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Appeals court bars wastewater at Calif. ski area on sacred peak

By Kim Curtis
Associated Press Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) ~ A ski area on a northern Arizona mountain may not use treated wastewater to make snow because that would violate the rights of American Indian tribes that consider the peak sacred, a federal appeals court has ruled.

The Arizona Snowbowl on the San Francisco Peaks north of Flagstaff wanted to add a fifth chair lift, spray man-made snow and clear about

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No wastewater

Carl J. Artman sworn in as head of BIA



Carl J. Artman

**By Dawn
Walschinski**
Kalihwisaks

Carl J. Artman was sworn into office as the Interior Department's tenth Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs on Thursday, March 8. Artman is an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin whose nomination was confirmed by the United States Senate on Monday, March 5.

"Carl is an outstanding choice to oversee the Bureau of Indian Affairs because of his

extensive experience working with and for tribal governments as well as in the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government," said Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. "I have personally worked with him and know he will ably serve his fellow American Indians, Alaska Natives and all Americans as we address important issues, such as education, law enforcement and economic development in Indian Country."

Artman, 41, has served as the Department's Associate Solicitor of Indian Affairs since February, 2006. Prior to joining the Solicitor's office, he served as chief counsel for

the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin where he managed all legal affairs of the tribe and provided legal guidance for tribal-wide reorganization and economic development. He also has experience with various telecommunications companies, including serving as general manager of development and operations for VoiceStream Wireless and vice president of legal affairs for Airadigm Communications.

Oneida Chairman Gerald Danforth worked with Artman when he was chief counsel.

"He's a brilliant person, a highly educated individual who's grounded in very good

common sense, and has the experience form a wide range of responsibilities that he's carried over the years to help him with his current and future duty assignments," said Danforth.

Oneida Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes believes Artman will be able to use his experience working with Native Nations in his new position.

"Because of his experience working here in Oneida and through his job here relating to a lot of other tribes, he goes into this office with a lot of understanding of what the

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Artman

Department head in donation scandal denies special treatment

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press Writer
MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ Helping to resolve a tax dispute involving trucking companies owned by an indicted donor to Gov. Jim Doyle was not done under pressure from the governor or as a special favor, the secretary of the state Department of Transportation said Monday.

The department has come under fire amid reports that Secretary Frank Busalacchi ordered agency officials to help negotiate with states that an audit showed were owed taxes by Kenosha businessman Dennis Troha's trucking firms.

Busalacchi, in his first public comments on the issue, said in a news conference that he was trying to assist a business in the state resolve a conflict but his actions did not constitute special treatment.

"This is what we do. This is what I do on a daily basis," Busalacchi said. "All we were trying to do here was help a state employer."

That help was not any different from what he does for other individuals and companies in the state who come to him for assistance, Busalacchi said.

Troha's trucking companies owed nearly \$1 million in taxes due to five states, based on an audit by the state Department of Transportation. Disputes with two of the states were settled, but three totaling nearly \$500,000 in taxes are pending.

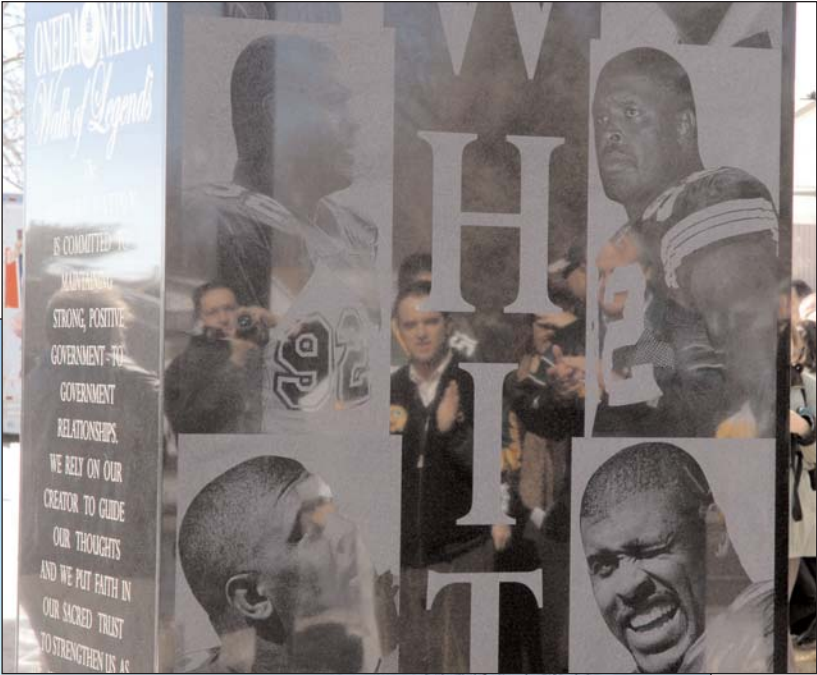
Busalacchi said he was proud of the department's job in reaching settlements with Pennsylvania and Nevada, which also were praised by officials in those states.

Busalacchi said he wasn't asked by Doyle or anyone with his campaign to work on the case and he also never talked with Troha about it.

"I really am not close personal friends with the man,"

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Busalacchi

White honored on Oneida Walk of Legends



Kali Photos/Steven J. Gandy

The fourth of twenty-four Walk of Legends monuments was unveiled to the public on the corner of Lombardi Avenue and Reggie White Way during a ceremony held on March 10. On hand for the event was White's son, Jeremy White. He is seen, above, admiring his late father's monument. Also in attendance was Green Bay Mayor, Jim Schmitt. His reflection can be seen, inset, in the monument that bares Reggie Whites likeness. Oneida Walk of Legends is planning to present six more monuments this year.

Oneida Housing Authority answers call

By Nate Wisneski
Kahilwisaks

Tom and Rita Brunette are grateful for the helping hand extended by the Oneida Housing Authority. Their Mather Street home in Green Bay was in the process of being remodeled when health and financial issues bore down.

Jay Fuss, Construction Superintendent for the Oneida Housing Authority, received an email telling the story of the Brunettes. He inspected the home was compelled to help.

"The house was totally gutted... no insulation, no walls, no electrical, no plumbing, no ceiling... it was basically a garage with plastic ceilings," said Fuss.

Fuss then contacted all the

companies that he had working relationships with and told Tom and Rita's story. Within days he had about 15 companies and 30 volunteers lined up to volunteer their time and materials to help finish the home.

Tom had been living for about three years without both of his kidneys and surviving with dialysis. During this time he was unable to exert a lot of energy before exhaustion would set in. Last October he received the call telling him that a kidney was available and he underwent transplant surgery.

Before the transplant took place Tom's father passed away and left them with an

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Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

Murry Jones (left) and Kathy Brunette (right) of the Oneida Housing Authority tape drywall. Both are volunteering their time to help the Brunette family.

Local

Billy Walkabout, decorated American Indian veteran, dies at 57

Passing On...

Schuyler, Bernadine J.
March 21, 1949 – March 7, 2007



Bernadine J. Schuyler, 57, of Green Bay, died Tuesday, March 7, 2007 in Milwaukee. Born March 21, 1949 in Milwaukee, a daughter of Melvin and Phyllis (Smith) Schuyler. Bernadine worked at the S.E.O.T.S. office in Milwaukee, prior to her recent relocation to Green Bay. She was an avid bingo player and she especially loved caring for her grandchildren. Bernadine is survived by her daughters Trina Schuyler and Krista Schuyler; grandchildren Corrina Schuyler, Kaylee Schuyler, Angelica Schuyler, and Angeequay Schuyler; sisters Geraldine (Schuyler) Villalobos and Marlene (Schuyler) Silas; brother-in-law Fr. Dewey Silas. She is also survived by nieces Sara Villalobos and Jacqueline Gerhardt; and nephews Ryan Gerhardt and

Michael Gerhardt. Bernadine was preceded in death by her great grandfather Chief Cornelius Hill; grandparents Oscar and Mary F. (Hill) Smith, Jonas and Abbie (Doxlator) Schuyler, parents, and sister Sandra Gerhardt. Mass of Christian Burial for Bernadine was held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at Holy Apostles Church, Oneida at 10:30 AM with Fr. Dewey Silas, Deacon Edmund Powless, and Deacon Deborah Heckel officiating. Burial in church cemetery. RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 N. Tenth St., De Pere, WI assisted the family with arrangements. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send on line condolences to the Schuyler family. Bernadine was a very special sister to Geri and Marlene.

MONTVILLE, Conn. (AP) - Billy Walkabout, a native Cherokee whose actions in Vietnam made him among most decorated soldiers of the war, died March 7 in Connecticut. He was 57. Walkabout received the Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, five Silver Stars and five Bronze Stars. He was believed to be the most decorated Native American soldier of the Vietnam War, according to U.S. Department of Defense reports. Walkabout was born in Cherokee County, Okla., on March 31, 1949, and lived much of his life in Oklahoma. At the time of his death, Walkabout and his wife, Juanita Medbury-Walkabout, lived in a portion of eastern Connecticut that is home to many Mashantucket Pequot, Mohegan and other Native American tribal members. Walkabout's official cause of death was not given. The Native American Times reported on its Web site that he had been fighting complications of exposure to Agent Orange, a defoliant used by the military during the

Vietnam conflict. Walkabout, a Cherokee of the Blue Holley Clan, was an 18-year-old Army Ranger sergeant when he and 12 other soldiers were sent on an assassination mission behind enemy lines on Nov. 20, 1968, in a region southwest of Hue. However, they ended up in the enemy's battalion area and came under fire for hours, during which he was seriously wounded. Several of the other 12 men were killed at the scene, while the rest later died of their injuries. Walkabout's citation for the Distinguished Service Cross said he simultaneously returned fire, helped his comrades and boarded other injured soldiers onto evacuation helicopters. "Although stunned and wounded by the blast, Sgt. Walkabout rushed from man to man administering first aid, bandaging one soldier's severe chest wound and reviving another soldier by heart massage," the citation states. "Only when the casualties had been evacuated and friendly reinforcements had

arrived, did he allow himself to be evacuated." He retired as a second lieutenant. In a 1986 interview with The Associated Press, Walkabout said his 23 months in Vietnam left him with disabling injuries and memories that refused to fade. "War is not hell," Walkabout said. "It's worse." He said he struggled with failed marriages, thoughts of suicide and years of self-isolation when he would spend six months at a time alone. "Everyone I went to high school with thought I was dead for years. They're amazed when they see me and they say, 'You're not dead.'" Walkabout said. He often refused to sleep near his wife, afraid he would strangle her in his sleep or try to push her under the bed to protect her from the bombs he imagined were going off. Over the years, however, he found solace in the Native American powwows where he often was an honored guest, leading the traditional dances in time to the pounding drums and chant of the singers. "I'm at peace with myself,"

Walkabout said in 1986. "I've got my dignity and I've got my pride. ... I never lost the war in Vietnam, I never lost a day of it. Even when I was wounded, I didn't lose. When I fought, I won. I won my wars." Walkabout's family and friends tended a round-the-clock fire in Montville after his death on Wednesday and planned to extinguish it Sunday, part of a four-day Cherokee ceremony, family members said. The smoke fire is believed to carry prayers to heaven and spiritual messages from place to place around the world. Lisa Bernier, Walkabout's stepdaughter, told The Day of New London newspaper that he was unpretentious when asked about his time in the military. "I'd say 'thank you' to him, and he'd say, 'What for?' He was so humble," Bernier said. A memorial service took place on Tuesday, March 13 in Norwich.

In Memory...

In Loving Memory of...
Pat Madrid
who passed away five years ago on March 16th



Five years ago
God came and
wrapped his loving
arms around you
and took you home,
that's the day His
love brightened your
life forever.
I re-live that day and
all that went on.

I hear your voice ever so soft
in my dreams,
I remember the last words you said
to me, and that brings me comfort
remembering how much you cared.

The years have not stopped the
loneliness I feel,
as time goes on, I will always remember
your laugh, your funny little ways, and
that big beautiful smile

**I miss you so much!
See you in my dreams...always!**

4ever Kate

JOSEPH, Ore. (AP) - The state plans to buy land near Wallowa Lake that's been at the center of a dispute between Northwest tribes and developers, and turn it into a state park. The 60 acres are between the gravesite of Chief Old Joseph of the Nez Perce Tribe and the Joseph city limits. Developer K&B Limited Family Partnership wanted to build houses on the land - known as the Marr Ranch property - but leaders from the Nez Perce and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation believe the area contains the bones of their ancestors. The state plans to buy the land this summer for \$4.1 million, said Dave Wright, assistant parks and recreation director. He said the state anticipates enlisting the help of several tribes to develop a master plan for the park after the sale is complete. "The tribe thinks this is a good resolution," Geoff Whiting, attorney for the Nez Perce Tribe in Lapwai, Idaho, told The Oregonian. Steve Krieger of K&B Limited Family Partnership said the land is twice as valuable as what the state is offering. "But I'm tired of reading

about the Marr property in my own newspaper," he said. Krieger said he insisted on covenants in the sales agreement that prohibit anyone from building a casino on the site. The site's archaeological significance has remained in dispute over the years. Krieger said more than 300 small archaeological digs made it the most studied site of its size in Oregon but that the digs turned up nothing. The land was the starting point for the 1,170-mile Nee-Me-Poo Trail, the route fol-

lowed by Young Chief Joseph and his band of 750 Nez Perce in an epic 1877 horse-back retreat to Montana during a running war with 2,000 U.S. cavalry soldiers. Chief Old Joseph was the father of Young Chief Joseph and died in 1871. His body was moved from what is now the town of Wallowa to its current grave in 1926. An eight-acre buffer separates the property from the park and cemetery that contains the grave.

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issues are for tribes," said Hughes. Artman's appointment fills the high level post that had been vacant since the resignation of Dave Anderson in February, 2005. "I think that it is unacceptable that a position ... that high in the organization, the top position of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), could be left vacant when there were eligible people that were ready to fill that position," said Danforth. In an emailed statement, Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl wrote "I am very pleased that Mr. Artman has been con-


firmed by the Senate. He is extremely qualified for this position and his confirmation is overdue. I look forward to working with the Assistant Secretary soon." A public swearing-in ceremony is expected to take place in April. Artman received his bachelor's degree from Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., and his law degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Artman is the second member of Oneida to served as the head of the BIA. He follows in the footsteps of Robert Bennett who served as

In Loving Memory of
Emerson Keith Reed, Sr.
March 3, 1934 – March 19, 2006

A forever great warrior has fallen today
Why he has to go no one can say
His heart so pure he only spoke the truths
He taught us to speak with our hearts in our youth.

Everything he accomplished though hard work and labor
He never complained, his silence made it greater
You couldn't measure the love in his heart
And we always felt it when we were apart.

Tomorrow may seem along time away
When in our lives we want one more yesterday
Creator, keep our memories strong
We know life is precious no matter how short or long.




Papa, you would have been 73 on March 3.
You almost have been gone a year and you are still greatly missed by all.
We all know you are happy now because you are with Mom now. Our hearts are still filled with sadness because you are not here.
We love and miss you very much.

Happy Birthday!

Love Elaine, Wanda, Barb, Sam, Vicky Joe, Bear Billy and their families


Sam...
"Happy 38th Birthday"
Your First Birthday in Heaven... 3 ~25 ~1969



We wish you were here celebrating with us for your birthday...
But I know you're having the best party you ever had.
We sure miss you...
There is not an hour in the day that I don't think of you.
If tears could bring you back you would be here.
There's one extra bright star shining at night, and I know it's you.
Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday, but missing you is a heartache that will never go away.

Love, Mom, Dad, Brandon, Cory, Stephanie and Family

In Loving Memory of
Emory "Big Al" Reed
August 10, 1957 - March 14, 1999
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never get well on earth again.
d I love him very much!



