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Doyle likely to veto tribal gaming bill

By Todd Richmond
Associated Press Writer
MADISON, Wis. (AP) – Wisconsin's American Indian tribes would need legislative approval to build off-reservation casinos under a bill the state Assembly approved Wednesday that would strip that authority away from the governor.

The measure drew criticism from the governor's office. Gov. Jim Doyle already has vetoed previous attempts in recent years to give the Legislature oversight of the gambling compacts he negotiates with tribes.

But Assembly Speaker John Gard, R-Peshtigo, said one man shouldn't decide where gambling should expand.

Under federal law, the governor and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs must agree that a proposed off-reservation cas-

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Hurricane...Tribe response efforts ongoing

Local fundraising efforts in place to provide aid

By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks

As people in the Gulf Coast start putting their lives back together after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Oneida people and employees continue to give both money and time to the relief effort.

So far the Help Oneida Nation Offer Relief (HONOR) fund has raised \$3,094 with 216 employees opting to go with the direct

deposit. The funds being raised at Bay Bank will go to the Red Cross.

Oneida Social Services has been contacted by four Oneida families affected by Katrina and one by Rita. The requests have varied from gas money to the purchase of a generator.

"Each situation is different. Through my initial conversation on the phone, I try to assess what the immediate needs are," said Financial Services Director Pre Leverance.

At the moment, the department is focusing on the immediate needs of food, clothing and shelter for the

families.

If a tribal member contacts Social Services, the department can overnight a check within 24 hours. However, that process ran into a glitch with a woman who lived near Lake Pontchartrain in Mississippi.

"She has not seen the condition of her home, she doesn't even know if it's there," said Leverance, "When I tried to overnight express her check, I got to the post office and they informed me that the zip code wasn't accepting any mail yet." An alternate address was found.

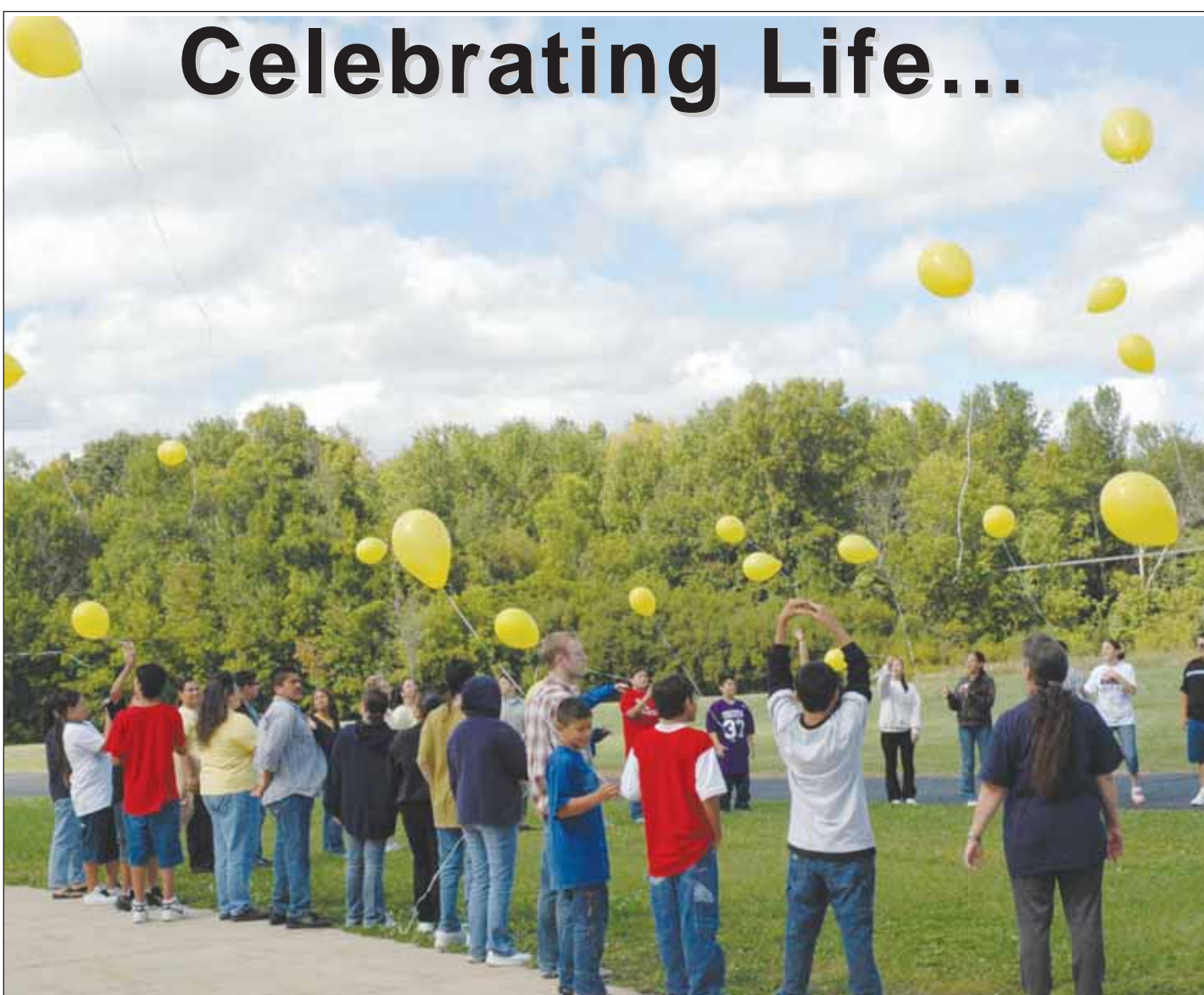
There are possibly 58 Oneida tribal members in the



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Photo courtesy of Julia McLester
A glimpse of living conditions endured by thousands after hurricanes.

Celebrating Life...



Kali photo/Phil Wisneski

Students at the Oneida Nation Elementary School released yellow balloons in memory of those lost to suicide as part of National Yellow Ribbon Week Friday, September 23rd. Parents and students did a memory walk around the Turtle school, then formed a circle, had a moment of silence and released the balloons. Yellow Ribbon Week focuses on suicide prevention and celebrating life.

State casino bill seeks increased oversight

Off-reservation sites will no longer be left up to governor

By Karen Lincoln Michel
Press-Gazette Madison bureau

MADISON — A bill that requires the Legislature to approve off-reservation casinos would stifle negotiations and thwart efforts by Wisconsin tribes to expand gaming beyond their borders, proponents of off-reservation gambling said Wednesday. The bill, which passed the Assembly 59-37 in an early-morning vote Wednesday, would modify current federal requirements that call for the governor to sign off on, or reject, any proposed off-reservation casino in the state that has been approved by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"Our fear has always been

from Day One that it is going to be nearly impossible to try to negotiate terms with more than a hundred legislators," said Menominee Nation chairman Michael Chapman, whose tribe is pursuing a casino complex at Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha. "This is an added threshold that essentially strips the governor of the rights that so many other of his colleagues enjoy across the country."

