



Oneida police awarded \$27,000 grant

By Phil Wisneski

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The Oneida Police Department received a County-Tribal Law Enforcement award for the calendar year 2005. The \$27,304 award was received earlier this year.

According to Oneida Chief of Police Rick Cornelius, the money is made available from the \$20 million dollars that the tribe pays the state of Wisconsin for the gaming compact.

The funding is given to all counties that have a Native American police department

within their county. Then it is up to the county on how they want to divide up the funds. Since Oneida has a good working relationship with both Brown and Outagamie county, they receive half of the award from each county.

"Some departments such as St. Croix, that tribal police department doesn't receive any of it," said Cornelius. "The sheriff's department keeps all of it."

Oneida Police Department uses the money to improve their department. In years past the department has used the funds to purchase K-9s,



Chief Rick Cornelius

their internet site, and other various equipment.

"We do rely on it quite a

bit," Cornelius said.

In a letter addressed to Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin, Peggy Lautenschlager wrote, "This is the seventeenth year that the Department of Justice has provided funding under this program. Since 1989, these grants have helped counties and tribes across the state provide a variety of law enforcement services to Native American communities."

Chief Cornelius was very grateful and thankful to receive the award.

"We are always honored,"

Cornelius said. "We are always looking for ways to improve our department and that is what we use that money for.

"We are very appreciative and thankful that we can now better serve the people in the Oneida community."

The criteria to receive the award is that eligible counties and tribes must develop cooperative programs and submit joint program plans. Resolutions passed by the Oneida Nation and the joint plan for 2005 satisfied the award criteria. set forth by the Department of Justice.

Lac du Flambeau casino to try to stay afloat

The Associated Press

LAC DU FLAMBEAU, Wis. – A northern Wisconsin Indian tribe that for years has talked about opening a casino in southern Wisconsin is now looking farther south - to the waters off the coast of Mexico.

The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa is negotiating to launch a floating casino - The Dream Catcher ship - in international waters near Cancun, said Carol Brown, an attorney for the tribe.

Four daily cruises from Cancun could begin as soon as April, in time to catch the spring break crowd, Brown said. The boat could generate at least \$3 million in annual profits for the tribe, she said.

In December, the tribe, which runs the Lake of the Torches Casino in Lac du Flambeau, completed the purchase of 93 acres of land in southwestern Wisconsin near Shullsburg to build another casino and hotel.

The tribe said it would seek state and federal approval for the casino with an attached hotel and convention center, a project estimated to cost \$80 million. A water park and 18-hole golf course also are envisioned on the property, Brown said.

Indian tribes need approval from both the governor and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to build off-reservation casinos like the one proposed near Shullsburg.

But the new venture in Mexico would bypass state and federal gaming laws, and the tribe would not have to share any profits because the Mexican government is not asking for any, Brown said.

Tribal President Victoria Doud was out of her office and unavailable for comment Wednesday, and her executive assistant, Glory Allen, did not immediately return telephone messages.

In a February newsletter on the tribe's Web site, Doud said the tribe was first asked last May to invest \$2 million in the floating casino venture with three partners who had relationships with the Mexican government and could provide help in obtaining the required certifications and agreements.

Tribe wins latest appeal over expanding its reservation

By Robert Imrie

Associated Press Writer

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) - An appeals board within the U.S. Department of Interior has upheld a ruling allowing the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians to add 278 acres of land to its reservation, the tribe said Friday.

Shawano County and a local township are fighting to keep the land about nine miles east of Bowler on their tax rolls. They claimed the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs violated federal law when it transferred the land into federal trust for the tribe, expanding

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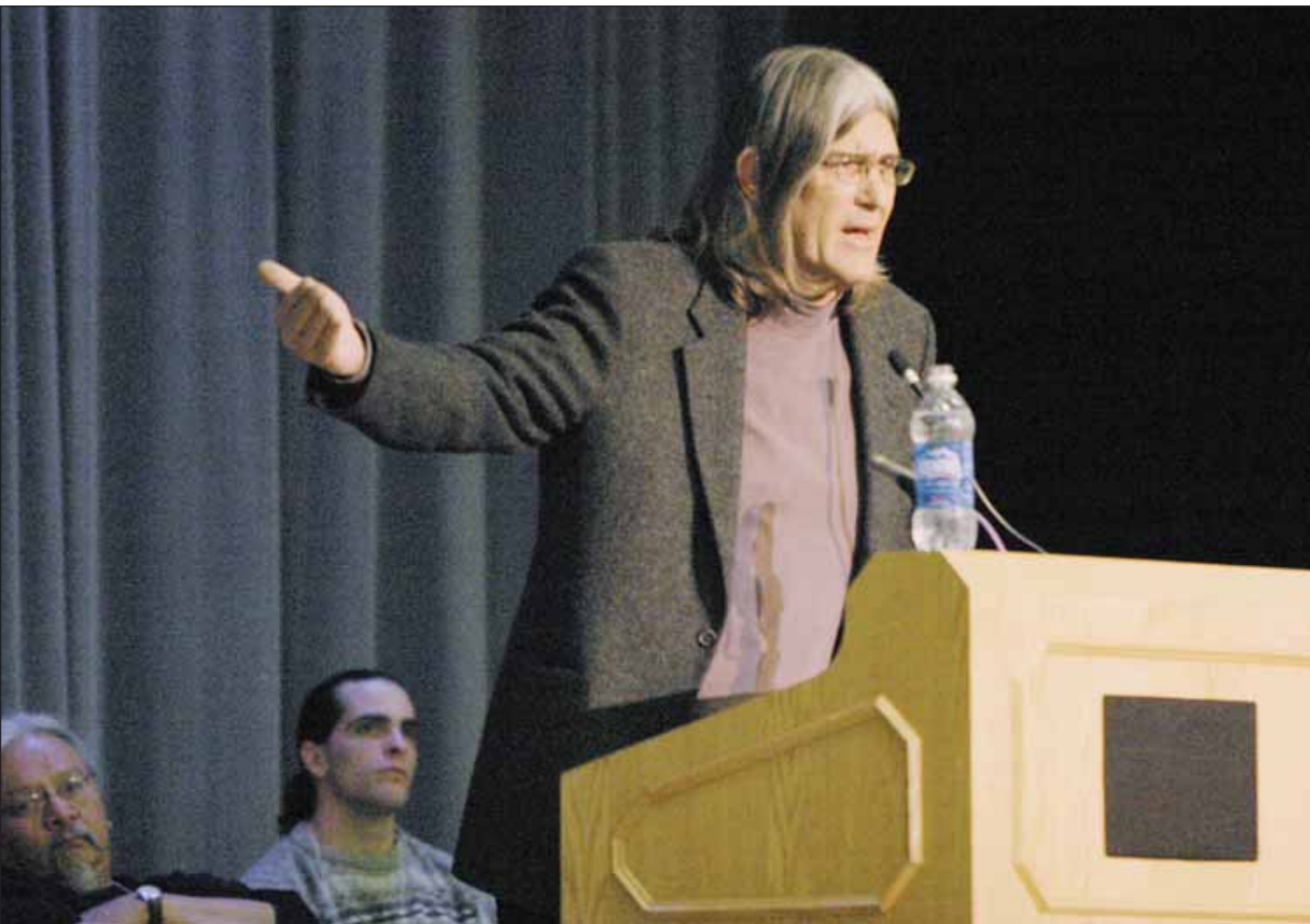


Photo courtesy of Darryl Jordan/UW-Whitewater News and Publications

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater tightened security in preparation of Ward Churchill's speaking engagement on March 1 at their campus. Churchill, a University of Colorado professor, defended his comments that he made when he referred to the people who died in the September 11 World Trade Center as Nazis

Professor defends his comments critical of United States

By Todd Richmond

Associated Press writer

WHITEWATER - A University of Colorado professor Tuesday night defended his essay that compared people who died in the World

Trade Center to Nazis.

Ward Churchill said he wrote it from his gut that same afternoon in an attempt to explain what motivated the attackers.

But he insisted the United States has only its own international policies to blame for the attacks.

Churchill said he was spurred to write the essay after television networks "spun" the attacks as senseless and government officials labeled the attackers as evil freedom-haters. Nowhere in

his essay did he advocate the attacks or say they were justified, he said.

"You point to the phenomenon and you try to understand it," he told a crowd of about 300 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. "It wasn't senseless."

He then launched into a litany of U.S. policies that may have figured in al-Qaida's motives, including sanctions against Iraq in the 1990s that Churchill said left more than 500,000 Iraqi children dead and the killings of

Palestinian children for throwing stones at Israelis.

"Somebody might be upset at that," Churchill said.

Churchill thanked UW-Whitewater Chancellor Jack Miller for letting him speak. His appearance has become a flashpoint of controversy between free speech advocates and Churchill opponents who say all he's spewing is anti-American hate.

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Churchill

Ninham, Christjohn elected to Appeals Commission

By Keith Skenandore

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Two new members have been elected to the Oneida Appeals Commission following the tentative results of the election held on February 19.

Dorothy Ninham was the top vote-getter with 66 followed by Robert L. Christjohn with 41.

Three other tribal members who campaigned but were not elected were Kristine Hill, Rochelle A. Powless and

Anton Williams, with each of them receiving 36, 34 and 28 votes respectively.

Ninham and Christjohn will both be serving 4-year terms.

The two seats were vacated with the resignation of Stan Webster and the declination of Edward Delgado. Delgado won a special election in February 2004 to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Kirby Metoxen. Delgado's victory was contested by a

declaratory ruling by the attorney for the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC). Delgado, who is an analyst for the LOC, appealed the declaratory ruling, and lost.

Scott Wilson, the attorney who filed the ruling, pointed out that an individual who makes the laws at the level of the LOC cannot also interpret the laws at the Appeals Commission level.

After Delgado lost his appeal, it was then deter-

mined in order for him to serve on the Commission he must then quit his job as analyst. Delgado then decline, thus leading to the second vacancy.

A final report has been approved by the Oneida Election Committee. A total of 122 tribal members registered to vote, and one ballot was deemed invalid.

Election results were forwarded to the Oneida Business Committee (OBC)

on March 2 via the report. Once the report is approved by the OBC, the results are then deemed valid. Leyne Orosco, election committee chairman, said the report is scheduled for the March 23 OBC agenda

Julie Barton, secretary of the OBC, will then serve notice that Ninham and Christjohn can be sworn in, raising the total number of Appeals Commission members to 11.

Stevens recipient of American Indian tribal leadership award

Reservation Economic Summit recognizes leaders in business, signs historic MOU with Department of Energy

Las Vegas, NV - The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development celebrated the final day of "Reservation Economic Summit (RES) 2005" with the opening of Indian Country's largest and longest running business trade fair. The year's trade fair included a record 245 booths.

Thursday, Feb. 10, also was marked by the delivering of a number of awards, including the American Indian Tribal Leadership Award, Indian Business Owner of the Year Award, Tribal Enterprise Award of the Year and the Youth Entrepreneurship Award of the Year.

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) was given the National Center's First American Congressional Advocate Award - the first year this award has been delivered -- for his longstanding dedication to expanding economic opportunities throughout Indian Country.

The "American Indian Tribal Leadership Award" was given to Ernie Stevens, Jr., a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). In 1969, Stevens' father - Ernie Stevens Sr. - was one of the National Center's founding members.

Referring to Stevens as one of the great leaders of the country, National Center board member David Lester, a member of the Creek Nation, stressed that Stevens is a "great leader," and not just a "great Indian leader."

"Ernie Stevens Jr. and the National Indian Gaming Association have been at the forefront of defending tribal governments right to self-

governance and the right to build their local economies," said Lester. "In a very real sense, the idea of an organization dedicated to assist individual Indians and tribal enterprises was born in the mind of Ernie Stevens Sr., and today, I am very proud that his son is being honored by the organization that has become a very strong force in Indian business success."

Stevens, who also was the morning's keynote speaker, dedicated the award to his father and to his tribe. NIGA and the National Center are working cooperatively on two initiatives - the American Indian Business Network and the Native American Hotel and Resort Network - that will bring more Native businesses into Indian casinos.

"I am trying to do what my father did - and still does -- to empower Indian people through business," said Stevens. So, I dedicate this award to my father, because his dream is what the National Center is all about."

"The National Center embodies the dream of Indian economic development and empowering Indian people through business," said Stevens.

The Indian Business Owner of the Year was given to Margo Gray, a member of the Osage Nation and President of Horizon Engineering Services Co. in Tulsa, Okla. Gray also is President of the Oklahoma American Indian Chamber of Commerce. The Tribal Enterprise Award of the Year was given to Native Broadcast Enterprise, which owns and operates KTNN-AM radio in Window Rock, Ariz., on the Navajo reservation. The Youth Entrepreneurship Award of the Year was given to Adrian Phoenix (Tohono O'odham and Paiute) and John Mia (Paiute and Chumash).