He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home

Business



Local business owner reaches for the sky

By Steven J. Gandy
Kalihwisaks

Timber...For 19 years Mark Denny has been taking down trees for a living. He has been on his own for the last four years as Tiletown Tree & Lift Service.

His business is two fold. First and foremost, he runs a tree service, removing unwanted trees and trimming branches. Secondly, he operates a lift service with the 50 foot trailer mounted lift he owns, cleaning windows and eaves, troughs, changing marquee signs for businesses and just about anything else you may need to be 50 feet in the air for.

Denny is a former employee of Economy Trees and still maintains a great relationship with that establishment. He worked for 15 years with Economy before branching out on his own in 2002.

"I bought the lift and then I went on my own as Tiletown Tree and things progressed from there," Denny said.

The lift is the heart of his operations. With it he can get to places much easier than some other tree services can, and in doing so can reduce the amount of time it takes to finish a job. Less time on a job means savings for the home owner because services are billed by the hour in the tree service industry.



Kali photo/Steve Gandy

Owner of Tiletown Tree and Lift Service, Mark Denny, stands in the basket of his trailer mounted power lift. The lift is able to send the basket, and Denny, to heights of over 50 feet.

Denny's beginnings in the tree service industry were a matter of circumstance and not desire 19 years ago.

"I worked at Nicolet Paper and went on strike, that's how I got into cutting trees. The strike in '85...I basically lost my job, so when I was on the strike line somebody came along and asked me to help take a tree down," Denny explained. "Then I got hired for Economy Tree Service."

He has since made the best of it and now enjoys his time on the jobs.

"You don't sit in an office and you're in a different yard every day, that's what I like," Denny said. "Now it's fun, I don't have to do the grunt work anymore."

There is a lot of grunt work to be done when taking down a tree, according to Denny.

"Three to four guys, three to four hours, to take down a good sized tree," Denny said.

Denny also noted that time includes cutting up the tree and cleaning up the mess his crew makes.

"We have a chipper...we take everything with us. I don't leave anything on the road for the city to pick up," he said.

After 19 years Denny still enjoys certain perks of the job.

"Dropping trees is the best...dropping big trees...when it hits the ground the whole earth shakes and it's loud. If you're standing past it, it blows you over," Denny explained. "So I like being on the far side of the trees when they come down, but then one time a branch nailed me in the head."

Although Denny still has fun taking down trees, he stresses that it is all about safety. He is a fully insured and bonded contractor with \$2 million of coverage, and is fortunate to have never filed a claim for damages incurred while he was on a job.

Denny recently applied for vendorship with the Oneida Nation and hopes to supplement his current workload with work from the tribe. He

currently services the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay and the City of Green Bay's housing projects.

In total, Denny estimates that he has taken down 10,000 to 12,000 trees over his nearly 20 year career in tree removal, but don't think all he does is remove trees, he is also a certified tree surgeon and capable of repairing trees.

Denny's lift business is just getting off the ground. He has a handful of steady accounts but he would estimate that only about 5 percent of his time is spent doing that side of his business.

"That's basically doing stuff like cleaning windows on a third floor, eaves troughs, putting shingles on roofs and aerial photography," Denny explained. "I wish that would take over tree work...tree work is hard work."

Denny works mainly throughout NE Wisconsin and can be reached at 920-490-1702.

Balanced Score Card

There are four remaining community meetings to share the tribal vision, mission, core values, and an introduction to the balanced scorecard. Please join us.



•Social Services Building

Wednesday, March 2, Family Oriented, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

•Lee McLester II Elderly Complex

Thursday, March 22, Elder Oriented, 11:45am -12:30pm

•Oneida Community Education Center

Monday, March 26, Business Unit Mtg, 1:30p - 4:00p

•Radisson

Tuesday, March 27, Community Oriented, 5:00pm -7:00pm



Calendar

2007

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 16, 30

Holy Cross Fish Fry

WHEN: Fridays - March 16 & 30, 2007
TIME: 5:00 to 7:15 p.m

PLACE: Holy Cross Parish at Bay Settlement
The meal consists of baked fish, potato salad, coleslaw, bread beverage and homemade desserts all for only \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 years and under. If you have any questions, please call 845-9484

Tuesdays

United Amerindian Center Beading Class

WHEN: Every Tuesday
TIME: 1:00pm to 3:30pm
PLACE: UAC Center, 407 Dousman Road, Room 235
Dates and times subject to change during summer months. All ages welcome! For more information contact: Marie Hoke at 920-436-6630, Leave a message

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.

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.

Judith Jourdan joins Land Claims staff

Submitted by Judith Jourdan

Records Technician
Greetings Oneida Community,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Judith L. Jourdan. Many of you may remember me from the Cultural Heritage Department. I was the one at the front desk answering the phones, responding to all those requests for cultural information and doing the family searches, the genealogy, a job that I loved dearly and for which I had a great compassion.

Some of you will remember me as the daughter of Hank and Mary (Powless) Jourdan from out on Highway 54, next to the "underground house" "I am the granddaughter of Ephriam and Elsie (Christjohn) Jourdan and Whitney and Lavinia (Doxtator) Powless. My great grandfather on my mother's side was Henry Duke Doxtator, who along with his brother Paul had developed a letter writing campaign with Washington, DC contesting the taxation of reservation land.

Many others of you may remember me as one of the many local Oneida artists. I'm very proud of my accomplishments in that area. I have had the honor of having my work shown in some very important places such as the Royal Ontario Museum in

Ontario, Canada, the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC, the Catskill Mountain Foundation Quilt Exhibit in New York, the office of the Lt. Governor in Madison, Wisconsin, and most recently and U. S. Air Force Academy Art Gallery in Colorado Spring, Colorado. I have several upcoming shows for which I would be very happy to see many of you attend. I'll let you know when and where.

Well, now I've taken on a new identity, that of Records Technician for the Oneida Land Claims office. In the past, I can't say that I've really given much thought to land claims issues, but as happens in life, I felt that I needed a change. I wanted to challenge myself in a new area. When this position came up, I thought, "Now there's a position that will provide me with a new challenge, allow me to utilize my organizational skills, still be involved with Oneida history, and be able to contribute something to the community".

As with many of you out there, there was a time when I didn't really see how any of the land in New York related to me. That is, until a few years ago, when I had the opportunity to visit our homelands and to see first hand what our ancestors were forced to give up. After several days of visiting many of

those sites that I've only read about, the group I was traveling with headed back to Wisconsin. Driving along that highway from Syracuse headed west, watching the landscape pass by, I felt a twinge because across the valley, the rolling hills seemed to come alive. It was as if I could see the earth breath. It was a scene that I imagined my ancestors must looked those many years ago. I began to understand. The seed was planted.

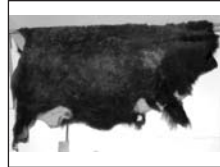
In taking on this job, I must admit, I didn't know much about specific Land Claims issues, but what I do know about is organizing records. Since I have been here, I have, first of all been familiarizing myself with the records and establishing some goals for myself, the first of which is to develop a Land Claims research center. I have been indexing all of the information here and plan to organize it in a way that will be user friendly for anyone who wants to come in do their own research. This is no small task since we have literally thousands of documents (copies, of course) that date back, in some cases, to the late 1700's. The coordinator, Jennifer Stevens and I have been brainstorming on other goals as well, such as developing workshops and training sessions to keep the community informed about what's happening in the area. Another of

my personal goals is to share with you, the Oneida community, what I've been learning as I'm learning it. I'm hoping to put letters in the *Kalihwisaks* on a regular basis, letting all of you know just what kinds of information we have here. We'll be students of Land Claims history together.

So, just as you all came to me for cultural information and to help you find your ancestors, I'm hoping that I will be able serve in that same capacity here for the Land Claims Commission. I welcome your letters of inquiry. Any questions forwarded to this office will be researched as needed and answered, either by our office staff or by one of the Land Claims Commission members. With your permission, some of your letters may be published. I'm sure there are others in the community that have the same concerns as yours. And if there is something specific that you want to read about, let me know and I'll try to accommodate you. I can be reached at the following address: Oneida Land Claims, P. O. Box 365, Oneida, Wisconsin 54155 or call (920) 869-4282

Watch for my article in the next issue of the *Kalihwisaks* entitled, "Who the heck is Wilson Cornelius?"

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Legislative Review, Letters

Letters...

Deactivate Resolution #BC12-20-06J

I hope I am only one of 15,000 plus Oneida members who are responding to the Oneida Appeals Commission’s (OAC) letter to the GTC in the February 15, 2007 edition of the Kalihwisaks.

My interpretation of this BC written resolution is that it refers to all GTC members, and not just the person who filed the claim. It is an attempt by the BC to keep Oneida members from their due process through its passage. Sovereign immunity isn’t worth a dime if the BC can interfere with the OAC on a member’s civil rights. What about the protection of the Oneida member’s constitutional rights and duties.

Reading between the lines of the Chairman’s letter and the “Attempted Resolution “ stated above, it screams of individual persecution for those citizens who dare to file a claim or who appeal to their judicial body for help. Something is very wrong here if in this Resolution under #14 WHEREAS, the BC is claiming that the OAC is attempting to amend Sovereign Immunity...”in order to allow Tribal members to bring civil claims for monetary damages...” If the BC is worried about monetary damages and lawsuits, then by god do something about it, but don’t mess with the Oneida member’s civil rights in the process. How many civil suits are there in HRD for this type of claim? (Should this area be looked at?) How is this outside the jurisdiction of the Appeals Commission? Looks like it’s the BC whose overstepping their boundaries. The GTC granted the OAC the judicial power of the Oneida Tribe so how is it that our Chairman (his 12/22/06 letter) sees the OAC involved in violating the Tribe’s laws when they (Appeals Commission) are unable to take action on a case due to BC interference and a quickie resolution.

The Tribe’s sovereignty is at risk - not because of its members, but because of the passage of the BC’s awful Resolution #BC-12-20-06J.

It took me a while to piece everything together, the Chairman’s letter to the OAC, Appeals letter to the GTC, an excerpt of the Vice-Chair’s letter, and most importantly, Resolution #BC-12-20-06J. The communication on issues of this importance is lacking BIG TIME, and I’m overly suspicious - is this on purpose? To the GTC, this will affect you so let the BC know who the decision makers are. A GTC meeting is an absolute must - it affects ALL OF US, even the BC should they decide to exercise their individual civil rights someday.

For information of this importance, I found it almost comical that the information was in the “Lifestyles” section of the paper on pages 4B & 5B. This is “Front Page” news important to all members. However, I do thank the Appeals Commission for bringing notice to GTC. Also, there were three (3) BC members who did not vote for this Resolution and to you, I say “thank you.”

Lila Watts
Oneida

Thank you Amvets

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our mens basketball team in the March Madness Basketball Tournament in the Wisconsin Dells. Though we did not place in the 24 team field, we represented Oneida well. With your support we were able to compete with some of the best Indian teams in the country. Again I thank you for your generosity in helping us make the trip to the tournament.

Phil Wisneski

Support Oneida, buy Oneida

Dear Editor,

I’m writing in response to the recent letter about per capita distributions of gaming revenues.

I understand and can emphasize with the sense of frustration and anger some tribal members feel about how our gaming revenues are being spent.

In the past, I was supportive of the Oneida Business Committee moving in directions to diversify our economy and develop other money-making businesses for our nation off the reservation (and out of state).

However, I have recently changed my position on what kind of diversification I’ll support. It’s vital to the health and well-being of our reservation community that our dollars circulate in our own community.

Most people living on the reservation have no choice but to take their money off the reservation to buy goods and services. This means most of the dollars that come on to the reservation (whether it’s a paycheck, TANF check, SSI check or other) are drained immediately into the surrounding communities.

It’s about time we support our own economic development on the reservation; and support our own Oneida small business owners. There about 80 Oneida people who own and operate their own businesses on or near the reservation. Where are the promotional dollars the tribe ought to be spending on “Shop Oneyote,” to support our own small business owners and our local economy?

We need to begin creating a business district, on the reservation, where our small business owners can be centrally located; where our youth can find jobs; and where our dollars can change hands among our own people, so we can grow a strong local economy.

As far as a per-capita distribution goes, I don’t think it would be wise to take too much from gaming revenues for that. A better choice is to continue developing local services, facilities, and infrastructure for our people and the future generations.

In addition, the majority of Oneida people are financially conservative. In the last vote the GTC had on the per capita issue, the BC presented 3 per capita plans to vote upon. One of the plans was for our current \$800 per capita. The second plan was for investing money for 1 or 2 years in order to create a self-sustaining fund for per capita distributions. The third plan was for the BC to create endowment funds to support programs like a tribal social security fund and other services. Of course, the plan that prevailed is the \$800 per capita.

But, what goes unnoticed is

Legislative Update

Greetings, members of the Oneida Nation. As you recall, the Oneida Nation High School went through their own “renewing of the minds” prior to Midwinter Ceremonies. It was an opportune time for staff and Administration to reflect where the school system is, in relation to providing quality education and a safe learning environment for our children. I want to take this time to thank the community members, parents, teachers and staff for stepping forward and expressing their concerns, recommendations and support.

During this time of renewal, the most memorable comment made was by a high school student. The student called upon the community and parents to become more readily involved within the school system, by showing support at school functions, fundraisers, sporting events, concerts, etc. That student challenged each and every one of us to participate and observe the school system prior to making judgement. I applaud all of the comments received by the Oneida Nation students, teachers and parents, and

thank them for taking the time to participate.

As we continue to move in a positive direction, I wanted the community to know about several honorable achievements that the Oneida Nation School Systems have accomplished.

- Last year JP Leary, consultant for American Indian Studies Program with the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction held a week-long session at the Turtle School. Once again, I am proud to announce, Oneida was approached and has been selected again to host this years 11th Annual Summer Institute June 25-29th in our facility. The American Indian Studies applauds not only our curriculum teaching the cultural values but it’s embodied in the architecture of our facility.
- The Director of the Bureau of Indian Education has announced Oneida will be the site to host the Access



Councilwoman
Melinda Danforth

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- One of our biggest accomplishments, is the Oneida Nation School System was one of several schools in the Midwest Region that did exceed state proficiency “cut off” scores and was deemed as making “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP). Many area public schools within our region have not made AYP. Each November all schools must administer the testing to 3nd thru 8th grade and 10th grade students. We are happy to announce Oneida Nation School System has met the proficiency level set by the State.
- Becky Nutt, Oneida Nation High School Science teacher, and Dennis Rohram of Seymour High School formed a partnership involving a community awareness project relating to arsenic contamination in drinking water. The joint

schools have collected water samples and sent them onto labs for analyzing. ONHS students have assisted in creating ArcView maps and presentations at local Wisconsin events. They have been recently been notified their cooperative model is being recognized nationally through Toyota Tapestry grant for teacher programs administered by National Science Teachers Association. The partnership will receive a \$10,000 grant to continue and perform. ONHS student Marquita Tebeau is the student project manager, also, former ONHS student Jonas Hill of Environmental Department was very active in this project.

Please help me in congratulating the entire Oneida School system for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of education to our children! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 920-869-4461 or email me at mdanforj@oneidana-tion.org.

pared by the Legislative Reference Office, provides that the legislation, if approved by the Business Committee, will:

Define eligibility and applicability.

Prohibit the Tribe from discriminating against military persons when applying for employment.

Grant re-employment rights to part-time and full-time permanent employees who are in the military.

Entitle a re-employable person to the same seniority, status, pay and other benefits, along with any additional seniority and benefits as if the person had remained continuously employed.

Provides health plan coverage options for employed employees on a military leave of absence.

Outlines an enforcement process for a person who has been denied employment, re-employment or benefits under this law.