The 11 Wisconsin tribes have mixed views about off-reservation gambling.

The Forest County Potawatomi, which was the first of three tribes nationally to gain approval for off-reservation gambling, has opposed the proposed Kenosha site, based mainly on the financial hardship it says would be created for its own off-reservation casino in Milwaukee.

Gerald Danforth, chairman of the Oneida Tribe of Indians, said the Oneidas

have no plans to expand gambling outside their reservation and that the tribe has not taken a strong stand either way.

"Historically Oneida has taken a neutral position with regard to the off-reservation issue," Danforth said. "If we go beyond that, we get dragged into one corner or the other, and we don't want to do that."

Rory Dilweg, an attorney who advises the Menominee and whose law firm represents 20 tribes nationwide, said the proposed bill adds a layer of complexity to an already exhaustive process. And, he said, it allows legislators from another part of the state to determine what's best for residents outside their jurisdiction. He cited the proposal by the Menominee, where the city of Kenosha and Kenosha County have held referendums approving the casino at the former dog

track.

"This would just give legislators from other areas around the state that have no interest in Kenosha, and perhaps no interest in southeast Wisconsin as a whole, to weigh in on this," Dilweg said.

Assembly Speaker John Gard, who introduced the bill, called Dilweg's comment "ridiculous."

"These deals don't impact one community, they impact the entire state," said Gard. "And I think the Legislature having an increased oversight role will do nothing but strengthen the hand of all people in the state of Wisconsin."

Gard said each tribe requires its own governing body to approve any expansion of off-reservation casinos,

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Land Claims negotiations continue

By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks

The mediator for the Oneida land claim John Tabner may have resigned, but the land claim will continue on.

Tabner, a lawyer from Albany, told attorneys involved in the case that he would not seek an extension when his term expired in mid-September. In a letter to the attorneys, he stated that little progress had been made and that the positions of the parties involved were too different.

"A settlement at this time, and probably at any time in the near future, is not possible," wrote Tabner.

However, officials from the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin believe that Tabner's resignation is the start of a new phase in the land claim process.

"Mr. Tabner's statement about mediation is done and over with does not mean that discussions on the land claim settlement is done," said Oneida Business Committee Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes.

"The presumption, I believe, was that that signaled an end to our land claim process, and the reality is that is almost exactly the opposite," said Oneida General Manager Bill Gollnick.

Gollnick believes that the mediation process was valuable in that it provided a framework for creating agreements with the New York state government.

"Now our agenda is no longer in mediation, but is in the political realm," he said.

The Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin has reached an agreement with New York Governor George Pataki. The next step is to bring the agreement to the New York state legislature.

"After 9/11, the governor of New York was authorized by the state legislature to address the issues of land claims and casinos to address the damages for those land claims," Gollnick explained.

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State/National

Fraudsters, Con artists seek profit from Hurricane Katrina

As the Gulf Coast recovers from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Americans are being very generous in donating money. Unfortunately, scam artists are using this disaster to take advantage of this generosity. “People are already getting calls and emails asking for money for recovery efforts,” said AARP Wisconsin Associate State Director Lisa Lamkins. “Some of these are schemes designed to steal your money or credit card numbers.”

AARP Wisconsin cautions that before making a donation, be certain that it goes where it was intended to go. Just because someone claims the money will be used on behalf of a charity does not mean the money will really go to that cause or charity.

Know Who’s Asking

AARP Wisconsin’s Lamkins warns that when a stranger asks for a donation, do not assume that the person is honestly raising money for victims. Con artists may say they are raising money on behalf of a legitimate organization, but actually they have no connection with true organizations. Web-based scams may say they are raising money for the Red Cross but then direct people to send their money to a fraudulent account.

Solicitors may be coming door-to-door, standing on street corners or in shopping malls, advertising in newspapers or on the radio, sending letters or emails, or calling on the phone. People may be pressured to give money on the spot, before they have a chance to think.

“Instant” Charity Web Sites

New web sites are already springing up that look like they are seeking donations for Katrina victims. Checking the URL registration might give a clue as to who is behind the site, but even then there is no guarantee that any of the donation would go anywhere other than the pocket of the site’s creator. Watch out for phishing emails pretending to be from a legitimate organization. Inevitably they say to link to spurious web sites. They only want bank or credit card numbers to invade the accounts; not to get money to hurricane victims. AARP’s Lisa Lamkins recommends against clicking on any link to

any site from an email even if the email or the site look legitimate. Those who want to give online should type in the charity’s web address without relying on a link.

Here are some tips to help you make sure your money goes to worthy and legitimate charities:

Protect your charitable dollars

It is good to be generous, but take precautions to make sure that your donations will get where you want them to go.

- Ask for and review written financial information before making a donation.
- Call Wisconsin’s Department of Regulation and Licensing (608/266-5511) to find out if the charity is registered. In some states, charities must file financial disclosures. You can also make a toll-free call to Wisconsin’s Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) at 800/422-7128 if you have concerns about a particular charity’s legitimacy. DATCP has posted information and advice about Contribution Requests here:
- Pay with a check—not cash—made out to the charity—not the fundraiser.
- Contribute directly to the charity, not the fundraiser.

- Keep written records of your donations and pledges. Check your records if someone says you made a pledge you don’t recall.
- Know the difference between “tax deductible” and “tax exempt.” Donations to tax-exempt organizations are not necessarily tax deductible for you. If your donation is tax deductible, get a receipt.
- Don’t give your credit card number or any personal information over the phone or in response to an email.

Warning Signs of a Scam

- Appealing to your emotions without saying how the money will help
- Offering to send someone to pick up your contribution
- Requesting your credit card number or bank account
- Failing to explain the operations administrative costs and programs
- Using a similar sounding name that suggests a well known charity
- Expecting payments for gifts, such as greeting cards, address labels, or religious tokens

Resources

“Identity Theft”
www.aarp.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.fema.gov/press/2005

From Page 9/Letters

have my Bachelor’s in Psychology but I also hold my Associates Degree in Alcohol and Drug Counseling which would only be beneficial working with adolescents. I explained to the HR Specialist that the adolescent years are vital when it comes to alcohol and drugs and if you as a parent want to keep your child out of the addiction cycle in their adult years, you need to start working with them in their adolescent years. This is exactly what I had hoped to do. However, my appeal was to no avail I was not granted an interview. Needless to say I have become very discouraged and feel why should I sacrifice time away from my family continuing my education when I am not able to obtain employment with my own people. To help my own people reduce the vicious cycle of addiction.

Thank you for your time!
Evangeline Rivera
Enrolled member

Indian Summer...

I again recently attended “Indian Summerfest” if you can call it that. Again conditions were bad and terrible. This is only my opinion. The dance area is terrible. Dancing on blacktop is no fun at all. And the prices the dancers and singer have to pay is outrageous. And, give the elderly a break and give them shade and have lower priced tickets for the elderly.