The morning's events included the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Dept. of Energy and the National Center, which will

make the National Center a member of the DOE's small and disadvantaged business advisory committee.

In a videotaped message, U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) pledged his continued support to find ways to expand contracting and other economic development initiatives for Indian Country. Presently, Sen. Inouye is working to include \$7 million in the FY 2005 Department of Defense supplemental appropriations budget to replenish funds for the Five Percent Indian Incentive Program.

Other awards included an award to the National Center from the Omaha Tribe of Iowa and Nebraska, recognizing the organization's 35 years of service to Indian Country. Christy Daniels, contracting officer with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe was honored with a blanket from the National Center. The Boeing Company and S&K Technologies, a tribally owned enterprise, each were presented with Hopi Kachina dolls in recognition of their title sponsorship of RES 2005.

The day's official events came to a close with a rousing speech by outgoing Bureau of Indian Affairs Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Dave Anderson, who inspired the audience with stories about his rise to prominence in the business world.

During Anderson's business career, he has created more than 18,000 jobs. He founded the company that built Las Vegas' Stratosphere, located on the Las Vegas Strip, among many other successful ventures across the country. Famous Dave's - his popular national chain of barbecue restaurants - also has a location in Las Vegas.

"If things are going to change in Indian Country, it will happen due to successful entrepreneurship and successful economic development," said Anderson. "We will never be sovereign until we are economically independent."

Finally a day off!



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida DPW employee Bernie Wheelock receives congratulations from Oneida Nation secretary Julie Barton for his retirement. Wheelock worked 22 years without missing a day of work.

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Ernie Stevens, Jr, center, Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, receives the American Indian Tribal Leadership award from Don Kelin, left, Chairman of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development board of directors, and Ken Robbins, President/CEO of the board.

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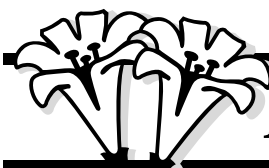
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Local



Passing On

Anderson Jr., Edward L.

Reunited with his loving wife Mildred Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005 age 83. Dear dad of Eddie III "Buzzy" (Linda), Marjorie (Ralph) Schwieger, Juanita (Toby) Tyler, Janice (Brian) Perekovich, Don (Linda) Anderson, Erwin, Kenny, Ray "Junior", Yvonne. Also loved by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, 2 brothers; Russ and Bob (Dorthea), nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Krause Funeral Home, Milwaukee, assisted family with arrangements.

When I come to the end of the road...

And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom
filled room!

Why cry for a soul set free!

Miss me a little... But not too long

And not with your head bowed low!

Remember the love that we once shared

Miss me ~ But Let Me Go.

For this is a journey that we all must take

And each must go alone;
It's all a part of the Master plan

A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart

Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,

Miss me ~ But Let Me Go.

Alicea, Rafael

Rafael Alicea, age 80, Oneida, went to be with the Lord Tuesday afternoon, February 22, 2005 at a local hospital, surrounded by his family. He was born July 10, 1924 in Puerto Rico to the late Eduvigis Rivera and Generosa Alicea. On December 31, 1952 he married Harriet May Skenandore. Rafael retired from Lindquist Machines after 28 years. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and time spent with his family.

Survivors include his wife Harriet, his children; Dean (Glory) LaFlex of Park Falls, and their children; Justin (Natalie) Battersfield, Jason Battersfield, Mattanah and Kayla LaFlex. Rafael G. Alicea of Shiocton, and his children; Ryan, Ashlee, and Alex. Juan (Glynis) Alicea of Seymour, and their children; Maria, Antonio, and José. Ana Alicea and her Fiancé Ricardo Balbuena of Green Bay. Michael (Hilda) Wisneski of Green Bay, and their children; Brandon, Cody, and Sara. Leon (Tonya) Boucher of Green bay, and their children;

Eric and Bryan. Further survived by his sister; Luna (Hilda) Rivera, his brother Cruz Alicea all of Puerto Rico. Rafael is further survived by Harriet's family; Phillip (Dorothy) Skenandore, Betty Skenandore, and Karen Skenandore. Many special nieces and nephews, and his special pet Bubba Alicea further survive him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Lucia, Maximino (Paula) Rivera, Thomas (Juaquna) Barrios, and two infant brothers. Members of Harriet's family further preceded him in death; Anthony Skenandore Sr., and Royalton (Irene) Cornelius.

Special Thank You to the 3rd floor nurses the ICU staff and Dr. Rai for their attention and care in his last days.

Kindness, Doug

Doug Kindness, 60, Oneida, died unexpectedly Thursday morning, Feb. 24, 2005, at home. The son of the late Lloyd and Cynthia (Antone) Kindness was born April 5, 1944 in Chicago. He was a UWGB graduate. He married the former Josephine E. Skenandore at Oneida Methodist Church in 1976. Doug was an active community member, specializing in youth services. He had been a Home School Coordinator in Green Bay.

Survivors include his wife, Josie, Oneida; one daughter, Bernadette Michalczewski, Fremont; one granddaughter, Bridget Hauptli, Appleton; three grandsons, Brad Siebers, Menasha; and Kurk and Brock Michalczewski; two great-grandchildren, Angela and Patrick Hauptli; one sister, Harriet Kindness; one sister-in-law, Caroline Smith; and a favorite nephew, Roger Gruska.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Madeline; and one brother, Elliott.

Ryan Funeral Home of De Pere assisted the family with service arrangements.



Photo by Yvonne Kaquatosh

For his years of dedicated service on the Appeals Commission, Stan Webster, was gifted with a beautiful pendleton blanket among other things. Commissioner Janice McLester (left) and Winnifred Thomas, Chief Juducial Officer of the Appeals Commission drape the pendleton around Webster.

From Page 1/Appeal upheld, in favor of Stockbridge-Munsee

the reservation.

The Interior Department's Board of Interior Appeals rejected all arguments raised by the county and the Town of Red Springs.

"We are pleased with the ruling," Tribal President Bob Chicks said. "We know that putting Indian lands into trust does not harm communities, in fact it serves to make all of us stronger."

Chicks said the tax loss to the county and township governments by the transfer of the land was "minimal."

Marshal Giese, chairman of the Shawano County Board of Supervisors, said the annual

tax loss to the governments was about \$4,000.

"Any time your tax base erodes, that hurts," he said.

The fight over putting the land, a former farm owned by David Beyer, into federal trust started nine years ago and Giese, who also lives in the Town of Red Springs, vowed to continue the battle, even if it involves going to court.

"We are going to be doing whatever we can," he said, including seeking help from U.S. Rep. Mark Green, a Republican who represents northeast Wisconsin. "I am hoping that he can do something for us."

Webster retires after 14 years with Appeals

By Yvonne Kaquatosh
Kalihwisaks

Since the creation of the Oneida Appeals Commission on August 19, 1991, Stan Webster has been a fixture on the Judicial Branch. Although, his presence was not permanent, he had 14 years to carve his knowledge, expertise and vision into what the Oneida Tribes Judicial System is today.

To honor his years of service upon his retirement, the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association honored Webster with a farewell luncheon at the Radisson Hotel & Conference center in early January 2005.

The Honorable Eugene Whitefish, Chief Judge for the

Forest County Potawatomi and President of the National American Indian Court Justice/Judges Assoc., and David Raasch, Chief Judge for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe and President of the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association were among those present to acknowledge and praise Stan for his years of dedication. BC members were also in attendance including Oneida Chairperson Tina Danforth who identified Stan as, "a visionary for the judicial system."

Stan joins his wife Loretta in retirement, however, the couple are quite busy managing their shop – **Bear Paw Keepsakes** – which is located on Packerland Drive.

In Loving Memory of...
Gabriel F. Paul
who would have been 63 on March 9th, 2005

Daddy... I miss you so very much!
You will forever be in my heart!

Happy Birthday...

Love,
Lyla Tyla

Giese fears the tribe, more wealthy because of profits from its Mohican North Star Casino and Bingo in Bowler and other ventures including a golf course, wants to buy the whole town.

"They are going to destroy our towns," he said. "As the tax base gets less, that is what really hurts our taxpayers out there."

Giese called the 278 acres just a small part of a pie that keeps getting bigger and bigger.

Doug Huck, a tribal attorney in Bowler, said the tribe's reservation, about 40 miles east of Wausau, includes about 16,000 acres in federal trust.

The tribe owns another 5,500 acres as part of its goal to restore the tribe's land base to what existed in 1856, or basically the towns of Red Springs and Bartelme, he said.

"That does mean placing land in trust," Huck said. "It took 80 years to basically lose most of the reservation. It is probably going to be four or five times that long to restore it."

The BIA recently approved the tribe's application to have 400 acres from the Town of Bartelme placed into trust and the county has appealed that ruling, Huck said.

The tribe has applications pending with the BIA for

another 677 acres, he said.

Putting the land into federal trust assures the tribe's self-determination, eliminating any question about whether the tribe has exclusive jurisdiction over it, Huck said.

Chicks said the last time the federal government placed new land into trust for the tribe was 1998, when 80 acres were added. The tribe pays the county \$250 a year for road maintenance related to it, he said.

"Tribal government has repeatedly offered to address county and town concerns by mitigating actual impacts," he said.

According to Chicks, federal law since 1934 allows tribes to put land into trust to compensate for the loss of Indian lands in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Stockbridge-Munsee lost nearly its entire land base during that so-called allotment period, he said.

The tribe has about 1,500 members and about half live on or near its reservation, Chicks said.

Asked why so much land was being sold to the tribe, Giese said, "That is a good question. I guess if somebody holds a lot of money in front of your nose, you don't think about it too much. Some just want to bail out I guess."

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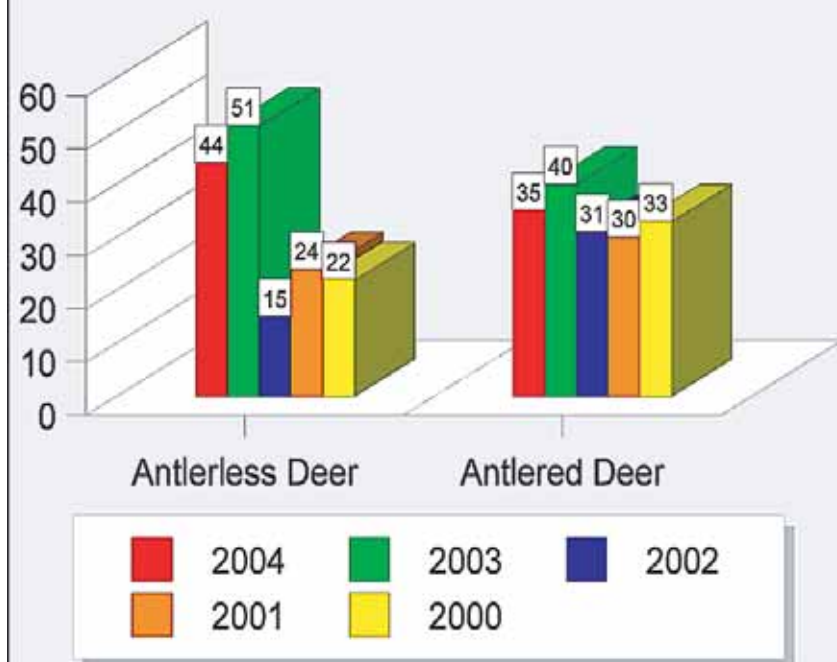
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Bow Seasons



The following graphs show the comparison of antler and antlerless deer harvested for each season. Included in the antlerless totals are adult does, doe fawns and buck fawns.

2004 deer hunting in review

Oneida Rec news

Beat the Winter Blues

Submitted by: Shara Summers

Bored? Sick of the snow? Come beat the winter blues after school at Oneida Recreation. We have lots of fun activities to choose from in the Social Recreation Room. Play Bingo-and win some of the new prizes we just got in. Sign up for March Madness-it's not just playing basketball anymore. Socialize with friends in Girls/Guys Group-we do new activities each week. Girls Group recently went to a movie, visited Anna John Nursing Home, and is planning their annual sleep-over in April. (We would like to say a special thank you to all the Dart-ball participants who help support Girls Group by buying concessions). Learn to make something new every week in Cooking Class-pizza, tacos, desserts, you name it. Or just relax with friends and watch a movie. Friday night is movie night; here is a tentative movie list for March: March 11 The Karate Kid; March 18 The Incredibles; March 25 Fat Albert.