Employee Merit Increases

It’s March 12th, gas prices have risen to \$2.54 per gallon, and still no merit increases for the vast majority of Oneida Tribal employees. As a member of the Oneida Business Committee, I have been receiving what appears to be a 3% increase since October of last year. Something is not right here, leaders receiving benefit increases long BEFORE the working people get theirs.

Thanks for Reading.

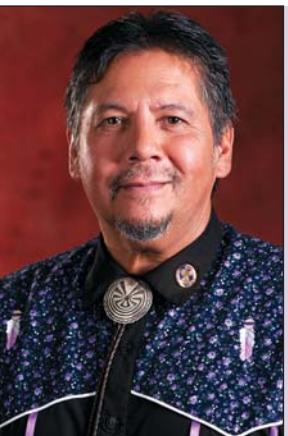
Travel

In February, my Office traveled to Chicago to meet with Housing Urban Development Director Kevin Fitzgibbons. The purpose of the travel was to acquire information so that my Office would be better able to address the numerous concerns expressed by Oneida community members regarding questionable spending by Oneida’s Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (Board). Since the meeting and with additional research completed, it is my belief that the following needs to be done:

- (1) The suspension of the Board’s authority.
- (2) The recreation of the Oneida Housing Authority as a Tribal Department with current OHA employees coming under the Tribe’s Personnel Policies and Procedures.
- (3) The transfer of the Board’s hearing responsibility to the Oneida Judicial System.

In early March, my Office represented the Tribe in the opening of Chicago’s Field Museum’s “Americas” exhibit. In attendance were representatives of many Tribes, and for good reason. Too often, the history of mankind is told as if everything happened on the other side of the world while the story about the indigenous people of the Americas goes untold and unseen. Now, our story, the history of indige-

nous people of the North and South American continents can be told and appreciated by all the world. In addition to the exhibit, a Tribal member had requested that I make a tobacco offering for the 1770 Oneida Wampum Belt. A museum official carried the Belt from its storage room in its box container and laid it down before me, and a prayer was given as was a bit of tobacco. It was an experience I can’t describe in words, but it will be remembered.



Councilman
Ed Delgado

Issues School Update

Since the Oneida High School issue became public, the Oneida School Board and the Business Committee have met weekly. At those meetings, the Board provided updates of their initiatives to improve the school system. On March 19th, the Board, along with some members of the Business Committee, including my Office, will begin work on developing an Education Code whereby the educational philosophy and procedures of our Oneida Nation School System will be developed into a Tribal Code for all to follow.

Regarding the recent High School issue, I was saddened to see that some of our chil-

dren and staff felt hurt because of the public criticism directed at our high school. I can see how people can feel bad when an institution that they believe in is criticized. However, there is no reason why the vast majority of successful and respectful students and staff of our High School should have to take responsibility for improper behavior of their colleagues. The institution of our High School needed improvement and the people of the Oneida community expected their leaders to provide those improvements. I hope our High School is now on its way to becoming a much better place for Oneida children to learn, and I feel as though the School Board and the Business Committee are committed in that endeavor.

Military Service Employee Protection Act

The Military Service Employee Protection Act, sponsored by Councilman Vince DelaRosa and co-sponsored by my Office, was submitted for Legislative Operating Committee on Monday, March 12th. If acceptable to the LOC, the Act will be submitted to the Oneida Business Committee and a public hearing date will be set. The analysis of the proposed legislation, pre-

A Paper On Inequality

She sits there feeling unequal to the men around her and contemptuous of women she feels she must compete with. She picks at her food but doesn’t eat it. She wishes she were somewhere else. She wishes she were someone else. She yearns for power, control, but knows it would be too unabashedly masculine for her to admit to. She wants to crush those who she disagrees with. To feel their entrails gripped between her fingers. Still she resorts to reason and as a motherly feeling, begins to take over, she feels a sense of guilt for having even enter-

tained such a notion.

She wants equality, but realizes it could never exist in a rational world, with such diverse opinions and abilities we shall always be members of the food chain. She wants security, whether it be financial or physical, depends upon the moment. This, too, she realizes is unrealistic in a volatile ever changing world.

She wants to argue her point, but finds she is unable to rest upon her laurels, whether they be too small or unsympathetic to her opponent. She feels she must compete but should it appear too spiteful, she often quells the emotion. She’s against war

but often instigates battle within her own society, the insecurity and feelings of inadequacy, leave her angry, bitter and sometimes melancholy. She defuses by telling herself these acts were necessary.

They attempt to take her dreams and destroy them beneath their feet, but much to their surprise, her confidence they cannot defeat. She sees that this is the only life she’ll live and she’ll never get the respect that she deserves. Though she deserves a higher

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Oneida Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting • February 14, 2007
Business Committee Conference Room
Present: Gerald Danforth–Chair, Kathy Hughes–Vice Chair, Mercie Danforth–Treasurer, Patty Hoeft–Secretary, Trish King–Council member, Paul Ninham–Council member, and Vince DelaRosa–Council member.

Excused: Edward Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth – Council members.
Others Present: Ron King, Diana Denny, Marty Antone, Barbara Skenandore, Ted Hawk, Lillian King, Michelle King, Julie King, Pete King, Ron King, Jr., Jim Van Stippen, Curtis Danforth, Pete King, Sr., Pete King, Jr., Carolyn Miller, Linda Glaser, Wanda Diemel, Barb Dickson, Mark Ninham, Brenda John, Kay Katch, Julie Denny.
Opening Prayer: Dwight Hill
Special Recognitions: Recognition of 20 Years of Service with the Oneida Police Department for Lieutenant Ronald E. King Sr. Presented by Gerald Danforth and Paul Ninham

1. Call to Order by Gerald Danforth

2. Oath of Office – None

3. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Additions
- b. Deletions
- c. Moves

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt the agenda, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Minutes of January 31, 2007.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the January 31, 2007 minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business – None

6. Reports

- b. Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Lance Broberg -1st Meeting of the month Submitted

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

7. Travel Reports

- 1. Paul Ninham RE: Selection of President for Haskell Indian Nation, January 16, 2007

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Selection of President for Haskell Indian Nation travel report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Trish King, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft. 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.

Excerpt from January 31, 2006: 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.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the O.N.E. recommendation for thirty (30) days, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business:

a. Resolutions

- 1. Bill Gollnick RE: National Incident Management System as the Standard for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. (Marty Antone)

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the National Incident Management System resolution as the Standard for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin until the Business Committee meeting of March 14, 2007 to allow for Business Committee review of the actual Standards, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Paul Ninham, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft. Opposed: Trish King. Motion carried.

For the Record, Trish King opposed due to the National Standard already approved and recognized nationwide as well as completion of law office review

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to reconsider the action to table, seconded by Trish King. For: Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham. Tied. Chair voted in opposition of the motion to reconsider the action to table. Motion failed.

- 2. Kathy Hughes RE: Draft Land Use Vision Plan

Action: Motion by Trish King to adopt the attached draft Land Use Vision Plan and the two accompanying maps as guidance in finalizing the development of a comprehensive reservation Smart Growth Plan, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the attached resolution to the Legislative Reference Office for a Statement of Effect to be prepared in case it's needed, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously

b. Requests

- 1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: St. Norbert College Survey Center is Requesting Permission to use the Final Report on the SEOTS Survey as an example of their work.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the St. Norbert College Survey Center request to use the final report on the SEOTS Survey as

an example of their work, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Travel Requests

- 1. Debbie Thundercloud (Debra Danforth)

RE: Request for Procedural Exception to Travel Policy to allow 5 FACE Staff and 1 Board Member or Administrator to attend Required Training in Denver, CO; March 13–15, 2007

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the procedural exception travel request to allow 5 FACE Staff and 1 Board Member or Administrator to attend required training in Denver, CO; March 13 - 15, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Debbie Thundercloud (Debra Danforth)

RE: Request for Procedural Exception to Travel Policy to allow 5 High School Students and Chaperones to attend the NASIS Science Fair in Albuquerque, NM; March 22 - 24, 2007

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the procedural exception to allow 5 High School students and chaperones to attend the NASIS Science Fair in Albuquerque, NM; March 22 -24, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously..

- 3. Kathy Hughes RE: Request for Travel Approval for the 9th Annual National HHS Tribal Budget & Policy Consultation, Washington, D.C.; March 28–29, 2007

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the travel request for the 9th Annual National HHS Tribal Budget & Policy Consultation, Washington, D.C.; March 28 - 29, 2007, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

- 4. Gerald Danforth RE: Request for Procedural Exception for Confirmation of Carl Artman, Washington, D.C.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the procedural exception for the Oneida Business Committee; 1 person from Legislative Affairs; Chief of Staff; Chief Counsel; 2 persons from Communications; 4 veterans; 3 chaperones; two elder representatives; 1 drummer; 2 staff if needed; and 4 students to travel to the confirmation of Carl Artman, Washington, D.C. seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Trish King, Mercie Danforth. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft. Motion carried..

- 5. Gerald Danforth RE: Request for Travel Approval to the NCAI Summit, Washington, D.C.; February 26 - 28, 2007

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the travel request for the NCAI Summit, Washington, D.C., February 26-28, 2007, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Gerald Danforth RE: Request for Retro Approval for the Dorgan Listening Session, Bloomington, MN; January 27, 2007

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to retro-approve the travel request for the Dorgan Listening Session, Bloomington, MN; January 27, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Gerald Danforth RE: Request for Retro Approval for Indian Reservation Roads/BIA Meeting Albuquerque, NM; February 12–14, 2007.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to retro-approve the travel request for the Indian Reservation Roads/BIA meeting, Albuquerque, NM; February 12–14, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Finance Committee

- 1. Approve the Finance Committee Minutes of January 12, 2007

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Finance Committee Minutes of January 12, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) – None

12. Treasurer’s Report – (1:30 p.m.)

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Oneida Business Committee Planning – None

14. Executive Staff Meeting

- 1. Executive Staff Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2007

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Executive Staff Minutes of February 1, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to bring the Business Development Unit proposal regarding the Casino's Master Plan to the next Business Committee meeting of February 28, 2007, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Legislative Affairs Update

- 1. Department of Revenue Letter – Retro Approval

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to retro approve the letter to the Department of Revenue, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Tribal Leaders Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2007–FYI Tribal Leaders Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2007–FYI

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Tribal Leaders meeting minutes of January 25, 2007 and January 31, 2007 as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Get Out the Vote Update & Request–Approve

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Get Out the Vote Update and allow employees one hour of paid time off to go to the

polls and vote contingent upon their receiving prior approval from their immediate supervisor for both the Primary election of February 20, 2007 and the Spring election of April 3, 2007, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Suggested Dates for Lobbying in Washington, DC – Approve
Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the suggested dates of: February 26th, March 12th, April 16th, May 21st, July 9th and September 17th for Lobbying in Washington, DC, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. 2007 NIGA Annual Meeting Elections Information – FYI
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the 2007 NIGA Annual Meeting Election information as FYI, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Letter to George Skibine RE: IGRA Section 20 – Approve
Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the letter to George Skibine regarding IGRA Section 20, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Executive Session

Note: Gerald Danforth left at 11:15 a.m.

a. Tabled Business

1. Neil Cornelius RE: Harrah’s Joint Marketing Agreement
Excerpt from January 31, 2006: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Harrah's Joint Marketing Agreement, seconded Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to take this item from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Harrah's Joint Marketing Agreement contingent on Gaming Commission Review, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Old Business – None

c. New Business

- 1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Lynn A. Franzmeir Attorney Contract

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the attorney contract for Lynn A. Franzmier, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Personnel Matter - Requesting a Procedural Exception (Geraldine Danforth)

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to ask the Human Resource Department (HRD) to bring back recommendations on a new job description for possible changes to experience and qualifications that could be re-posted, back in two week, seconded Paul Ninham. For: Vince DelaRosa, Opposed: Mercie Danforth, Trish King. Motion carried.

- 3. Vince DelaRosa RE: OHA Audit

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer the OHA Audit to Councilman DelaRosa for an initial assessment, with a report back on Feb. 28, 2007, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approval of Phillip Morris Contract (Michelle King)

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Phillip Morris contract until February 28, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Gerald Danforth RE: Request Approval of Paul Stenzel (Winifred Thomas) Attorney Contract Amendment

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Paul Stenzel Attorney contract for the Chair to hold a meeting with the Appeals Commission's Chief Judicial Officer, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Bill Gollnick RE: Approval of Software License Agreement with Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk (Dave Cluckey)

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Software License Agreement with the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Legislative Affairs Update

- 1. Small Business Memo – Action

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to direct the Chair to send a letter to Oneida Small Business, Inc. and that Councilman DelaRosa follow-up with Bay Bank, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Attorney Brief

- 1. Oneida Marriage Licensing Process

Excerpt from November 8, 2006: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Law Office to assess and evaluate the state of the Tribe's marriage licensing processes, procedures and rules and propose recommendations within 90 days to the Oneida Business Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to authorize proceeding with delayed filing, accept the Oneida Marriage Licensing Process report, and direct the law office to do a resolution to repeal the Oneida Marriage Law and that the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) work on a new Oneida Marriage Law, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Attorney Brief

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Attorney Brief as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee – None

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

h. Seven Generation Corporation Update (1st and 2nd meeting of the month)

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on February 28, 2007.

Candidate Forum

Brown County Executive Candidates

Tom Hinz

I appreciate you taking a few minutes to get to know me and why I am running for Brown County Executive. I’m running for County Executive for the same reason I became a Green Bay Police Officer; that was to help my community by striving to make a positive difference. When I was elected as Brown County Sheriff and later Brown County Supervisor, the reasons were still the same, to help my community and make a positive difference.

Throughout my career I’ve always looked at you the citizen, as a customer that I tried to provide excellent service. That will never change. I am proud of my record in public service and now I would like to once again serve you, as your Brown County Executive.

“I believe it’s time for new leadership in the County Executive’s office”

“We need our government leaders to stop bickering and move forward on issues of importance to Brown County residents”

Goals:
Resolve the Brown County Health Center issue.
This debate has gone on far too long. We need to make progress, work cooperatively and serve our citizens who need help while, at the same time, make fiscally responsible decisions that everyone can live with.

Developing a strategic plan for the County.
Our county government moves from one crisis to another. If we do a good job pf planning, and anticipating issues we can limit the number of crisis situations the county must deal with and work on making this a better community.

Working together.
Hinz believes the County Executive needs to work cooperatively with the County Board, county employees and residents. We should not be working against each other. There should be a cooperative problem solving approach to the issues.

Supported by his family and has received a lot of encouragement from the community to run. Community is very important to him.

Over 37 years of professional law enforcement and management experience includes policy development, budgeting and finance, facility management, personnel and human resources, construction project oversight, and community outreach.

Experience In Government:

- Brown County Board of Supervisors 2004-2006
- Brown County Sheriff 1996-2003
- Green Bay Police Department 1966-1996
- U.S. Army (1960-1963 – Vietnam Vet)
- Presently Director of Security and Safety at NWTC

Community Involvement:

- Golden House Board of Directors (1983-Present)
- Crime prevention Foundation Board of Directors (2001-Present)
- United Hmong Center Advisory Board (2000-Present)
- Howard/Suamico Optimist Club (1997-Present)
- Brown County Citizens Corp. (2004-Present)
- Wisconsin Citizens Corp. Counsel (2004-Present)
- Law Enforcement for Special Olympics
- Member VFW, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America
- Blue Knights (Law Enforcement) Motorcycle Club

Awards:

- Shirley Lipsey Memorial Citation for “Attitude, Energy & Vitality” - 2006
- Wisconsin Policeman of the Year - 1988
- Green Bay Police Dept. Medal of Honor - 1984
- Howard/Suamico Optimist Club Officer of the Year Award - 2001

Education:

- Presently working on Bachelor’s Degree – UW-Green Bay Senior
- State of Wisconsin Certified Law Enforcement Instructor
- NWTC – Associates Degree Police Science
- Graduate: FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA
- Graduate: National Sheriff’s Institute
- Graduate: Penn State University Executive Development Institute
- Graduate: UW-Oshkosh Police Executive Institute

Authorized by Hinz for County Executive, Jim Kalny, Treasurer

Brown, Outagamie County Polling sites in Oneida

There are three polling stations in the Brown County section of the reservation: Green Bay Botanical Gardens at 2600 Larson Road, First Baptist Church at 2421 West Point Road and the Woodland Worship Center located at 760 Airport Drive.

