck for helping him get back into stock car racing. Dieck's wife Shirley is one of the people that inspired Christjohn to donate his winnings to cancer research.

"I think it's fabulous that he would do that. He hasn't held

any of it back, everything he won is going to the American Cancer Society," said Shirley, who's breast cancer is in remission.

Christjohn's passion for racing rubbed off on the elderly couple.

"We're 71-years-old, but Roy has worked on (Christjohn's) car and helped him with painting," said Shirley.

Christjohn appreciates having the chance to race again and to give back to his com-

munity. He struggled with alcoholism for 30 years, and was able to become sober with help from an Oneida Social Services program.

"When I came out of it about three years ago, I knew my mom was there with me helping me," said Christjohn. "She knows my passion racing. If I never accomplish anything this day on, I'll know I at least tried something."

Metoxen receives distinguished award



Photo courtesy of Kathleen Scholl/WDVA

Seen here, TVSO Kerry Metoxen (left), receives the award from WDVA Board of Veterans Affairs Chair Peter Moran (center) and WDVA Secretary John A. Scocos.

Special to Kalihwisaks

Kerry Metoxen, Tribal Veterans Service Officer of the Oneida Nation, received the annual Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) award for Veterans Service Officer of the Year 2006 (non-County Veterans Service Officer, or CVSO). The award was presented to him at the WDVA Stakeholders' Conference prior to the Wisconsin Veterans Salute to the Legislature event at the Monona Terrace on February

20. Metoxen is retired from the U.S. Air Force, a veteran of Desert Shield-Desert Storm. His office is accredited through both the state and federal governments as service officers. As a Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO), he works with Oneida veterans and non-Oneida veterans to help them obtain federal VA benefits. He's helped Oneida veterans file over \$800,000 in compensation and pension claims received. He is an

active member of both the Northeast and state CVSO Associations. Metoxen is the lead person working with the National Congressional Medal of Honor Society organization to coordinate the conference that will be held in September at the Oneida Radisson in Green Bay. Metoxen was nominated for the award by Nate Nez, Tribal Veterans Services Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

Homebuilders Workshop slated for mid March at Parish Hall

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Homebuilders take notice. Multiple departments within the tribe are sponsoring a Homebuilder's Workshop.

The workshop is scheduled for March 14 at Parish Hall.

The interactive session is set to kickoff at 1:00 p.m. and wrap up around 7:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

Members from Cultural Heritage, Environmental, Land Management, Utilities, Wells & Septic and Zoning

will be in attendance to answer questions home builders might have.

Along with question and answer sessions, food will be available and a prize will be awarded.

Zoning Department representative Sheree Lewis said, "(The workshop) is a good benefit for the tribe and its members. Now all information can be sent to Zoning and then we will send the information to the other departments."

Prior, the homebuilder would have to relay the information to each department on their own.

Lewis also said, "The homebuilders will be able to track the progress of such things as permits and inspections by being given updates by us and the contractors."

The workshop, which is open to tribal members only, is being discussed as a biannual event.

Brochures available from Cultural Heritage

Submitted by Jill McNutt

Oneida Cultural Heritage

How much do you really know about Oneida culture and history? Did you know that Oneida Cultural Heritage has free brochures available on nearly twenty different topics? Learn more about:

The Law of the Land – The Oneidas signed treaties with the United States government as far back as 1613; why should I care about it now? Read the Law of the Land to find out.

Subdivide and Conquer: The Dawes Allotment Act – "We want our land back!" you hear tribal members proclaim. What does that really mean, and where exactly is "our land"?

Iroquois Pottery – How long has pottery been around? Is there a certain style or method used by the Oneida People? Iroquois Pottery tells the story.

Saving our Oneida Language – What happened to the Oneida language that

made it start to disappear? What is happening to bring it back, and why should I be a part of it?

Oneida Tribal Logo – The tribal logo is in the newspaper, on tribal documents, and in advertisements, but do the symbols mean? Has it always stayed the same?

Black Ash Baskets: An Iroquois Tradition – How long have the Iroquois people been making baskets? Has it always been for their own use, or is there more to the story?

Forces that Impacted the Oneida's Move to Wisconsin – The Oneida Tribe did not originate in Wisconsin, so how did the Oneida wind up in Wisconsin?

Duck Creek: A Way of Life – We know the Oneida people came to Wisconsin from New York, but then what happened? Why did the Oneida settle on Duck Creek?

Oneida Nation Cultural Symbols: In and Around the Oneida Reservation – We hear "Three Sisters", "Clans", and "Wampum Belt" and we know we're in Oneida territory, but what do all these things mean?

Iroquois Traditional Ceremonies – We have how many ceremonies? What do they all mean and how do they fit in with Oneida culture?

Josiah A. Powless, a Doctor and an Officer – Did you know there was an Oneida medical doctor in the early 1900's?

Iroquois Clan System: Clans of the Oneida People – Bear Clan, Wolf Clan, Turtle Clan – what's the difference? Why not just one big group?

Edge of the Woods – Have you ever heard of the Edge of the Woods ceremony? Is it something solely from the past, or is it something from modern times?

Wampum: Our Historical Record – If wampum isn't money, then what is it? What is it made of, and are there different kinds?

The Salt Pork Avenue Project – Did you know there was an original Salt Pork Avenue, much less a new one? Was it lost long ago, or can I visit now?

Annuities – Have you heard stories about the 56¢ checks your parents or grandparents received from the government? Find out why, and learn what's happening today.

The Cultural Heritage Department's Mission Statement is: "To preserve, protect, maintain, and interpret the Oneida traditions, artifacts, language, customs, and history in a manner that shall promote the dignity and respect of the Oneida people and culture." We encourage all tribal members to learn more about their history, culture, and traditions. The Cultural Heritage Department is a great place to start.

The Oneida Cultural Heritage Department is located at 3703 Hillcrest Drive, just off of highway 54 north. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM and can be reached at 920-496-5395.

For additional information or a sample copy, contact Jill McNutt at 496-5395 or jmcnutt1@oneidanation.org.

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Business



BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

Authenticity key for Pulaski sandwich shop owner

By Steven J. Gandy
Kalihwisaks

Pulaski is host to a new sandwich shop thanks to David Roberto. Roberto has taken the recipes his father once used in Chicago to open Paisano's Chicago Style Italian Beef Sandwiches. The restaurant is located at 131 West Pulaski Street.

His father, who was Italian, ran a successful Italian pizza and sandwich shop on the south side of Chicago for many years before his death a few years ago.

"We serve the recipes my father used...I've worked in this business, down there, so I'm kind of used to it," Roberto said.

Roberto is a believer in the saying "from small beginnings come great things."

"We don't have an extensive menu here, we have a really, really, small, small menu," Roberto said. "I believe in doing something the right way. Some restaurants have pretty big menus, we don't... we are doing authentic Chicago style Italian beef and we are doing it with authentic recipes not the pre-made stuff other places use."

Paisano's menu consists of four sandwiches; a Chicago style Italian beef, Paisano Combo, Italian Bomber and Italian sausage sandwich along with garlic bread and



Kali photo/Steve Gandy

Amanda Grimes (above) is one of three full-time employees at Paisano's. She shows off two of the four sandwiches that Paisano's offers. Owner, David Roberto, opened Paisano's for business on February 15.

other various side items. The sandwiches are all made fresh using Roberto's family recipe.

The name Paisano's is Italian for friend and that feeling truly comes across when you walk in the restaurant. It's a quaint, bistro-type atmosphere with red and white checkered tablecloths and a fast and friendly greeting as soon as you walk in the door.

Pulaski may seem an odd place for a Green Bay resident to open a restaurant, but Roberto had his reasons.

"It was the right market area, I think it's expanding out here...the market is booming, Roberto explained. "If I can work the bugs out of here, then I'll know exactly what to do in Green Bay...I would have a lot more compe-

tition in Green Bay, but that is the goal."

Roberto is no stranger to owning and operating his own business. He has been successfully operating his other business for five years. ARC Automotive Reconditioning Center is located in Green Bay and, until now, has been the focus of all of Roberto's attention. Now, however, his attention is being divided between the two enterprises and, according to Roberto, he has "been burning the candle at both ends" trying to get Paisano's open for business.

Roberto said it took about 18 months from the time he decided to open a restaurant until the time the doors opened. He used his own monies along with some financing from Bay Bank to get this endeavor off the

ground and made into a reality.

He had to create a business plan, get financing, find a location, and perfect the product along with a laundry list of other tasks before the first customer could ever be served.

"I have been running a different business for the last five years; I do know what I need to do to run a business. It wasn't easy," Roberto said.

The restaurant opened on February 15 and a Grand Opening is being planned, however, a date for it has yet to be determined.

Paisano's hours are; 11am - 7pm Monday thru Friday, 2pm - 8pm on Saturday and closed on Sunday.

Joint Executive Team hold meetings to share vision

Submitted by Julie Clark
Special to Kalihwisaks

Can You See Where We'll Be in Five Years?

The Joint Executive Team (JET) welcomes you to upcoming community meetings beginning in March 2007. JET consists of our General Manager - Debbie ThunderCloud, Gaming General Manager - Neil Cornelius, Chief of Staff - Bill Gollnick, and the Assistant Chief Financial Officer - Mike Olujic.

The community meetings

are open to the public and will be presented by a member of JET.

These community meetings are the first phase of a three part series. The purpose of the first phase is to share our Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Strategic Themes. We will also introduce the National Balanced Scorecard. After this session we are confident you will have a greater awareness of all the hard work put forth by our employees to create a brighter

future for our Nation.

Phase Two will begin in late May lasting through June. During these meetings we will share more information about our Strategic Themes.

Phase Three community meetings will begin in late August and end in September. Here we will share a plan how we will be providing future communication of our organization's progress and areas of needed improvement.

Vision
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Mission

To Strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty.

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Vision, One Mind.

Meetings

When: Saturday, March 10
Who: Milwaukee Residents
Where: SEOTS Bldg
Time: 2:00p - 4:00p

When: Wed., March 14
Who: Community Oriented
Where: Norbert Hill Center - BC Conference Rm
Time: 5:00p - 7:00p

When: Wednesday, March 21
Who: Family Oriented
Where: Social Services Building
Time: 6:00p - 8:00p

When: Tuesday, March 22
Who: Elder Oriented
Where: Lee McLester II Elderly Complex
Time: 11:45a - 12:30p

When: Monday, March 26
Who: Business Unit Mtg
Where: Oneida Community Education Center
Time: 1:30p - 4:00p

When: Tuesday, March 27
Who: Community Oriented
Where: Radisson
Time: 5:00p - 7:00p

What's in the Box?

Submitted by Diane Zubella

Bay Bank Executive Vice President

Millions of Americans rent a safe deposit box from their bank. Before renting, you need to make sure you understand how it works.