If you find yourself bored after school, come check out what Oneida Recreation has to offer. There's always something fun to do in the Social Recreation Room and other areas at County H and the Civic Center!

Pre-season baseball at County H

Oneida Recreation will be holding pre-season baseball sessions at the County H Family Recreation building on Mondays from 6:00 pm. until 7:00 pm. The sessions will be open to all players from Little League to Babe Ruth (ages 9-15) who would like a head start on the season. Recreation staff and coaches will be supervising the work-outs. Players will have the opportunity to work on their hitting, throwing and fielding skills. Players attending should come dressed to work out; that means loose fitting clothes, gym shoes, and a glove. For more information or questions contact the Recreation Department at 869-1088 or 833-0010.

New Employee

Ken Weinaug began working as a Sports and Fitness Coordinator at the Civic on Jan 31st after serving for one year as the Sports and Recreation Supervisor at the U.S. Army's Camp Doha, Kuwait. His duties there included the supervision and operation of three facilities including a 42,000 sq.ft. Gym and fitness center, the Marble Palace recreation center and outdoor recreation programs as well as all of the Army's sports programs for the troops stationed there supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

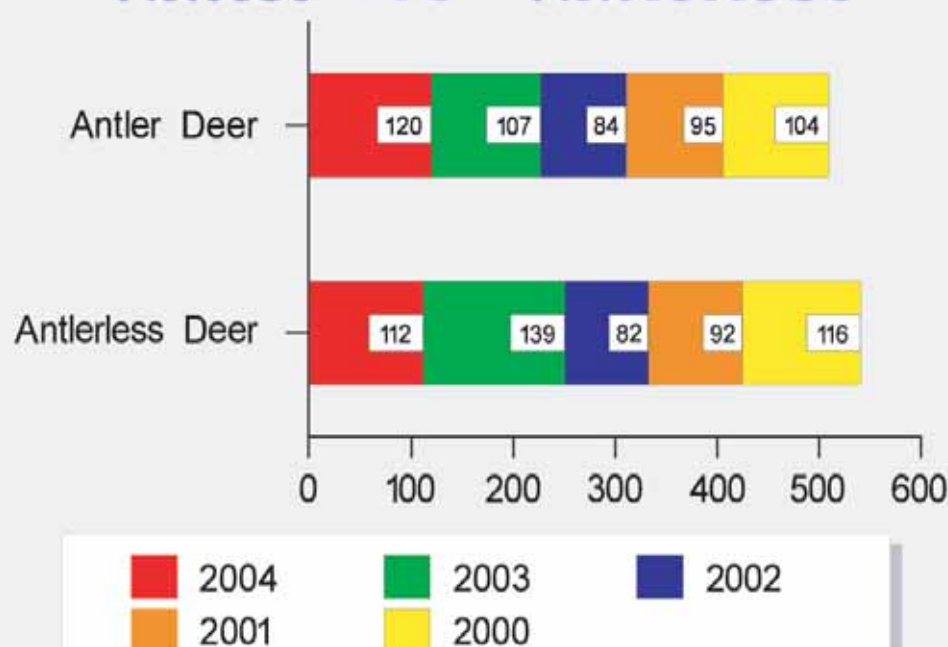
Following his retirement from the navy and graduation from Old Dominion University, Ken worked for the Sheboygan Falls Recreation Department prior to going to Kuwait.. Previously, he was the inaugural commissioner of the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference, and General manager of the Hampton Roads Hurricanes college hockey team and has an extensive sports background as a player, coach, official and administrator.

Oneida Sportsmen License Sale

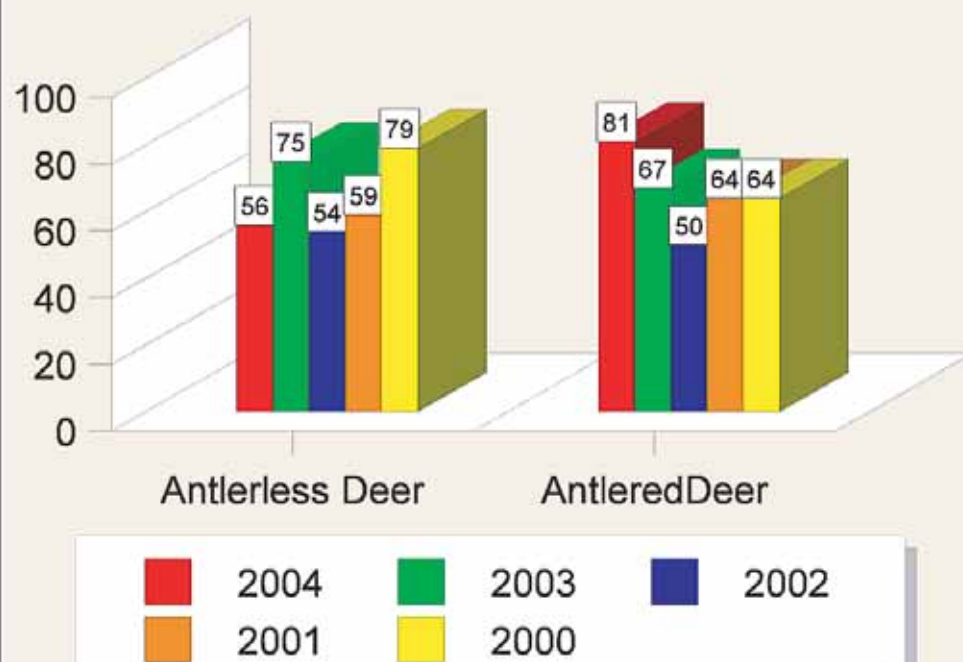


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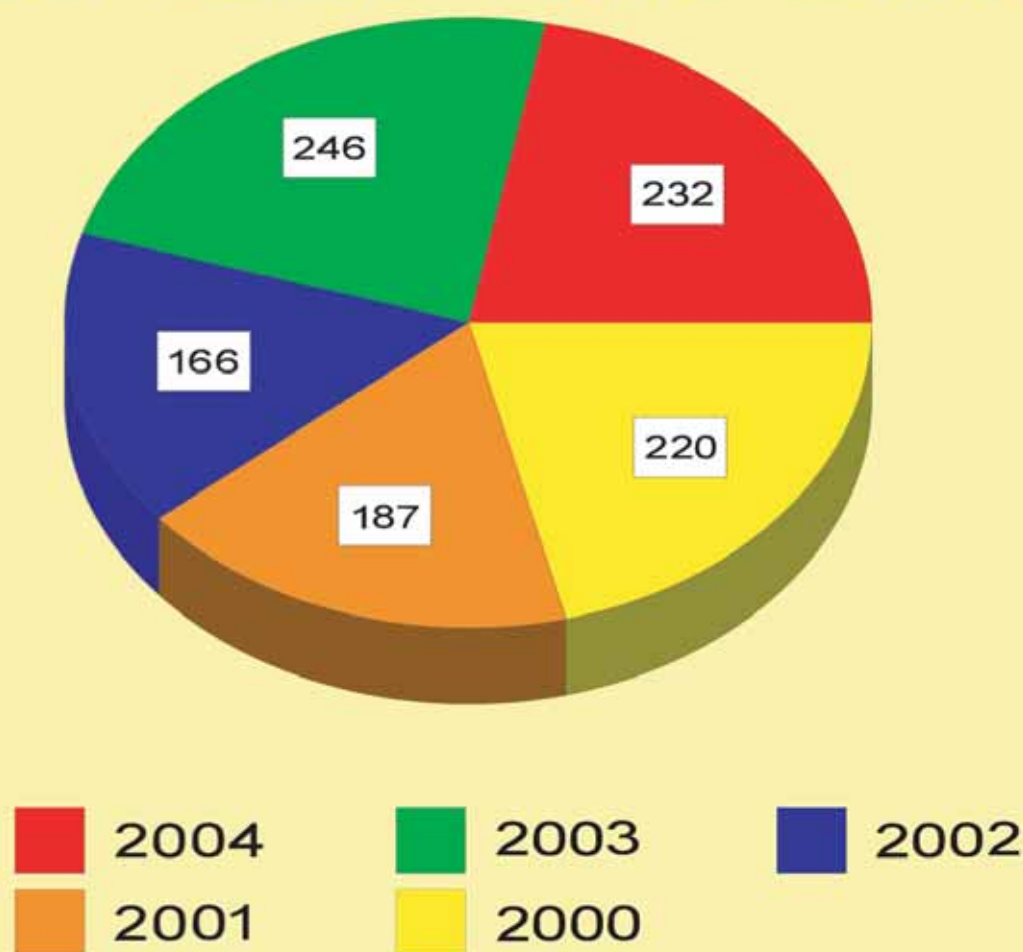
Antler -vs- Antlerless



Firearm Seasons



Deer Harvest Totals



Sports/Recreation

Cornette nabs fifth at state wrestling tourney

By Phil Wisneski
Seymour junior Les Cornette returned to Madison for the WIAA state individual wrestling tournament after a one year hiatus. Last season Cornette didn't qualify for the tournament after being ill during the sectional level. Cornette placed sixth at state his freshman year, while compiling a 38-7 record at 112 pounds.

Cornette came into the state tournament with a seventh seed in the 130 pound

bracket. Since he did not win his sectional he had to essentially wrestle to get into the eight man tournament.

In his preliminary match Cornette pinned senior Zach Holm of Kewaskum in the second period. Holm had a 32-6 record.

In the quarter finals, Cornette ran into Eric Wymer of Richland Center. Wymer was the second seed. Cornette battled to the end but would lose a heart breaker 11-10.

Following the loss,

Cornette was determined not to fade after the loss. He came back and pinned Zac Martinson of Northwestern in the third period. Cornette then held off Willie Pettengill of Mt. Horeb/Barneveld 9-7 in the fifth place match.

The fifth place finish was short of Cornette's goal of the gold medal but it will give him more motivation when he returns for his final season. Cornette finished the year with an outstanding 38-6 record. His 115-21 career

record is among the best in the area over three years.

Sectionals

Cornette finished second in the sectional tournament. He lost to Tony Kazik of West De Pere 5-4 in the final. Kazik would end up placing second in the state tournament.

Cornette defeated Zac Cibula of Luxemburg-Casco 10-5 to reach the final against Kazik. The match was close the entire way as Cornette trailed 3-4 entering the final period. After he scored on an

escape, Cornette took the lead for good with a takedown with 1:15 left in the period. Cornette finished the scoring by recording a takedown and two point near fall as the clock expired.

Cibula also advanced to the state tournament finishing

third in the sectional.

Cibula would go on however to capture the gold medal and win the 130 pound division at the state tournament. Cibula defeated Kazik in dramatic fashion as he recorded a takedown in overtime to capture the gold.



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Left: Les Cornette scores a two point near fall on eventual state champion Zac Cibula of Luxemburg-Casco. Cornette defeated Cibula 10-5 in sectional competition. Above: Cornette looks for an opening.

T-hawks ousted in first round

By Phil Wisneski
The Oneida Nation boys basketball team has had a problem with turning the ball over all season. They have been averaging over 20 turnovers a game entering the first round of the WIAA tournament against Oshkosh Lourdes. That trend didn't stop as the Thunderhawks committed 28 turnovers in the game and fell 24-71.

The game was pretty much over after the first quarter that saw the Thunderhawks commit nine turnovers in 11 possessions. Those turnovers dampened the spirited defense played by Oneida in the quarter and the Knights lead 18-4.

Things didn't get much better as the game went on. The Thunderhawks were limited to eight players, including three junior varsity players, and fatigue began to set in as the Knights continuously pounded the ball inside against the Oneida zone. Forward Rob Patek scored 14 of his 16 points in the first half off inside lay ups that demoralized the Thunderhawks. At the end of the first half Oneida trailed 38-9.

The Thunderhawks were their own enemy. Offensively, they didn't set any screens and there were numerous moments in the game when an Oneida ball handler picked up their dribble and had no where to go as teammates were draped with Knight defenders.

Senior Josh Cornelius lead Oneida with seven points. Oneida finished the season with a 3-18 record. Oshkosh Lourdes improved to 9-12 and will play against Gibraltar in the second round.

Oneida 4 5 6 9 - 24
O.L. 18 20 14 19 - 71
Oneida: Cornelius 7, Bridges 2, Hernandez 2, Skenandore 6, Hill 5, Cantu 2. 3-PT: Cornelius. FT: 5-6.