In Outagamie County, voting will take place at the Town of Oneida Town Hall at N6593 County Road H.

Polling stations open at 7:00AM and close at 8:00PM. Employees of the Oneida Tribe are allowed

one hour off from work to go vote.

Senator Alan Lasee

Background:

- Born in the Town of Rockland, Brown County on July 30, 1937
- First elected to State Assembly in 1974 and State Senate in May, 1977
- Elected President of the Senate in 2003 and again in 2005
- Elected Town of Rockland Supervisor 1971-1973
- Elected Town of Rockland Chairman 1973-2000
- Raised on his family farm in Brown County
- Raised six children and two foster children with his wife Jan
- Former dairy farmer and raises llamas and other exotic animals with his wife Jan
- Enjoys farming on the family farm which has been in his family for over 100 years
- Enjoys riding motorcycle and welding artwork
- Enjoys hunting with his sons
- Alan is very accessible to constituents

Legislative Duties:

- As Senate President, Alan has been very successful at bringing decorum, respect and civility back o the Wisconsin State Senate. He has been very fair and respectful in presiding over the Senate.
- Alan chaired the Joint Committee on Employment Relations, Joint Committee on Legislative Organization, Joint Committee of Legislative Council and the Senate Select Committee on DNR Regulatory Reform.
- Alan is a current member of the State Transportation Projects Committee and is a senior member on the Joint Audit Committee and Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

Service Organizations

- Brown County Farm Bureau
- Way-Morr Lions Club

2007 Meetings

Oneida Business Committee

March 28, 2007

April 11, 2007

April 25, 2007

May 9, 2007

May 23, 2007

June 6, 2007

June 20, 2007

July 4, 2007 ★

July 18, 2007

August 1, 2007

August 15, 2007

August 29, 2007

September 12, 2007

September 26, 2007

October 10, 2007

October 24, 2007

November 7, 2007

November 21, 2007

December 5, 2007

December 19, 2007

January 2, 2008

★ Holiday

Notice Hobart residents

The polling place for all Hobart residents will be at the Woodland Worship Center located at 760 Airport Drive. Oneida, WI.

There has been a safety concern regarding the parking lot at the old hall and by changing locations to the Woodland Worship Center, the Village of Hobart hopes this change will resolve those issues.

Polls open at 7:00AM and close at 8:00PM. The Spring Election is April 3rd.

Exercise YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

Get to the polls on Tuesday, April 3rd

Outagamie County Executive candidate

Charles R. Schmidt

for Outagamie County Executive

Vote Tuesday April 3rd
Contact me at.... www.votechuckschmidt.com
Fiscal Responsibility is MY highest priority... I believe...

- Proposals to spend tax dollars should be about needs and practicality, not wants and egos
- Tax money is not mine to spend on charitable causes of my liking and choosing
- Forty plus years of excessive tax, fee, and license increases have not appreciably made the lives of most Outagamie County residents better
- Principles take precedence over personalities.... and I have voted accordingly.

Charles “Chuck” Schmidt was born in Appleton. He became an Outagamie County Board Supervisor in 1999. His focus remains unchanged. He believes that the taxpayers should be given the highest priority when it comes to spending THEIR dollars.

In 1999, the Outagamie County tax levy totaled \$33.5 million. This year the tax levy has jumped again, up to \$52.5 million. Spending has increased 55% in the last 8 years, doubling the spending increases that took place between 1991 and 1999. Chuck voted against these increases and other taxes. Here are just two examples.

Just last year, the County was “convinced” (by one vote) that it needed to spend \$7.2 million on an airport parking lot. After approval of this “need”, the project was found to have 800 fewer spaces than originally claimed. Chuck took a stand against funding this poorly planned project.

In 2001, a sales tax was proposed as our savior from property tax increases. Chuck led the charge against this argument that claimed to “lower taxes by adding another tax.” This attempt to collect and spend millions more was defeated.

Background:

- Outagamie County Executive
- Veteran: US Army, 1972-1974
- Outagamie County Supervisor, 1999-2002, 2004-2007
- BA Economics, BA Politics, Lake Forest College, IL
- Teacher Certification Program, Coastal Carolina University, SC
- Graduate Course work in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Carthage College, WI
- Former High School English Teacher, Kwang Ju City, South Korea
- Appleton Evening Lions
- Old Third World Association

It’s Time For A Change.
Elect Charles R. Schmidt for Outagamie County Executive

As a County Board Supervisor, I have attended all Board and assigned committee meetings. I have always asked the tough questions before committing any taxpayers’ money for programs. I have never been a rubber stamp. I will be no less fiscally responsible as the County Executive.

Sincerely, Charles R. Schmidt
Thank You for your vote!

Authorized by Chuck Schmidt for County Executive Wendy Steward, Treasurer

2007 Spring Election “MEET & GREET”

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.

State/National

Second Annual Family Fun Night held

The second annual Family Fun Night was held at the Turtle School on February 14th from 4:00-7:00 PM. The theme this year was to promote family activity and healthy eating. Around 200 children and adults attended. A great deal of smiling faces filled the two gyms.

The feature event was a Valentine's Day Dance. The dance was led by Music in Motion. Two very interactive D.J.'s kept the kids dancing for two hours. As the children participated many received fun give-aways for their efforts. Every age group participated from two years old to adulthood. It was really great to see the toddlers having fun with their parents and older teenage siblings.

Other activities included: Dance Dance Revolution, Stomp Dancing, Family Preparedness Booth, Face painting, and cookie decorating. Popcorn, healthy sandwich wraps, fruit and raw vegetables trays were provided. Coca-Cola Enterprises donated the bottled water.

At the end of the evening over 50 interactive toys were given away. Give aways were age appropriate and promoted physical activity. Everyone who attended also received a



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Hand and face painting were some of the fun events at the second annual Family Fun Night held the evening of Wednesday, February 14.

goodie bag when they left. The goodie bag contained a free pass to Corner Stone Community Skating Rink, a soft flying disc, refrigerator magnet, hand sanitizer spray, and sugar free candy hearts attached to a note card with ways to prevent diabetes.

It is important to recognize the many volunteers who helped the night of the event. Many staff members from the Oneida Community Health Center and Family Fitness Center volunteered including:

Dr. Flood, Char Kizior, Sheri Forgette, Jenny Jorgensen, Betsy Nickel, Yvonne and Royce Hunter, Ryan Engle, Hudson Denny, and their time helped to make this night a success.

A special thank you goes out to the teens from the Oneida High School Student Council. They were incredibly helpful throughout the evening, and they demonstrated positive role modeling to the younger children present.

The planning committee:

Betty Schwantes, Susan Beck, Beth Scheelk, Jill Caelwaerts, Karen Hallada, and Maria Danforth, would like to thank all those who attended. It is rewarding for us to see families involved in promoting healthy life styles. We look forward to planning more events for the community. We take the information received on the evaluations seriously, and we will continue to improve the event each year.

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he said of Troha.

Busalacchi said at an April 2004 meeting he told Troha's attorney he would work on resolving the case, but that he never ordered anyone in his department to travel to another state to get it done.

E-mails show that following the meeting, travel plans were made for DOT attorneys to travel to Pennsylvania to discuss the outstanding taxes owed by Troha's trucking companies. Busalacchi said the decision to travel must have come from the attorneys who determined that would be the best way to work on the case.

Busalacchi allowed travel

expenses for the trip to come from his budget, which he also said was not unusual.

Last week Doyle said the department's work on the case was routine and he did not order any special treatment for Troha, who has, along with his family members, donated \$200,000 to Doyle since 2002.

Troha was indicted March 1 on charges that he committed fraud and lied to the FBI related to more than \$100,000 in donations he and his relatives gave to Doyle and others. The indictment from U.S. Attorney Steve Biskupic alleges Troha made illegal donations "in an attempt to

obtain an Indian gaming compact."

The FBI also interviewed at least one DOT employee last week about the tax dispute case. Busalacchi said he has not been contacted by the FBI.

Busalacchi appeared before the Joint Finance Committee on Monday as the budget-writing committee works on reviewing the governor's spending proposal. No lawmakers asked him about his role in Troha's tax dispute.

Busalacchi's reconfirmation as DOT secretary was scheduled for a vote Tuesday in the Senate. Some Republicans have said they

will block the vote.

Troha dissolved all ties to his trucking firms last year so he could focus on developing a new \$808 million casino in Kenosha, in conjunction with the Menominee and Mohegan tribes. He withdrew from the project six days prior to the indictment's release.

Under current law, Doyle must sign off on the casino should it win federal approval. Republicans in the state Assembly plan to push a bill, that Doyle vetoed in May, to also require legislative approval for new casinos.

Descendants of freed slaves to challenge special election held by Cherokee

By Justin Juozapavicus

Associated Press Writer

TULSA, Okla. (AP) ~ Descendants of people the Cherokee once owned as slaves said they will challenge a special election that kicked them out of the tribe.

They also promised to lobby the U.S. government to cut federal ties to tribe, a move that could cost the Cherokee Nation millions of dollars.

"We're not going to go away," said Marilyn Vann, president of the Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes. "We are calling on the American people to bombard Congress, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, all media outlets, that justice be

done."

But one Cherokee Nation official called those threats a scare tactic brought by people more interested in seeing the Cherokee Nation lose funding than seeing the will of the people done.

For decades, descendants of freed Cherokee slaves fought to reclaim their citizenship, even though they were adopted into the tribe in 1866 under a treaty with the U.S. government.

A ruling in 2006 by the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court held that the Cherokee constitution assured the freedmen's descendants of tribal citizenship.

That led to a petition drive for a ballot measure to deter-

mine who is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

On Saturday, more than 76 percent of Cherokee voters decided in a special election to amend the nation's constitution to remove about 2,800 freedmen descendants and other non-Indians from the tribal rolls.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith said the vote was not about race, but represented a right of self-government to decide who is a member of the nation.

"My role as Principal Chief was to bring the issue of citizenship to a vote," he said in a statement Tuesday. "Determination of citizenship is the decision of the people not the Principal Chief, not the Tribal Council and not the court.

"The Cherokee People spoke clearly that as long as you had a Cherokee ancestor on our base roll of 1906, it did not matter what other blood, race or appearance you have.

"They said they want the Cherokee Nation to be an Indian Nation with a common bond: being Indian."

Smith added that Vann "desperately wanted to play the hollow race card against the Cherokee people," but "it did not work because we know we have thousands of citizens who look Black,

white, Hispanic or Asian."

Critics of the vote said it was hardly a mandate because only a fraction of the nation's 260,000 tribal citizens - about 9,000 - cast ballots. About 45,000 Cherokee were registered to vote in the election.

The vote meant that descendants such as Tahlequah resident Charlene White, 56, would have to look for a new eye doctor to treat her glaucoma and pay out of pocket the \$150 a month in groceries the tribe provides her.

"The only thing I regret out of the whole thing is my ancestors were on that Trail of Tears, just as many of them died on that trail as Indians," White said.

In 2000, after the Seminole Nation voted to oust freedmen descendants from its tribe, the government cut off federal programs and refused to recognize the election, said Norman attorney Jon Velie, who has represented freedmen descendants in previous cases. The freedmen were later allowed back in the tribe.

Spokeswomen for the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs said they could not comment Tuesday because of pending litigation involving the case.

Cliff Doxtator works for elder issues

NICOA Board Feature

Special to the Kalihwisaks

Clifford G. Doxtator joined the NICOA Board of Directors in September 2006 representing the tribes in Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin as the Minneapolis Area Representative. Born in Ashwaubenon, just outside Green Bay, Wisconsin, Mr. Doxtator belongs to the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. After serving in the military from 1950-52, Mr. Doxtator returned home with the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, serving as a brakeman, trainman, and conductor during his 20 years on the trains.

Mr. Doxtator appreciates the lessons he has learned throughout his life. He shared, "Early in my retirement, I became active in Elder programs in Oneida. I was elected to three terms with the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging and that was the beginning of my advocacy of Native American Elder issues." He adds, "Advocating specifically for NICOA began around 1994 when I attended my first NICOA conference. As a NICOA Board Member, I intend to do advocating on the national level in Washington, D.C. with the assistance of tribal leaders. My goal is to meet with the tribal groups in the Minneapolis BIA area in order to find out the various needs and concerns. I will expect the groups to prioritize their issues and I then will bring the primary concerns to the attention of NICOA."



Clifford Doxtator

Mr. Doxtator stresses that the most important issue facing elders in his area is health care and long term care planning. He claims, "My vision for NICOA is to see that all our American Indians and Alaskan Native Elders get the full benefit of governmental assistance through advocacy and support of NICOA for future generations."

Mr. Doxtator's parents had a positive influence on him. Through them, he learned to appreciate and value a strong work ethic. Getting an education was also another important aspect of their teaching. He states, "I would advise anyone to stay in school. There are many opportunities for education. Education is a lifelong learning process."

In his spare time, Mr. Doxtator enjoys his community work. Outside of his community work, he likes to hunt, fish, golf, ski, play cards, snorkel and walk. On occasion, he enjoys hot air ballooning or playing a game of bingo.

Faith in Action teams up with AARP for elders

Submitted by Jennifer Baier

Program Coordinator

AARP Wisconsin, Faith in Action wants to help Outagamie, Brown County citizens in need

AARP Wisconsin has joined hands with the Oneida Tribe of Indians Faith in Action Program to help make a difference in the lives of their neighbors in Outagamie and Brown counties.

The Oneida Tribe of Indians Faith in Action Program is a non-profit program that assists older adults and people living with disabilities to maintain their independence.

Volunteers help older adults and people with disabilities by providing companionship, telephone reassurance, shopping and errands, transportation and escorts to appointments and social events, yard work, minor home repairs, light meal preparation and other services.

Glory Laflex, Volunteer Coordinator of the Oneida Tribe of Indians Faith in Action Program, is looking for people who might be in need of these services. "If you think the Faith in Action program can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to give us a call," Laflex said. "We have volunteers available that can provide many services."

"The partnership of Faith in Action and AARP represents a natural fit between Faith in Action's mission of community service through volunteer caregiving and AARP's commitment to community serviced in the areas of home and community-

based programs," said Jennifer Baier, Program Coordinator for AARP Wisconsin. "It's all about neighbors helping neighbors to promote independence and enhance quality of life."

For more information about the program, contact Glory Laflex at **920-869-2448**, or by emailing **Glaflex@oneidanation.org**.

Photo information - From left to Right Mariann Muzzi, AARP ASD Grassroots, Joyce Johnson Oneida Tribe of Elderly Services Faith in Action Board Member, Florence Petri Oneida Tribe of Elderly Services Faith in Action Director, Jennifer Baier AARP Program Coordinator

AARP is a nonprofit, non-partisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. We produce AARP The Magazine, published bimonthly; AARP Bulletin, our monthly newspaper; AARP Segunda Juventud, our bimonthly magazine in Spanish and English; NRTA Live & Learn, our quarterly newsletter for 50+ educators; and our Web site, www.aarp.org. AARP Foundation is our affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. We have staffed offices in all 50 states, the district of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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wage, they only watch and observe and she's angry for not being given the same opportunity. As they rise above her and are given higher wages for the same work. She is held back, as they make up laws and negotiate those she doesn't believe in.