The dancers and singers are not performers. And non-Indians, we’re not here to perform. This was our culture and our ways long before it was pow-wow and contest. Just remember that. Indian Summerfest committee, I hope conditions improve next year.

Bruce King

Four Northeast Wisconsin cities named top Entrepreneur locations

Green Bay ranked #5: Oshkosh, Appleton, Neenah also in top 40

Northeastern Wisconsin – The newly released October issue of Entrepreneur Magazine ranked Green Bay, Wisconsin as one of the top five “hot spots for entrepreneurs.” The Oshkosh-Appleton-Neenah market also received a ranking of 32 in the same small cities category.

“We’re excited to be recognized as one of the top cities in the nation,” said Paul Jadin, president of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. “We work hard to create an atmosphere that welcomes entrepreneurs.”

“It’s exciting when national business leaders recognize the efforts we’ve undertaken to foster economic growth in our cities,” said Bill Welch, president of the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce, which represents business interests in Appleton and Neenah.

“This report points not only to the great work our business and civic leaders are doing here in Oshkosh to grow our economy, but to the great work we’re doing as a region to make Northeast Wisconsin a true hot spot for our nation’s entrepreneurs,” said John

Casper, president of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.

“When we looked at different cities and regions across the country, there were a number of factors that contributed to a region’s success at fostering entrepreneurial development,” said Spencer Tracy a senior researcher at the National Policy Research Council, the Washington DC based think tank that compiled information for Entrepreneur Magazine.

“Factors such as having a strong transportation system, a quality education network and a high quality of life are certainly attributes that put top ranked cities like Green Bay, Appleton, Oshkosh and Neenah at the head pack when it comes to hot cities for entrepreneurs,” Tracy said.

“It’s exciting to see so many cities from Northeast Wisconsin ranked among the nation’s top locations for

entrepreneurs,” said Kathi Seifert, co-chair of the Northeastern Wisconsin Regional Economic Development Partnership, an 18 county consortium of local business and community officials committed to strengthening the business environment of the region.

“We in Northeastern Wisconsin have come together to promote the positive impact of a regional economic development initiative. We’re excited about the prospects for our region and we congratulate these cities on the recognition. This is great news and helps open people’s eyes across the country to the opportunities that exist in Northeast Wisconsin.”

A complete listing of the top rated cities can be seen online at <http://www.entrepreneur.com/bestcities/region/0,5276,498-Small,00.html>.

Thank You...

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the benefit a huge success. A special ‘Thank You’ to my sister Judy Bozeman & family and my daughter Kim who got this all started. To all my brothers & sisters for all their support and to the many relatives and friends who gave their time, food, and donations. Thank you to Barb & George and the Rising Nation Motorcycle Club, the Heathens Motorcycle Club, the many businesses who made donations, the Oneida Town Hall & the Oneida Fireman’s organization and to Cherry Bounce who provided the music.

Thank You Very Much!
Joyce King & Family

CALENDAR
EVENTS
October 1–7
12th Annual Tsyunhehkwa[^] Husking Bee WHEN: Saturday, October 1, 2005 thru October 7, 2005 TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Daily PLACE: Tsyunhehkwa [^] at 139 Riverdale Drive
Join us in corn snapping, husking & braiding our new harvest of 4 acres of heirloom white corn. The Community event braiding our life sustenance with all our relations. Education Days: Monday, October 3 thru Thursday, October 6. For more information call: 920. 869.2718
October 8
Holy Apostles Fall Harvest Supper WHEN: Saturday, October 8, 2005 TIME: 1:00pm – 5:00pm PLACE: Parish Hall
\$8/adults and \$4/children For more information call... 920-869-2565
Ongoing
Women Reaching Women Support Group WHEN: Every Thursday WHERE: Three Sister's Community Center, 790 Oneste Lane (off of Mason St.) Three Sisters Housing Site TIME: 12:30–2:30 PM Please come and join us. We'll support each other. All women are invited. Free transportation, lunch, and child care provided. YMCA Swimming, Women's Closet. Hope to See you there! For information, please contact Isabel Parker at 498-3340 oR Georgia Burr at 592-8682.
Ongoing
Community Sweat Lodge Men, women, children and families all invited WHEN: Every Friday WHERE: Cottage numbered 1240 (Behind Social Services) TIME: 7:00 PM Please bring a dish to pass. Sponsored by the Oneida Domestic Violence Program. Call Gene Re Hail at 490-3736 for more information.
November 24
6th Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast WHEN: Thursday, November 24, 2005 WHERE: Parish Hall TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Traditional Thanksgiving Meal will once again be served on Thanksgiving Day at the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact: Brian Duxtator at 869-2170 or email: bdox@earthlink.net
Please call the <i>Kalihwisaks</i> office at (920) 869-4280, 4279 or 4277 to include events in this section. <i>Any future announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.</i>

12th Annual

Tsyunhehkwa[^] Husking Bee

October 1-7, 2005

Join us in corn snapping, husking & braiding our new harvest of 4 acres of heirloom white corn. The community eventbraiding our life sustenance with all of our relations.

Community Husking Bee

Saturday, October 1 thru Friday October 7, 2005

9 AM - 5 PM Daily

Education Days

Mondays, October 3 thru Thursday, October 6

For more information call 920.869.2718

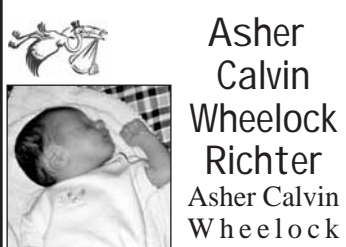
139 Riverdale Drive, Oneida

Program of the Oneida Nation

Good News

New Arrivals

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

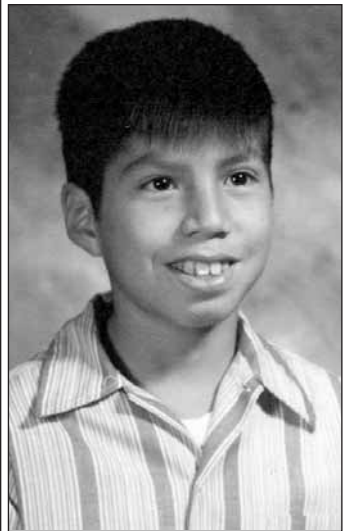


Asher Calvin Wheelock Richter
Asher Calvin Wheelock Richter, was born to Anne Wheelock and Justin Richter on July 30, 2005. He weighed 6 lbs, 15 oz, and measured 19 inches. Grandson to Diane Adams and Dale Paul Wheelock. Also welcomed by Uncle Justin Wheelock, Great Aunt Dorothy Skenandore, Cousin Debbie Danforth and many other cousins and friends.

Nelson James VandeHei
Nelson James VandeHei, was born to Jeremy and Dawn VandeHei on Friday, May 27, 2005. He weighed 8 lbs, 10 oz, and measured 21 inches. The proud paternal Grandparents are Todd and Regina VandeHei. The proud maternal Grandparents are Terri and Bob Smith and Tony Pries. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Nelson & Rebecca Ninham and Arthur and Francis VandeHei.