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above: Carl Bridges drives to the hoop against Oshkosh Lourdes in the WIAA state tournament. The Knights cruised by the Thunderhawks 71-24 and will host Gibraltar in the second round. Right: Freddie Hernandez dribbles between his legs and tries to get to the hoop. Oneida finished the season with a 3-18 record. Seniors Loli Hill, Josh Cornelius and Carl Bridges played their last game as a Thunderhawk.



Oneida girls fall to Gibraltar

By Phil Wisneski
The Oneida girls basketball team was waiting to get healthy all year and try to make a run in the WIAA playoffs. The Thunderhawks finally had all their starters healthy, but it wasn't enough as the Vikings cruised to a 52-36 victory in the first round of the WIAA state tournament.

Twila Danforth lead Oneida with 20 points. Senior Irene Danforth Danforth chipped in nine points includ-



Twila Danforth

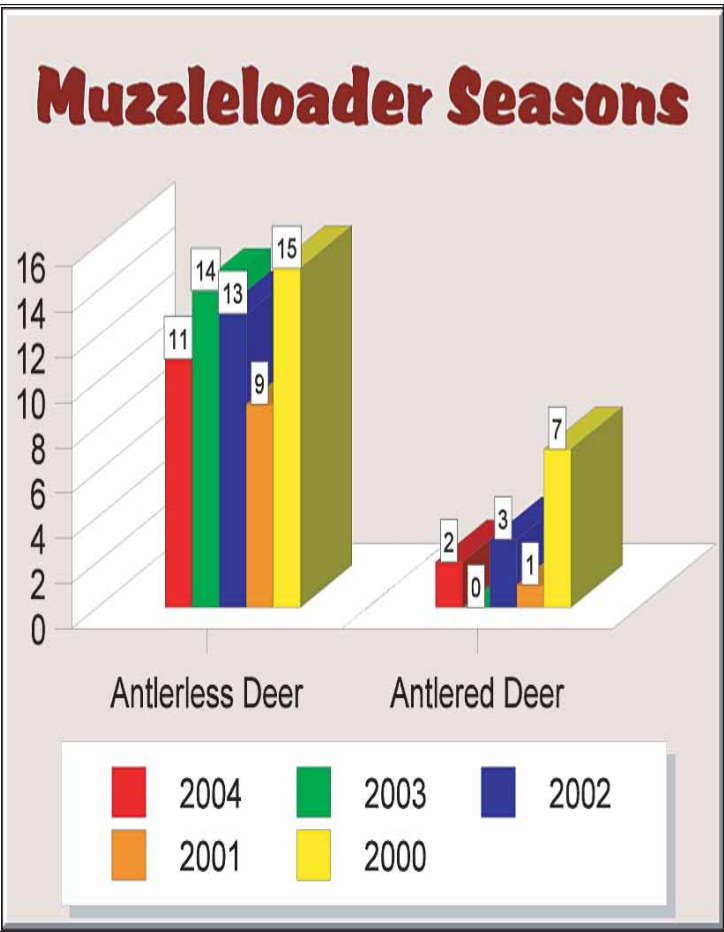
ing one 3-pointer in her final game in a Thunderhawk uniform

After a close first quarter that saw Gibraltar lead 10-8, the Vikings outscored the Thunderhawks 30-14 over the next two quarters to take a commanding 40-22 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Thunderhawks were plagued with foul trouble as two starters, Stakwas Danforth and Jessica Skenandore fouled out.

Oneida 8 10 4 14 - 36
Gibraltar 10 19 11 12 - 52
Oneida: S. Danforth 3, I. Danforth 9, Stevens 3, Boyd 1, T. Danforth 20. 3-point: I. Danforth. FT: 13-27. F: 26. Fouled out: S. Danforth, Skenandore.

Hunting season (continued)



Legislative Review

Chairwoman's Corner...

Sheku aweku.

Sheku akweku

Spring is on the way – more daylight to brighten your days and warmer weather to brighten your spirits.

If you thought your vote to support the land claim at the Dec. 13 GTC meeting was final, well it may not be. Opponents of the agreement hope to get on the agenda so they can ask GTC at the March 12th land claim meeting to reconsider the vote.

The original focus of the March 12th meeting was to hear reports about distribution planning, how the Nation will work with the Thames, and the efforts underway to get the agreement adopted by the New York State legislature and U.S. Congress. The focus of the March 12th meeting

may change if GTC changes its decision about the agreement.

It's understandable that there are different degrees and levels of understanding regarding the agreement. There's some second-guessing going on, and I understand this will happen because the land claim is a very complex issue. The decision to settle our land claim in New York is most likely the biggest decision our generation is facing. As you may have heard in the community, there are some people who are not happy with some aspects of the agreement. There are some who also claim the agreement is a "sell-out." On the other hand, there are many citizens who understand that the agreement is the

most favorable opportunity we have been dealt in resolving our land claim.

We had more than 700 GTC members attend the land claims meeting in December. We'll need you all to attend the March 12 land claims meeting. I supported and signed the agreement as did each of the eight (8) other Business Committee members. This support comes after the Business Committee held many community meetings with tribal citizens throughout the many years of negotiations. Our Oneida Nation is also one of five (5)



**Chairwoman
Tina Danforth**

other Tribal Nations that signed agreements with New York State. The other Tribal Nations include the Mohawk, Cayuga, Stockbridge-Munsee and Seneca-Cayuga. We are in this together and must stay united.

For far too long, New York State has been able to hinder the resolve of our land claim by keeping us divided. Please keep in mind there are many forces within Indian Country and our own community that could undo the agreement. We have many obstacles to overcome before

the agreement gets approved from the New York State Legislature and the Federal Government.

Whatever your views are about the land claims settlement, I strongly urge you to continue to stay informed and attend the March 12th GTC meeting. The GTC vote was one of many hurdles we crossed and now is the time for your support again so that we can keep moving forward. We may never get another opportunity such as this again.

In other news, look to new construction of a Mobil Oneida One Stop at the intersection of Packerland Drive and Adam Drive. This will bring the total to five (5) Oneida One Stop gas/convenience shops, which has been

a strong investment for the past 25 years.

Oneida will be hosting a few big conferences this summer that include: The National Tribal Environmental Council Conference, May 3-5; NCAI Mid-Year Session, June 13-16; and The National Indian Head Start Directors Association, June 19-23; all of which are scheduled to be held at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center.

In closing, I'd like to inform my constituents that I will be out of the office until the end of March on medical leave. I thank you for your continued support, prayers and respect for the privacy for my family and myself at this time.

Yawako.

Treasurer's Report

Seku Oneida

Nation,

NY Land Claims Update

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the reconvening of the December 13, 2004 New York Land Claims Meeting which is scheduled for March 12, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Turtle School gymnasium at 10am. The agenda includes a presentation from Ron Hill, as well as, an update on the status of the distribution plan, Oneida of the Thames, and legislation in regard to the settlement. The next step in the process is to obtain New York State approval, and then Federal approval of the settlement agreement. It is very important that everyone attend this meeting as we progress forward with the settlement agreement.

Because of the unpredictability of the land claim settlement progress, there may be times the committee members will need to travel to discuss this issue with little advance notice. With this, we seek your understanding and patience as some regularly scheduled Business Committee meetings may be canceled with very short notice. However, we will work hard to ensure the most timely notice of any canceled meetings to avoid any inconvenience.

Endowment Funds

As you are aware, over the past year or so there has been discussion in regards to creating endowment funds for specific purposes. There seems to be some misunderstanding and with that, I would like to provide more information about endowment funds and remedy any misconceptions people may have.

What exactly are endowment funds? Endowment funds are like savings accounts that are established, maintained, protected, and grown in value for the benefit and service of Oneida tribal enrolled members. Further, it is a secured source of funds for future needs of the Tribe



**Treasurer
Mercie Danforth**

and its members, where only a portion of the earnings are spent for specific purposes. The rest of the earnings are channeled back into the fund so that the endowment grows over time. Eventually, the endowment becomes a perpetual source of funding for specific predefined purposes for all Oneida enrolled members.

An example of an endowment fund and one that we currently have established is the Elderly Per Capita account for elders age 65 and over. We currently have a fund established, in which a portion of the interest earned each year is what is paid out to these elders. Therefore, it is a self-sustaining fund.

What kinds of endowment funds? There are five key areas that we could establish endowments for. These include; Health, Education, Insurance Services, Tribal Member Support Services, and Tribal Development. The Health area includes things like health care and medical care. The Education area includes pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, higher education, cultural heritage, and language and culture. Insurance Services includes supplemental insurance assistance, life insurance, and health insurance. Tribal Member Support includes the burial fund, catastrophic assistance, and housing. Lastly, Tribal Development includes economic and community development projects.

Upcoming Events

Please watch for information on upcoming community and General Tribal Council meetings regarding New York Land Claims and the Constitution revision projects.

Again, I thank you for your continued support and encouraging words. As always, your comments and questions are welcome. Please feel free to contact any of the Business Committee Members at (920) 869-4364, or toll free 1-800-236-2214.

Legislative Update

I wanted to share with the Oneida people a special experience I recently had over at the Anna John Nursing Home. I took some time during Christmas to go over there and sing some of my favorite "traditional-olddies" songs to the residents. We had a great time. I was glad I had an opportunity to share that moment with some of the elders. It was my gift to them and it made me feel real good inside. The whole idea of giving and occasionally volunteering is a very rewarding experience. I'd encourage anyone that's been thinking about volunteering to go out and do it. It's worth your time and you'll feel good after you do it.

State Issues

• On Monday, January 31st I spoke at an Economic Development and Job Creation forum in Wrightstown, Wisconsin. I

was able to share the good work that Oneida has been able to achieve around job growth and continued economic prosperity. I also spoke about our desire to have our gaming compact payments dollars, returned to this

region. The forum was well-attended. If you'd like a press-release from this event, please contact my office and I'd be glad to get the information out to you.

• In January 2005, Mrs. Tana Aguire (Tribal State Lobbyist) and I met with a cabinet official from Governor Doyle's administration to discuss a formal consultation policy. This is a favorable step and it could assist with reducing occasional misunderstanding



**Councilman
Vince DelaRosa**

Wisconsin for our Oneida Small Business Project 2000. These dollars were essentially awarded as a payback from our compact payments. These monies will go to help Oneida business people that want to open or expand their existing business.

Oneida Highway/Road Issues

Here is the latest update on the local highway remodeling issues:

* The final draft report

between state agencies and tribal departments. We're reviewing a draft policy and we hope to have a finalized version completed and in place by May 1st.

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* The final draft report

will be ready by mid-August 2005 on these matter.

* State Highway 54 from US 41 to Packer land will remain as is.

* Packerland west to the intersection of State Highway (HWY) 54 / HWY 172 will be studied for possible upgrading (the section after the 35 mile an hour zone).

* HWY 172 from US 41 to Austin Straubel will remain the same with possible closing of South Point (not definitely determined at this time).

* County Highway GE (Pine Tree Rd) and HWY 172 intersection will be lighted or possibly converted into a roundabout (not determined at this point).

* South Overland and HWY 172 intersection will be lighted or possibly con

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Oneida Business Committee

The Business Committee is continually reviewing our schedules and reprioritizing the legislative issues that we would like to bring to fruition prior to our term's end. When we came into office in 2002, we identified several items that we wanted to complete during our term of office. Through these legislative articles, community meetings, public hearings, GTC meetings and semi-annual reports, we have kept the membership apprized and involved in our progress. We are now winding up all the loose ends by identifying all those items and issues that we can bring to finalization or closure prior to elections. The issues identified as priority are: Land Claims, Labor Code, Election Ordinance, Removal Law, Administrative Procedures Act, Legislative Administrative Procedures Act, and the Oneida Constitution.

This list may seem a bit aggressive, however most of the drafting for these laws has already been completed. The next stages are to hold community meetings, public hearings, and where necessary, GTC meetings. The Legislative Operating Committee will not be accepting any more new items on their agenda for this session. Any items that we do not get to, will be need to be resubmitted to the

next administration for consideration.

As we work on completing this legislative agenda, we will be giving utmost attention to working on the Land Claims settlement. An update on the status of this issue will be made at the Reconvened Executive Session GTC Meeting on March 12, 2005, 10:00 a.m., at the Turtle School. There are many processes that have yet to be completed prior to the finalization of this settlement. Due to the travel and meeting time necessary by the Committee for this issue alone, we may be cancelling and rescheduling standard weekly meetings at a moments notice. We are attempting to prepare for the time that this issue will require, and request the understanding and patience of the tribal constituents and the tribal organization as we work through those processes.