She fantasizes about shattering them, but knows this would be wrong. So she falls back and regains the status of being submissive and remains loyal as she is sub-

jected to their degradation. She is a woman and always will be treated as such. Even if she is more talented or intelligent, she will be forced to hush. To not say a word against her so called superiors, although they are ignorant to everything she knows. But still they chastise her and make her feel like less human than they are, but she is more of an intellectual than they could ever be.

Gerald James Barke

South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

SEOTS Office Hours:

M-T-W-TH-F: 8-4:30PM

Call for hour availability on the weekend, 384-7740

Focus...

Monthly
Calendar

Special Events... in April

Social Dancing

Come and learn traditional dancing. All ages are welcome! Potluck so bring a dish to pass! Randy Cornelius and folks from Oneida will show us the steps! Date and place are tentative. Please call SEOTS and look for an announcement in the Kalihwisaks or in the mail. Tentative date: Saturday, April 21st Time: 1-4PM, Place: Indian Community School, 3121 W. State Street. Any questions please call SEOTS (414) 384-7740

Doll Sock Class

Come to a creative doll making class! Date: Saturday, April 28th, Time: 1PM, Place: SEOTS, Cost: \$10

Its Your Choice Program for Teens-Reading "The Giver"

Program for enhancing reading skills, home-work help, developing leadership skills, making healthy choices and also extra-curricular activities. Incentives will be provided for attendance along with evening meals and bus tickets to attend. Date: Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26th, Time: 4PM-6PM, Place: SEOTS

Craft Class

Craft: Gustowe (Oneida man's hat) and Fan making.

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18 and 25th, Time: 6PM-8PM, Place: SEOTS, Cost: \$10 for Supplies

Cultural Heritage with Randy Cornelius

Topic: Community Cleansing-Kastihsa (Medicine Society)

Feast of our Ancestors-Corn Husk, Date: Thursday, April 12th, Time: 6PM-8PM, Place: SEOTS

Diabetes Support Group

Date: Wednesday, April 11th Time: 10:30AM-12:00PM Lunch will be served, Place: SEOTS, RSVP (414) 384-7740

Contact List for SEOTS

SEOTS Board would like the community to sign up on a contact mailing list. This would help the office to inform you of any changes and or short notices for meetings and classes etc. Please call SEOTS at (414) 384-7740.

For Your Information...

Housing Information

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

FYI-Sweat Lodge

Women's Sweat Lodge in the community is held weekly by a community member. For information call (414) 383-7072 and ask for Dona.

Attention all Community Members---

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

Jessica will also appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Information around the city

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

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

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

Domestic Violence-Milwaukee Women's Center:

(414) 272-5132/Ext. 153

Urban Circle of Voices-Milwaukee's Native American Newspaper: (414) 643-5510-Vicky Rank

Interfaith Program for the Elderly-Meals on Monday and Friday-11:30am, 631 N. 19th St.-First Friday of the month at 5PM.

Special Notice-Be sure to check your Kalihwisaks

Regular Events...

Oneida Singers

Date: Mondays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Time: 6:30PM, Place:

SEOTS - Contact person John House (414) 443-0301

Oneida Language Class

Date: Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28, Time: Beginners &

Advanced at 10:00AM

Veterans Walk-in with Rodney Pearsall-Benefits

Specialist

Date: Tuesday, April 3rd, Time: 10AM-1 PM Veteran's contact

person for Color Guard-Leon House (414) 543-1622

Circle of Healing Group Information

Please call Rodney Pearsall for registration, information, and time of meeting, Milwaukee Vets Center (414) 536-1301, Meeting will be held at SEOTS

Computer Lab

Open Daily for use (unless reserved for class)

Mairn Meeting will now be held every other month

Next MAIRN Meeting May 30th, SEOTS Board Meeting,

Date: Tuesday, April 10 and 24th, Time: 6PM

Van Trip

Date: Wednesday, April 18th, Time: Departs SEOTS at 8AM and returns by 6PM

Med Pick-up

Dates: Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18 and 25th

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

ATTENTION: The SEOTS office will no longer be open on Saturdays except for Oneida Language Classes. Beginners...9AM - Advanced...10AM

SEOTS Mission...

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

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you! Check your Kalihwisaks for SEOTS News once a month for a listing of events. The office is located at: 2778 South 35th Street. Phone: (414) 384-7740

Photos from around Milwaukee...

Cork House Gallery in Waukesha opens its doors



Photo courtesy of Debra Ushakow

Oneida tribal member Kristelle part-owner and operator of the Cork House Gallery, celebrated the opening of her art studio. Mayor Larry Nelson of Waukesha and co-owner Dara presided at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Kristelle and Dara will showcase and promote their art work along with other area artists. Long-range goal is to give individual and group art lessons.

Shawl making for all ages



Photos courtesy of Debra Ushakow

Top: Dawn and Raven Leschig work on their shawls in craft class. Right: Tammy Pitarski and Gloria Wheelock show the finished product.



Science Fair students



Photo courtesy of Debra Ushakow

Above, students from the Indian Community School in Milwaukee who competed in the school Science Fair. Two Oneida students were selected to attend the National American Indian Science Fair in March.

ATTENTION:
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Cultural classes are also taught monthly via teleconference to Oneida tribal members in the southeastern area.

An Invitation to the Oneida Community

Sovereign Immunity what does this mean in terms of tribes?

A Scholarly Review by BJ Jones

on Thursday, April 5th, 2007 at the Radisson Inn from 1:30 - 4:30

Indian tribes, like state and federal governments, have immunity from lawsuits meaning that in general they cannot be sued in either state, federal or tribal courts. This means that if a Tribe breaches a contract or one of its employees injures another person the Tribe itself cannot be sued for these actions. Congress and individual Tribes can waive the Tribe's immunity from suit, but the waiver must be clear and unambiguous. Many Indian tribes have opted to pass laws waiving immunity in certain situations, such as when the Tribe has insurance to cover an incident, to permit lawsuits against the Tribe in the Tribal Court only. Tribes have done this out of concern over the negative publicity when someone has been injured on tribal property due to negligence and to provide an option for employees of the Tribe when their rights have been violated.

BJ Jones will discuss sovereign immunity and the policy choices Tribes make when deciding whether to waive the immunity of the Tribe and to give Tribal Courts jurisdiction over the Tribe. Judge Jones is the Chief Judge for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Courts in South Dakota and the Chief Justice for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Courts. He also directs the Tribal Judicial Institute at the University of North Dakota School of Law where he teaches various courses on Federal Indian Law. In his judicial capacity he has dealt with numerous cases involving sovereign immunity and has tried to balance the need for tribal assets to be protected from suit against the right of individual tribal members to obtain some relief against tribal government when their rights have been violated.

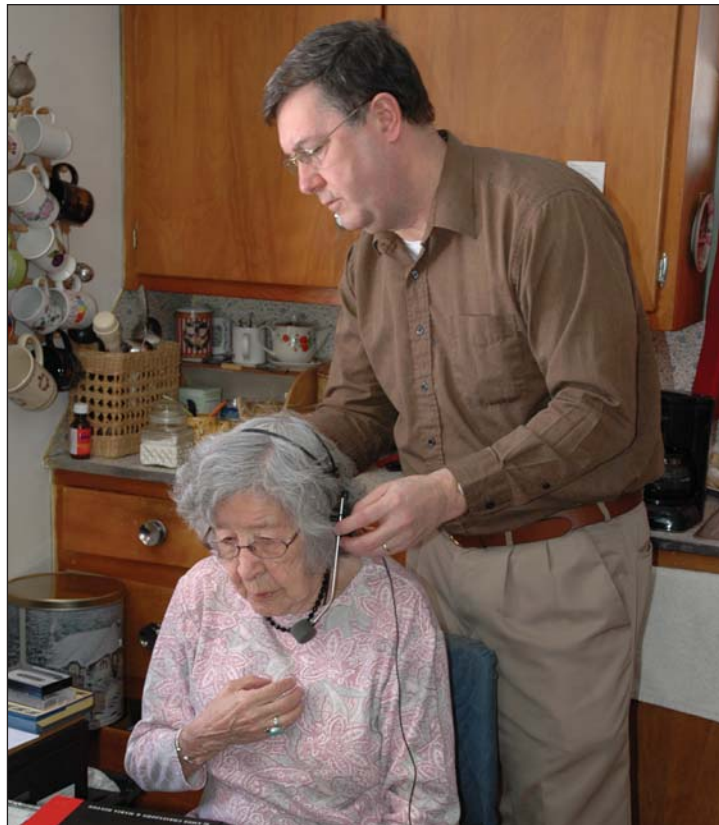
Calling all snow snake throwers



Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

The Cultural Heritage House and the Language House challenged each other to a game of atla.w[^]nt or snow snake on Thursday, March 8 at the Cultural Center. The Cultural Heritage House won the spirited contest 2-1. Mike King, of the Language House, is shown throwing his snake down the track that stretched well over 100 yards. The snake is a piece of wood that is six feet long and thrown down a track about four feet in height. The furthest snake thrown earned the point.

Oneida Dictionary online



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski
Cliff Abbot helps Maria Hinton put on her microphone for recording.

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

Maria Hinton and Cliff Abbott sat across from each other in Hinton's kitchen on a sunny Monday morning. A digital audio recorder laid on the kitchen table

"It is snowing," Abbott read from his dog-eared copy of the Oneida Dictionary.

"Yota?kalteni," Hinton replied reading the Oneida translation.

The two have been meeting Mondays for about a year recording Oneida phrases from the dictionary Abbott, Hinton and her late brother Amos Christjohn developed.

Later, Abbott, a linguist from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, will use the digital recording of Hinton's voice to create sound files that will match the printed entries, and will be available on a website for people to read and hear the Oneida language.

"We feel that people can learn the language better and quicker if my voice is with it," said Hinton who is one of a handful of elders fluent in the Oneida language.

The website was launched a couple of months ago, however it's still being developed.

"It's only partially done, there are several hundred, at this point, sound files that are in it, most recently from the beginning of the dictionary, so we've got a lot more work, but Maria says she's willing to keep at it," said Abbott.

Visitors to the website can download a document on Oneida grammar and use the online dictionary to translate English words into Oneida.

"I'm hoping that they'll have one more tool available for learning the language," said Abbott who's been studying the Oneida language for the past 30 years.

Hinton hopes that people will use the site to develop and improve their Oneida speaking skills.

"Hopefully, it will work. Well, I'm just trying real hard so that we can get it done," she said.

The website can be found at www.uwgb.edu/oneida

The Oneida Language Revitalization Project also has Oneida language lessons available. Go to www.oneida-nation.org and look under "departments" for the link.

WE'RE BUILDING MORE THAN ROADS

Tribal Transportation Conference

April 23 – 25, 2007

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

2040 Airport Drive • Green Bay, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Frank Busalacchi, Secretary
Ruben Anthony Jr., Deputy Secretary



Conference Mission

This is a unique opportunity for the state, Tribal, and federal professionals to increase their skills in understanding the government-to-government relationships between the Tribes of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. We come together in a cooperative spirit using the ongoing exchange of ideas to build new friendships and new bridges between governments and service agencies. It is our mission to send attendees home with a deeper understanding of how to provide culturally appropriate services in tribal communities.

Who Should Attend?

- ☐ Tribally-elected government officials
- ☐ Elected government officials
- ☐ Tribal environment, transportation, and planning staff
- ☐ American Indian-owned businesses
- ☐ WisDOT administrators & employees
- ☐ Industry contractors & consultants

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Conference Overview

PRE-CONFERENCE RECEPTION –
Sponsored by Oneida Nation
Monday, April 23rd, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TRACK ONE: *Heritage Preservation & Cultural Resources.* Successful collaboration between agencies and Tribes in heritage preservation and cultural resources.

TRACK TWO: *Indian Business and Economic Development.* Information targeted towards Indian-owned businesses on DBE/MBE certification, general business management and working with WisDOT.

TRACK THREE: *Transportation and Transit.* Looking at ways to merge state, federal, and Tribal/BIA programs into effective collaborations for Tribal government.

General Discussions:

Opportunities for networking and discussion with other state DOT Tribal liaisons on best practices and current work in their state.

Speakers:

- ☐ Steve Kagen, Congressman, WI 8th Congressional District
- ☐ Frank Busalacchi, WisDOT Secretary
- ☐ David Lester, Council of Energy Resource Tribes
- ☐ Oren Lyons, Onondaga Nation

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Gwen S. Carr, Tribal Liaison
gwen.carr@dot.state.wi.us

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation



T' Thunderhawk

Field trip teaches of Oneida doctor

By Garrett Miller

ONHS Sophomore

On Monday, March 12, about 50 ONHS students went to the Oneida Long House. We had a short social dance and then a handshake ceremony.

The real purpose for our trip, though, was to see a play based on the life of Dr. Rosa Minoka-Hill. The play is a one-woman play performed by Carol Smart, Dr. Hill's granddaughter. In the play, Smart pretends to be her grandmother. She tells her life story about being a doctor. In one story, she tells of carrying a thirty-two pound bag of doctor tools and medicine. It was hard to carry, because Dr. Hill was a small woman. She also tells of the difficulty of



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Carol Smart performs for students at Longhouse.

doctoring without a car. Dr. Hill got around the old fashioned way, with a horse and buggy or she walked.

It was gorgeous day to be at the Long House, but it was pretty muddy.

In the afternoon, students got to see the house where Dr. Hill practiced. Today, it is a modern-looking brick house across from the Health Center. But back then it was a log cabin.

Dr. Rosa Minoka-Hill

By Allison Bailey

ONHS sophomore

In the 1800's up to the 1900's, Dr. Rosa Minoka-Hill was the second Native American female doctor in the United States. She was born on the New York St. Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation in 1876. Soon after her mother gave birth to her, she passed away.

When her family thought they would have to raise her, a Quaker doctor from Philadelphia named Joshua Allen, adopted her when she was about 5 yrs. old.

The name Rosa comes from him. He said, "She looks more like a rose than a lily." Soon after being adopted, she was placed in the Grahame Institute for girls, owned by Allen's sister in Philadelphia.

After she graduated from high school in 1895, she went

to the Catholic convent in Quebec, Canada to study French. She had thoughts of being a nurse but Allen thought that she should become a physician. Later on she got her medical doctorate degree after she graduated from college.

She got married and moved to Wisconsin.

For forty years, she owned a "kitchen clinic" in which she would accept food and house work in exchange for medical needs.

She was beloved by her clients and others who needed her assistance. Although she went through tough times with her husband passing away and being the only doctor in the area, she opened a boarding school for poor Native American youth. For that, she received several rewards in honor for what she's done.

Lenita takes photo to state

By Crystal Metoxen

Senior ONHS

ONHS senior Lenita Cornelius's picture went to the Youth Art Month Show that was held at the Wisconsin State Capitol building on Friday, March 9, 2007.

Lenita took a picture of her daughter Caliana Gutierrez and Daniel Gutierrez, Caliana's dad, sleeping.

What might the best part about the picture is that Lenita made that picture herself in the dark room across the street at the Turtle School for photography class. She liked it so much, she said, that she decided to put it in an art show.

According to ONHS art instructor, Becky Anderson, Lenita's work was put in the regional show. But only a few regional entries are sent on to the capitol rotunda show.

"So, for Lenita's work to be selected for the rotunda show is really quite an honor," Anderson said. As part of the recognition, Lenita received a certificate for her work.