Most people rent a safe deposit box to store important and valuable items that would be difficult, if not impossible, to replace. The box offers privacy and security for these items rather than keeping them in your home where they are prone to burglary, fire and water damage.

What should go in a safe deposit box?

Experts suggest you keep family records, such as birth, marriage and death certificates, originals of insurance policies, deeds, titles, stocks and bonds in the box. You might want to include other valuables such as expensive jewelry, rare collectibles and medals. Also consider videotaping or taking photos of the contents of your home and keeping them in the safe deposit box should you need to file an insurance claim.

What should NOT go in a safe deposit box?

There are some items that you may need to access quickly during an emergency situation that you would not want in your safe deposit box, in the event you need these items on a weekend or holi-



day when the bank is closed or the bank itself is closed due to an emergency. These items might include your "power of attorney", passports, medical directives, and funeral or burial instructions. You may want to keep copies of these items in the box and give the originals to your attorney or a family member or friend.

Who has access to your box?

Only you, unless you have a co-renter who might include a spouse, child, or close friend. To access your box, it takes two keys-yours and the bank's. The bank doesn't keep a copy of your key, so if it is lost or stolen, it will cost you several hundred dollars to drill the box open. Additionally, unless you have a co-renter or you appoint a "deputy" or "agent" in the presence of a bank employee, you cannot give your key to someone and ask them to open the box. The bank will grant access to the box to only valid authorized users.

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Calendar

2007

March 3

Traveling Voices

WHEN: Saturday March 3 2007
TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Indian Spring Lodge - Carter, Wisconsin
"Focusing on the youth as a way o creatively express their voices, their words, through writing." For anyone interested in literature and have had dreams of writing their own stories. Open to the public For more information please call 715-478-7437.

March 3

Seussabration

WHEN: Saturday, March 3
TIME: 11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Oneida Community Library
Celebrating 50 years of Cat in the Hat. Serving Green Eggs and Ham, "Pink Ink" and Pancakes Truffula Fruit Syrup. Door prizes for Adults and Children. Special storytellers and character.

March 24-25

A Quilter's Ally

WHEN: March 24-25
TIME: Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm
PLACE: Manitowoc Expo Center, 5201 Vista Road
Admission - \$5 (\$4 with a donated item for the Humane Society) Contact Sue DuPont at 920-684-3973 or dupes74@sbcglobal.net for more information.

March

Oneida Community Band

WHEN: Wednesdays in March
TIME: 6:30 - 8:00PM
PLACE: Oneida Nation Elementary School (Door 4)
Roger Ronowski is conducting. For more information or if you need an instrument, contact Beth @ 490-3833.

March

New World Productions

WHEN: Thursday - March 15, 2007
TIME: 5:00pm
PLACE: Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road
New World Productions presents a satirical look at Indigenous Peoples and the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin Past Present and Future. Lite Refreshments and fare will be available. Contact 920-833-0119 for more information.

Please call the kalihwisaks office at (920) 869-4280, 4279 or 4277 to include events in this section.

Any future announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Radisson General Manger Lance Broberg, standing at right, shares the Balanced Score Card results during a presentation held Friday afternoon, February 23 at the Norbert Hill Center.

Oneida Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting • January 31, 2007
Business Committee Conference Room
Present: Kathy Hughes–Vice Chair, Mercie Danforth–Treasurer, Patty Hoeft–Secretary, Trish King–Council member, Paul Ninham–Council member, Melinda J. Danforth–Council member and Edward Delgado–Council member.
Excused: Gerald Danforth–Chair, Vince DelaRosa–Council member
Others Present: Fred Muscavitch, Sheila Huff, Wesley Martin, Kerry Metoxen, Jeanette Ninham, Sandra Skenandore, Barbara Skenandore, Dottie Krull, Brenda John, Linda Glaser, Wanda Diemel, Tina Danforth, Julie Denny, Evelyn Elm, Peril Huff
Opening Prayer: Rachael Ninham; Junior Miss Oneida
Special Recognitions: – None

- 1. Call to Order by Kathy Hughes**
2. Oath of Office – Administered by Patty Hoeft
Oneida Housing Authority
Evelyn Elm and Wesley Martin. (Both present)

- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
a. Additions
b. Deletions
c. Moves
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda, with deletion of Executive Business #1 and change Executive New Business # 2 to Regular Session, New Business # 4, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Minutes to be Approved**
Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2007.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the regular Business Committee minutes of January 17, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
Special Minutes of January 17, 2007.
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Special Business Committee minutes of January 17, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Tabled Business**
1. Fred Muscavitch RE: Requesting approval to participate in a Pilot Project Trust Asset Accounting Management System BIA Pilot Project.
Excerpt from January 17, 2007: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Trust Asset Accounting Management System BIA Pilot resolution, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Trish King to take from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Edward Delgado, to approve Resolution 1-31-07-A to participate in the a Pilot Trust Asset Accounting Management System BIA Pilot Project, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Fred Muscavitch RE: Request to Rescind 4 Fee to Trust Resolutions; 4-12-06-M, 4-12-06-R, 4-12-06-T and 4-26-06-A and adopt new resolutions.
Excerpt from January 17, 2007: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Request to Rescind 4 Fee to Trust Resolutions; 4-12-06-M, 4-12-06-R, 4-12-06-T and 4-26-06-A, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to take from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Belongia Property, Resolution No. 4-12-06-M for incorrect parcel number, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Belongia Property, Warranty deed dated 4-16-06 for incorrect parcel number, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Calaway Property, Resolution No. 4-12-06-R for incorrect land use, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Chambers Property, Resolution No. 4-12-06-T for incorrect land use, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Meacham Property, Resolution No. 4-26-06-A for incorrect land use, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve former Belongia Property, Resolution 1-31-07-B correcting parcel number, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve former Belongia Property, Warranty Deed Correcting parcel number, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Calaway Property, Resolution 1-31-07-C correcting land use, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Chambers Property, Resolution 1-31-07-D correcting land use, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Meacham Property, Resolution 1-31-07-E correcting land use, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Neil Cornelius RE: Procedural Exception for NIGA, Phoenix, AZ; March 25-28.
Excerpt from January 17, 2007: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the travel request for a list of names from the General Manager and Gaming General Manager, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to take this from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Trish King to approve Procedural Exception, for travel to NIGA for the Oneida Business Committee and Oneida Gaming Commission. Refer the remainder of list of attendees to the JET Team to identify the following representation; 2 from Communications, 1 from Emergency Management, 1 Governmental Administration, 1 Internal Audit, 1 Planning Department, 1 Tourism, 2 Surveillance, 6 Gaming Department: 1 Senior Manger, 1 Table Games Director, 1 Compliance Manager, 1 Cage/Vault Manager, 1

Assistant Slot Manager and 1 Director of Marketing, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to have the JET Team coordinate a report to come back regarding the NIGA travel, which includes; what they have learned, and how they can implement it in our organization, and including the cost, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Reports** – None
7. Travel Reports
1. Gerald Danforth/Paul Ninham RE: Approve Travel Report for Oath of the 110th Congress- Washington, DC
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the travel report for Oath of the 110th Congress, seconded by Trish King. For: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Paul Ninham. Motion carried.

- 8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings**
1. Chief of Staff RE: Specific recommendations regarding dissolution of O.N.E.
Excerpt from November 8, 2006: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to bring back specific recommendation regarding dissolution of Oneida Nation Electronics (O.N.E.) Charter, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Excerpt from November 22, 2006: Deferred.
Excerpt from December 6, 2006: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item and have the Chair coordinate a meeting with the Chief of Staff regarding all the concerns and to bring back information so the Business Committee may proceed, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Trish King, Abstained Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the specific recommendations regarding dissolution of O.N.E. to February 14, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth RE: SOP – Designation of Gaming Positions as available only to Oneida Tribal Members.
Excerpt from November 2, 2006, Executive Staff Minutes: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct liaison, Melinda J. Danforth to coordinate a meeting between the Gaming General Manager, Gaming Commission and the Tribal Chair and that the SOP’s are brought back to the Business Committee Agenda in 30 days, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.
Excerpt from December 6, 2006: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item for 30 days, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the SOP - Designation of Gaming Positions as available only to Oneida Tribal Members for 30 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9. New Business:**
a. Resolutions – None
b. Requests
1. Debra Danforth RE: Request for Procedural Exception to approve emergency amendment to Memorandum of Agreement for hiring.
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the Procedural Exception to the Oneida Tribal School hiring process, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Trish King RE: Request approval of the OBC/Land Commission Meeting Minutes January 19, 2007
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the minutes of January 19, 2007 for the Oneida Business Committing and Land Commission Meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Kathy Hughes RE: CIP Project – Administration Building; Recommendation from January 18, 2007 Retreat
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the recommendation to remove the Administration Building from the CIP Project list, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mike Olujic RE: Request Approval of Resolution to amend the Public Safety Officers Pension Plan to add Code 425(M) Arrangement
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado, to approve Resolution1-31-07-F Public Safety Officers Pension Plan to add Code 425(M) Arrangement, with a change to line 34 to state Second instead of First, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Travel Requests**
1. Kathy Hughes RE: Request travel approval for Trust Asset Accounting Management Systems (TAAMS) Leasing Module, BIA Midwest Regional Office, Minneapolis, MN; February 8, 2007
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request for Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS) Leasing Module, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Request travel approval for 12th Annual Exemplary Institute Conference, Albuquerque, NM; April 23 - 29, 2007
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel request for 12th Annual Exemplary Institute Conference, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Kathy Hughes/Trish King RE: Request travel approval for M.A.S.T. Impact Week, Washington D.C.; March 11 – 16, 2007
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the travel request