We also have a Special General Tribal Council meeting scheduled for March 5, 2005, 10:00 a.m., NHC, to approve the items from the January 2005 Annual Meeting. The items on this agenda require the approval of the General Tribal Council, such as: the Election Law Amendments including Primaries, Amendments to the



**Councilwoman
Trish King**

Administrative Procedures Act, and a request for the Business Committee to be included when the organization receives wage adjustments for cost of living increases. Please plan to be at the meeting to vote on these and other issues on the agenda.

General Tribal Council has requested, since 1982, that our Constitution be revised. Since that time, there have been several iterations of a revised constitution. In fact, a Constitutional Review Committee worked over 10 years researching and gathering input from the tribal citizenry on how to change the constitution. They completed their work in 1998, and submitted a revised constitution to the GTC requesting approval to submit it to the BIA for a Secretarial Election, which was granted. After a year's time, the BIA responded and made several suggestions to the revision.

Business Committees have been reworking the draft since we received those revisions from the BIA. We have come to a general agreement on draft #15, and all enrolled members, ages 21+, should have received a copy of the revised Constitution in the mail. A series of five community meetings were held through-

out the month of February to gain input from the community. Our next step is to gather all the comments and re-work the draft to address the issues raised. Some of the points discussed the most surround: the blood quantum level or development of a Citizenship Ordinance, increasing GTC quorum from 75 to 150, and lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. Other issues addressed include using the title President versus Chairman and creation of a three branch government: Executive, Legislative and Judicial as well as how the proposed structure impacts the retained powers of the General Tribal Council. Issues not addressed in the revised constitution, but brought up during community meetings were things like: staggered terms for the Business Committee and districting. Please give us your comments to the draft as soon as possible, or feel free to contact any one of the Committee members to discuss the draft revisions. A Constitutional Summit is currently being planned, to allow everyone the opportunity to understand the revised constitution, and the procedures needed to get it changed through the Secretarial Election process.

Legislative Operating Committee

The Labor Code, now

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**BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
for
WEDNESDAY • MARCH 9, 2005
has been
CANCELLED**

**All Agenda Items will be forwarded to the
next Business Committee Meeting of
MARCH 23rd**

Letters

Endowments plan for the future

I agree with the idea of having the Oneida Tribe establish endowment funds. We can't continue what we're doing now with per-capita pay outs. We need to be smarter with our money. We need to start up endowment funds with any revenues from a future New York casino.

I'm an Oneida elder, and I spoke at the General Tribal Council meeting in July 2004 to support endowment funds with our current casino revenues, instead of per-capita pay outs.

We need to put money away for our children and young adults. As an elder person, I have worked all my life for what I have, and, I don't think I'll ever see money from any future New York casino revenues. I believe we need to put our money away for our children and for the young adults and plan for their future.

With endowment funds, we keep the principal and use the money earned from interest payments for education, health care, and any other program we want to support, but we should not stay with per-capita payments.

Right now, we're making Green Bay rich, instead of contributing to our own economic development. Most of us take our per-capita checks to Green Bay and spend our per-capita money there or in other communities. We don't spend our money on the reservation. We go off the reservation and make other businesses rich off our per-capita pay outs.

Endowment funds will help us keep more money for the Oneida Nation. In endowment funds, we need to set aside money for our future generations and for economic development on the reservation.

We can't rely on social security for retirement with the way the President is going. We should be thinking about our young adults and our grandchildren and preparing the younger generation for their retirement years.

We can create a tribal social security program that's non-taxable and not subject to state or federal laws and regulations. We are a nation. We are a government onto ourselves. We must use our sovereign powers to make our own laws, rules and regulations.

We have young lawyers working for us in the Law Office who don't seem to fully understand or appreciate the concept of tribal sovereignty. Maybe the GTC has to direct the Law Office and the Business Committee to use Indian Law and exercise our sovereignty as a nation. We don't have to follow state and federal rules or model ourselves after the state and federal governments.

We can and should create a non-taxable social security program from endowment funds for our Oneida people. We also need to create an endowment fund dedicated to economic development on the reservation for the future viability of the nation.

Pat Cornelius

Distribution plan concerns

I don't think it's a good idea to pass a distribution plan regarding New York casino profits prior to any of the deal being final. I would think it would be more appropriate at this stage to start laying the ground work for the building of a world class casino complex if the deal should be finalized by the New York Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

However, the Distribution Plan Committee has already placed a full page advertisement in the *Kalihwisaks* proposing a tentative distribution plan (see the Feb. 4, 2005 edition). That advertisement, along with pamphlets being handed out by the Land Claims Commission at the community meetings calling for only 121/2 percent of NY casino profits going to members of the General Tribal Council, has me worried that a distribution plan top heavy with endowments and weak

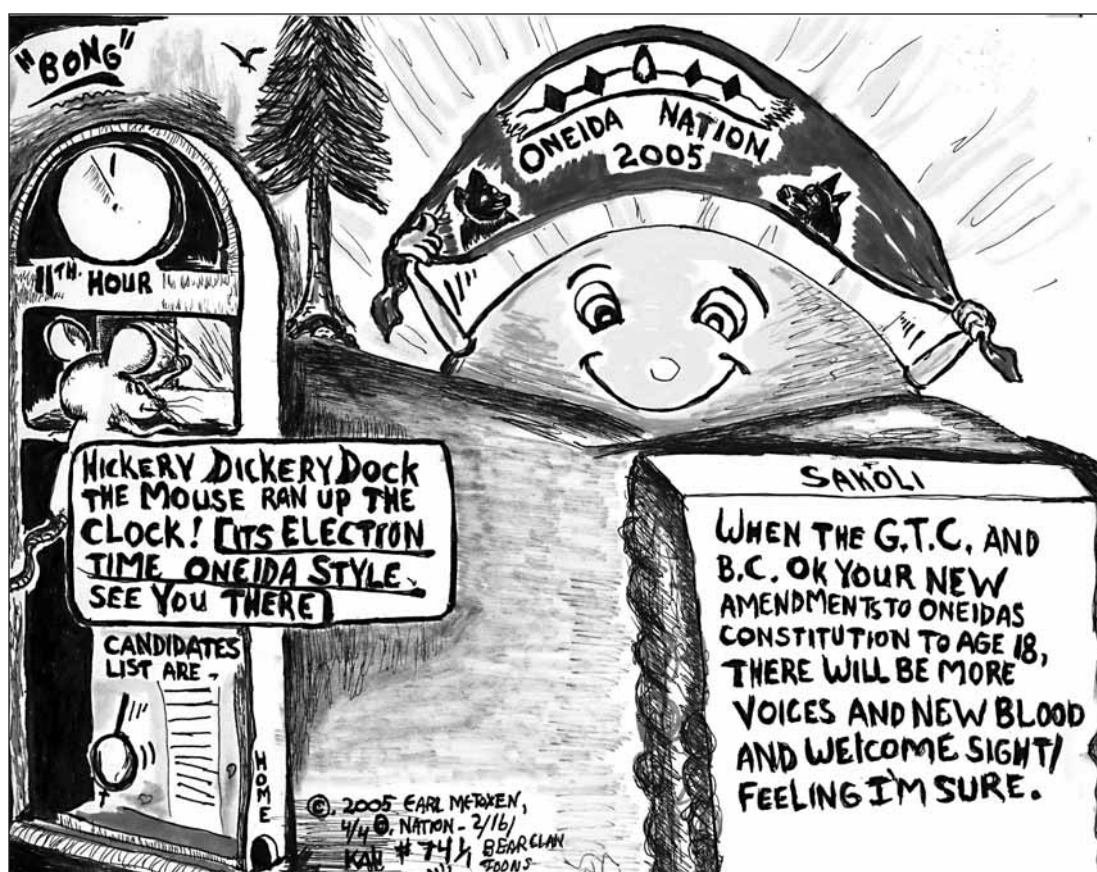
on payments to GTC members, is in the works.

Oneida tribal members have commented in this paper on how they would like to see such profits used by the Tribe. I agree that creating endowments for the future is a good thing, especially if used to ensure that future generations of young people are able to receive educational assistance to attend college and technical school training. Social security for the elderly is also a good idea, especially if such a plan can be used whereby our elders who are on social security could benefit. However, if a Tribal social security plan cannot benefit our elders because of federal social security regulations, perhaps we should spend more of anticipated New York casino profits to provide aide and services to our elderly. And let's not forget our children, they deserve help too.

And let's not forget ourselves as members of the General Tribal Council. Most Oneidas have families to support. Many Oneidas pay significant amounts to rent homes, have large mortgage payments or are saving for the day when they can make a good down payment on a home. Myself, I'd like to put some money away for the day when I'm no longer able to work and will have to rely on social security and savings. For these reasons, I do not support giving GTC members only 121/2 percent of anticipated NY casino profits.

Finally, I hope the 700 plus Oneidas who showed up on Dec. 13, 2004 show up again when the distribution plan is presented to the GTC in the near future. We don't have to accept what is presented and perhaps we shouldn't unless the choices presented are well researched and fair. However, be there, because there are those Oneidas who want to undue the land claims agreement with the Governor of NY and risk losing both land and hundreds of millions of dollars of casino revenues by trusting the Federal court system, which has for hundred of years, been a mistake for Indians to do.

Edward Delgado



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known as Personnel Management Law, has been designated top priority for the LOC to finish by the end of June, 2005. The LOC continues to hold extensive retreats in an effort to complete the drafting work on this document. Watch for upcoming announcements in mid-May when the Law will be ready for public review.

The Oneida Business Committee and the Oneida Appeals Commission have been having dialogue sessions regarding the draft Judiciary Act. It is the intent of the Business Committee to have a final draft ready by the end of March for Public Hearing in early May.

My Office

I recently attended the 2005 National Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair in Las Vegas. The purpose of this conference is to help Indian people to achieve successful economic development by incorporat-

ing, strengthening and building upon tribal values, while operating within the parameters of generally accepted business practices. Federal Contracting for products manufactured by Tribal entrepreneurs is one of the main purposes of Res 2005 linking Tribal businesses to the Federal Government. Networking opportunities are abundant for entrepreneurs to associate with other businesses, small to large corporations, to share ideas on how to strengthen their business and promote their products.

On the topic of aiding tribal entrepreneurs, Bay Bank has the Small Business Project 2000 loan and grant programs available for tribal entrepreneurs. The loan program is available for up to \$300,000. The grant program is a one time grant allowable for up to \$3,000 which can be used only for accounting, feasibility studies, marketing and legal services of your business. There

are eligibility requirements and criteria that must be met in order to apply for these funds. For more information, feel free to contact Gregg Halvorsen at Bay Bank at (920) 490-7600.

Community News

Congratulations to Ernie Stevens, Jr. for receiving the National Indian Leadership Award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. Ernie graciously accepted his award and presented it to the Oneida Nation Government with honor and respect for our support of his efforts toward Indian Country. It is extremely heartwarming to witness Oneida Tribal citizens being recognized on a national level for the great things they are doing on behalf of our own Nation and Indian Country overall. This makes me very proud of who we are as a people and is a good reminder of what we are out there fighting for on a daily basis.

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verted into a roundabout (not determined at this point).

* HWY 54 / HWY 172 intersections need further discussion.

In regards to the whole plan and the desire for various road modifications from the state, the Oneida Business Committee and the Wisconsin Department of

Transportation agreed that there needs to be extensive studies done from an economic, environmental, historical and feasibility standpoint. The State of Wisconsin understands that there has to be some buy-in from the Oneida Nation. I'll keep you updated on these matters in the coming months.

Thanks for reading my article. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact my office at 1-920-869-4378 or you can e-mail me vde-laro1@oneidanation.org. Also, my Assistant Karen Katch can be reached at 1-920-869-4469 or kkatch@oneidanation.org



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

GTC MEETING

RECONVENED GTC MEETING OF 12/13/04

LAND CLAIM

SCHEDULED

SATURDAY

MARCH 12, 2005

TURTLE SCHOOL GYM

10:00 A.M.

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SPECIAL GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2005

10:00 A.M.

TURTLE SCHOOL GYM

AGENDA

I. Opening

II. Approval of the Amended Agenda

III. Ron Hill Request, Amendment to Agenda

A. Presentation

B. Discussion

IV. Distribution Plan Concept

A. Presentation

B. Discussion

V. Thames Correspondence

A. Presentation

B. Discussion

VI. Legislation Presentation

A. Presentation

B. Discussion

VII. Recess Or Adjournment

Supreme Court reaffirms Indian sovereignty in gas-tax case

By John Miller
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court bolstered tribal sovereignty Monday by refusing to review a lower court ruling forbidding Idaho from taxing motor fuel sold on Indian reservations.

Without comment, justices let stand the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals's 2-1 decision last August upholding the ban.

Still, they did agree to review a similar case involving a Kansas tribe whose outcome could have repercussions in Idaho and elsewhere.