On Friday, March 9, all of Anderson's art classes took a field trip down to Madison to see the show, especially Lenita's work. The ONHS students on the trip agreed that the show was great. They enjoyed looking at everybody

else's work "All of the art looked great," said one student. "A lot of people are very talented."

This is not the first time Anderson's students have made it to state with their artwork. Other students have entered previous shows and got really far in them. Last year, brothers Joseph Christjohn, ONHS junior, and John Christjohn, senior, both

got their work in art shows. One of Joseph's art work is being put in a museum. John had a piece that also made it to the capitol rotunda show.

Anderson said that there is the point where her students can become professionals if they choose. When you enter art shows you have to choose whether or not you want to sell your work if people are wanting to buy them.



THT Photo/Becky Anderson

Lenita Cornelius is shown with her the photograph she took of her daughter, Caliana, sleeping. Also, in the photo is Caliana's father Daniel Guierrez. The picture was displayed in the capital rotunda.

Womens History Month

by Racheal Ninham

ONHS Junior

Georgia O'Keeffe was born in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin on November 15, 1887.

She graduated from the Chatham Protestant Episcopal Institute in Williamsburg, Va. in 1904. She studied art at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Art Students League in New York.

According to many art experts, O'Keeffe's artistic brilliance revolutionized art in both her time and in the pre-

sent.

In her paintings, she vividly portrayed the power and emotion of objects of nature. This was first seen in her charcoal drawings of flower bud-like forms exhibited in 1916. These first brought her fame.

Then, during the 1920's, O'Keeffe explored her natural themes in her magnified paintings of flowers which to this day enchant people.

After 98 years she passed away.

New high school?

By Amanda Skenandore

ONHS Senior

The Oneida Business Committee is deciding on building a new ONHS (Oneida Nation High School). There have been community meetings to discuss the project and inform the public. An architectural firm has been hired to help with the planning. A group of leaders from the Oneida Nation including some school personnel meet regularly to move the project along.

What do ONHS students think of the project?

One of the questions is where would they built it? Several students suggested that the new high school next to the Turtle School, on the

gravel area where we have our annual homecoming bonfire every year.

But there are also questions about the project.

Junior Brett Metoxen said "I don't think there will be a new school, that's my input."

Some other students said, "By the time they get done thinking of where to put the new high school, I'll be either graduating or be out of high school."

So, to some, it doesn't matter where they build the new high school.

Maybe for the little ones it does. But for now we will wait and see where they'll build it.

Spring Sports Are in the Air

By Cameron Stevens

ONHS Senior

Spring sports are right around the corner.

When the ONHS returns from spring break on Monday, March 26, we will start all our spring sports. We'll be participating in track, baseball and golf.

The golf team this year looks a little small in numbers and we don't have a player who is a lock to advance into the playoffs at the end of the season. The last six years, our team had some really good players that went far into the golf season, though we've never had a player make it past sectionals. The best player this year will likely be Brian Denny, a sophomore.

Athletic director and golf coach Lance Kelley says that he's looking for two players to "step up to the plate-Denny and Cameron Stevens."

Golf starts on Wednesday, March 28, with a meeting in Kelley's room. The team's first competition is against Lena.

"Hopefully, the snow stays gone," said Kelley.

High school students get jump on college courses

By Brian Denny

ONHS Sophomore

The Partners in Education Program of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is a way for juniors to get an early start on college classes. Along with that, you can also get a job while taking your classes.

You get to choose from several opportunities. Some of the jobs you get to choose from are auto technology, welding, cabinetry, some designing classes, business, and printing service.

The classes are held at NWTC. You take the classes in the afternoon or, if you're not in classes, you get to go to your job. Some students actually go to work for the Oneida Tribe. You get paid at the minimum wage.

This program is for students who want the opportunity to go to college and are planning on going to college when they graduate from high school.

But when you apply online and send it in you're battling against as many as two hundred other students in different areas.

In order to qualify, you have to submit a copy of your school transcript, including attendance records. You also have to include an essay up to 250 words on why you want to participate in the program. Your parents or guardians also have to say why you should be allowed to participate.

My Scoop

Stress on teens

By Raeanne Skenandore
ONHS junior

Now a days there is so much stress on teens that they aren't able to be kids. People our age should learn to enjoy life.

People say that we have the rest of our lives to work. They don't understand that college's want to see how much we can get done and still do a good job. We have to worry about doing great in school to get into college. Also extra curricular activities to put on the college resume. Things like sports, clubs, work, and chores.

Another big thing teens have to deal with on top of all this is friends. The stress of trying to be the cool guy or just trying not to be a loser. Even if you are the cool kid, you see something wrong with yourself. We don't focus on all the good things we do. When the most important thing we should do is be happy with what we have and who we are.

Also no matter who you are, all teens have drama in their life. It can be from boyfriends, girlfriends, parents, friends, or people you don't even know trying to start drama.

52 percent of teens ages 12-17 are at greater risk to do drugs and try to hurt themselves because of stress. At times, there are those moments in life were everything seems to work out and you can just chill out. Then something blows up and you have to start all over again. You just keep going because eventually you know it will work out.

Times Thunderhawk

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Education

Children celebrate 50 years of Cat in the Hat

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihiwisaks

Cindy Lou Who would have been proud to see all the kids who turned out to eat green eggs and ham at the fourth annual Seussabration held at the Oneida Library on Saturday March 3rd.

The event is held to celebrate the life and literary works of Theodore Seuss Geisel. Geisel wrote many children's books under the pen name Dr. Seuss, including favorites like Green Eggs and Ham, The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, Fox and Sox, and the focus of this year's Seussabration, Cat in the Hat.

Cat in the Hat turned 50 years old in 2007 and marked another of many milestones that Dr. Seuss has achieved in children's literature. It is the number nine top-selling childrens hardcover book and joins Green Eggs and Ham, which sits at the number four spot, four other books by Dr. Seuss round out the top 20.

According to Kimberly Pelkey, coordinator of the event, the Seussabration is held during the first weekend in March in honor of Dr.

Seuss' birthday on March 2.

"We started four years ago with the Seuss-centennial which was the hundredth birthday of Dr. Seuss and now this year we a focusing on 50 years of Cat in the Hat," Pelkey said.

The children present for the event were treated to a breakfast consisting of some of Dr. Seuss' favorites.

"We serve green eggs and ham in honor of his Green Eggs and Ham book and pink ink like the Zinc's drink and truffle-a-fruit syrup on our pancakes and we just try to Seuss theme everything," Pelkey explained.

The kids also were encouraged to read books, complete worksheets and join in the listening sessions by guest readers. For their efforts, the children earned rewards and in turn could redeem those rewards for prizes.

Pelkey explains, "This year our newest thing is the Seuss Store. They're earning little tickets called Seussadeuce Sou and then they can, by doing activities, reading stories to others, making sentences out of words from Cat in the Hat...they can earn



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Children at this years Seussabration take in a story read by Kimberly Pelkey at the Oneida Museum.

more prizes out of our Seuss Store."

Theodore Seuss Geisel died in 1991 at the age of 87.

He wrote over 50 books under the pen name Dr. Seuss and another 13 books under his other pen name Theo Lesieg.

NARCH offers internships

Now accepting applications for Summer Internships throughout the 3 State area: Michigan, Minnesota & Wisconsin

April 12-14 Wisconsin Indian Education Association Conference in Lac Du Flambeau Lake of the Torches Casino/Resort, 6th grade & up

June 17-22 University of Stevens Point Wisconsin Youth Conference on

Campus, grades 9-12

July 15-21 University of Wisconsin Milwaukee American Indian Science Scholars Week on Campus grades 10-12

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For more information contact the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Office at **1-800-472-7207** or visit <http://www.glitc.org/narch>

Ted Scripps Fellowship extends deadline

The deadline for the Ted Scripps Fellowships in Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado at Boulder has been extended to March 26. The fellowship includes a nine-month stipend of \$46,000 to study environmental issues at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. Fellows will take classes, attend special seminars, take field trips, and engage in independent study at a university renowned for its environmental science and policy studies. Applications are being accepted for the 2007-2008 academic year from U.S. journalists working in print or broadcast with a minimum of five years full-time experience. Reporters, editors, producers and freelancers are welcome to apply. The Boulder Valley is home to more than 300 Ph.D.s working in environmental studies and to several major federal laboratories engaged in research in environmental science, making the region an especially rich resource for learning. For more information and an application, visit: <http://www.colorado.edu/journalism/cej>. Or contact: Center for Environmental Journalism, University of Colorado at Boulder at (303) 492-4114 or cej@colorado.edu.

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Oneida Higher Education
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Oneida Head Start...

Is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year.

We will be holding a registration week April 2 - April 5, 2007 Please bring your child's...**Birth Certificate, Tribal Enrollment, immunization records and the parents household income.**

Our goal is to service low-income families and children with special needs. **Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2007.** You are welcome to stop by our Three Sisters or Norbert Hill Center Sites and pick up an application or call and we will mail one to you.

We Offer...

- Free Preschool
- Creative Curriculum
- Family Fun Night
- Parent Education
- Transportation (for those on route)
- Family Literacy
- USDA Approved Meals
- Oneida Language Curriculum
- Family Goal Setting

Scholarship Opportunities

Native American Graduate

Education at Purdue University

A new Alfred P. Sloan Foundation program to support Native American graduate education in the STEM disciplines has been initiated at Purdue University. This program is the result of a faculty, staff, and Native American graduate student initiative "the Tecumseh Project" to increase the number of Native American students on Purdue's campus. Several faculty and staff from the Colleges of Science, Agriculture, Education, Liberal Arts and the Graduate School have been meeting since 2005 to explore ways to improve the cultural environment and financial support for Native Americans. Since there is a successful Sloan Foundation program for minority graduate students in Chemistry, we felt it was worth preparing a proposal to support Native American graduate education. That proposal was approved by the Sloan Foundation in December, 2006, with funding to begin January 1, 2007.

Starting this spring semester Native American students entering Masters and PhD programs in the STEM disciplines can qualify to receive a stipend directly from the Sloan Foundation. Current MS students at Purdue qualify for the program if they decide to enter a PhD program. Qualified Master's students receive a total stipend of

\$31,100 and PhD students receive \$38,500. While we are expected to recruit 4 MS and 2 PhD students in 2007, there is no upper limit on the number that could receive a Sloan stipend. Additional resources will be provided for the student's graduate program by Colleges and Departments at Purdue University.

Native American students interested in Graduate Study should contact any of the individuals below to discuss the program in more detail. We will be recruiting for Native American Students at various places this spring. Let us know if you have questions concerning the program.

❑ **George Parker**
Department of Forestry and Natural Resources
Phone: 920-494-3602
Email: gparker@purdue.edu

❑ **Ken Ridgeway**
Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Phone: 920-494-3269
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❑ **Dwight Lewis**
Graduate School
Phone: 920-494-3232
Email: delewis@purdue.edu

❑ **Mark Smith**
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Phone: 920-494-3539
Email: mjt@purdue.edu

Cornell University Summer College

Cornell University Summer College is offering several partial scholarships to deserving high school juniors who could not otherwise attend Summer College six-week program. Aid is awarded in the basis of need, academic achievement, and availability of funds. We can only award to students accepted to our program and who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S., Canada, or Mexico.

Summer College offers talented high schools students the opportunity to:

- Experience college life,
- Take real university courses,
- Study with renowned Cornell faculty,
- Earn college credit,
- Explore majors and career options,
- Live on the beautiful Cornell campus,
- Make friends from around the world, and much more.

Students also can take advantage of special workshops that emphasize college study skills and demystify the college application process.

If you think you might be eligible for financial aid and would like to apply, please have your parents or guardians complete and return to us the 2007 Family Financial Aid Form (found on our Web site or by calling us) together with the required financial documents and your other admissions materials. Decisions are made soon after we've received all these materials. **No financial aid applications will be processed after April 6.** Admissions decisions are made independently of financial-aid decisions; an application for financial aid has no bearing on your Summer College admissions status.

For more information, see your guidance counselor or contact:

Cornell University Summer College, B20 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-20801
T: 607-255-6203
F: 607-255-6665
E: summer_college@cornell.edu
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Use your HEAD to get ahead...

The future is coming! Don't be stuck in a rut, use your HEAD (Higher Education And Drive) to get the career that you want. If you can supply the drive, we can help to supply the higher education. Come to one of the information sessions and learn how tribal members can receive funding to attend college or technical school. Use your HEAD to get ahead!

March

Wednesday • March 28, 2007, 11A.M.-2 P.M.
Airview Employee Services Bldg.
2491 Babcock Rd., Green Bay

April

Thursday • April 12, 2007, 5 - 7 P.M.
Community Education Center
2632 Packerland Drive, Green Bay

Tuesday • April 24, 2007, 11A.M.-2 P.M.
West Conference Room • Main Casino
2100 Airport Drive, Green Bay

May

Tuesday • May 8, 2007, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.
Conference Room • Mason St. Casino
2632 Packerland Drive, Green Bay

Thursday • May 24, 2007, 11A.M.-2 P.M.
Irene Moore Activity Center
2100 Airport Drive, Green Bay

Sandwiches, chips, & soda provided!

** One door prize per session (\$25 gas coupon) **

All participants are eligible for a Grand Prize Drawing to win a DVD player!

Call for more details:

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Head Start Family Income Guidelines ~ 2007

Poverty Guidelines for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia

1.....	\$10,210
2.....	\$13,690
3.....	\$17,170
4.....	\$20,650
5.....	\$24,130
6.....	\$27,610
7.....	\$31,090
8.....	\$34,570

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,480 for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above.)

If you are not sure if your household meets the income guidelines, please call Lisa Aho at **(920) 869-4369** or **1-800-236-2214**. Full consideration will be given to applications received before May 31, 2007.



Family Fun Night included education about “How to be prepared”

Special to Kalihwisaks

If you recently attended the Second Annual “Family Fun Night” on Valentines Day at the Turtle School, you may not only have had a great time, but may have also received some very useful information. Oneida Community Health Department, in conjunction with the Bioterrorism Grant Coordinator from the Brown County Health Department, had a booth set up with examples of supplies to have on hand in case of a public health emergency. In addition, “preparedness back packs” were raffled off to five lucky individuals to get them started with becoming more prepared. Since 9-11-2001, with the destruction of the Twin Towers, public health agencies across the country have been working diligently to become more prepared for such events.

Well, you may ask, “Just what exactly is a public health emergency?” In Wisconsin, public health emergencies could include natural disasters such as storms, blizzards, flash floods or tornadoes. Biological, chemical, or radiological threats could also turn into emergencies. A biological threat may include the deliberate or accidental release of germs or other biological agents that can make you sick. This may be an influenza outbreak or a pandemic influenza such as the “bird flu” you may have been hearing about. Any communicable disease outbreak could also be considered a biological threat. A chemical threat is the deliberate or accidental release of a toxic gas, liquid or solid that can poison people and the environment. A radiological threat may include an emergency at a nuclear power plant, the use

of a small nuclear weapon, or the setting off of a “dirty bomb.”

Is your family prepared?

There are several things you can do to become more prepared to handle an emergency situation. The following recommendations were taken from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services Division of Public Health’s Public Health Emergencies, Your preparedness guide (<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/preparedness>):

1. Learn how and where to get information in an emergency. Have at least one battery operated radio in case of a power failure.
2. Be sure that your family’s immunizations are up to date. If you are unsure, check with your medical provider.
3. Do not immediately leave home if there is an emergency. Sometimes it is safer to stay where you are. Listen to the radio or television for instructions.
4. You may want to store emergency supplies such as food, water, pet supplies, and medicines in your home. Oneida Community Health Department has a suggested list of items to keep on hand.
5. Have a plan for your family in the event of an evacu-

ation. Designate a meeting place and discuss what family members or friends should be notified. Know who will pick up children at school or daycare.