Happy Birthday

Scott
on September 30th



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Kalihwisaks
NEXT DEADLINE
is...**Wednesday**
October 5th, 2005 @
4:30 P.M.
with a **PUBLISH**
DATE of...
Thursday,
October 13th, 2005
Questions, please
call: **920-869-4280,**
4279 or 4277
Toll Free:
1.800.236.2214
ext. 4277, 4279, or
4280

Happy 77th Birthday

Mom



Love from all your
children; Gayle, Poncho,
Denise, Albert,
Ronnie & Marlene

Happy 21st Birthday

to
Brita

You know we love you



From your Mom and Nana

Happy 29th Birthday

To our Daughter
Colleen



Love Dad, Mom,
Tehaw^nake & Loyanehse

Happy Birthday

to
Lisa

on September 19th
Walk a good path with your
moccasins!



From your Family

Congratulations

Summer

Congratulations on your graduation from ITT and on the
new addition to the family!



Love... "The Crew", Mom, and Chaske

Happy 21st Birthday

to
Bonby

on September 28th



Kunolunkwa
From Teazer, Manda, Jake,
Seal, Suave' 'n Saranut

Congratulations

Summer Dawn

Rowless

Software Applications and
Programming Associates
Degree, ITT 4.38 GPA
This quarter
(under crisis)



From Mom and Chaske

Volunteer Fire Dept. sets date for Open House

The Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department will be holding an open house Thursday, October 13th from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

The open house will feature fire prevention and will include activities such as fire station tours, fire truck displays, stop, drop and roll demonstration, window escape display, smoke house display, fire spray window and kid's fire prevention goody-bags along with free popcorn and drinks.

The firehouse is located on County Highway H. For more information contact Don Jorgenson at 920-869-2578, Chet Olson at 920-869-1581 or Mary Olsen at 920-833-2211 between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

October 2005 Calendar of Events

Animal Stories for Preschoolers:

Chipmunks
Monday, October 3 at 10 A.M. and again Monday, October 17 at 1 P.M.
Children and their families can learn about chipmunks during Animal stories for Preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the short stories "Chipmunk Song" by Joanna Ryder and "Chatty Chipmunk Nutty Day" by Susan Grueber. After the stories, the youngsters will participate in fun craft project. Cost is \$1 per Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$1.50 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

Kids Autumn Adventure
Saturday, October 8 at 10 A.M.

The Thursday Breakfast Optimist Club sponsors the annual Kid's Autumn Adventure at the Sanctuary from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy

face painting, live animal exhibits, music by Randy Peterson, lunch and much more. All activities are free and open to the public. For more information, call (920) 391-3671.

Halloween Event:
Geared for Youngsters
Saturday, October 8 at 10 A.M.

The 12th Annual Halloween Event is geared for those youngsters who like to learn about animals. Pick a time slot, register for the tour and enjoy an indoor hike through the Sanctuary. Along the way, you will encounter various nighttime characters that will share fun and factual information. Participants are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Tours take place every 15 minutes starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. Cost is \$3 dollars per adult and \$2 per children 12 and under. This event is recommended for ages 5 and up. Space is limited. Pre-reg-

istration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

Candy, Craft & Creatures of the Night
Thursday, October 27 at 10 A.M.

The kids are off of school and are excited about Halloween festivities. So come join Sanctuary staff at this Halloween related event. Participants are encouraged to wear their costumes, enjoy the candy and make craft projects. Cost is \$1 per Green Bay resident for Friends member or \$2 per non-resident. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671

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

In Search of...



Esther Swamp-Johnson



Juanita Rose Swamp

Juanita Rose Swamp's father...

Her mother was Esther Swamp-Johnson, sister to Rosemary and Coleman Swamp. Please contact: **Nicole Penass, (702) 247-6057**
E-mail: nikkamp49_841@hotmail.com
454 Sierra Vista #109, Las Vegas NV 89109

Also... Any information on William Palmer

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Local

From Page 1/Hurricane Aftermath, local efforts in place

affected areas. People can call Social Services toll free at 1-800-216-3216 to request assistance.

Some people have decided to take a more active role and have volunteered to go to gulf area to help where they can.

Oneida member Julia McLester braved the heat and rustic conditions in Gulfport, Mississippi to help the disabled. McLester works for Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and went to the area with 15 other Disability Program Navigators (DPN) for two weeks.

The group made up of volunteers from Wisconsin, Colorado, Oklahoma and Mississippi have been searching for people with disabilities and helping them get the services and medical items they need.

It's been a difficult task because of the damage to roads, houses and telephone lines.

"Most of the time the phones not working so then we go to the home and I'd say half the time there's no home there," said McLester.

The group has searched



Photo courtesy of Julia McLester

The devastation of a home in the Gulfport, Mississippi area. "It is hard to describe with words the scale and scope of the devastation, or the tremendous loss of life," said McLester.

shelters and a tent city in a Wal-mart parking lot looking for signs of disabled people; wheel chairs, canes and walkers.

"We're literally finding them anyway we can," she said.

Oneida Employee Assistance Program Director Bob Fresen is a volunteer

with the Red Cross and went to Hattiesburg, Mississippi September 20th to council survivors of the hurricanes.

"He's fulfilling his calling as a social worker, we advocate and respond," said fellow councilor Carol Bauman.

Donations are still being accepted at Bay Bank. Checks can be made out to

HONOR and sent to Bay Bank, 255 Packerland Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313.

McLester has been in contact with a Menominee couple with family ties in Keshena, Wisconsin. Louise and Jerry Waukau are in need of food. It can be shipped via US mail to 6916 Thorton Ct. Apt., #8, Fort Polk, LA 71459.

Just a short message from the front lines in the Katrina relief effort...

We have been here for what seems much longer than just a week and a half but what we have experienced will fill us all with emotion for the rest of our lives. The stories are



Contribute photo Julia McLester with her grandson.

sometimes overwhelming but the spirit of the people of Mississippi has not been broken. The folks here have not just lost their material belongings but their support system, their memories.

They are gracious beyond imagination and thankful for all of the assistance that has been offered

and given by everybody.

These are just a few of the pictures I have taken since our arrival but they represent the 90 thousand square miles of Mississippi that were

washed away. It is hard to describe with words the scale and scope of the devastation or the tremendous loss of life.

The Navigators have stepped up – we estimate that we have already helped 600 people – including locating folks.

CORRECTION

On page 4B of the September 15th issue, Louis Mehojah's name was inadvertently misspelled. We apologize for the error.

Confidential Reporting Hotline now in place

Introduction

The Oneida Gaming Commission (OGC) is pleased to announce the confidential reporting hotline.

The OGC believes that this hotline will be helpful to employees and patrons for the Oneida Bingo and Casino. The primary purpose of the hotline is to provide non-threatening ways for employee, patrons or agents of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to report any activity or conduct that they suspect is not in compliance with the Oneida Casino regulations or with applicable federal, state or tribal laws and regulations.