for Kathy Hughes and Trish King for M.A.S.T. Impact Week, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ed Delgado RE: Request travel approval for HUD Meeting with Kevin Fitzgibbons, Chicago, IL; February 2, 2007
Action: Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the travel request for the HUD meeting with Kevin Fitzgibbons, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Ed Delgado RE: Requesting “Blanket Approval” as a delegate for the BIA/IRR Meetings
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Blanket Travel for Ed Delgado as a delegate for the BIA/IRR Meetings, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Ed Delgado RE: Request Retro - Approval to Attend Developing a Vision for Wisconsin Tribal Justice Systems, Carter, WI; January 30, 2007
Action: Motion by Trish King to Retro-approve travel to Attend Developing a Vision for Wisconsin Tribal Justice System, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Kathy Hughes/Paul Ninham RE: Request travel approval for Blessing Ceremony for Marriott Hotel, Sacramento, CA, February 21–23, 2007
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel request for Blessing Ceremony for Marriott Hotel, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Kerry Metoxen RE: Request for Procedural Exception for Oneida Veterans to travel to participate in the Ira Hayes, Iwo Jima Flag Raising Commemoration in Sacaton, AZ, February 23 & 24, 2007
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel request for a Procedural Exception for the Oneida Veterans to travel to participate in the Ira Hayes, Iwo Jima Flag Raising Commemoration, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Finance Committee**
1. Approve Finance Committee Minutes of December 22, 2006
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Finance Committee of December 22, 2006, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)**
1. For Consideration LOC Minutes of December 4, 2006
Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the LOC Minutes of December 4, 2006, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
2. For Consideration Child Protective Board By-laws
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Child Protective Board By-laws, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Treasurer’s Report** – None
13. Oneida Business Committee Planning – None
14. Executive Staff Meeting
1. Approve the Executive Staff Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2007
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Executive Staff Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- 15. Legislative Affairs Update**
Legislative Affairs January 19, 2007
1. 110th Congressional Lobby Strategy – FYI
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the 110th Congressional Lobby Strategy as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
2. New Joint Public Safety Facility Update – FYI
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the New Joint Public Safety Facility Update as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Pension Plan Update – FYI
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Pension Plan Update as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Local, Municipal & County Report – Approve
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Local, Municipal & County Report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Posting on the Oneida Means Business (OMB) Website of the documents that are managed by the Oneida Tribe which is the Economic Impact of Expenditures, 30 Years of Development and the Economic Impact Study, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Hobart Proposed Hunting Ordinance – FYI
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Law Office, General Manager and the Environmental Resource Board to review the Village of Hobart’s proposal regarding Hunting Ordinance and to determine if and how the potential changes will effect the Oneida Nation, brought back to Planning in 60 days, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Executive Session
a. Tabled Business – None
b. Old Business – None
c. New Business
1. Neil Cornelius RE: Harrah’s Joint Marketing Agreement
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Harrah’s Joint Marketing Agreement, seconded Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Legislative Affairs Update** – None
e. Attorney Brief
1. Personal Property Tax on Oneida Travel Center Issue

Oneida Nation Child Support Program

Survey Results are in

Jodi Van Cuyk
ONCSP Development Specialist

The Oneida Nation Child Support Program has compiled and tallied the data collected from the child support survey that we distributed late last year and we are pleased to share the following results: Thank you to those who participated!

Gender of Respondents
65% – Female
33% – Male
2 % – No Response

Profile of respondents by location
31% – Brown County
12% – Outagamie/ Winnebago Counties
5% – Shawano/Menominee Counties
32% – Milwaukee/Racine/Waukesha Counties
15% – 30 Other Counties
5 % – No Response

Profile of Respondents by Number of Children
14% – 0 children
18% – 1 child
27% – 2 children
16% – 3 children
8% – 4 children
8% – 5 + children
9% – No Response

Profile of Respondents by Employment Status
39% – Unemployed
61% – Employed

Profile of Respondent by Age
12% – 29 & under
18% – 30 to 39
22% – 40 to 49
16% – 50 to 59
10% – 60 to 69
6% – 70 +
16% – No Response

Profile of Respondent by Marital Status
26% – Single
24% – Married
41% – Divorced
9% – No Response

1. Do you believe there should be a trib-

ally operated child support program?
86% – Yes
10% – No
4% – No Response

2. Do both parents have a responsibility to provide for their children financially?
96% – Yes
4% – No
0% – No Response

3. Should both parents income be considered when calculating child support?
79% – Yes
18% – No
3% – No Response

4. Should both parents be expected to work?
75% – Yes
19% – No
6% – No Response

5. Should non-custodial parents be allowed to make non cash payments?
86% – Yes
11% – No
3% – No Response

6. What types of non-cash support should be allowed? (More than one answer allowed)
223 – Child Care
227 – Groceries
132 – Snow Removal
222 – Clothing
118 – Deer/ Venison
115 – Wood
156 – Car repairs
119 – Lawn care

7. How was paternity established for your children? (More than one answer allowed)
129 – Acknowledged
38 – DNA Testing
30 – Court Default Judgment
35 – Traditional Practice
107 – Marital Presumption

8. What types of penalties should be used? (More than one answer

allowed)
152 – Fines
131 – Incarceration
249 – Tax Intercept
124 – Driver License Revocation
151 – Community Service
140 – Hunting / Fishing License Revocation

9. Who should the Oneida Nation Child Support Program serve?
80% – All Tribal Members regardless of location
7% – Everyone living on the Reservation
12% – Only Tribal Members living on the Reservation

10. Who should be responsible for fees associated with child support?
66% – Both Parents
27% – Non-Custodial Parent
6% – Custodial Parent

11. How often should a child support order be reviewed or modified?
53% – after two years
6% – after three years
1% – after four years
42% – at the request of the parents

12. When should garnishment begin?
78% – Immediately
22% – One month behind

13. Should incarcerated parents be expected to pay child support?
78% – Yes
19% – No
3% – No Response

14. Should child support be reduced if a parent is incarcerated?
56% – Yes
44% – No or No Response

If you have questions please contact, Jodi Van Cuyk ONCSP Development Specialist at (920) 490-3885 or Lisa Schwartz, ONCSP Director (920) 490-3766 located at 2640 West Point Road, Green Bay, WI 54314, during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Connecticut tribe to buy out developer of Kenosha casino project

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ A Kenosha businessman who dropped out of an \$808 million casino project as he is being investigated by federal authorities will have his portion of the deal bought out by the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut.

Dennis Troha backed out of the casino project on Friday, saying he wanted more time to do other things. His attorney, Frank Gimbel, confirmed Tuesday that the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office are looking into more than \$170,000 in donations that Troha and family members made to Gov. Jim Doyle since 2002.

Doyle has the final say on whether the off-reservation entertainment center and casino at Kenosha's Dairyland Greyhound Park is built. The project is being developed by the Menominee and Mohegan Indian tribes.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported the Troha investigation on Saturday, quoting anonymous sources. Gimbel said Tuesday that the newspaper's report was accurate, but declined to comment further.

Spokeswomen for the Milwaukee office of the FBI and U.S. Attorney Steve Biskupic both declined to comment.

State law limits individuals to \$10,000 in donations in any year to any one candidate. The law also prohibits people who have reached the limit from providing others with money to make a contribution.

To prove Troha acted illegally, criminal investigators would have to show that family members or friends received money and were instructed to make donations to a specific candidate, said Mike McCabe, director of the nonpartisan

Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.

“It’s not something that is ever readily apparent on a campaign finance report,” he said.

Troha donated \$10,000 to Doyle in 2002 and 2003, while his wife, Natalie, gave the maximum to Doyle in 2002. Patricia Troha, the wife of Troha's brother, also gave the \$10,000 maximum in 2002.

A variety of other Troha family members gave numerous donations to Doyle since 2002, many of them at or near the \$10,000 limit, according to campaign records maintained by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.

Meanwhile, Mohegan tribal leaders have reached an agreement to buy out Troha's casino development firm, Kenesah Gaming Development LLC, said Evan Zeppos, a spokesman for the casino project. He declined to release details of the deal.

The changes come as the casino project appears to be picking up momentum with approval from the regional U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs office in January. It still needs the OK from the federal office and Doyle.

The governor has repeatedly said he will not make up his mind on the casino until it reaches his desk. He also has said donations from Troha and family members will not affect his decision.

Peter Schultz, project coordinator for the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, said his tribe’s buyout of Troha’s interest should not affect the approval process.

“I think, clearly, our goal here is to keep momentum, to just soldier on,” Schultz said.

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IBC Minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to direct the Chair’s Office to respond to the Personal Tax Issue, seconded Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chief of Staff to Identify a Process with dealing with Tax Issues

Action: Motion by Trish King to direct the Chief of Staff to identify a process with dealing with tax issues, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Accept the Attorney Brief remainder as FYI

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the remainder of the Attorney Brief as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee

1. Ed Delgado
RE: Single Audit and General Purpose Financial Statement Year Ended Sept. 30, 2006

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Single Audit and General Purpose Financial Statement Year Ended September 30, 2006, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1st meeting of the month) – None

- h. Seven Generation Corporation Update (1st and 2nd meeting of the month) – None

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on February 15, 2007

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

From Page 1A/Catskills

“I will be in Washington and will certainly convey to the secretary how important this is for the economy of the Catskills and Sullivan County,” Spitzer told The Associated Press.

Spitzer said local concerns over traffic are eased at Monticello because the roadways to handle heavy traffic are in place, but not used to their potential. He said the state will also address concerns about gambling addiction.

Spitzer stated, as he did during his campaign, that “casinos are not the totality of economic development,” but they can be effective and lucrative especially in areas like the Catskills that have historically been tourist destinations.

In December, the U.S. Interior Department approved an environmental review of the St. Regis Mohawk Indian tribe's project. The agency found the proposed casino on 30 acres next to Monticello Gaming and Raceway would not have a significant environmental impact.

Last week, a group of farm and conservation groups sued


the federal department to halt the project, arguing that a more thorough environmental review is needed. The case is in federal court in Manhattan.

The Mohawks, whose reservation straddles the U.S.-Canadian border, are among a number of groups that have been trying to build a casino in the Catskills for the past decade.

Construction cannot begin until the Interior Department puts the land into trust for the Mohawks. The harness racing track is owned by Empire Resorts, which would build the new casino. The casino would offer blackjack, roulette, craps and traditional slot machines.

Empire spokesman Charles Degliomini has said construction could begin within the year at the site 75 miles north of New York City.

While the casinos have made traditionally poor tribes rich, some communities have complained their tax-free trade and enterprises have hurt non-Indian business.



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Former Ney aide pleads guilty in congressional bribery case

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The top aide to convicted former Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio pleaded guilty Monday to federal conspiracy charges stemming from a congressional bribery scandal that downed his boss.
Smiling nervously at times, William Heaton, 28, acknowledged accepting a golf trip to Scotland, expensive meals, and tickets to sporting events between 2002 and 2004 as payoffs for helping clients of disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Heaton worked for Ney, a Republican, from September 2001 to July 2006, ultimately serving as his chief of staff.
“You received things of value in exchange for performing functions for Mr. Abramoff and other lobbyists who worked for him, as well as a foreign businessman. Is that correct?” U.S. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle asked Heaton during the 20-minute hearing.
“Yes, your honor,” Heaton replied in a firm voice. He pleaded guilty to one count of federal conspiracy.