In the case involving three Idaho tribes, the Supreme Court opted not to reconsider the appeals court's decision siding with the Coeur d'Alenes, Nez Perce and Shoshone-Bannocks. All own and operate gas stations on reservation land.

Idaho had sought to reverse it amid concerns that tribal gas stations enjoy a competitive advantage over non-reservation stations that must pay the tax and that the state stood to lose millions in revenue.

Sixteen other states had signed on to the case.

"The issues raised in Idaho's appeal are important not only for Idaho, but also many other states," said Attorney General Lawrence Wasden in a statement. "I am disappointed."

Tribal leaders called the decision a victory.

"That's the last avenue of appeal," said Julie Kane, an attorney with the Nez Perce

Tribe's Office of Legal Counsel.

In 2001, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled the state's 25-cent per gallon tax on gas sold on Indian reservations was illegal because federal law bars it from taxing tribal retailers without clear congressional authorization.

State lawmakers then responded by passing a new law that taxed non-tribal companies that distributed fuel to tribal operators.

Under that law, the fuel companies were expected to recoup those costs by collecting them from tribal retailers.

The tribes sued and won, with the federal courts deciding that state legislators simply saying they meant for the burden of the tax to fall on distributors didn't make it so.

"We conclude that we should not, under the circumstances of this case, automatically defer to the Idaho state legislature's mere say-so about where the legal incidence of its motor fuels tax lies," Circuit Judge Ronald Gould and Judge Richard Tallman wrote in August.

That's the key difference between the Idaho case and the one involving the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe in Kansas, said Deputy Attorney General Clay Smith.

In Idaho, the federal courts ruled that the Legislature's law was illegal because it shifted the so-called "legal incidence" to tribal retailers, Smith said.

In Kansas, however, the question to be resolved is

whether an off-reservation tax is inappropriate merely because tribal retailers are hit by the economic burden of paying for it.

The Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Kansas tax violated tribal sovereignty and created a barrier to interstate commerce.

Idaho is among 13 states that filed friend of the court briefs in that case. Others are Arizona, California, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

The Supreme Court could reverse the 10th circuit's ruling.

Idaho lawmakers also could address the issue by passing a law mirroring the Kansas statute - making it clear that it's intent was to put the legal burden for the tax on the distributors, not the tribes, Smith said.

Kane, the tribal attorney, said the tribes have been holding gas-tax money in an escrow account pending resolution of the case. She declined to immediately say how much money had been collected.

Indian leaders have said they would use the money "as they see fit."

They've also said they'll likely continue collecting their own 15-cent tax on every gallon of gas sold on the reservation.

Incidents from February 14–28, 2005 OPD Report

All items submitted by the Oneida Police Department.

If anyone has any information on the below listed incidents please call Marty Antone, Public Information Officer at 869-2239 extension 20.

On **02/14** welfare/medical check at 8000 Cooper road town of Oneida.

On **02/15** suspicious person at 2500 West Mason Street in the City of Green Bay.

On **02/16** 3 warrant arrests on man from Albuquerque New Mexico at Hwy 29/CTH V V Rape/Imprisonment/Impersonating Officer.

On **02/17** paper service 200 King Lane Oneida

On **02/19** Traffic stop at CTH U & Fernando Drive Probation violation on Depere man for no drink claus/speeding/Suspended License jailed at request of probation parole.

On **02/19** Green Bay man at Ona Ste Trail & Chief Hill Drive cited for JA and arrest warrant for contempt of court

GBPD.

On **02/19** Battery incident 1800 Poplar Lane Oneida. Two suspects charged and arrested for battery to a woman.

On **02/22** disturbance 300 Cornelius Cir Oneida, Green Bay man charged for disorderly conduct and damage to property.

On **02/22** suspicious person at 2600 West Mason Street Green Bay.

On **02/22** disturbance at 6000 Seminary Road in Oneida male and female incident.

On **02/23** warrant arrest request from probation parole on Oneida man 6000 Deer Path Drive Oneida.

On **02/25** warrant for arrest from BCSD for traffic offense on De Pere man at Cornelius Cir and Ida Way Oneida.

On **02/26** Oneida man and women arrested for Domestic Battery at 300 Cornelius Cir Oneida.

On **02/27** Green Bay man arrested for warrant at 5000

Sand Hill Cir in Oneida for fail to pay fine Shawano Sheriffs Department.

On **02/27** Green Bay man arrested on probation parole violation from Department of Corrections at 5000 Sand Hill Cir Oneida.

On **02/27** Welfare check 6000 Cornelius Cir Oneida.

On **02/27** Medical call 3000 North Overland Drive Oneida.

On **02/27** Harassing phone calls at 6000 CTH H Oneida.

On **02/28** Harassing phone calls at 300 Cornelius Cir Oneida.

On **02/28** Warrant for arrest on Sobieski Man for contempt of court BCSD at Country Club & HWY 54/West Mason Green Bay.

TOTALS: Feb. 14–Feb. 28, 2005

911 calls-3; Animal calls-8; Drug calls-1; Warrants arrest-6; Accidents-17; Traffic stops-94

TOTAL OF ALL POLICE ACTIVITY 293

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tightened security in advance of the speech. Churchill supporters gathered outside the campus' main gate holding signs reading "First Amendment Fan" and "Free Speech." Republicans down the sidewalk countered with signs that read "Wanted, Osama bin Laden, Dead Not Alive."

Jim Winship, 56, a social work professor, said he has lived in Spain and El Salvador when those countries were governed by dictators, and he thinks Americans should cherish the right to free speech.

"Ward Churchill is not yelling fire in a theater. He's expressing something that's unpopular in an offensive way," he said.

Vicky Hachtel, 56, of Fort

Atkinson, held a sign reading, "True Indians do not disrespect the dead."

"It's a shame the university wants to put itself on the map by letting this guy come and talk trash," she said.

The UW-Whitewater Native American Support Services and the Native American Cultural Awareness Association invited Churchill, a longtime American Indian activist, to speak six months ago about racism toward American Indians.

His appearance marked only the second time he has spoken on a college campus outside Colorado since January, when his comments in the essay prompted a college in New York to cancel his speech there out of security concerns.

Churchill's 5,300-word essay included a sentence likening the "technocrats" killed in the World Trade Center to "little Eichmanns" — a reference to Adolf Eichmann, the high-ranking Nazi who orchestrated the extermination of 6 million Jews during the Holocaust.

The essay and a follow-up book attracted little attention until Churchill was invited to speak in January at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. He has since come under intense scrutiny at Colorado, where some have questioned his claims that he's part American Indian. The governor has called for Churchill's dismissal.

A number of schools have turned Churchill away. He made his first speech outside Colorado since the controver-

sy began in late February at the University of Hawaii to an overflow crowd.

Miller, the UW-Whitewater chancellor, said he let Churchill speak because the First Amendment allows for freedom of speech and the school must promote different kinds of thought. Still, he called Churchill's Sept. 11 remarks "grossly inappropriate."

Republicans in the Wisconsin Assembly passed a resolution last week condemning Churchill's "anti-American hate speech" and urging the UW-Whitewater to cancel the speech.

Miller opened the proceedings by saying he didn't share "the fear of words that is apparently becoming more prevalent in our society."

He focused his speech largely on his essay, saying the United States has bent international law so often to serve its own purposes that attacks like Sept. 11 are inevitable. He said America has sanctioned torture and invaded two countries, generating massive collateral damage.

"You're going to generate a response that what you put out you'll get back. The term is blowback," he said.

He went into a detailed explanation of the Eichmann remark in his essay. He said Eichmann was a bureaucrat who made sure trains taking Jews to concentration camps ran on time. He became a symbol of Nazi atrocities after World War II because he knew the end result of his actions left millions dead but still did his job, Churchill said.

In the same way the "technocrats" in the World Trade Center symbolized American policies that have resulted in the deaths of millions, he said.

During the question-and-answer period, he said the United States had become a fascist nation, although not as blatantly as Nazi Germany. He admonished Wisconsinites to recognize American Indian tribes as members of sovereign nations with rights equal to their own.

He insisted he was one-sixteenth Cherokee, adding "Who the hell's business is it who my grandmother was?" He challenged people of European descent to defend their genealogy.

Judge's plan for Indian trust money accounting is back on

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A federal judge on Wednesday reinstated his plan for making the Interior Department account for billions of dollars American Indians say they are owed.

The plan was shelved in December when the Interior Department won an appeals court ruling saying it was

barred under language Congress added to a budget bill. But when that language expired at the end of 2004, U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth revived his plan.

Now, the Interior Department is once again required to account for how much the government owes more than 300,000 Indians. The money comes from oil,

gas, timber and grazing royalties dating back to 1887, when Congress created a trust fund for Indians.

Interior officials had said the audit could cost up to \$12 billion, and the White House urged Congress to intervene. It did so in November 2003. It passed legislation - language added to the Interior Department's budget bill -

that prevented an accounting until Congress could define its scope and methods. Congress had a year to do that.

But Lamberth wrote, "December 31, 2004 has come and gone, and no legislative solution to the issues in this litigation is available or in the offing."

The department has said it would rather devise its own plan, and could provide a full accounting by 2008 for \$335 million by using a statistical technique known as sampling.



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March 16th
7PM – 8PM

Contact:
Oneida Indian Preference
620.496.7897



What is the Oneida Nation working on?

Business Unit

Informational Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2005

1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Social Services Building

2640 West Point Rd.

Please come on out and receive updates from MIS, HRD, Accounting, Gaming, DPW, and Retail as well as other areas of the Tribe. More details to come in the March 17th publication!

If there are any questions/suggestions about or for this meeting, please address them to Lee Thomas at **490-3537** at Central Accounting. Thank You.

Oneida celebrates National Child Passenger Safety Week

Submitted by Environmental Health & Safety

Oneida, Wis. - Awesome, encouraged, smiled upon - that's how the Oneida Environmental Health and Safety Department described their appreciation to the Oneida Community for participating in the National

Child Passenger Safety events held the week of February 13-19, 2005.

The Crash Test Dummies, built up the anticipation of the events. "They're coming, They're coming" was the announcement conveyed to tribal employees to be watchful for Vince & Larry in the days and weeks prior to the

events. Thirty five departments were solicited with hundreds of flyers that boasted of safety for child passengers.

The Oneida car seat check event was a huge success! On February 17th, the Oneida CPS Program hosted the free event at the Social Services Garage, 3:00 pm until well

after 6:00 pm. A record number of 28 new Car Seats and/or Booster Seats were distributed. In all, 13 new seats were purchased; 5 old seats collected and destroyed; 2 seats (7%) arrived correctly installed, while 26 seats (93%) arrived incorrectly installed. The Oneida CPS Program enlisted the commu-

nity resources of 15 certified CPS Technicians to educate and distribute car seats/booster to reduce the risk of injury to our children.

On Friday, February 18th, Richard Malone, Medical Investigator, Gallup, NM, received a friendly welcome from seventy-three employees and community members. as he introduced his professional and personal experiences with motor vehicle crashes. He shared his insight with the Oneida community, stressed the importance of how to prevent injuries that result from crashes, and why seat belt use is vital to our safety, particularly our young adults.

Motor vehicle crashes are the most expensive injury

type compared to firearms, falls, poisoning and burn injuries. Between 1997 and 2004, as a Nation we have spent thousands of dollars on automobile claims that result from motor vehicle crashes. The nature of the problem? Seat belt usage on the Oneida Reservation is only at 55.1%, and, on average 23% of our children ride unrestrained. We impress our children, not our windshield, when car seat and seat belt use is taken seriously. Be a personal example - wear your seatbelt every time.

Congratulations to all employees who encourage car seat and seat belt safety in Oneida.

Many thanks from your Oneida Safe Community Coalition.

Photos courtesy of Oneida Environmental Health & Safety

Police Officer Jack Mehohah, below, checks a car seat for deficiencies. At right, Crash Test Dummies Vince and Larry helped promote Child Passenger Safety Week.



Indian Summer Festival's Winter Pow-Wow heats up State Fair Park March 5-6

Special for Kalihwisaks

MILWAUKEE-The Indian Summer Festival 14th Annual Winter Pow-Wow livens up the weekend of March 5-6 at Wisconsin State Fair Park, Wisconsin Products Pavilion, 8100 W. Greenfield Ave. A performance by the Ho-Chunk Dance Troupe at 6pm on Saturday has just been announced.