Policies & Procedures of Reporting

- Always remember to leave a clear detailed message
- Please keep in mind that the hotline is for factual incidents regarding violations within the Oneida Gaming operation.
- This line is recorded and may be monitored to ensure quality handling of your call.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When should I use the hotline?

A. The hotline is designed to take questions or concerns

confidentially regarding the Oneida Gaming operation. Everyone should have someone to report to without fear of retaliation.

Q. Who am I reporting to?

A. You will be calling a voice mail system and leaving a message for the Oneida Gaming commission Investigators. This system will be checked on a daily basis.

Q. Can I remain anonymous?

A. YES! The Oneida Gaming Commission will follow the "anonymous information policy" which states that all anonymous calls will be referred to the Oneida Police Department.

ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING HOTLINE

920-869-HALT (4258)

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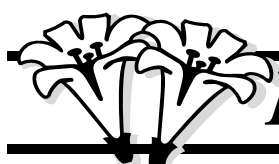
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Local



Passing On

Smith, Sr., Robert K. "Bob"

Robert K. "Bob" Smith, Sr., 76, of Green Bay, passed away early Sunday morning September 18, 2005 at a local hospital. He was born March 12, 1929



sense of humor and love of life. He will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM Friday,

September 23, 2005 at Meadowbrook Church, 701 Hillcrest Heights, Green Bay with Pastor Welch, officiating. Burial was at Assembly of God Cemetery, Oneida, with VFW Military rites. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the Smith family.

A Million Times...
(author unknown)

A million times we've needed you,

A million times we've cried.

If love alone could have saved you,

You never would have died.

If all the world was ours to give,

We would give it, yes, and more.

To see you coming up the steps,

And walking through the door.

To hear your voice and see your smile,

To sit and talk awhile,

To be with you that same old way,

Would be our fondest day.

A heart of gold stopped beating,

Two smiling eyes closed to rest,

God broke our hearts to prove to us,

He only takes the best.

We will always love and miss you, Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa!!

May you now find peace and comfort in the Lord's arms.

Jordan, Delphina Effie

Delphina Effie Jordan, 50, Seymour, formerly of Greenleaf, died Friday, September 23, 2005, at a local hospital after a brief



illness. Born in Green Bay, October 13, 1954, to the late Tomas and Lavina (Archiquette) Orosco. She married Carl Jordan, October 13, 1995, in Las Vegas, NV. Delphina worked for the Oneida Tribe in the Retail Smoke Shops. She loved spending time with her family, the Dallas Cowboys, traveling, and decorating.

Delphina is survived by her husband, Carl Jordan of Seymour; 4 children, Sally Orosco and her children Wyntr and Savannah, Joseph Orosco, Lydia Orosco and her children, Adrian and Alonzo, and Delphina (Carlos) Salazar and their children, Leticia and Rosalinda all of Green Bay; 5 brothers and sisters-in-law, Clifton (Sally) Cornelius of

Green Bay, Arlyn (Georgian) Cornelius of Indianapolis, IN, Ruben (Susan) Cornelius of Sabbathus, ME, Leyne (Gail) Orosco of Green Bay, Quadalupe (Debbie) Orosco of Bellevue; 3 sisters and 1 brother-in-law, Connie (Gabriel) Cibulka of Waldo, Trudell Kohlwey of Green Bay, LaVina Orosco of Green Bay; aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews; best friend, Rena Metoxen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 children, Charity and Joan Wheelock; and brother, Thomas Orosco.

Funeral services were held at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at Malcore Funeral Home, University Ave. at Baird Street, Green Bay.

Please visit www.malcore-funeralhome.com to send online condolences to the Jordan family.

By Tina Figueroa

Probate Clerk - Oneida Tribe

Before you say no, let me ask you a few questions. Do you own an undivided interest in Individual Trust Land? Is the land you own highly fractionated? Do you own less than 5% of the allotted tract? Do you have more than one child or no children? If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, have I got some news for you.

My name is Tina Figueroa. I am the Probate Clerk for the Oneida Tribe. I recently attended a training session on the new American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA). As of May 1, 2006 (tentative date) the AIPRA will be in effect. The AIPRA contains several changes coming to American Indians that own highly fractionated Individual Trust Lands. Let me give you a little background on what's happening.

Let's start with the General Allotment Act of 1887. This act gave the Federal Government the authority to divided Indian Reservations into parcels and allot them to Native Americans. It was supposedly intended to encourage Native American farms and to protect Native Americans ownership of reservation lands. At this time, there were not many Native Americans that could read and they did not make wills. When the original allottees died, the Federal Government (Dept of the Interior) had their property Probated (the legal process of establishing heirs and transferring property). Under the Indian Probate Laws, if an individual dies intestate (without a will), their property is passed on to their heirs as individual "fractional" interests in the allotment parcels as tenants in common. In other words, if an Indian, owning a 160 acre allotment, died and had four heirs, the heirs didn't inherit 40 acres each. Rather, they each inherited 1/4 interest in the entire 160 acres.

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Do You Need a Will?

As the years passed and the owners passed on, the allotments were divided into several, sometimes hundreds of interests. Several of the allotted parcels now have several owners and no one has majority (51%) ownership. This means that no one can actually do anything with the property unless they have can acquire the majority ownership from the hundred or more other family members and interest holders.

Because of this, there are thousands of acres of Native American land in the United States that sit idle. We have several interest holders on the Oneida Reservation hold less than 5% interest. The problem is only getting worse as time goes on. We have parcels that have more owners than land. Imagine owning 1.5 acres of land with 200 other people. Because its' ownership is as tenants in common, no one can actually say "this is my tree" or "this is my rock", you all own everything.

Until now, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) followed State Probate Law if the Tribal Member died without a will (intestate). Under State Probate Law, with no will, the spouse would receive one-half of the interest and the other one-half would be split evenly between all of their children. If a child dies before their parent, their share would go to their children and so on. If the member died without a spouse, the children would evenly share the whole interest. If the member died without a spouse or children, it would go back to their parents, if they're still living, or shared equally between their siblings. It all seems very fair, but it's causing the Individual Trust lands to be more fractionated.

This is what will happen with AIPRA. If you have less than 5% interest in a highly fractionated tract of Individual Trust land your property will be probated according to AIPRA guidelines.

- The spouse will no longer inherit Individual Trust Interests. They will be eligible to inherit one-third of any IIM (Individual Indian Money) account that is available and up to 100% of all additional assets and may acquire a Life Estate if the member had a home on the land.
- All Individual Trust Interests will be given to the oldest living child.
- If there are no surviving children, the interest would go to the oldest living eligible grandchild.
- If there are no surviving grandchildren, the interest would go to the older living eligible great grandchild.
- If there are no eligible heirs, the interest would pass on to the Indian Tribe with jurisdiction over the interest. (In our case, the Oneida Tribe)
- If for some reason, the Indian Tribe wouldn't want the interest, then the interest would be divided equally among co-owners of this parcel of Individual Trust land.