He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines, but probably would serve between 18 and 24 months as outlined under federal sentencing guidelines. No date was set for sentencing.
Heaton has agreed to give the Justice Department information that might be useful in an ongoing investigation that has targeted lobbyists, lawmakers, their aides and members of the Bush administration.
Among other things, Heaton acknowledged accepting trips to New Orleans and Lake George, N.Y., an Adirondack resort village. He

Richardson urges delegation to support funding for Indian health

SANTA FE (AP) — New Mexico’s congressional delegation is being urged by Gov. Bill Richardson to help reauthorize legislation that would improve health care for American Indians around the nation.
The Indian Health Care Improvement Act was reauthorized four times since first being enacted in 1976, but Congress has failed to move forward with it the past six years.
“In several meetings held over the last year and a half with New Mexico's 22 federally recognized Indian pueblos, tribes and nations, one issue came across loud and clear: we must improve Native American health care,” Richardson said Tuesday in a letter sent to the delegation.
Richardson said the Bush administration's 2008 fiscal year budget would cut funding for urban Indian health care as well as maintenance and construction funding for tribal health centers. Those cuts, the governor, would have a “devastating effect” on New Mexico's Indian population. State health and human service agencies are working to improve outreach and complement federal programs, but Richardson said state efforts shouldn’t relieve the federal government of its responsibility to provide health care for Indians.

According to a study by the state Health Department, Richardson said Indians have

also took what Assistant U.S. Attorney James A. Crowell IV and other prosecutors described as thousands of dollars worth of gambling chips from a foreign businessman at a casino during a travel stop in London. The unnamed businessman was hoping to sell U.S.-made airplanes and airplane parts in a foreign country.

In exchange, Heaton said he helped Ney insert an amendment into election reform legislation to benefit at least one Indian tribe in Texas that was an Abramoff client. And he lobbied the State Department for a travel visa for the daughter of another Abramoff client in Russia.

Heaton underreported how much the Scotland trip was worth and its purpose on Ney's congressionally required travel disclosure forms. He admitted he helped conceal some of the money Ney received, storing it in a safe in the congressman's office.

He also lied on his own House financial disclosure forms, describing the golf trip as official travel and failing to report gifts Abramoff gave him.

Heaton, a 2000 graduate of the College of William & Mary, declined to comment to reporters as he left Huvelle's courtroom. Before becoming Ney's chief of staff, he was a floor assistant to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and worked for the Committee on House Administration, which Ney once chaired.

Ney was sentenced to 21/2 years in prison in January for trading political favors for golf trips, campaign donations and other gifts in the Abramoff lobbying scandal. Ney was the first congressman charged in the affair.

some of the highest rates of death due to diabetes, pneumonia, alcoholism and cirrhosis.

He noted that Indians are disproportionately uninsured compared to the rest of the

From Page 1A/Mascot dropped due to NCAA rules

formance at a Wednesday basketball game will be the chief’s last dance.

The decision follows two decades of votes, studies and committee meetings aimed at easing campus division over the mascot, which some American Indians and others view as an insult and some alumni and students see as a cherished tradition.

The NCCA ended up forcing the university’s hand.

The decision ends NCAA sanctions that had prevented Illinois from hosting postseason sports since 2005. That pressure, Board of Trustees Chairman Lawrence Eppley said, made a tough decision easier.

“I liked the chief for years,” he said in an interview on campus. “When you change your focus from what you want to what's best for the university, it’s not so hard.”

Chief supporters see the decision as the bitter end of a proud tradition.

“That means that we will have a museum Indian,” said Howard Wakeland, president of the Honor the Chief Society, a group of chief supporters. “Put him in a cage and walk by and say that’s our symbol ... That seriously kills the real heart of the chief.”

Illinois still will be able to use the name Illini because it's short for Illinois and the

school can use the term Fighting Illini, because it's considered a reference to the team's competitive spirit, school officials said.

The school could create a new mascot, Eppley said, provided it doesn’t use American Indian imagery. But the board probably won't be heavily involved in that decision, he said.

Eppley told reporters that the decision to retire the chief did not require a vote of the trustees, but was made after the board reached a consensus. He declined to say whether the board was unanimous in its support for dropping the mascot.

In a letter to Eppley, the NCAA said sanctions against Illinois will be lifted after next Wednesday's game at Assembly Hall against Michigan.

The sanctions thus far have prevented Illinois from hosting only two postseason events, both in low-profile sports.

But the Illini men's basketball team is expected to play in the postseason this year, if not in the NCAA championship tournament, then in the less-prestigious NIT. The NIT generally makes high-profile teams such as Illinois hosts of early-round games.

Eppley said potential revenue from home games didn't

affect the timing of the chief decision, but said the prospect of having to play what otherwise would be home games on the road was a factor.

Athletic director Ron Guenther said he was disappointed in the decision, but that the NCAA's sanction hurt the school's athletes and coaches.

“This is an extremely emotional day for people on both sides of the issue, but the decision announced today ends a two-decade long struggle surrounding Chief Illiniwek on this campus ...,” Guenther said. “Personally, as an alumnus and former athlete, I am disappointed, however, as an administrator, I understand the decision that had to be made.”

Basketball coach Bruce Weber said he too was disappointed, calling Chief Illiniwek a “tremendous tradition.” But Weber also said he understood why the decision was made, pointing out that the NCAA barred the men's tennis team from hosting the first and second rounds of the NCAA tournament last May.

A spokesman for the university's Native American Studies program welcomed the end of the mascot.

“Now it is time to heal and take responsibility for the history of Chief Illiniwek on our campus,” John McKinn, of

the university's Native American House, said in a statement.

But McKinn, a Maricopa Indian of Arizona, said the university also should return the regalia worn to portray the chief. The costume was made in part by a now-deceased Sioux.

On Friday in Urbana, Champaign County Circuit Court Judge Michael Jones — an Illinois graduate — also rejected a request by Maloney and assistant chief Logan Ponce for a court order to ban the university from “capitulating to the NCAA by announcing the retirement of Chief Illiniwek.”

Neither Maloney nor Ponce were in court Friday. Their attorney did not return messages left at his office.

A state district judge in North Dakota in November granted a preliminary injunction in a similar lawsuit filed over the University of North Dakota's Fighting Sioux nickname and use of American Indian imagery.

In the Illinois lawsuit, the students argued that by imposing sanctions the NCAA failed to provide due process to the students and the university.

The NCAA has said it believes its sanctions are legal.

News from the Division of Land Management
Dream Home Open House

Application Deadline: Monday, March 26, 2007 • 4:30 P.M.

TUESDAY
March 20, 2007
11:30AM – 1:30PM

(920) 869-1690

WEDNESDAY
March 21, 2007
4:00PM – 6:00PM

This Ranch home is approximately 40 years old with an effective age of 15 years. The home offers 1,984 square feet of living space. This is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with an attached 2-stall garage. Special features include a new furnace, new windows, central vacuum, fireplace in family room. Applicants who have a minimum monthly gross income of **\$3,894.00** are encouraged to apply.



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Est. Utilities: LP: unknown Electric: \$59.00
Exterior: Brick
Schools: Tribal and West De Pere School District

Estimated Selling Price: \$150,000.00 5% Down Payment: \$ 7,500.00
Minimum 5% Down Payment: \$ 7,500.00 Closing Costs: \$ 2,587.50
Mortgage Loan: \$142,500.00 Cash Due at Closing: \$10,087.50

Est. Monthly Mortgage Payment: (\$142,500.00 amortized for 30 yrs. @ 6%): \$ 854.36
Est. Monthly Real Estate Tax Payment: \$ 236.11
Est. Total Monthly Payment: (homeowner’s ins. escrow payment not included): **\$ 1,090.47**

Directions to home: Follow Highway 172 West to Freedom Rd., take a left on Freedom Rd., and continue approximately four miles to Fish Creek Rd., take a left on Fish Creek Rd., and continue approximately 3/4 of a mile and the house will be on the right side of the road.

For further information, contact the Finance Department at:
(920) 869-1690, 470 Airport Drive • Oneida, WI 54155
or go to... <http://land.oneidanation.org>

This is a spec sheet only and is not a binding, legal document. Onsite viewing is recommended for potential homebuyers. Eligible homebuyers must be enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

Seeking 40+ Singers to learn how to sing Oneida hymns for a very special event.

The Green Bay Civic Symphony presents:
Trumpeting the Stone

Trumpeting the Stone by Brent Michael Davids A Trumpet Concerto written for Oneida trumpet player, Christopher Moore.

On Saturday April 14, 2007, the Green Bay Symphony will premiere Trumpeting the Stone, a classical piece of music for orchestra, trumpet and choir. It is dedicated to the Oneida people and their strong musical traditions. It features aspects of Iroquois Social Music, Native flute, brass bands, and hymn singing.

The Oneida Nation Arts Program is seeking 40+ singers to perform Trumpeting the Stone with the Green Bay Civic Symphony. If you are a hymn singer or a singer interested in learning how to hymn sing, please come.

To find out more about the event:
Sunday, February 18 at Parish Hall from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Contact Beth at 490-3833

“Flags of Our Fathers” Star Adam Beach Celebrates Inaugural Golf Classic

Denver, CO. (February 21, 2007) Acclaimed Native American actor Adam Beach launched the inaugural Adam Beach Golf Classic in Palm Springs, California on January 5, 2007. The fundraising event, sponsored by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, was held to support the establishment of

the Adam Beach Endowment for Native Arts at the American Indian College Fund (Fund). The Golf Classic garnered over \$60,000 in donations from various tribes, corporations and individual supporters.

Mr. Beach is from the Salteaux First Nation in Manitoba, and has risen from

humble beginnings to international critical acclaim in film and television. He is one of the most successful and recognizable indigenous actors working in Hollywood today, having appeared in over 40 films and television productions.

Mr. Beach hosted the event to support scholarships for

Native students in the arts through a permanent endowment. He stated, “The money raised from the Golf Classic serves as the foundation in creating the Adam Beach Endowment for Native Arts. The Endowment will be housed at the Fund and will grant out scholarships for American Indians and

Aboriginal youth pursuing the arts. I envision opportunities for our indigenous youth to have a chance to develop artistically, and to change how Hollywood portrays our people.”

The American Indian College Fund is proud to partner with Adam Beach and Poitra Consulting on the Endowment. The Fund is ideally suited to manage the endowment assets, as the organization is one of the largest providers of private scholarships for American

Indian students. The outstanding support for the inaugural Golf Classic serves as a beacon of hope in the life of a Native student, and helps ensure that they can meet their educational goals with the proper resources.

For more information about the Adam Beach Golf Classic and other events, please visit <http://www.beachgolfclassic.com>. To learn more about the American Indian College Fund, please visit www.collegefund.org.

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Clothing Design competition planned to kick off NATOW conference

Call for Native seamstress, tailors from Wisconsin

(Oneida, WI) – As part of the opening reception of the annual Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) conference, organizers are hosting a special Native Clothing Design Competition and Fashion Show to be held in Oneida on June 19, 2007.

This competition is open to Native designers living in Wisconsin.

Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) is seeking seamstresses and tailors from the eleven tribes of Wisconsin to create Native inspired contemporary clothing for teen models.

“Just as traditional Native clothing was at one time contemporary clothing, we are looking for new designs that reflect tribal heritage, culture, and spirit for today’s youth,” said Kirby Metoxen, of the

Oneida based Tourism Department.