6. Familiarize yourself with school or daycare emergency procedures. Know where the children will be taken in an emergency.
7. Be alert for environmental or fire hazards around your property.
8. Every adult in your house should know how to turn off electricity, water and gas in an emergency.
9. Take a CPR and first-aid class so you know what to do in an emergency.
10. Recognize your personal responsibility in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, both for yourself and as an example for children and other loved ones. If excessive smoking, drinking or eating are keeping you from full participating in life, perhaps now is the time to turn over a new leaf.

These are just a few things you can do to become more prepared.

For more information or additional resources contact Oneida Community Health Department or visit the Spring Fling at Oneida Community Health Center on April 4, 2007.

Health Topic: Getting the most from your doctor visit

Submitted by Patricia Kohlman

Oneida Community Health Center
Administrative Assistant

On March 20, the Oneida Community Health Center will sponsor the second in a series of “Health Topics.” Dr. Edward Szabo, OCHC Family Practitioner, will present “Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor Visit” at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room.

Some of the items Dr. Szabo will cover are: “Your Health Decisions,” “Come Prepared,” and “Leave Satisfied.” He will also cover health maintenance issues that should be common knowledge to all. A surprise short skit with Tim Moureau, Diabetic NP, will lead into the wrap up and close with questions.

Dr. Szabo started at the Health Center in October 2006 and works directly with the diabetic team. He is a 1991 graduate from the Wisconsin Medical College and did his internship with the United States Air Force in Fort Worth, Texas from 1991-1992.

Earlier this year, Dr. Ravi Vir, OCHC Medical Director, delivered a presentation on the heart at the Community Informational meeting. Dr. Vir stressed that



Dr. Edward Szabo

by doing simple things one can contribute to their own heart’s health. Simple things like exercising and losing weight. “Exercise does not have to be fancy,” Dr. Vir stated. Remember, a simple daily walk can help the heart.

Patients can invest in their own health with accurate information. In order to bring information to the community, the Health Center providers will cover health topics each a month. In April, Tim Moureau will talk on “Diabetes and You.”

Make plans now to attend the second health topic “Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor Visit” Tuesday evening March 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Conference room at the Oneida Community Health Center. Refreshments will be served.

Dates set for April distribution of new Diabetic meter

Special to Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Community Health Center has begun the switch to a new diabetic meter 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)

New meter pick up dates for April are as follows:

Monday, April 23rd

~ 12:30 A.M. – 6:00P.M.

Tuesday, April 24th

~ 7:00 A.M. – 6:00P.M.

Wednesday, April 25th

~ 7:00 A.M. – 12:00P.M.

Education Sessions will be held every 30 minutes.

Please visit the Diabetic Team at the Oneida Community Health Center in



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Above is the new Accu-chek Avica diabetic meter that is currently being distributed to all diabetic patients.

the Main Conference Room.

Old meters will eventually be phased out completely. Patients are asked to 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 the meter will be donated to those less fortunate.

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

Hop to it by eating right and being physically active during Nutrition Month

With Spring right around the corner, now is the perfect time to motivate yourself to become physically active and eat healthier foods with the end result of a healthier you.

“Good nutrition is vital to good health,” said Dr. Sheri Johnson, State Health Officer for the Department of Health and Family Services. “In order to foster good health, we need to create healthy communities where we live, work, learn and play.”

Here’s how it can be done:

- Choose foods that are healthy. The food choices you make today and everyday affect your health and how you feel now and in the future. Choose fruits and vegetables, whole-grains, low-fat dairy products, and lean meats and fish. Visit MyPyramid (<http://www.mypyramid.gov/>) for a food pyramid that is personalized to your lifestyle with food choices that work for you.
- Keep moving. Regular physical activity is important for your overall health and fitness. It helps control body weight, promotes a feeling of well-being and reduces the risk of chronic diseases. Adults should try to get at least 30 minutes and children at least 60 minutes of physical activity five or more days each week.
- Get healthy at the office. Changes in the work environment may include labeling healthy choices in the cafeteria, providing healthier food choices in vending machines and providing flexible time for staff to be active during the day.
- Nurture health and wellness at school. Schools play a critical role in promoting student health, preventing childhood obesity, and combating problems associated with

poor nutrition and physical inactivity. Students, teachers, administrators and families can use the Governor’s School Health Award (<http://www.school-healthaward.wi.gov/>) criteria to advocate for wellness policies to improve food and beverage choices and increase the opportunities for physical activity.

- Play it safe with food. Prepare, handle and store food properly to keep you and your family safe.

“An investment in a healthier lifestyle can improve your quality of life now and into the future. As an added benefit, it can also lessen health care costs and reduce missed days at work for you and your family,” said Dr. Johnson.

By eating right and exercising, a person reduces their risk of many diseases and conditions such as heart disease, stroke, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, sleep apnea, reproductive problems, and some cancers.

Learn more by visiting: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/physicalactivity/index.htm>

Local Boy Scout organizes blood drive

By StevenJ. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

Rising to the rank of an Eagle Scout is not an easy task for the Boy Scout that is attempting it. He must complete an Eagle Project successfully before the promotion is given.

Brent Cornelius is one of those Scouts that made the attempt by organizing the most recent blood drive at Oneida Family Fitness Center in conjunction with the American Red Cross.

Cornelius said that he has spent about a month planning for the blood drive.

“I had to coordinate it with the Red Cross, and I had to coordinate it with the Fitness Center...and then there was Dawn (Krines-Glatt), and she kind of usually does this so I had to talk to her to make sure I could do it,” Cornelius explained.



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Brandon Cooper takes time out of his day to donate blood. He is being tended to by Diane Kuse a Registered Nurse with the Red Cross.

According to Dave Liethen, a Donor Recruitment Representative for the American Red Cross, there were 31 good units from the 36 collected and of the community members that donated, 21 were first time donors.

The next blood drive is scheduled for Friday May 4 at Oneida Family Fitness Center.



“TAKE THE FIRST STEP” SPRING FLING 2007 HEALTH EDUCATION FAIR

**OPEN to Community Members,
Tribal Employees and Their Families!**

**LOCATION: ONEIDA Community Health Center
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DATE: Wednesday, April 4TH

TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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*Healthy food and refreshments
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Good News



New Arrivals

If you have a birth announcement, please send it to the Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920) 869-4280 for more information. There is NO CHARGE for birth announcements. 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!



Kyah Rae Stitman

Kyah Rae Stitman was born to proud parents Regina Rae Summers & Patrick L Stitman on Feb. 28th 2007 at 12:22p.m. She weighed 9lbs 8ozs, and was 19 inches.

Her grandparents are Sharon &, Butch Summers & Kathy Stitman.

Her maternal great-grandparents are Arlene & Allen Pamanet & Richard & Marlene Summers. Her paternal great-grandmother is Edna Kelly.



Aubrey Lynn Stevens



Aubrey Lynn Stevens was born to proud parents Paul and Kelly Stevens, on February 2, 2007 at 5:57 p.m. at Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, Georgia. Baby Aubrey weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 18 in. long.

The proud paternal grandparents are Kelly Sr. & Shelly Stevens, Terry Lee Blackowl & Greg Moore; Great-grandma Charlene Cornelius and Marjorie Stevens; Great-Grandpa Ernest Stevens, Sr., and the late Patricia Stevens; and Great-great-Grandma Maria Hinton, all of Oneida, WI.

The proud maternal grandparents are Margie and the late Steven Harvey Marcks of Black Creek, WI. Maternal Great-Grandma the late Eileen and Francis Huettl of Seymour, WI and the late Jeanette and Harvey Marcks of Black Creek, WI.

Happy 3rd Birthday

to our beautiful baby girl
Jossalyn Metoxen



We love you,
Mama, Daddy, & Lohati-yo

Happy 10th Birthday

to my baby
Dante



Love Mom, Pedro,
Devonte, Grandma,
Auntie Dawn & Uncle
Chris, Uncle Jeff, and
Dexi!

Happy Birthday

Baylee says
"Have a happy birthday
and be sure to drop some
cake by me"



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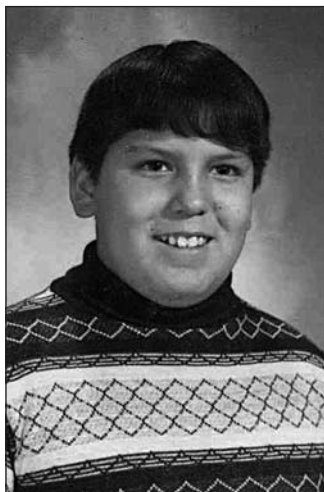
Happy Birthday

If you can identify this
"Little Cute Lad" today
wish him a very happy
80th birthday



Happy 39th Birthday

**Lordy, Lordy
look who's 39**



Happy Birthday, Dad!
Love Son Douglas and
Wife Chris

Happy 26th Birthday

Fawn Hill

Enjoy your birthday ~
March 17th

Our prayers for a happy
& healthy year ~ You're
the best mom, daughter,
granddaughter, auntie &
cousin



Love, Your daughter
Deja, Mom, Gramma
Josefa, Grandpa Warren
and family

Happy 20th Birthday

to...

Krysta Klimmek

March 14th is your
special day
Our prayers for a
good year

Love...

Mom, Yvette, Mark,
Louis & Henry,
Gramma Josefa,
Grandpa Warren &
Family

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**Oneida
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Click on
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with a

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Questions, please call:
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Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

April Calender of Events

Animal Stories for Preschoolers Oh, There's an Otter: Monday, April 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. and again Monday, April 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

Children and their families can learn about otter during Animal Stories for Preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the stories "otter play" by Nancy Luenn and "otters under water" by Jim Arnosky. After the story, the youngsters will participate in a fun craft project. Cost is \$2.00 pre Green Bay resident or friend member and \$3.00 pre non resident. Pre registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

Trail Fitness Walk: Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 12:00p.m.

It's time to get out into the spring air! A Sanctuary Naturalist will lead this 45minute brisk hike on uneven terrain. Please come dressed for the weather and bring your hiking shoes. Cost for all four sessions is \$10.00 pre Green Bay resident or friend member and \$15.00 pre non -resident. Pre registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671 Space is limited.

Easter Events: Hop over to the Sanctuary Saturday, April 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m.

Children and their families can enjoy a morning full of fun activities including making a decorative bag for collecting Easter eggs, coloring

pictures, refreshments and of course, an egg hunt. Admission is \$2 per Green Bay resident and Friends member and \$15 for non-resident. This event is designed for children ages 3-8 years old. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671. **Space is limited.** **Annual Crane Count:** Saturday, April 14, 2007 at sunrise

Every year, Wisconsin volunteers enjoy a morning in the outdoors listening for Sandhill cranes. If you are interested in participating in this annual event, please contact Mark at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary at (920) 391-3678. Volunteers will be assigned designated areas throughout Brown County. This event is free and open to the public.

Spring Bird Walk: The birds are chirping! Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 6:30 a.m. and Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 6:30 a.m.

Spring is here, which means you'll hear a lot more chirping at the Sanctuary. It's a great time of the year to come out to view a variety of Wisconsin birds. This event is free and open to the public. Meet at the parking lot by the Sanctuary Director's house. Bring binoculars and a field guide and come dressed for the weather.

Visit the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Wed site at www.baybeachwildlife.com.

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Spring Turkey Season



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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.

If you have questions, please contact the Oneida

Conservation Department at (920) 869-1450.

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Legal Notice

Oneida Appeals Commission
Original Hearing Body Notice of Complaints Filed and Scheduled Hearings
RE: Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin vs Various Individuals
A diligent attempt was made to notify the following individuals of claim(s) filed by the Oneida Tribe for judgment against them, on January 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. and on December 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Oneida Appeals Commission Office at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite # 1.
Kuchta, Charlene, 07-TC-001; Fox, Pete, 06-TC-117; Laabs, Joyce, 06-TC-119; Pohan, Elizabeth, 06-TC-120; Stevens, Craig, 06-TC-124; Thomson, Rose & Harvey, 06-TC-125; Wallenfang, 06-TC-126; Schuyler, 06-TC-080; Skenandore, William, 06-TC-102; Vandehei, Frank & Amy, 06-TC-103; Siebers, Kim, 06-TC-104; Newbanks, Kathryn, 06-TC-105; John, Danny, 06-TC-106;
For Specific questions about this claim, settlement, or payment arrangements, please contact Diana Westcott, Central Accounting Department at (920) 490-3556. If you have questions on the process, feel free to contact the Clerk or Administrator, Oneida Appeals Commission Office at (920) 496-5300.

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

Public Hearing

Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice
Pardons - A pardon is a formal and public act of forgiveness of a crime. The pardon is available to tribal members only and is effective within the Oneida Tribal employment system.
When: Thursday, March 22, 2007
Where: Business Committee Conference Room (BCCR)
Time: 10:00AM
Public Hearing Process
I. Registration
All pardon petitioners must register witnesses twenty-four (24) hours prior to the public hearing date by contacting Lisa Summers at 920-869-4478.
II. Testimony
A. Oral:
Each witness will be limited to 5 minutes. Witnesses who have not pre-registered will not be allowed to testify. There will be no exceptions.
B. Written:
Written testimony must be submitted on or within 5 days of the public hearing date.
C. Witnesses:
Witnesses who wish to testify against the granting of a pardon must register twenty-four (24) hours prior to the public hearing date. There will be no exceptions.
III. Petitioners
The public hearing has been set to comply with the one week notice prior to the public hearing [Oneida Pardon Ordinance 5.5-5 (c)]. The following pardon applications will be considered at the above stated pardon public hearing: June M. Czechan, Gary F. Hill, Phillip D. Jordan, Ronald D. Skenandore, Cynthia Smith & Francine Valentino.3

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Public Hearing

Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice
Purpose: Amendments to the Per Capita Ordinance to address recommendations from the Enrollment Department, including issues dealing with the amount of attachments, and how taxes and attachments are deducted from per capita payments.
When: May 1, 2007
Where: Business Committee Conference Room (BCCR)
Times: 11:30AM
Public Hearing Process
I. Testimony:
A. Oral: There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral presentations. Each participant is encouraged to provide a written transcript of his/her oral testimony, to be submitted while present at the public hearing or within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the below named individuals.
B. Written: For those

who cannot attend the scheduled public hearing or do not plan to speak at the hearing, the Oneida Tribe encourages those to submit written testimony. A maximum of ten (10) pages, doubled spaced, can be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the Tribal Secretary (Patricia Hoeft) or Peril Huff, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center, 2nd floor or mail to PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155.
If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed law or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise phuff@oneidation.org Or call **1-800-236-2214** or **869-4376**. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is **1-920-869-4399**. Copies of this law are also available on the LOC Website: www.on-loc.org

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Language Revitalization
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If you would like to order any language cassettes or CD's a printable order form is on the language lessons page, click on language tapes library. Fill out the form, send your check or money order and the form to the address shown at the top.

Coaching Vacancies

Oneida Nation High School
Asst. football coach:
The football season starts on August 6 to Mid-October with daily practices, M-F, 3:30-5:30. Other duties include, pre-season meetings, bi-weekly updates, & any other requirements and summer responsibilities. If interested, please submit a resume and letter of interest to Lance Kelley, Athletic Director, at Oneida Nation High School, by March 30th.
Head Track coach:
The season will begin April 2nd, 2007, and end in late May, 2007. Practices from 3:30-5:30, M-Fr. Other duties include, pre-season meetings, bi-weekly updates, & any other requirements. Please submit a resume and letter of interest to Lance Kelley, located at the high school, by March 28th, 2007.