As you can see, the AIPRA brings a lot of changes to how things were done. There are quite a few other changes but these are the ones that will directly effect the most Tribal Members. This will cut down on the fractionation of our Oneida lands but unless you have a will in place at the time of your death, you will lose your ability to say who in your family gets your property.

As of September 1, 2005 the BIA will no longer be assisting Indian Tribes with drafting wills. There are a few locations throughout the Tribe (including Land Management) that do wills or you have the option of hiring a private lawyer to help you. It doesn't matter how you get a will, as long as you have one. Let your final wishes be known. Please contact me at (920) 869-1690 ext. 1806 for more information.

Melchert, Chris

Chris Melchert, age 36, born February 2, 1969 in Oneida Wisconsin, gave up his ghost on Tuesday, September 27, 2005. The son of Adeline Johnson and the late Raymond Melchert.



Chris proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during Desert Storm. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and playing in the garage.

Survivors include his wife Debbie, his daughter Kara, Stepsons; Phillip (Xong), Nathan (Nicole), Kyle (Jamie). His grandchildren; Noah, and Katelyn. His mother Adeline and step father Arthur. His brothers; Ron (Sue), Tim (Debbie), Mike (Patty), Frank (LeAnn), and George. Chris's sisters; Beverly, Theresa (Calvin), and Molly. Stepbrothers; Edwin (Jenny), and David (Nancy). His mother in law; Helen, his sister in laws; Vicki (Bernie), Sandy (Junior), and Peggy (Dan), and his brother in law Joe. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces' nephews, and special aunts Carol, Arleen, and Marie further survive Chris.

He was preceded in death by his father Raymond, his brothers; Larry, and Roger, his step-daughter Katie-Jo, father-in-law Joe, and sister-in-law Brenda.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 1 at 10 a.m. at the Oneida Assembly Of God Church.

Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the Melchert family.

Our condolences...

The Communications staff extend our sincerest condolences to fellow colleagues Debbie Melchert and her son Phil Wisneski on their recent loss.

To our readers...

We apologize first for the one day delay in getting this latest issue of the Kali to you. Secondly, please accept our apology if a submission was not published due to the absence of our colleague. Please follow up with our department on Monday if this oversight has occurred. We can be reached at 869-4280, 4277, or 4279.

No Fighting Sioux logo

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) _ The University of North Dakota still may not use its Fighting Sioux nickname and Indian head logo during NCAA post-season tournaments, although it will still be allowed to host a regional hockey competition, an NCAA committee says.

The tournament is scheduled for the Ralph Engelstad Arena, which is festooned with thousands of logos the NCAA has said it considers "hostile and abusive" to American Indians.

The decision by the association's staff review committee, which was announced Wednesday, may still be appealed to the NCAA's executive committee.

David Gipp, president of the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, called the decision "the right thing, the correct thing, the ethical and the moral thing to do."

The university should now take the step of getting rid of the nickname and logo entirely, Gipp said in a telephone interview.

"It allows the University of North Dakota to begin to make the transition that is necessary," Gipp said. "This

is something that begins to set the road straight ... This begins to right the wrongs of history."

Last month, the NCAA barred 18 colleges, including the University of North Dakota, from using Indian mascots, logos and nicknames in its post-season tournaments.

UND and other schools appealed. The NCAA quickly granted exemptions to the Florida State Seminoles, the Utah Utes and the Central Michigan Chippewas, citing agreements the schools had with local tribes to use the nicknames.

However, an NCAA staff review committee declined to give UND a similar exemption Wednesday, pointing out that the school's nickname and logo have opposition from the three Sioux tribes with reservation land in North Dakota.

The Standing Rock Sioux and the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux both clearly opposed "the university's use of the 'Fighting Sioux' nickname and imagery," Bernard Franklin, an NCAA senior vice president said in a statement Wednesday.

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Oneida Nation Farm may cultivate award

By Dawn Walschinski
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Oneida Nation Farms Manager Patricia Cornelius looked over the herd of buffalo grazing on its pasture on Cooper Road. “Oh, look at that bull, isn’t he magnificent!” she exclaimed referring the male bison that towered over the cows and spring calves. She spoke enthusiastically about plans to build an over-look near the pasture where the herd had grown from 13 buffalo to 100.

The Oneida Nation Farm is now one of the biggest non-dairy farms in northeast Wisconsin with 200 black Angus beef cattle, 100 head of buffalo, 4500 acres of tillable land, 300 acres of grazing land and a 30 acre apple orchard with 3000 trees.

It’s this kind of success that has led to the Oneida Nation Farm to be nominated for an award from the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy and from the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

Cornelius will travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma October 31st representing one of 10 Native American enterprises from across the country. The top five

will receive the Honoring Nations award and \$10,000 to develop educational material on their organization to share with other tribes. Others will receive an honorable mention and \$2000.

“I’m pretty impressed that we got this far and I never in my wildest dreams thought that we’d ever get to be recognized,” said Cornelius.

Members of the Native Nations Institute (NNI) visited the farm in August of this year.

“They’re looking at how some tribes can be successful in agriculture while others seem to start and fail,” she said. Cornelius attributes one factor in the farm’s success was that it started on a small scale with 300 acres and 30 head of cattle 14 years ago.

“I’d rather do something and look at it and do it small and make that step count rather than do it too big, spend a lot of money and end up to have to back up and start all over again,” she said.

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The farm has over 300 customers who either purchase beef,



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“One of the things I’m most proud of here is the buffalo,” said Oneida Nation Farms Manager Patricia Cornelius. A mother buffalo watches over her calf that was born in the spring.

buffalo, apples, chicken, pork or other products at the Oneida Apple Orchard Store on Highway 54 or through employee pay-roll deductions.

The Oneida Nation also owns seven farms that it leases to the non-Oneida farmers it bought the land from.

The farm operation grew out of attempts by the Oneida Nation to buy back lands lost after the Indian Allotment act in 1887.

“The most available land on our reservation within our reservation boundaries is the larger tracts of agricultural land,” said Cornelius.

While she acknowledges that there are many competing interests for tribal land, including demand for housing, Cornelius believes there’s a place for agriculture in Oneida.

“It’s like this whole circle,” Cornelius said, “The Oneidas were removed (from central New York) and we came here and

bought this land from the Menominees and we were the original farmers here. We lost that through all these different governmental acts and now it’s shown again that we’re right back in this circle and we come back and we are now farming again.”

Cornelius hopes to encourage more Oneidas to take up farming either on small scale plots or as a career. She along with other tribal departments have created the Oneida Community Integrated Food System (OCIFS) to encourage tribal members to have healthier diets. She also works with Future Farmers of American (FFA) in the local high schools to educate students about the diverse careers available in modern agriculture.

Cornelius believes Oneida’s commitment to rebuild its land base is vital to the Nation’s success.

“Land is key. Land is everything. Land is your strength. Land is your sovereignty.”

From Page 1/Casino bill

and said the Wisconsin Legislature should have the same authority.