Designers are responsible for providing their own teen model. The clothing will be shown and judged Tuesday evening during the opening reception of the NATOW conference to kick off the annual conference that will be held in Oneida this year. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in each of the following categories:

- Special Events Clothing
- Everyday or Sportswear
- Business/Career Clothing

There will also be one Best in Show award.

A \$100 VISA card will be provided for supplies and materials to the first forty applications that are received.

Application forms are available at www.natow.org or by calling 920-496-5020. **Applications must be post-marked by March 30, 2007** to be eligible for the Native Clothing Design Competition and Fashion Show.

For more information, contact Fawn Hill at 920-496-5020.

Digging out from ‘Danielle’



Photo courtesy of Dennis King

While patrolling Cornelius Circle this past Sunday, morning, Sergeant Dan House came across a motorist who was stuck in the fresh snow. Without hesitation, Dan went to work to help them get out.

A majority of the state of Wisconsin was blanketed with 12” - 15” of snow with snowstorm Danielle late Saturday evening, February 23 and throughout the day on Sunday.

T' Thunderhawk

Per Capita, Now or Later?

By Racheal Ninham

ONHS Junior

Should students receive their Per Cap (per capita payment) once they graduate? Or should they receive their Per Cap once they turn 18?

Those questions do come up a lot when young adults receive their money from the tribe and opinions are mixed.

I interviewed a few ONHS seniors who received their Per Cap. I asked questions like “What did you do with your Per Cap?” and “Do you think that students should receive Per Cap once they graduate or when they turn 18?”

To the first question, one student said, “I bought a car and a Play Station 3 with some games. I also bought a

cell phone and some clothes but, I still have about two grand in the bank.”

The other student said, “I paid off the bad of me and most of it is still in the bank.”

When I had asked them whether students should receive Per Cap when they graduate or once they turn 18, the first student said, “I think they should receive it when they turn eighteen.”

The other student said, “I think they should receive it once they turn eighteen because they don’t give us enough money to graduate. But if we got more money, then I could see on waiting until we graduate.”

I also did a small survey on the question of whether stu-

dents should receive Per Cap once they turn 18 or when they graduate.

Out of 23 students and teachers, 9 people voted for getting the Per Cap right away at age 18 and the other 14 voted for getting Per Cap once a student graduates.

One reason some of the people voted for the second option was that they felt “students should have a diploma or a GED before they get their money so they don’t miss school and so they can actually think about what they will do with their money.”

So, the question remains. “Should a student get that Per Cap right away or when they graduate?”

Spring Sports Are On The Way

By Shaina Powless

ONHS Sophomore

You might not know it with the snow we got, but spring sports are on the way.

ONHS students are getting excited to start going to softball, baseball, golf, and track practice. So are the teachers and coaches.

Girls Softball starts on April 3rd. The coach for softball is none other than Kathy Burnett. I know the girls are very excited to start softball and wanna have fun. Some

girls are already talking about it.

Baseball starts on March 28th. The coaches are Gary Lancelle, head varsity coach and ONHS computer teacher, and the assistant varsity coach is Mark Ninham. The boys are very excited about this also because last season the baseball team was cancelled due to the boys’ academic grades. Hopefully this year will be different and the boys can have an entire baseball season full of fun and wins.

Golf starts on April 4th.

Lance Kelley is the head varsity coach as well as the school’s athletic director and ONHS history teacher. Larry Cornelius is the head junior varsity/assistant varsity coach.

Track will also be starting soon, so you track stars watch for the starting date of your practices.

Well that’s it for Spring sports. I wish all the teams good luck and have a good clean season with lots of wins!

Q & A with journalist Raeanne Funmaker

By Debbie Santiago

ONHS Junior

Q: What grade are you in this year?

A: I’m a junior.

Q: How old are you?

A: 17.

Q: What are your hobbies?



Funmaker

A: Art, Reading, Four Wheeling, and sports.

Q: How did you react when you heard the crocodile hunter died?

A: “I was devastated, and I felt horrible but eventually I got over it.”

Q: How tall are you?

A: 5’8”

Q: What’s your favorite food?

A: Mashed potatoes.

Q: What’s your drink?

A: Tea.

Q: Do you have siblings?

A: Yeah. 2 good sisters, 1 evil one and 2 brothers.

Q: What’s your favorite color?

A: Purple.

Q: Who are Your parents?

A: Marge and Glenn Funmaker.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Yes, a dog.

Q: How long have you gone to Oneida?

A: All my life.

State of the Packers - pt. 2

By Kyle White

ONHS Sophomore

Last issue we looked at some of the free agents that the Packers might want to consider this off season, Randy Moss being the biggest name. This issue, we’ll take a look at the upcoming draft.

The Packers have the 16th selection in this years NFL Draft, which is right in the middle of the first round. At that position, they could still select an impact player.

While Running Back is not a major need, Ahman Green is over 30 years old and is currently a free agent. The top two Running Backs on most team’s draft boards are Adrian Peterson from Oklahoma and Marshawn Lynch from California. While Peterson figures to be gone when the Packers pick at 16, Lynch still has the chance to be around. Many mock drafts have the Packers selecting Lynch, but the Packers may feel as if they don’t need to draft Lynch. Green may want to come back, but he would like a deal longer than one more year, as it will probably the last contract he signs in the NFL.

Another option and probably the most pressing need is Defensive Line. While the line played well during the four-game win streak, some consistency is needed. Pro Bowl End Aaron Kampman is a lock to start, along with Tackle Ryan Pickett, while the other end and tackle spots are open. Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila is still a good Pass Rush specialist, but the Packers still need a big, impact Defensive End. Michigan Tackle Alan Branch is widely considered the best defensive player in the draft, but he is figured to be a top 10 or even top 5 draft pick. Gaines Adams of Clemson and Jamaal Anderson from Arkansas are both ends that could still be around when the Packers pick.

There is still always the possibility of the Packers trading up to try and get Adrian Peterson, but it unlikely. Peterson will most likely be gone within the top 5, and trading that high to get one player may be too high of a price for the young Packers team. However, GM Ted Thompson would rather build his team through the draft than free agency, and seeing a big time back such as Peterson perhaps slip to the 6th, 7th, or maybe even 8th spot could be a huge steal. He did mention he was looking for a proven veteran end to compliment his receiving corps.

Valentines Day Social

By Dwight Hill

ONHS Senior

On the days of February 13 and 14 there was a social dance held in the little gym at the Turtle School. It was set up by Oneida Social Dance and Singer instructor Kala na Brooks. She teaches both elementary and high school students throughout the day, week, and school years.

The first day the High School Students performed for the kindergarten through second grade classes. The next day we performed for the third through fifth grades. I believe they all loved it.

You could tell that the high school students were happy to see so many younger ones participate in something so cultural. It’s a very good thing that the young ones and very young ones are learning

the culture, and for that, we High School Students are thankful.

It was cool for me to see that all of the Oneida Nation School System is on the same page, at least the culture and language aspect of it, anyway. It was great to know that the generation behind use are learning all of what Oneida Schools have to offer, and that’s what the public schools don’t have. To sit back and watch the little ones dance, was a good powerful medicine for me, because after the two socials, each day I felt for the first time that our culture and language is making a tremendous come back, and that’s what I believe the Creator wants all of us to do, is to go back and start from our roots, which is the Iroquois way.



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

High school students hosted two social dances.

Meet Brett Metoxen

By Allison Bailey

ONHS sophomore

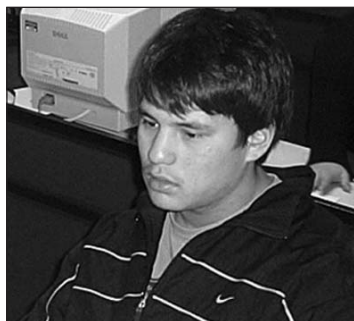
Brett Metoxen is in his second semester of journalism this year. He says it’s an okay class, though he has no favorite classes.

Brett is “17 going on 18.” His favorite meal is a double quarter pounder with cheese at McDonalds. His favorite color is “Baby Blue.”

His favorite pastimes are “Basketball and talking to

friends.”

His favorite teacher at ONHS is language and culture teacher Sonny Hill.



Winona’s back to school

Photo by Denis Gullickson

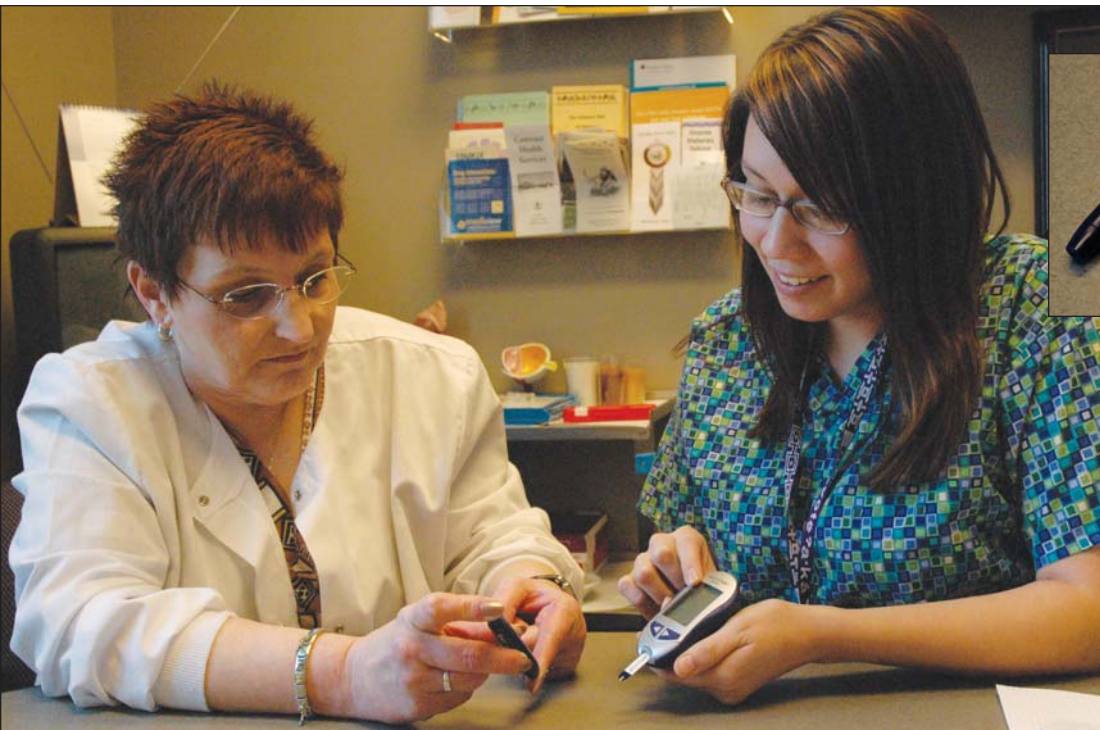
Senior Winona Godfrey returned to school for the second semester after making the decision to pursue her High School Equivalency Diploma last fall. She’s back to getting good grades and plans to graduate in June with the rest of the class of 2007.