Special features this year include a dazzling performance by an Aztec dance troupe at noon on Saturday. Native American Music Awards (Nammy) Nominee Michael Jacobs will perform Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

"Thought-provoking" and "a painter with words and music" are how Cherokee singer/songwriter Michael Jacobs and his music are characterized. His songs are described as, "Fusing contemporary and traditional sounds, and filled with powerful imagery, the songs are stories of the past, present, and future of life, love, hope, and heartache. While written to Native America, the themes also resonate within the hearts of everyone."

Amy Maack will sing the national anthem in English and the hymn, "Amazing Grace," in Cherokee before each of the pow-wow's grand entries. In addition, a prayer ceremony

will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

The pow-wow features an extensive marketplace where 55 vendors offer arts and crafts, traditional foods and herbs, jewelry, books and other items for purchase. A Silent Auction throughout the weekend will feature the work of artists from Indian Summer Festival's Circle of Art area.

Among the artist-created pieces on display for bidding will be jewelry items, hand-made flute, leather vest, framed prints, shawl, and purse.

Those who enjoy hands-on activities can learn how to make a Dreamcatcher at a special workshop. There is a fee of \$5 for the workshop. For children, there will be face painters who will work their magic. For adults, Indian Summer Pull Tabs offering cash prizes will add to the fun.

Pow-wow hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday with grand entry times at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Those attending the Prayer Ceremony at 10 a.m. Sunday morning are admitted free. Admission is \$7/adults, \$5/seniors (60 and over), children 12 and under are admitted free.

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Environment

Making Sense of the Air Quality Index and Avoiding Unhealthy Exposure

By Jennifer Youngblood, RN
Air Quality Specialist
Oneida Environmental Health and Safety

So after last week, you read what the Air Quality Index (AQI) is, but you may still be asking what does it all mean and how do I make sense of air quality in terms of the community, my family, and myself.

After an alert for unhealthy air quality is issued, you want to know just how bad the air will be and how it will affect you and your family. The primary purpose of the AQI is to help you understand what local air quality means to your health and the possible related risks. Each category in the AQI relates to a different level of health concerns. The numbers in the AQI relate to national standards for pollutants like ozone or particulate matter. Numbers under 100 are acceptable and have less risks while numbers over 100 mean air quality is getting worse creating more risks to your health. There are six levels of concern. These levels are identified by a category and a color. The levels are:

Good (green) The AQI value is between 0 and 50. This is considered satisfactory, and air pollution

poses little or no risk.

Moderate (yellow) The AQI is between 51 and 100. Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people. For example, people who are unusually sensitive to ozone may experience respiratory symptoms.

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (orange) When AQI values are between 101 and 150, members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. Meaning they are likely to be affected at lower levels than the general public. For example, people with lung disease are at greater risk from exposure to ozone, while people with either lung disease or heart disease are at greater risk from exposure to particulate pollution. The general public is not likely to be affected when the AQI is in this range.

Unhealthy (red) All members of the community may begin to experience health effects when AQI values are between 151 and 200. People in sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.

Very Unhealthy (purple) AQI values between 201 and 300 trigger

a health alert, meaning everyone may experience more serious health effects.

Hazardous (maroon) AQI values over 300 trigger health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.

Several groups of people have a more difficult time during the air quality episodes that are above 100. Active children are at highest risk because they often spend a large part of their time outside when the air quality is more likely to be poor. Other sensitive groups are; active adults of all ages who exercise or do strenuous work outside, people with asthma or other respiratory diseases, and people with an unusual susceptibility to ozone or particulate matter.

One way to reduce your exposure to poor air quality is by cutting back on strenuous activity in the outdoors during warning periods. The chances of you being affected by poor air quality increases the longer you are active in the outdoors and the more strenuous the activity. No matter how fit you are, cutting back on levels of activity during an alert will help protect you from harmful



effects of air pollution.

Next week in article two of this series, we will discuss what particulate matter is and how it affects your health.

For more information on the Air

Quality Index, go to <http://www.epa.gov/airnow/>

Or for further information, contact Jennifer K. Youngblood, RN Air Quality Specialist at (920) 496-5337.

New Greenhouse technician

Sweku Akweka
Ukwehuka

My name is Kyle J. Wisneski and I would like the Oneida community to become more familiar with my job duties as a greenhouse technician. My duties consist of determining new garden sites, maintaining the gardens through weeding and maintenance of all plant life. I also prepare the soils for outside gardening and greenhouse growing. Another duty I have is to determine the quantity of plants and vegetables for the farmers market use and also the cannery. My duties also include keeping accurate records of rainfall and planning records of any horticulture area.

Another duty I have that is not greenhouse related is that I



assist with the butchering of our organic chickens and turkeys for community sale and monitor all work areas on the tsyunhehkwa site. I also assist and help prepare for the annual white corn harvest.

My experience with greenhouse work begins with 7+ years of greenhouse work, have received countless hours of training and attended organic growing conferences.

I have previously worked at DPW and the white building during my younger years with the JTPA program. I am the son of Debbie Melchert and the grandson of Helen and the late Joe Webster.

I hope this letter will help the community approach me with any growing needs. Happy growing in the 2005 season.

Group calls for action on abandoned uranium mines

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - Uranium mines in northwestern South Dakota that were abandoned decades ago without being cleaned up pose health threats and other problems, residents and others say.

Defenders of the Black Hills, a group of volunteers that works to ensure that the United States government upholds the Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 and 1868, sponsored a meeting Saturday

to learn more about the mines.

The mines are located in an area considered sacred by many American Indians. They have been polluting the air, land and water for the past 50 to 60 years, members of the group said.

"It's not just an issue for Indians. This is an issue for the entire state," said Charmaine White Face, a biologist and treaty activist.

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139 Riverdale Drive 869-2718	N7210 Seminary Road 869-4379

Families, programs and departments are encourage to attend our workshops. We have scheduled some repeat classes to provide more opportunity for attendance. If our schedule does not meet your needs, please contact us to accommodate your schedule. As your cultural based community service program of the Oneida Nation, we believe these topics offer support in collectively regaining food security.
We look forward to your participation!

"4 PATHWAYS TO BETTER HEALTH" — March 17-November 3, 2005

3 SISTERS	VEGETABLE GARDENING	HERBAL GARDENING	BERRIES/APPLES
Thurs. • April 21 • 5pm Origin of seeds and cultural significance Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Thurs. • March 17 • 5pm Seed Starts/Garden Design Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Thurs. • March 17 • 5pm Seed Starts/Garden Design Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Thurs. • June 23 • 5pm Red Raspberry Leaf Harvesting Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne
Sat. • May 7 • 10am Planting Tobacco Burning Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Sat. • March 19 • 10am Seed Starts/Garden Design Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne (Repeat of Mar. 17 workshop)	Sat. • March 19 • 10am Seed Starts/Garden Design Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne (Repeat of Mar. 17 workshop)	LATE OCTOBER Cortland Apples Pie Filling, Apple Butter, Apple Sauce Location: Cannery
Sat. • May 21 • 10am 3 Sisters Planting Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Thurs. • March 31 • 5pm Transplants/Garden Design Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Thurs. • March 31 • 5pm Transplants/Garden Design Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	REGISTERED: ■ <i>Workshop Name/Date</i> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
MID AUGUST Green Corn Harvest & Soup Making Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Sat. • April 2 • 10am Transplants/Garden Design Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne (Repeat of Mar. 31 workshop)	Sat. • April 2 • 10am Transplants/Garden Design Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne (Repeat of Mar. 31 workshop)	Workshop Locations: tsyunhehkwa'ne 139 Riverdale Dr. • 869-2718 Cannery: NHC N7210 Seminary Rd. • 869-4379
EARLY OCTOBER HUSKING BEE White Corn Seed Selection Braiding, Drying, Storage Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Sat. • May 7 • 10am-2pm Seed and Plant Distribution M-F 3-6pm (Closes Thurs., May 26, 6pm) Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Sat. • May 7 • 10am Planting Tobacco Burning Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	
Thurs. • November 3 • 5pm Corn Soup Making from dry white corn, hulling with wood ash Kanastohale (corn bread) Making Location: Cannery	Sat. • May 7 • 10am Planting Tobacco Burning Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	Sat. • June 25 • 10am Salve Making Soothe and renew the skin surface Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	
	Thurs. • Aug. 25 • 5pm Canning Pickles Location: Cannery	Sat. • July 16 • 10am Culinary Creations Nutritional recipes to benefit those with diabetes Location: tsyunhehkwa'ne	
	Thurs. • Sept. 22 • 5pm Salsa Making Location: Cannery		

ONEIDA AREA FAITH IN ACTION
Would you like to make a difference in a neighbor's life?

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help our elderly neighbors with any of the following:

- Drive people to the doctor, pharmacy, grocery store, etc.
- Do grocery shopping for people who are shut in
- Visit with people on a weekly basis
- Provide respite care for primary care givers
- Answer phones and assist in the office

Volunteer to help a neighbor in need. Your neighbor in need. Your neighbor's independence depends on you!

The Oneida Area Faith in Action, through congregations united for service, offers God's love to our neighbors by easing loneliness and isolation and thereby making a difference in their lives. The focus of our action will be the elderly and adults with physical impairments.

Greatest demand at this time are for transportation and respite. Volunteers may choose which services they would like to provide and may turn down any request for service. Services are provided on weekdays, evenings and/or weekends, dependent on availability of volunteers.

Please call the Oneida Area Faith in Action at (920) 869-2448 or 920-869-1551 to register or for more information. Office hours are 8:00 - 4:30 Monday through Friday.

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N7210 Seminary Rd.	2801 W. Mason St.
Oneida, WI 54155	Green Bay, WI 54313

We will accept applications until Friday, May 2, 2005.
If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at (920) 869-4369

Health

Anna John Nursing Home...

Metoxen bids farewell after 26 years

By Jane Smith

AJNH Administrator

When anyone enters a nursing home the sights, sounds and smells that greet them help to form a positive or negative opinion of how well the residents are cared for. A nursing home that creates a good impression on people is usually the result of many different departments all taking pride in their work and doing their job well. At Anna John Nursing Home the Housekeeping and Laundry Department have benefitted from Carol Metoxen's 26 years of experience.

Carol's career at the nursing home started when the building first opened its door. She spent three years working in the dietary dept as a cook and aide then accepted a position as a Supervisor in the house keeping /laundry dept. Her job entailed scheduling and supervision of the staff, compliance with state and federal regulations, ordering of products, ensuring that the resident areas were well cleaned and that linens and



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Carol Metoxen has been an employee at Anna John Nursing Home since the doors opened on the facility in 1979.

clothing were cleaned with care. For years Carol enjoyed working side by side with her staff and having daily contact with the residents.

Just before Christmas Carol approached me to announce that she would be ready to retire in 2005. With great regret I asked her to let

me know when she had actually picked a date. The date has now been set. As of April 1, 2005, Carol Metoxen will no longer be part of the team

at Anna John Nursing Home. She states that she will "miss the other department heads who have been here a long time and are my friends. And miss the good employees that have worked for me." Carol also said she will miss the resident contact. As for her retirement, Carol does not have any specific plans. She hopes to relax and enjoy life and spend time visiting family.

I started this article by stating that a good impression starts with the right sights and smells in a nursing home. For over 26 years, Carol has done a fine job of making Anna John Nursing Home a place where people could reside in comfort knowing the rooms, linens, and clothes were cleaned with care and pride. For 26 years Carol has shared a sunny disposition and big heart with the residents and staff at Anna John Nursing Home. We will miss her and ask that the community members thank her for her years of excellent service to the Tribe.

Over 700 employees participate in latest Oneida 'Active for Life' wellness event

With national obesity on the rise and the costs of health care continuing to sky rocket, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin organization is providing an employee wellness program to motivate their 3,000+ work force to be physically active! This program started January 24th and runs through March 19th, but participants may join at any time during the program. This 8-week employee fitness incentive program is designed to motivate employees to increase their physical activity and enjoy the physical benefits acquired through regular exercise. Participants "walk" their way from the Oneida Casino to the city of lights, Las Vegas! Each participant's weekly number of steps, recorded on their

pedometer (either at work or home), is used to move them towards the next destination. The first 900 employee who register for this program will receive a free digital pedometer and pad to record their progress.

Each week, the program will provide a new casino destination in one of the 8 states leading to Las Vegas. Participants who obtain their individual "step goal" on time, will have the opportunity to have their name entered into a raffle for prizes such as overnight accommodations and dinner for two at Indian owned casinos, and much more!

Gambling may be fun, but not if it's on your health. With well over 700 people participating in this Active for

Life, it is the largest program so far. The word is getting out on the benefits of physical activity: people who are active on a regular basis experience many health benefits including reduced stress, weight loss, and a lower risk

of diseases such as cancer and heart disease. Benefits can be received from as little as 30 minutes of moderate activity each day. That means everyday activities like walking can have big health benefits. So, join us in the Walk to Las

Vegas and don't play games with your health. Registration materials are available at Family Fitness, and from your Team Captain. For further information call Oneida Family Fitness 490-3730.