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April 5 & April 19 June 7 & June 21 August 2 & August 16 October 4 & October 18 December 6 & December 20	May 3 & May 17 July 5 (Tentative/Holiday) & July 19 September 6 & September 20 November 1 & November 15
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All Meetings at 5:00 PM (Open to GTC)
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Any Questions Contact LCC Coordinator, Jennifer M. Stevens at 869-4403

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DEADLINE	PUBLISH
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!

Environmental

What is mange and how to guard against it?

By Bill Koonz
Specialist—Environmental Protection

As man continues to alter habitats and moves into areas where wild animals live, some wild species adapt to these changing environments and thrive close to humans. The cottontail rabbit is a good example of a native species thriving in our urban areas. Other species such as red foxes and coyotes that normally feed on cottontails are also adapting to human developments and are often quite at home in residential areas. Wildlife are often exciting to see but they are wild and people need to take some precautions, particularly regarding foxes and coyotes.

Mange (also called “Scabies”) is caused by a microscopic mite (Sarcoptes scabiei) that lives primarily on and in the skin of members of the dog family. Adult mites live for 3-4 weeks in the host’s skin. The mites mate on the skin’s surface, then the females burrow into the skin where they lay eggs. The eggs hatch in 3-10 days producing larvae which move about on the skin’s surface. Eventually they molt into a nymph, then adult stage, and the cycle begins again.

When the female mite burrows into the skin to lay her eggs, her presence generates an inflammatory response in the host’s skin. The motion of the mite is extremely itchy to the host and the presence of mites and their eggs generate a massive allergic response in the skin that is even more itchy. Wild animals with mange will sometimes have patches of bare skin and/or will have removed all the skin/hair on their tails. Animals severely infected may become less wary, easily approached and remain active during the day, sometimes close to human populations. When these wild animals come in contact with pets, there is a risk that pets will get infected.

If your dogs gets mange it

can be easily cured with an oral treatment of Ivermectin or the skin may be treated with anti-bacterial or anti-itch shampoos, one of several anti-mite dips. Mites causing mange prefer hairless skin so pets are most often attacked in the ears, elbows and abdomen regions. Mange is often misdiagnosed as an allergy and aggressively treated for that problem. Only after considerable cost and continued irritation may the true cause of the problem be diagnosed.

Humans are not exempt from mange infestations, so care is needed in handling dead wildlife. The mange species that infects dogs, foxes, raccoons, and coyotes is quite host specific. It can burrow into the skin of humans, but it dies there. In humans, the mite causes a welt and itchy redness that usually goes away in a few days. It may cause a secondary infection that can require medical treatment, however. There is also a species of mite that specializes on humans. This is where the term 7-year itch comes from. If you have a persistent itch and irritation, it may be mange. Treatment is readily available for human cases, but if left untreated it can result in health threatening secondary infections.

Watch for wildlife that are adapting to life in our urban areas. They can be fun and safe to enjoy, but we need to recognize that wild animals are wild and should remain that way. If we feed them, they risk gathering in large numbers where the transmission of parasites and diseases is enhanced. Sometimes feeding and assisting wildlife can result in those animals suffering from our attempts to help them. My dad always said “more animals are killed with kindness than with cruelty!”

Contact Bill Koonz at **920-496-5350** or **bkoonz@oneidation.org** for wildlife related questions.

Independent Food Service Vendors in Oneida

Submitted by Stephanie Mineau

Environmental Health Technician

Since October 2001, food sales (tamales, burritos, breads, baked items, etc) in Tribal buildings have been subject to the Oneida Food Code. At the Food Code’s start there were 10 licensed Independent Food Vendors (IFV). Currently there are 2 IFV. The Code was adopted by the Business Committee to protect and preserve the safety of the Oneida Nation citizens and others within its jurisdiction.

Why is the Code important? The Code provides standards for employee food safety knowledge, preparation, holding temperatures and contamination protection. Food sales may continue provided the vendor is a licensed Independent Food Vendor.

How to Become an Independent Food Vendor

All Independent Food Service licenses are issued as follows:

- Applicant must successfully complete the Oneida Food Handler Class. To register for class call the Environmental, Health & Safety Division at **496-5340**.
- Applicant must then apply for an annual Independent Food Vendor License through the Environmental, Health & Safety Division.
- Applicant must then reserve kitchen time at the Oneida Civic Center Kitchen by calling **869-1088** or Parish Hall **869-3092**. All food product sold to the public on a for-profit basis must be



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Rosa John, sitting at left, sells a breakfast burrito to Kathy Metoxen at the Norbert Hill Center. John is a licensed food vendor.

prepared in this approved kitchen. No other food product can be sold on tribal property.

EXCEPTIONS & EXEMPTIONS

The following food service vendors will be exempt from the requirements of this code; private rummage sales, community sponsored non-profit fundraising and/or charity events, official Tribal meetings such as GTC and food

sold on land other than tribal-owned land.

According to the Oneida Food Code: No person or persons, corporation or firm shall operate a food service establishment either permanent or temporary, or sell food as an Independent Food Vendor on Tribal property, who does not have a valid, unsuspended, unrevoked Oneida Food Vendors License issued by the Licensing Department.

Guidelines for the Oneida Food Distribution Program

Residence

Anyone living within the Oneida Reservation boundaries is eligible to receive our food package if eligibility criteria is met.

“Indian Households” living outside the Reservation but in the rural areas of Brown, Outagamie, Door, Kewaunee and Manitowoc Counties or in Green Bay are eligible to receive our food packages if eligibility criteria is met.

We cannot service anyone living in a city or town with a population of 10,000 or more other than Green Bay which we service under a waiver.

Income Guidelines

Net income limits are revised annually to reflect “cost of living” changes.

Your eligibility is determined by using 80% of gross earned income plus 100% of gross unearned income less USDA approved deductions as follows:

- Medicare Payments
- Dependent care costs of \$200.00 per child under two years old; \$175 for any other dependent PER MONTH.

*Court Ordered Support

Payments with verification of payments made.

Resource Guidelines

\$1,750 per household; including a (1) person elderly household.

\$3,000 per household of more than one, in which one (1) person is over 60 years old.

Application Procedures

Complete an application form as completely as possible. The Certification Person can assist you in this process.

The Certification Office has seven working days to process the filed application. In order to expedite this, please bring the following verification materials with you to the interview:

1. All income received in the past six weeks
2. Resources: bank accounts, cash on hand, and Stocks \$ Bonds
3. Dependent Care Costs
4. Residence/Street address
5. Tribal Enrollment if residence is outside the Reservation.
6. Court ordered support payments.
7. Medicare payments.

8. Any other verification requested by Certifier, such as custody of minors, etc.

Interview

At the interview, the Certifier will answer any questions you may have and will help you to complete the application. If no one in your household can go to the FDP office, you can assign a proxy to do this for you. Verification materials will be required.

If eligible, you can order and pick up you food. If ineligible, your Notice of Decision will explain the reason.

You cannot participate in the Food Distribution and Food Stamp Programs in the same month. This action constitutes fraud. You could be asked to pay back the food or Food Stamps. You must terminate your present program in order to switch to the other.

Insurance Hours

Monday through Thursday: 8:00am to 12:00 noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Fridays until noon only. We are closed Friday afternoon.

We are closed to issuance the last five working days of

each month

We are closed all Tribal Holidays.

Expedited Service

Commodities may be issued within one calender day, excluding weekends and holidays, after the application has been filed for the following situations:

1. Households with no income in the current month.
2. Appear to be eligible and would suffer hardship if they had to return for their food.
3. Household’s identity and address must be verified. Other verification materials may be postponed but must be completed prior to any subsequent distribution of food to the client.

Oneida Food Distribution Program (OFDP)
PO Box 365
Oneida WI 54155
Phone: **(920) 869-1041**
Fax: **(920) 869-1668**
Email: **food@oneidation.org**

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

Space is limited to 30 students

Hunter Safety Class will be held every

Monday and Wednesday, from

6:00p.m.-8:00p.m., beginning

April 2,2007 and ending on

May 2, 2007.

Classes will be held at the Oneida Police

Department, 2783 Freedom Rd., Oneida.

(Last class offered, until next January.)

To Register:

Contact the Oneida Conservation

Department at **(920) 869-1450.**

Registration Deadline: March 16, 2007.

Available Commodities for March 2007

Submitted by Nori Damrow

Oneida Food Distribution Program

Fresh Vegetables:

Soup Mix -1#, Carrots - 1# or 2#, Onions - 1# or 3#, Russet Potatoes - 3# or 5#, Red Potatoes - 3# or 5#, Cabbage - 2#, Green Peppers - 1# = 2 each, Celery - 2#, Cucumbers - 1# = 2 each

Canned Vegetables:

Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans, Carrots, Whole Kernel Corn, Cream Corn, Peas, Pumpkin, Spinach, Sliced Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce

Fresh Fruit:

Apples - 3#, 5#, Oranges - 1#,

Canned Fruit:

Apple Sauce, Fruit Cocktail, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Apricots

Juice:

Cranberry Apple, Apple, Grape, Pineapple, Orange, Tomato

Instant Potatoes
Raisins or Dried Plums

Canned Beans:

Vegetarian, Refried, Red Kidney

Dried Beans: Bags

Pinto - 2#, Lima - 2#, Great Northern - 2#, Lt. Red Kidney

5#, Grape Fruit - 5#, Pears - 1# (2 per #), Mixed Fruit - 5#

- 2#

Egg Mix

Meats:

Frozen: Chicken, Ground Beef

Canned: Chicken, Turkey, Tuna, Beef Stew, Luncheon Meat, Beef w/Natural Juices

Peanut Butter - Peanuts
Butter - Oil - Shortening

Corn Syrup
Evaporated Milk:
Dry Milk

Farina
Cheese - Block or Sliced

Pasta/Rice Group

Macaroni - 1#, Mac N Cheese

- 26 oz., Spaghetti - 2#, Rice - 2#

Oatmeal
Cornmeal & Flour

Dry Cereal:

Oat Cereal, Wheat Bran, Cornflakes, Rice

Bakery Mix
Italian Spaghetti Sauce

Soups:

Vegetable & Tomato

Egg Noodles
Unsalted Crackers

Bonus:

Cranberry Sauce 24oz.
Bison Stew

Sports/Recreation

Thunder makes it eight straight



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

The Seymour Thunder's Kahelote Cornelius (13) drives toward the basket during the first half of the WIAA Division II sectional final. The Thunder overcame a five point half-time deficit to beat Waupun by a final score of 58 - 55. The Thunder will be making its eighth straight appearance at the state finals in Madison on March 16 at 1:35pm. Television coverage will be on WACY.

Youth Baseball events coming for spring

Submitted by **Kyle Casper**

Oneida Recreation Department

Baseball Registration

The Oneida Recreation Department is now accepting registration for all Youth Baseball Programs. T-ball is for ages 5 - 6 year olds who are beginners to the game of baseball. Pee Wee is for ages 6 - 8 and uses a pitching machine to pitch to the kids. Little League is for ages 9-12 and involves pitching from the players themselves. Pony and Babe Ruth are more competitive traveling teams that play in a Green Bay Area League. The Pony League is for 13 year olds and Babe Ruth is for 14 - 15 year olds.

Players may register by filling out a registration form and return it to the Civic Center or County H facility. Forms are available on our intranet page, at both recreation facilities or by requesting a fax or interoffice. Pony and Babe Ruth registrations must be received by April 1st. T-ball, Pee Wee, and Little League registrations must be received by May 9th. There

will be no exceptions to the registration deadline. For any questions, please contact Kyle Casper at **869-1088** or Mike Wolfert at **833-0010**.

Pepsi Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run Competition

The Oneida Recreation Department will host a free Pepsi Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run competition for area youth. The competition will be held on May 4th from 3 - 6pm at the Site I Ball Diamonds.

Pitch, Hit & Run is the Official Skills competition of Major League Baseball. The grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball skills.

Competitors are divided into four age divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships at Major

League ballparks and the National Finals at the 2007 MLB All Star Game.

The individual Pitching, Hitting, and Running Champions, along with the All-Around Champion in each age group at the Local competition will be awarded and advance to the Sectional Level of competition.

All participants must bring a copy of a birth certificate and fill out a registration/waiver form prior to the start of competition. For questions concerning the competition, please contact Kyle Casper at **869-1088** or kcasper@oneidanation.org.

Baseball Coaches Needed

The Oneida Recreation Department is in need of Youth Baseball coaches for the upcoming baseball seasons. Coaches are still needed for Little League and Babe Ruth. If you are interested in helping coach for either league, please contact Kyle at **869-1088** or Mike at **833-0010**. Training will be provided for anyone interested in becoming a coach.

ONES hosts music competition



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Shy House (left) performs "Processional" with ONES choir teacher Andrea Birbilis, during the Fox Valley Northern Division Solo/Ensemble.

By **Nate Wisneski**

Kalihwisaks

Sounds of horns, pianos and drums filled the halls of the Oneida Nation Elementary School (ONES).

The ONES was home to the 12th Annual Fox Valley Northern Division Solo/Ensemble Event on Saturday, March 10.

The contest was open to students in grades five through eight who were willing to have their playing ability judged. Prizes were given to the top three finishers at each site. There were five sites within the ONES overseen by individuals with considerable band experience working with middle school students.

Ten schools participated with over 190 entries. The event benefitted the Oneida Arts Program, which coordinates activities for the elementary band and choir.

All performers were

required to play instrumentals and use no vocals.

Oneida students have been participating for the last four years with great success. This is the first year the ONES has hosted the event.

Cal Siegrist, ONES Band Director, was proud to be hosting the competition.

He said, "I don't think the outside communities are aware of what we have here with the Turtle School... in the past the competition has been held in basements of small schools and I'm glad they get to see our facilities."

Siegrist is looking forward to the positive responses expected from the outside schools.

The band director was also excited to display some of the schools amenities such as the resource center and band rooms.

Siegrist was also thankful to all the volunteers involved to make sure the event ran

smoothly.

"We had numerous staff and parents involved to help with certain things that needed to be done," said Siegrist.

Those tasks included watching doors to ensure no performances were interrupted, concessions and setup of the sites.

"We wanted to encourage and generate interest in band and develop skills of the kids," Siegrist said of the event.

Iron 5 win March Madness Tournament



Submitted Photo/Lois Stevens

Oneida Tribal member, Brandon Stevens (far left) stands with his Iron 5 team mates after their first place finish in the 8th annual HoChunk March Madness Tournament which took place March 8 - 11.

Oneida Nation High School Track team practice starts **Monday, March 27**. Meet at the Turtle School at 3:30. The first meet is the Crivitz Invitational set for **Thursday, April 27**.

Breakfast and the Bunny

Families with youth  Age 0 to 8 years old, hop into the **Civic Center** **Saturday, March 31, 2007** **8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

- Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and juice.
- Get your picture with the Easter Bunny and hunt for the best prize!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Kim at 833-0010.

Tween Easter Eggstravaganza

When: Friday, April 6, @ 9 to 11 a.m.
Where: The Civic Center

We will be having breakfast for families with youth age 9 to 12 years old. After breakfast, Tweens are invited to hunt for the biggest and best prize!!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kim Diemer at 833-0010.

January Civic Center Youth of the Month

Submitted by **Kyle Casper**

Oneida Recreation Department

Three youth were recently recognized for earning Youth of the Month Honors at the Civic Center for the month of January. Those members recognized was DJ Walking Eagle for the area of Sports & Fitness,

Raymond Danforth for the area of Social Recreation, and Diego Metoxen for the Learning Center.

Congratulations DJ, Raymond, and Diego and keep up the good work! Youth of the Month winners for February will be announced in the next issue.

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ONEIDA RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM

PROGRAM REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007 AT THE CIVIC CENTER AT 9:00 A.M.

BIG TICKET!!