Times Thunderhawk

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New diabetic meters to be distributed



Kali photo/Yvonne Kaquatosh
At left, (l to r): Mary Krueger, LPN and Margaret Nicholas, RN, BSN, display the new Accu-chek Avica (above) that will be distributed soon to all diabetic patients.

Special to Kalihwisaks
The Oneida Community Health Center is switching over to new meters. The new meter is called Accu-Chek Avica.

The benefits of the new meter include:

- Smaller blood sample
- Fast blood sugar results
- Automatic date and time
- 7/14/30 day blood sugar

average
• Alternative testing site (finger tips and palms only)

Eventually we will be phasing out the old meters completely. Continue to use your old meter until you utilize all Comfort Curve Strips. If you no longer need your old meter, you may bring it in and we will donate it to those

less fortunate.
Please visit the Diabetic Team at the Oneida Community Health Center in the Main Conference Room on:

Wednesday, March 14th
~ 10:00 A.M. – 6:00P.M.
Thursday, March 15th
~ 7:00 A.M. – 6:00P.M.
Friday, March 16th
~ 7:00 A.M. – 12:00P.M.

Education Sessions will be held every 30 minutes.

If you are unable to attend an education session, there will be additional new meter pick up dates in April. Dates to be announced.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Margaret or Mary with the Diabetic Team at 869-2711.

Enjoy Heart Health by dishing up a traditional meal

By Joelle Frank
UWGB Dietetic Intern

Although our New Years Resolutions may be long forgotten, February is back to remind us to get back on track. Also named American Heart Month, February is the perfect time to enjoy the heart healthy benefits offered in traditional Native American foods.

The Dietary Guidelines 2006 Diet and Lifestyle Recommendations were developed as a weapon against heart disease, recommending we all eat a variety of nutritious foods from all food groups, especially stocking up on fruits, vegetables and whole grains. The American Heart Association emphasizes this as well by recommending we make our daily food choices based on these tips:

- Choose lean meats and poultry without skin and prepare them without added saturated and trans fat.
- Select fat-free, 1 percent fat, and low-fat dairy products.
- Cut back on foods high in dietary cholesterol. Aim to eat less than 300 milligrams of cholesterol each day.
- Cut back on foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oils to reduce trans fat in your diet.
- Cut back on beverages and foods with added sugars.
- Choose and prepare foods with little or no salt. Aim to eat less than 2,300 milligrams of sodium per day.
- If you drink alcohol, drink in moderation. That means one drink per day if you're a woman and two drinks per day if you're a man.

- Follow the American Heart Association recommendations when you eat out, and keep an eye on your portion sizes.

Fortunately, by making traditional choices by eating like people long ago, we can meet the criteria above, keeping our hearts healthy and strong. Take buffalo for example...besides having a rich flavor, buffalo fits into the first three recommendations listed. Naturally lean, this traditional meat makes a healthy addition to a low-fat diet. It is lower in fat than beef and chicken and the amount of cholesterol; calories and sodium per serving are also low. Some researchers even found buffalo meat to help lower cholesterol because of the heart healthy ratio of Omega 3 to Omega 6 polyunsaturated fats. Omega 3 fats are the "good fats" also found in fish that have been found to reduce inflammation.

Not sure where to buy buffalo? Most grocery stores now carry it and it is locally supplied by Oneida Nation Farms, making it convenient to purchase when short of

time. Just remember to use healthy cooking methods to prepare your buffalo by baking, broiling, grilling or roasting. The more we limit fried foods in our diet the better.

A variety of plant foods are also traditionally used by Native Americans, most notably corn. Corn can fit into two food categories. Whole, it's a vegetable; ground, it can be used as a whole grain. Corn contains vitamins C, the B vitamins and fiber, all necessary to keep the heart working efficiently.

Since berries grow wild throughout America, the Native American diet enjoys cranberries, blackberries, blueberries and raspberries; offering more fiber, vitamins and minerals to the diet. The Department of Health and Human Services rated cranberries as one of the five winter super foods due to there high level of antioxidants, although all four have very high levels. Most experts agree that getting antioxidants through food rather than supplements is more beneficial to preventing heart disease. Since fresh berries are hard to

find this time of year, try purchasing them frozen without sugar added. These berries can be quickly tossed onto salad or used to top cereal.

And what Native American meal doesn't include beans? Beans are little powerhouses, providing an abundant supply of potassium, B vitamins and folic acid. In addition to being an excellent low-fat source of protein, beans are also cholesterol free. Beans are loaded with soluble fiber, helping to remove cholesterol from the body, keeping it out of artery walls. Plus, if not too processed, beans will provide more heart protecting antioxidants.

These are only a few of the staples enjoyed in the traditional Native American diet. Today we can continue these heart healthy traditions by incorporating these foods into our daily meals.

Challenge to Oneida Tribe: Become Bellin Corporate sponsor

By Eric Frantz
OFF Fitness Specialist
/BCC Team Oneida Captain

As spring approaches us, so does the 2007 Bellin Run Corporate Challenge. Now in it's third year, the Bellin Run Corporate Challenge (BCC) was started to allow local corporations to compete in the Bellin Run on a participative and competitive basis, while promoting fitness and corporate camaraderie.

While the Oneida Bingo & Casino is a corporate sponsor of the Bellin Run, there is a greater chance for the Oneida Tribe to show the surrounding community that it is a healthy organization to be a part of. All that needs to be done is to win the BCC Triple Crown! A company that wins the BCC Triple Crown will get published in over 10,000 Bellin Run result booklets. The company will be listed on the Bellin Run website for thousands of people to see. Finally, the company may have an article printed in the local newspapers as well. All of this healthy exposure can result in positive publicity for the Oneida Tribe.

In order to win the BCC Triple Crown, a company must win the corporate timing division, the participation division, the T-shirt contest, and be a corporate sponsor of the Bellin Run.

The corporate timing division takes the top three male and top three female times and combines them for a total time. These times must be from employees or the world class runners. Last year, Team Oneida finished in 4th place.

The participation total is takes a ratio of employees compared to total number of employees each company has. Last year, Team Oneida finished in 9th place out of ten teams in the XL category (1000+ employees), with only 1.3%.

The T-shirt contest is won by the company that submits

the most creative t-shirt that best represents their company pertaining to the Bellin Run. Last year, Team Oneida finished in 2nd place.

For a realistic chance for Team Oneida to win the BCC Triple Crown, the following things will need to happen. We will need at least 300+ employees to even have a shot at winning the participation division. We will also need three males and three females that can run 6.2 miles in 45 minutes or less. We will also need a sharp, catchy team t-shirt as well.

To help achieve the goal of winning the BCC Triple Crown, here's what Team Oneida can do for you. The first 100 employees (and potentially more!) that sign up by May 1, 2007 may get up to three T-shirts, Oneida Bingo & Casino Matchplay coupons, 1/2 off the Bellin Run entry fee (normally \$17), and possibly more! Participants may also get a training schedule, training log, and assistance training for the Bellin Run. And don't forget, friends and family members of all employees may register to join Team Oneida as well, however they will not be counted in the participation or timing categories towards the BCC Triple Crown.

Remember, the Bellin Run is a distance of 6.2 miles, and is an annual community event in which you may walk or run. This year's Bellin Run will be held during the morning of Saturday June 9, 2007.

If you have any questions pertaining to the BCC Triple Crown, the Bellin Run, or anything else, please call Team Oneida Captains Eric Frantz or Lori Bembnister at 490-3852, or email them at efrantz@oneidanation.org or lbembnis@oneidanation.org.



"TAKE THE FIRST STEP" SPRING FLING 2007 HEALTH EDUCATION FAIR

OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
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LOCATION: ONEIDA Community Health Center
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DATE: Wednesday, April 4TH

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Healthy food and refreshments
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National Public Health Week



The Ombudsman Program

What is an Ombudsman?

An Ombudsman protects and promotes the rights of patients of all ages receiving care; striving to improve the quality of life and well-being of Oneida families and members

How do I contact the Ombudsman?

Matthew Cornelius can be reached at 920-869-4569 or toll free at 1-800-236-2868. You an email Matthew at mcorneil@oneidanation.org. His office is located in the Little Bear Development Center at N7332 Water Circle Place, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI, 54155.

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!

Jonas Antone Johnson



Jonas Antone Johnson was born to proud parents Willard A. Johnson and Kelly J. Swamp on Sunday, January, 7, 2007 at 8:10 pm. He weighed 7 lbs 11oz and was 21 in at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Richard L. Swamp and Karen A. Cardenas.

Paternal grandparents are Eugene and Patricia Skenandore.

Siblings are Dakota, Marissa, Willard, Devin, Kaleigh and Koty.

Tierra Marie Parker



Tierra Marie was born to proud parents Maria and Raymond "Jazz" Parker, on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 11:07 p.m. at St. Vincent's Hospital, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Tierra weighed 8lbs., 4 oz., and measured 19 3/4 in. long. The proud maternal grandparents are Cheryl & Ernie Stevens, Jr. Maternal great-grandparents are Ernie Stevens, Sr., Marjorie Stevens and Lois Metoxen. all of Oneida. Proud paternal grandparent is Brenda Parker, paternal great-grandparents are Mercilene & Raymond Parker, all from Rocky Boy, Montana. Proud maternal great-great-grandmother is Maria Hinton, Oneida.

Miranda Renee Johnson



Miranda Renee Johnson was born to proud parents, Albert Elm and Laura Johnson both from Green Bay, on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at St Mary's Hospital.

The proud maternal grandparents are Dale & Kelley Ellison of Green Bay. Great-grandparents are Richard & Teresa Holland of California.

Proud paternal grandparent is Patricia Elm and great grandparents are the late Emil & Edith (House) Elm.

Happy 3rd Birthday

Nadia Jade Elm



Love you always, Mama and Daddy

Happy 4th Birthday

Happy belated birthday on February 28th
Mitchell Jr. (Baby Bear)



Love, Mama Bear & Sister Bear

Happy Birthday

Tashie, Maggie & Skylee



Love Mom, Bryce, Annah, Grandma & Grandpa and Uncle

Happy 2nd Birthday

to...

MarjaRia Morningsong Stevens
on March 3rd



WE LOVE YOU!!

Papa, Gramma, Brandon & TeAta, Nyah, Pitty Rose; Ernie & Steph, E IV; Maria & Jazz, Tierra Marie; Lois & Anthony and Grandma Marj

Happy Birthday

to...

Ernie III
on March 9



From your Family WE LOVE YOU!!