“Not everybody (in the Legislature) has to negotiate them,” Gard said. “All we want is the opportunity to say yes or no on the final result. It provides more checks and balances and will guarantee that the taxpayers get a better deal.”

Gov. Jim Doyle said through his spokeswoman Melanie Fonder that the governor plans to exercise his legal authority to negotiate on behalf of the state.

“It doesn’t make sense to have 132 legislators negotiating these agreements,” Fonder said. “If any of these did come to his desk, the governor would take into account the community input and whether the community had a referendum.”

Sean Dilweg, a spokesman for the Department of

Administration, said the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act specifically states that the governor approves or disapproves any agreement that has been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Sean Dilweg said off-reservation gaming is an issue being brought before Congress, and that the BIA may be holding off on a decision on the Kenosha casino until a federal law passes.

“It would be premature to pass something on the state level until the feds figure out what direction they want to go on this,” Sean Dilweg said.

The state’s Republican-controlled Senate must pass the same version of the Assembly bill before it goes to the governor. Doyle can either sign the measure into law or veto it.

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From Page 1/Land Claim negotiations will go on despite Tabnor’s decision to walk away as mediator

If a proposed bill was adopted by the legislature when it comes back in session early next year, the claims of the Oneida of Wisconsin and four other Native American nations would be settled.

“Sometime in January these would become very significant issues of conversation and ideally we will be supported so we can move forward,” said Gollnick.

Also pushing for progress on the federal side is United States Congressional Representative Richard Pombo who is the Chairman of the House Committee on Resources which maintains jurisdiction over Native American issues.

“These land claims have gone on too long, clouding property owners’ title and leaving Indian tribes without

just resolution,” said Pombo. “Some New York officials have failed to address these important issues, and in order to be fair, the committee will intervene and bring a solution to both landowners and Indian tribes.”

“We believe that the opportunity that exists at the state on the one hand and the commitment to bring this to closure at the federal level on the other should result in movement fairly quickly,” said Gollnick.

Yet Gollnick and Hughes remain cautious in foreseeing the end of the land claim process.

“There’s still a lot of work ahead of us, we know that, and in the next few months we expect again a great flurry of activity, but I think it’s still going to be awhile before we

actually get to the end of the story,” said Hughes.

“We have fought for this for seven generations and we can see an end in sight.

Land Claims Timeline...

1700's – Treaties in 1785 and 1788 forfeited 5 million acres of land to the state of New York, however the state did not have authority from the federal government to make treaties with Indian tribes.

1800's – A majority of the Oneida move to Wisconsin. Some settle in Ontario, Canada and a small group stays in New York.

1985 – A Supreme Court

There’s still twists and turns in the road, but I believe the reality is we are going to get there,” said Gollnick.

ruling entitles all Oneidas to 250,000 acres of land in New York. Negotiations begin.

1998 – The court appoints former dean of the Seton Law School Ronald Riccio as a mediator. He resigns 17 months later.

May, 2002 – U.S. District Judge Lawrence Kahn appoints Albany attorney John Tabner. He resigns mid-September of this year.



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Empty shelves in Oneida

By Phil Wisneski

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The shelves at the Oneida Pantry Emergency Network are bare.

“We have almost nothing to give hungry families in the Oneida community,” Pantry coordinator Gary Smith said.

With the tragedy of the two hurricanes that have hit Louisiana and Texas, many people have forgotten that there are people in their own back yard that are going hungry.

“We need donations,” Smith said. “It really hurts to see families come in here and we can’t give them enough food.”

Smith is sympathetic for the hurricane victims, but he sees other hungry faces each day at the Oneida Pantry.

“I know we need to help them down there, but we need to help the people here in Oneida too,” Smith said.

The pantry serves around 600 bags of groceries each month. That equates to about 250-300 families. That number continues to grow according to Smith.

Smith has requested the assistance of the Oneida Business Committee to help

out with dire situation of the pantry. Lisa Summers, Assistant to Council woman Melinda Danforth was present at a meeting to show the bare shelves of the pantry and assured Smith that the situation of the Oneida Pantry will not sit well with the committee members.

“I don’t know exactly what will be done, but this will be addressed by the committee,” Summers said.

Currently the Oneida Food Pantry is in partnership with many area businesses in order to keep their shelves stocked. Paul’s Pantry in Green Bay is one of the main suppliers of dairy products, meat, fresh fruit vegetables and bakery goods. They also provide health care products such as shampoo and toilet paper.

Sue Ann’s Bagels contribute bagels, Freedom Foods and Don’s Market in Seymour also provide the pantry with needed food



Kali photo/Phil Wisneski

Shelves at the Oneida Pantry are bare due to food donations being redirected to help hurricane victims in the gulf area.

items.

The pantry also has a small garden plot that it grows their own vegetables for their clients. This is not an option of course during the winter months.

The Oneida Nation Farms also sells products to the pantry at a reduced cost.

Unfortunately, most of their suppliers have sent a lot of their products to the hurricane victims and the shelves at the Oneida Pantry are proof of that.

One of the major contribu-

tors to the pantry is the Oneida Casino holiday food drive. The food and money from the drive last approximately six months in the pantry.

The pantry is unique in that it serves all families within the Oneida Reservation as long as they meet certain requirements. They also serve families within Outagamie, Brown, Kewaunee, Door and Manitowoc counties as long as an Oneida tribal member is living in the home.

OBC Chairman Danforth President-elect of GLITC

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

Oneida Chairman Gerald Danforth has taken on a new role as president of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC).

Danforth was elected to the position by the GLITC executive board which is made up of members of the eleven Native nations in Wisconsin and the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe of upper Michigan.

“The Great Lakes Intertribal Council is a very important organization that is highly regarded especially at the state level of government but also at the federal level where it applies to our health care systems,” said Danforth.

GLITC was formed in 1963 and helps the twelve tribes share administrative responsibilities dealing with federal grant money awarded for health care, tourism, economic development, housing and legal help.

While Oneida currently has its own administrator for its health services, the Nation still has contracts with GLITC.

“There are certain health care needs that Great Lakes can provide that we don’t have the same capacity,” said Danforth.

Danforth acknowledges that while the agenda of an Oneida Chairman is a full one, his duties to other tribes are important as well.

“I view the responsibilities as president of that council as very important and a very important conduit between all the tribes in the council with conveying their messages and conveying their needs to both the state and federal government,” he said.

The GLITC board meets every other month and oversees the executive director who is in charge of the day to day operation of the program.

Thank you,

The family of Travis G. Cornelius would like to thank all the people that contributed to, assisted or comforted us during our time of loss.

We would like the express our sincere gratitude to the Red Hail family for hosting the fire and the fire keepers. Also, to the Oneida Tribe, Ryan Funeral Home, the Oneida Singers, the Oneida Police Department and the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to these individuals for their support, compassion and assistance: Debbie Flores-Cloud, Claudia Skenandore, Roger Metoxen and many others.

We would like to thank everyone who gave of their time, thoughts or prayers as this was all greatly appreciated by the family.