Immunizations Anyone?

OCHC offers walk-in clinic every Tuesday

Does your child need shots? Oneida Community Health Nursing Department holds a walk-in immunization clinic every Tuesday from 1:00-4:00PM. Our clinic is located at the Oneida Community Health Center 525 Airport Drive in Oneida.

If you are unable to attend one of our scheduled walk-in clinics, feel free to call the

DATE

March 8, 2005
March 15, 2005
March 22, 2005
March 29, 2005

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(March & April 2005)
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1:00 PM-4:00 PM

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WHEN: **Wednesday, April 6TH**

TIME: **3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**



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Snack Happy

Margie Dillenburg

UWGB Dietetic Intern

When does the snack attack strike you? At ten in the morning do you start counting the minutes until lunch? At three in the afternoon do you find yourself feeling tired and lacking the energy to finish the work-day? Or does the need to nibble strike at eight in the evening when you're unwinding from a busy day? Whenever the urge hits, healthy snacking can be the answer.

Snacking can be part of your daily meal plan, and a way to incorporate more healthful foods into your diet. For example, you might typically eat two slices of toast for breakfast, but find that you're starving by mid-morning. Planning a snack of low-fat yogurt and fruit will help you get servings from two other food groups as well as give you the energy to make it until lunch.

Another benefit of including healthy snacks is that you will be less likely to overeat later.

When you get home at night, are you so hungry that you munch continuously while preparing dinner and then still eat a full meal? Eating an afternoon snack will take the edge off that hunger and eliminate the urgent need to feed.

There are a couple of tricks to snacking happily. The first is to keep the snack small.

Just 100-200 calories is enough to satisfy your hunger but not fill you up. Portioning your snack will help you stay within this goal. The second trick is to include foods from at least two food groups, for example: an apple with peanut butter will keep you satisfied longer than an apple alone.

Snacking can be a healthy part of your diet. Small, healthy snacks provide fuel for your body and curb your appetite, preventing you from overeating at your next meal. Truly, you can "snack happy."

Snack Ideas:

- Low-fat cottage cheese with a few crackers
- Sugar-free yogurt with fresh blueberries or strawberries
- Make your own vegetable dip by adding 1 teaspoon of dry ranch salad dressing mix to 1/2 low-fat sour cream or plain yogurt.
- **Mini Pizza:** spoon pizza sauce on half of an English muffin, top with 1 oz. low-fat grated Mozzarella cheese, add your favorite veggies and bake at 350 until cheese melts.
- **Quick Quesadilla:** place 1 oz. low-fat grated Monterey Jack cheese on a 6 inch tortilla. Fold in half and microwave until cheese is melted. Serve with 1/4 cup salsa.
- **Trail Mix:** combine 3/4 cup whole grain toasted oat cereal with 1 tablespoon chopped nuts and 1 tablespoon dried cranberries, blueberries or raisins.

Women's Domestic Violence Educational Support Group

When: Every Tuesday for 27 weeks!

(Started February 1, 2005)

Where: Oneida Social Services Building
2nd Floor Conference Room, East Wing

Time: A meal will be served at noon

Group will meet from 1:00 – 2:30 P.M.

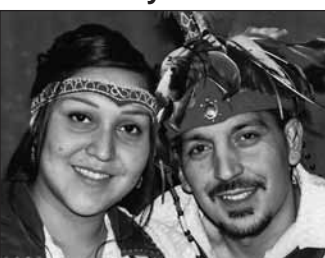
Transportation & child care will be available.

Please call Vange Danforth at **490-3760** or Belinda Brennan at **490-3821** if you have any questions.

"Please come join us, we'll support each other"

Good News

Happy Birthday
Happy Belated Birthday to...
Dewain & Apache
on February 13th & February 26th 2005




Love, from your Families

Happy Birthday
Marquette
Looking forward to many more years of madness!



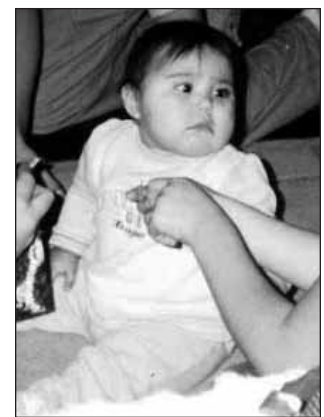
Love...Family

Happy 1st Birthday
to my Granddaughter
Jossalyn Metoxen
on March 10th!



Lotsa Love...
Grandma Sharon & the House Gang

Happy 1st Birthday
to our daughter
Jossalyn Raena Metoxen
on March 10th!




Lotsa Love...Mom, Dad & Baby Eli

Happy 1st Birthday
to...
Randy Chaske Jacobs, Jr.



We Love You...
Mom, Dad & Malia



Happy 1st Birthday



Hey!! That's my doll!!
Happy 1st Birthday to my brother
Chaske
Love, your sister Malia

HUNTING & FISHING Community Meeting

Date: Thursday March 10, 2005
Time: 6p.m.-8p.m.
Where: Ridgeview Plaza Suite 4 (3759 W. Mason)


Any questions, please contact the Oneida Conservation Department at 869-1450.

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!

CORRECTION:
The birth announcement for Faith Elise Huff that appeared in the February 18, 2005 issue of the Kalihwisaks, inadvertently listed her as being born at St. Francis Hospital in Milwaukee. Faith was born at Aurora in Green Bay. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.


Faith Elise Huff
Faith Elise Huff, newborn daughter to Justine A. Skenadore and Travis L. Huff, was born on Friday, January 28, 2005 at Aurora. Faith weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches. The proud grandparents are Carol Skenadore and the late Vincent Skenadore, and Helen Huff. Faith was welcomed home by four siblings, Alex, Adrian, Alyssa and Quinnton.




Talyn Russell Metoxen
Talyn Russell Metoxen, newborn son to Desiree Metoxen and Joe Sotelo, Jr., was born at 1:18 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2005 at Bellin Hospital, weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 21 inches in length. The proud maternal grandparents are Kristin Metoxen, Green Bay, and Scott Hill, Oneida. The proud paternal grandparents are Noreen Powless and Joe Sotelo, Sr. Maternal great-grandparents are Russell & Jeanne Metoxen and Eddie & Beverly Hill. Paternal great-grandparents are Matt Powless and Eleanore Powless. Talyn has one proud Auntie, Cree, waiting for him at home.



Layla Marie Vargas
Layla Marie Vargas, newborn daughter to Shashe Marie Malone and Carlos Vargas was born Sunday, February 13, 2005 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rhinelander, WI at 4:46 a.m. Layla weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. The proud maternal grandparents are Herb & Beas Daniels of Crandon, WI. The proud paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Vargas, Sr. of Puerto Rico. Layla has one older sister.



Happy 1st Birthday
Wishing my First Granddaughter
Jossalyn Raena Metoxen
a very Happy 1st Birthday on March 10th!



Lotsa Love from...
Grandpa Kirby, Von,
Great Grandma &
Grandpa Metoxen and the rest of the gang!

Kalihwisaks
NEXT DEADLINE is...**Wednesday, March 9th, 2004 @ 4:30 P.M.**
with a **PUBLISH DATE** of...
Thursday, March 17th, 2004
Questions, please call: 920-869-4280 or
Toll Free: 1.800.236.2214 ext. 4280

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Sheku General Tribal Council Members...

On behalf of the Oneida Appeals Commission and the Oneida Business Committee, we invite you to participate in the **Peacemaking Conference on Sunday, March 13th and Monday, March 14th, 2005** at the Norbert Hill Center-Business Committee Conference Room. Lunch, dinner and evening social activities will be provided.

The purpose of the Peacemaking Conference is for the Oneida community to come together as one mind to decide how peacemaking can be incorporated in to our legislative, administrative, organizational and social settings. The goal for this first session is to bring awareness of our traditional peacemaking teachings by learning about its origins (story of the peacemaker), peacemaking concepts for each nation, and to identify values that are culturally specific to Oneida people.

Topics to be discussed are the story of the Peacemaker's Journey, the Great Law of Peace, Clan Systems, Iroquois Influence on the US Constitution, and Wampum Belts.

We sincerely encourage your participation in this historic event. If you have any questions, feel free to call Paul Ninham at 920-869-2214 or Leland Wigg-Ninham at 920-496-5306. Yaw^ko

Paul Ninham Councilmember Oneida Business Committee	Leland Wigg-Ninham Chief Judicial Officer Oneida Appeals Commission
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Peacemaking Conference
This is the first of a four part series

Sunday, March 13 Sunday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday, March 14 Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

NHC Business Committee Conference Room

Topics to be discussed:

- Peacemaker's Journey
- Great Law of Peace
- Clan System
- Iroquois Influence on US Constitution
- Wapum Belts

Meals provided on Sunday (lunch 11:30-1:00 Dinner 4:00-6:00 PM)
Meals provided on Monday (lunch 11:30-1:00 Dinner 4:30-6:00 PM)

Social dance at 6:00 PM in the Business Committee Conference Room (Sun. & Mon.)



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THE CLASSIFIEDS

Oneida Child Protective Board: Two (2) Vacancies:
Qualifications: Any tribal member who is on the roll of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Must be eligible to vote in the elections of the Oneida Nation. Must reside in Brown or Outagamie County. Shall serve a four (4) year term of office. Must have experience or education in one of the following areas:

- ~ Employment related to child protection matters
- ~ Foster parenting experiences
- ~ Guardian Ad Litem experiences
- ~ High School Diploma/GED.

An individual over the age 50 is exempt from this requirement

Kinship/family, care experiences i.e., grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and elders. Previous Oneida Child Protective Board experience. Post Secondary Training preferred. All individuals must obtain and file a complete application with the Tribal Secretary's office. The Tribal Secretary's office shall forward copies of all applications under consideration to the Oneida Child Protective Board. Within fifteen days, the Oneida Child Protective Board shall return all applications and submit the name of a candidate whom they recommend. The candidate's name will be submitted, along with all other names of qualified applicants, to the Oneida Business Committee for final selection and approval in accordance with the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Must sign a Acknowledgment Notice & Consent to Release Form.

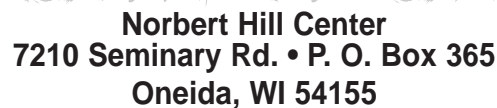
Purpose: In accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C, 1901, et seq., the purpose of the Oneida Child Protective Board is to protect the best interests of the Oneida children and to promote the stability and security of Oneida families by the establishment of minimum standards for the removal of Oneida children from their families. When placements of such children in foster or adoptive homes or facilities are necessary, these homes must reflect the unique values of the Indian Culture. For this purpose, the Oneida Child Protective Board may intervene in federal, state, and county courts, concerning the following proceedings: foster care placement, termination of

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2005 DEADLINE/PRINT SCHEDULE

March 9, 2005	March 17, 2005
March 23 , 2005	March 31, 2005
April 6, 2005	April 14, 2005
April 20, 2005	April 28, 2005
May 4, 2005	May 12, 2005
May 18, 2005	May 26, 2005
June 1, 2005	June 9, 2005
June 15, 2005	June 23, 2005
June 29, 2005	July 7, 2005
July 13, 2005	July 21, 2005
July 27, 2005	August 4, 2005
August 10, 2005	August 18, 2005
August 24, 2005	September 1, 2005
September 7, 2005	September 15, 2005
September 21, 2005	September 29, 2005
October 5, 2005	October 13, 2005
October 19, 2005	October 27, 2005
November 2, 2005	November 10, 2005
November 16, 2005	*November 23, 2005
November 30, 2005	December 8, 2005
December 14, 2005	December 22, 2005

The deadline dates above are the dates that material is to 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 Office, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. Information may be also sent via e-mail or phoned in to kskena@oneidationation.org, Ph. 869-4277; ykaquato@oneidationation.org, Ph. 869-4280; pwisnesk@oneidationation.org, Ph. 869-4279; otherwise call 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 above deadline dates. *This is only a tentative schedule. If changes in the schedule are necessary, the revised schedule will appear in the Kalihwisaks.*

Closing Date:
March 8, 2005
Proposed Start Date:
As Soon As Possible

If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed policy or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise phuff@oneidationation.org Or call 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies are available at: www.on-loc.org

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Oneida, WI 54155-0365

Applications must be received prior to or on the closing date.

Human Resource Department Mission Statement

To provide quality service in all personnel operations with integrity, responsiveness and sensitivity to our customers.