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Spring Turkey Season

Permits go on sale:

MARCH 1, 2007

Season Dates:

APRIL 7-May 27, 2007



All Oneida Sportsmen who posses a valid 2006-07

Hunting license, can purchase a Spring Turkey Permit. Permits are \$5.00 each (one per sportsman).

The bag limit is one Tom or Jake per tag issued.

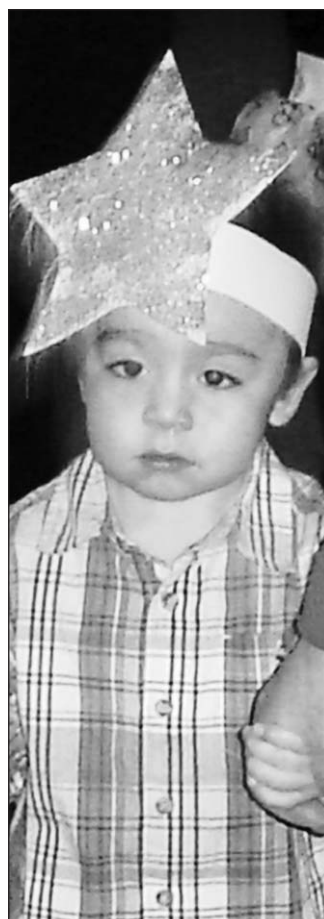
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Happy 3rd Birthday

to...

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on March 1st



LOVE...

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Happy Birthday

To my Uncle...

Rob

on March 1st



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on March 3rd

Love...

Dad, Von, Liana & Trevor

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Maggie!!



Love, Mom, Tashie, Bryce, Skylee, Annah, Grandma & Grandpa and Uncle Norb

Poetry Corner...

A Letter from the Backyard...

*You place the food in my dish
Sometimes its good, sometimes I wish*

*A toy here and a treat there
Some things I like and sometimes dare*

*Sometimes we go out for a ride
At times we walk with leash aside*

*You should know now I'm pure and true
These things I love and pledge to you*

*Sometimes your here, sometimes you leave
I believe then, it's the end of me*

*I guess I'll never be at your level
To me it's a jail, to you a kennel*

*When company comes, I'm placed outdoors
Are you too embarrassed to admit I'm yours*

*You rarely look me in the eye
Sometimes you scold and then I hide*

*Still you shout, though my hearings good
I don't know why but I know I should*

*If you could only see things from my view
Acceptance, is all I ask of you*

~ Gerald James Barke

Got a poem you want to share? Send it to Kalihwisaks, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI, 54155 or email to kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org

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Committee Vacancy

Oneida Child Care Parent Advisory Committee (PAC):
Five (5) Vacancies
Qualifications:
• Shall serve a two (2) year term
• Shall be a parent of the Airport Road Child Care Center or be a member of the Social & Human Services Program (Indian Child Welfare, Child Protective Board, Oneida Community Health Center, Legal or Educational Institutions, etc.) or a member of the community
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 culture heritage of the Oneida Community and build the foundation for the next Seven Generations.
***Deadline date of 3/5/07**

Miss Oneida Committee:
One (1) Vacancy
Qualifications:
• Shall serve a two (2) year term
• Shall be an enrolled Oneida citizen
***Deadline date of 3/5/07**

See the Oneida language site We encourage everyone to become involved in the Oneida Language. Please visit our website at: <http://language.oneidana-tion.org/about/history>

Committee Vacancy

Oneida Personnel Commission:
One (1) Vacancy
Qualifications:
• Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
• The entire combined membership may not consist of more than two(2) members from any one division of the Oneida Tribe, nor less than seven (7) community members
• Shall serve a full term of 3 years.
The membership may not be such that a conflict of interest or nepotism is created as defined in these by-laws:
• A. Nepotism is created by the following relationships: *Father, mother, husband, wife, brother, sister, daughter, son father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-children, step-parents, or significant other.*
• B. conflict of interest is a conflict between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. A or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe.
***Deadline date of 3/5/07**

Board Vacancy

Oneida Arts Board:
Two (2) Vacancies
Qualifications:
• Shall be seven (7) members of which four(4) shall be enrolled Members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
• Shall serve a term of three (3) years. The maximum

Board Vacancy

amount of time a board member can serve will be two(2) consecutive terms.
• Shall provide the opportunity for people to explore and enhance lifestyles which involve the arts by providing assistance in program development and design
The Oneida Nation Arts Board shall act in an advisory capacity which maintains a cooperative and communicative relationship with program staff and upper management.
***Deadline date of 3/5/07**

Oneida Cemetery Board:
One(1) vacancy
Qualifications:
• Their shall be six (6) members who shall make up the Oneida Tribe Cemetery Board
• Shall serve a lifetime term
• Shall meet whenever a burial is requested by the kin or other interested party for a deceased Oneida Indian or other person permitted
• Shall be responsible to maintain vital statistics of the deceased and to report such information as may be required by the Oneida Tribe.
The board or it's delegates shall control the cemetery and beautify the same and may establish regulations respecting it.
* **Deadline date 3/5/07**

Oneida Library Board:
One (1) Vacancy
Qualifications:
• Shall serve a three (3) year term
• Must be on the official roll of the Oneida Nation of Indians of Wisconsin and eligible to vote
• Shall be a patron of the

Board Vacancy

Oneida Community Library who is on the official patron list of the Oneida Community Library
• Shall, as part of the board, monitor and advise programs, services and acquisitions of the print and non-print materials provided to library clientele.

Oneida Library Board:
One (1) Vacancy
Qualifications:
• Shall serve a three (3) year term
• Must be on the official roll of the Oneida Nation of Indians of Wisconsin and eligible to vote
• Shall be a patron of the Oneida Community Library who is on the official patron list of the Oneida Community Library
• Shall, as part of the board, monitor and advise programs, services and acquisitions of the print and non-print materials provided to library clientele.

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Land Claims Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule • 2007

March 1 & March 15	April 5 & April 19
May 3 & May 17	June 7 & June 21
July 5 (Tentative/Holiday) & July 19	August 2 & August 16
September 6 & September 20	October 4 & October 18
November 1 & November 15	December 6 & December 20

All Meetings at 5:00 PM (Open to GTC)
LCC Office/Conference Area ~ NHC Basement Room 94
No Quorum (4 Commissioners) – Meetings Are Cancelled

Any Questions Contact LCC Coordinator, Jennifer M. Stevens at 869-4403

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DEADLINE	PUBLISH
March 7, 2007	March 15, 2007
March 21, 2007	March 29, 2007
April 4, 2007	April 12, 2007
April 18, 2007	April 26, 2007
May 2, 2007	May 10, 2007
May 16, 2007	May 24, 2007
May 30, 2007	Wed., June 6, 2007*
June 13, 2007	June 21, 2007
June 27, 2007	July 5, 2007
July 11, 2007	July 19, 2007
July 26, 2007	August 3, 2007
August 8, 2007	August 16, 2007
August 22, 2007	August 30, 2007
September 5, 2007	September 13, 2007
September 19, 2007	September 27, 2007
October 3, 2007	October 11, 2007
October 17, 2007	October 25, 2007
October 31, 2007	November 8, 2007
November 14, 2007	Wed. Nov. 21, 2007*
November 28, 2007	December 6, 2007
December 12, 2007	December 20, 2007
December 26, 2007	January 3, 2008

The deadline dates above are the dates that material must be submitted to the Kalihwisaks Office. Deadline dates are Wednesdays (every other) unless otherwise noted, and Publish dates are Thursdays (every other), unless otherwise noted*. Material can be dropped off at the Kalihwisaks Office, Room 1400 (Basement Level) of the Norbert Hill Center, located at N7210 Seminary Road, or mailed to: Kalihwisaks, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. Information may also be sent via e-mail or phoned in to: Dawn Walschinski, Ph. #869-4277; Yvonne Kaquatosh, Ph. #869-4280; or Steve Gandy, Ph. #869-4279. You may also call Debbie, 920-869-4340 or 1-800-236-2214. The Kalihwisaks fax # is: 920-869-4252. Material must be received no later than 4:30 P.M. on the scheduled deadline dates. This is only a tentative schedule. If changes in the schedule are necessary, the revised schedule will appear in the Kalihwisaks.

Please clip & save for future reference!

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Environmental

Environmental Highlights...

Community provides input on Lake Plan

By Betsy Galbraith

Environmental

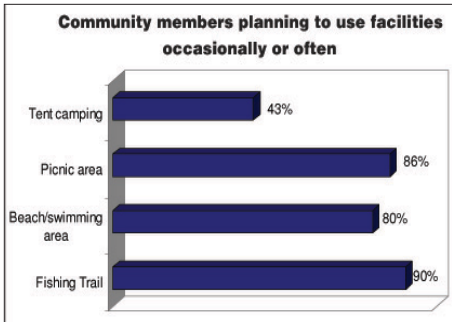
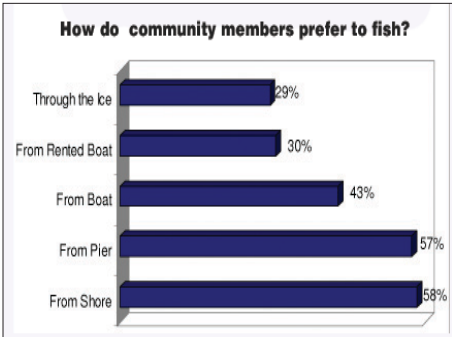
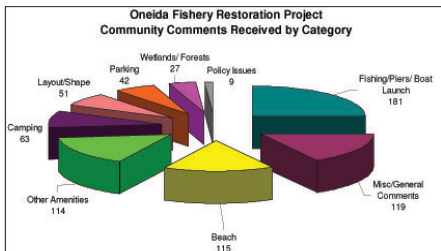
We received almost 200 responses to our lake survey in January. Community members told us what they did and did not like about the two proposed lake concept plans. We received the most comments about the fishing and recreational amenities.

The south end of the lake was overwhelmingly preferred for the beach location. Handicap accessibility and easy access for Elders were frequently mentioned. The Oneida language and cultural symbols will be represented throughout the design.

We also heard from you on policy issues, most of which still need to be addressed. There were many questions about who will be able to fish at the lake and the types of motors that can be used.

One thing is certain – community members are excited about the project and ready for a lake of their own on the Reservation.

The final concept plan and design report will be ready later this spring. **Yawá'kó** to all of the community members that participated in the planning efforts and helped shape the future of the lake site.



How much do Eagles grow after leaving the nest?



Kali file photo

Eagles are close to full grown when leaving the nest.

By Bill Koonz

Specialist—Environmental Protection

Many people do not realize that most birds are full grown when they leave their nests. Bald eagles, like most birds, may gain a small amount of weight later in life, but their wings, feet and heads will not get any larger than when they leave the nest. In fact, young bald eagles typically have longer wings than do adults. Each flight feather has a tiny

muscle that can be used to independently turn the feather, allowing the bird to change direction or get more lift. In young birds, those muscles are not as strong and their flight feathers are narrower and longer than in adults. In adults, the muscles are stronger and the flight feathers tend to be wider and shorter, allowing adults to be more maneuverable. Bald eagles shed (molt) their flight feath-

ers, from each wing, one at a time each summer. That way the new feather is largely grown in before the next one is lost so the bird's ability to fly and hunt is not compromised during the molt.

Bald eagles take approximately five years to reach sexual maturity and attain their white heads and tails. They are very dark their first year. In their second to fifth year, some of their body feathers are all or partially white, making individual birds more easily identified. It is during those five years that immature (juvenile) bald eagles are often mistaken for golden eagles. Bald eagles spend those five years learning how to attain food and getting prepared for rearing young. Young bald eagles are fed by their parents for a month or longer after they leave the nest. They may even be associated with their parents throughout the first winter. When the breeding season arrives in March, last year's offspring are forcefully removed from the parent's territory. Adult bald eagles defend a nesting territory from all other bald eagles. Bald eagle nests are seldom within half a mile of each other and never within sight of each other.

Bald eagles generally choose nest sites from which

they can see in all directions and from which they can see water. This often means choosing a dead tree over a live one and may lead to the nest having to be replaced after only a few years. They also like to build their nests in secluded areas relatively close to a food source. The range of the bald eagle goes north to the tree line where the summers are short. Birds nesting in the far north often lay their eggs over a month prior to the ice going off local lakes.

Bald eagles are most sensitive to disturbance just at or after nest initiation. Fortunately that time period often coincides with spring breakup when few people enter areas where bald eagles are nesting. Once young are in the nest, adult eagles become much more tenacious and will not abandon their nests without considerable disturbance. Their strategy is to live to fight another day if early in the breeding season but to put up a fight once they have gone through the effort of hatching young.

Watch for bald eagles, many of which remain here during mild winters. Migrating birds will return in early March when the south winds blow. They will be at least a quarter mile from each other, using air currents for transport. For more information contact: bkoonz@oneidationation.org or 920 496 5350.

Hill-Kelly named chairperson of Environmental Leadership Program

Submitted by Morgan T Innes

Special to the Kalihwisaks

The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) is pleased to announce the election of Jennifer Hill-Kelley (Oneida, Kiowa, Comanche) to a two-year term as chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Environmental leaders such as Jennifer Hill-Kelley are part of an emerging movement that incorporates diverse populations in nation-

al environmental leadership. This growing diversity strengthens the environmental movement by varying perspectives, increasing creative problem-solving capacity, and providing for a wider base of support.

Hill-Kelley encourages tribal people to take leadership roles beyond tribal



Hill-Kelley

boundaries, "Indigenous leaders and communities must lead by example by translating our traditional practices and way of life into solutions for contemporary problems. It is our responsibility as members of our communities to leave our world a better place than how we found it." This progression into larger-scale leader-

ship is meaningful because indigenous communities have much to contribute to the national environmental dialogue, from traditional ecological knowledge to new partnership opportunities. As part of the planning committee for ELP's

"Emerging Leaders, Emerging Solutions" conference on climate change in July, Hill-Kelley will bring an important indigenous voice on this critical issue to a

national audience.

Hill-Kelley is also the Environmental Quality Director for the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, and currently serves on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 Regional Tribal Operations Committee, Fox River Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council and the Oneida Tribe's Seven Generations Corporation. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and was a 2001

ELP fellow.

The Environmental Leadership Program inspires visionary, action-oriented and diverse leadership to work for a just and sustainable future. ELP's intensive fellowship programs develop a diverse community of leaders with the ability to collaborate across institutional and cultural barriers and the skills and networks to achieve social change.

Winners of lake survey

Fred Muscavitch, Matt Antone, and Shirley Hall, were top prize winners in the recent drawing of lake survey winners. Muscavitch took home a fishing pole, Antone an Oneida Pendelton blanket, and Hall won a gift certificate for Gander Mountain.

Dan Brooks, Forester, pre-

sented Becky Webster with a picnic table donated by the Oneida Conservation Department.

Lorna Christjohn was also a top prize winner in the recent lake drawing.

Other winners of lake promotional items including t-shirts, water bottles, hats, and

mugs are: Francine Valentino, Ben Vieau, Leona Collar, Doreen Perrote, Jesse Pelky, Brenda Jorgenson, Marcella Powless, Justin Johnson, J. Christjohn, Nicole Rommel, Shelley Corey, Karen Nicholas, Marlene Casperson, Donna Ysebaert and Shannon Bowman.



Photos courtesy of Betsy Galbraith



Winners include, above, (top right) Fred Muscavitch, Matt Antone, and Shirley Hall; top left, Lorna Christjohn; and at right, Forester Dan Brooks, presented Becky Webster with a certificate for a picnic table.

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WHEN: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WHERE: Parish Hall

COST: FREE

Once you have your plans, do you know what approvals you need and who gives them? How long they take? We understand, you may feel overwhelmed with this process and want to give you an opportunity to come to an information gathering session.

This interactive session will help you understand the "Permit Processing Checklist". New this year, we will have information on Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Recycling, Mold, Asbestos & Lead, Buying vs Building, etc. Join us on March 14th to get your questions answered, have some food, and become eligible to win a prize.

For more information please contact the: Environmental Quality Department at (920) 496-5330

Sports/Recreation

Seasons end for Coach Stevens



Kali Photos/ Steven J. Gandy

Cheryl Stevens is standing with Raeanne Funmaker during a time-out in Stevens last regular season home game on February 16th. The ladie T-Hawks finished the season with a record of 11-10.

Thunderhawk girls coach announces retirement

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

The final buzzer has sounded for the coach of Oneida girls' basketball team. Cheryl Stevens has decided to hang up her coaches' whistle and make way for her successor.

Stevens had been the girls' basketball coach for four years. She devoted her time, energy and skill to the pursuit of making her team and its school a source of community pride.

The Thunderhawk girls finished this season with a winning record of 11-10. They achieved a regional play-off birth but were knocked off in the first round.

With the season officially over, Stevens can now regain

a part of her life that she willingly sacrificed four years ago when she was asked to be the girls coach.

Stevens said, "I knew it was a lot of commitment, almost four months, and it was my daughter Maria's senior year, so I didn't want just anybody in there, so I stepped up and took the job."

It was that job that has turned Steven into more than a basketball coach for her girls. She became a mentor to them as well.

"Working with these girls, a lot of the time you become their surrogate parent or big sister or what ever it is, so you become a role model and you have to maintain a certain standard for these girls," Stevens explained.

Those standards played out on the court for Stevens girls; they were expected to maintain a high degree of respect for the game, the coach and each other.

"A lot of my program ran

on respect, and sometimes we had struggles with respect here and there...if my girls swore on the court they ran or did push-ups or sit-ups for that...they knew that wasn't allowed in my gym," Stevens said.

Stevens has enlisted the help of four assistants over her four years as coach. Lisa Madrid, Rocky Hill, Jamie Betters and Jason Jackson have all done their part in helping to make Oneida girls basketball a success, according to Stevens.

Stevens credits her husband Ernie Stevens Jr. with introducing her to the game of basketball.

"My husband Ernie is the one who taught me how to play ball. We went down to Haskel, I made the team and I was the starting center and I played there for a year and a half and then I went to be transferred to Mount Senario College...and I continued playing two years up there as

the starting forward," Stevens recalls.

Stevens went on to coach at various levels of organized basketball before accepting the position with Oneida in 2002.

Stevens feels the time is right for her to step down as coach for a number of reasons.

She said, "My youngest daughter, Lois, is graduating...I've missed a lot of travel with my husband and I've missed a lot of my other kids' college experiences."

Stevens hopes support for the athletic program continues to grow in the future and believes athletic growth could have some positives effects for enrollment.

"I just want to thank the parents for their support over the years and the school... I think the athletic program really needs more support from the community and from the school board to be able to do more for these kids," Stevens noted. "Maybe [the school will] even be able to get some of these other Native American students in [public] schools back to the tribal school."

Although Stevens will no longer be the girls' basketball coach, she is still willing to be a coach in other aspects of the lives of the students she has touched.

"I think once you're a coach you're always a coach. I'm going to still be coaching these girls in life. They know they can still come to me at any time. I'll still be open for that," Stevens said.

This is no more apparent than on the bumpers of her vehicle, clad front and back, with the license plate that sums up her commitment to her players, family and community... 'COACH.'

One and done for T-Hawks



Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

Nick Cantu (10) attempts a layup over Hilbert's Lee Pethan (50). Oneida lost 84-57 on February 27 in regional action. The Thunderhawks finished the season with a 4-17 record. Cantu lead all scorers with 19 points.

Thunder rolls over Oconto



Kali Photo/Steve Gandy

The Seymour Thunder routed Oconto during their first WIAA play-off game on February 27 in Seymour. The final was 91 - 33. John Nichols (55) muscles his way past the Oconto defender to make a play on the ball.

Lexus is "King" of the barrels

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Lexus King has taken her share of falls from her horse Sugar Pie. Those falls have not stopped her from qualifying for the National Barrel Horse Association Youth World Championships in Jackson, Miss., in July.

Lexus, 10, has been riding horses since she was six months-old and started racing in competitions when she was five.

Riding and winning came natural to King. Local and national wins piled up early and often starting at age seven.

Dennis King, father of Lexus said, "it's fun to watch her compete and have fun. She makes a lot of friends and gets to see a lot of places."

Lexus trains five days a week at her grandparent's home. She also hones her skills by participating in

shows at local farms.

Dennis also said, "This teaches her responsibility... when her grandpa is gone she will take care of the chores, feed them, get them ready." Lexus added, "I even ride without Grandpa there."

The Kings have learned that barrel racing could become an Olympic event by the time Lexus turns 18. She has targeted this as one of her goals, along with making the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev. The NFR is known as the "Superbowl of Rodeos."

Sharon and Dennis King plan on making the trip to Jackson to support Lexus and are very proud of her.

The family has set up a sponsorship fund at Bay Bank in Green Bay to help offset the cost of the event.



Submitted photo/Dennis King

Lexus King makes a hard right around a barrel atop her horse Kim.

MANDATORY MEETING for PLAYERS & PARENTS ONHS Athletic Department Spring Sports Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 7th, @ 6 P.M.

Where: NHC Business Committee Rm.

MAIN ISSUES:

- Meet new coaches
- Hand-out schedules
- Website
- \$20 Player Packet



Recreation Events



Site II

- March 2-3 Shrine Circus, call for time
- March 9 - Video on drug awareness
- March 10 Bowling
- March 17 Movie day
- March 24 Roller skating

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