His memory is in our keeping, so we will never be apart, God has him in his kingdom, but we will always have him in our hearts.

Oneida Trust and Enrollment Separation

This is the fourth in a series of articles to inform the membership about a project that the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee is contemplating in order to enhance the operations of these Committees.

The reason that the Trust/Enrollment Committee is proposing this project is that because of the growth of the tribe, the responsibilities of this committee have increased and the missions of the Trust Department and the Enrollment Department

have developed into two missions instead of one. The trust fund fiduciary responsibilities and the membership roll responsibilities have become complex and require more specialized services to the General Tribal Council.

With the General Tribal Council’s support in realigning this “Trust/Enrollment Committee” into 2 committees, “Trust Committee”, and “Enrollment Committee”, each entity would then be able to focus on one mission.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Review project Purpose, Chronology, and Title July 20051
2. Development of Governing Document tasks list and assignments Aug. 17, 2005
3. Development of Public Relations tasks list and assignments Aug. 17, 2005
4. Completion of Document Tasks Oct. 19, 2005
5. Completion of development of Public Relations communication campaign August 31, 2005
6. Initiate Public Relations campaign Sept 14, 2005
7. Receive Final Approval on Documents from LOC. Jan 18, 2006
8. Obtain GTC approval for Division Sept. 12, 2006

SUCCESS CRITERIA:

1. Task Force Meeting minutes for reviewing Purpose, Chronology, and Title
2. Task Force Governing Document tasks list and assignments.
3. Task Force Public Relations tasks list and assignments.
4. OTC approval of completed Documents.
5. OTC approval of Public Relations communication campaign and time line.
6. Published articles and prepared pamphlets for mailing.
7. OBC approval on Documents and Statements of Effect submitted by the LOC.
8. GTC Resolution approving Division and creation of two entities.

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TIME: 12:30-2:30 PM

Please come and join us. We'll support each other. All women are invited. Free transportation, lunch, and child care provided. YMCA Swimming, Women's Closet. Hope to See you there! For information, please contact Isabel Parker at 498-3340 oR Georgia Burr at 592-8682.

Ongoing

Community Sweat Lodge

Men, women, children and families all invited

WHEN: Every Friday

WHERE: Cottage numbered 1240 (Behind Social Services)

TIME: 7:00 PM

Please bring a dish to pass. Sponsored by the Oneida Domestic Violence Program. Call Gene Re Hail at 490-3736 for more information.

November 24

6th Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast

WHEN: Thursday, November 24, 2005

WHERE: Parish Hall

TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Traditional Thanksgiving Meal will once again be served on Thanksgiving Day at the Parish Hall.

For more information, please contact: Brian Duxtator at 869-2170 or email: bdox@earthlink.net

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

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

T' Thunderhawk

Opening Notes from the THT Editor



Photo Courtesy of Denis Gullickson
Thunderhawk Times Advisor

By Lois Stevens
ONHS Junior

Hello, my name is Lois Stevens. I am a junior in high school and the editor of the “Thunderhawk Times” section of the newspaper. It is a great privilege that Denis Gullickson, our advisor, has

picked me to be this year’s editor and I intend on making sure that our section in the paper remains there throughout the year. I’m sure that you missed our articles last year, so this year I am going to make sure that they are put every issue so you can see the talented writers that this high school has.

The school is starting over this year, to make it a better atmosphere for both the students and the faculty, and the Journalism class is moving along with that idea. I am very excited about this year’s Journalism class. We are more serious and dedicated to this year’s projects and we are talking of

“ I am very excited about this year’s journalism class. We are more serious and dedicated.... ”

~ Lois Stevens

new ways to make our high school more interesting and noticeable. We are planning on also having articles published in the newsletter that is sent to all the student’s homes.

Another exciting thing that we are working on is a video project. The students want to make a news broadcast for the rest of the students in the school. With Carl Bridges as the leader of this particular project, I have high hopes for them.

I have high hopes for the whole class in general. This year is going to be great!

High gas prices hit ONHS students

By Dwight Hill
ONHS Junior

As you can see, the gas prices have been outrageously high these past few weeks – up to \$3.09 just last week. Since Labor Day, prices have gone down about 50 cents – well, at least in Oneida.

Just the other day, I was driving and I saw one gas station in Oneida that said 1 gallon of gas is \$2.89. Later that day I took a ride to Green Bay and there prices were ten cents higher than that of Oneida. “Why is that?” I wondered. Many people believe it is just a way to make money. Station owners sometimes think that if they keep their gas prices down, more people would come to their gas station.

Now here are some facts

for you: Shell Oil’s second-quarter profits (April, May, and June) rose 34% from this time last year to \$5.2 billion. Exxon/Mobil is up 32% to \$7.6 billion. BP is up 38% to \$5.6 billion. Conoco Phillips is up a staggering 56%, jumping to \$3.1 billion in profits. And if all this cash flow weren’t enough, the energy bill President Bush just signed into law gives energy companies up to \$4 billion in tax breaks.

The student drivers at ONHS are affected by this. Yes, some of them have jobs, but some of them only get paid every two weeks. And I don’t know of any car that can run for two weeks on 1 full tank of gas, especially with these high prices. I’ve always wanted to bring my El

Camino to school, but I can’t really afford gas for that gas hog. Another student can’t drive his pretty Titan truck because of the ridiculous gas prices.

I think gas should be set at one price forever. \$2.00 would be fine because everybody is already used to the high price and the people would be happy if they saw a gallon of gas for two bucks.

As I was typing this article, I asked my Journalism teacher what’s the lowest you have ever seen gas prices. He said, “when I was 18 in the early 70’s, gas was 33 cents a gallon.” If you had a twenty-gallon tank, it would cost you \$6.60 to fill it. What ever happened to those days?

Some Fast Gas Facts

By Freddie Hernandez
ONHS Junior

The average price per gallon a week ago \$2.50 – up 68 cents from last summer. No area of the country is under \$2.00 per gallon.

Bus fares and taxi fares are rising as a result and school districts are facing tough times trying to pay for the increased expense.

The highest gas prices is in Georgia where it has sold for as much as \$6.00 per gallon. The lowest gas price in the U.S. is in Alaska.

ONHS students and their families are also facing tough decisions when it comes to how to pay for gas and how to juggle paying for gas with other expenses. Indian Market. Native American children whose parents are not participants of the overall Indian Market are eligible to apply for Youth Indian Market.

To request an application, or for more information about either program, please call the SWAIA offices at 505.983.5220.

Thunderhawk Times back in session



Photo Courtesy of Denis Gullickson Thunderhawk Times Advisor

High School Journalists at work on the next issue of Thunderhawk Times. Identifiable from left to right: Eddie Metoxen, Earl Elm, Sapatis Menomin, Jackie Smith, Joe Christjohn and Amanda Skenandore.

Oneida Nation Football Practice notebook at-a-glance

By Eddie Metoxen
ONHS Junior

[Advisor’s note: football fans see the game on the field. They don’t often know what practices look like – the daily grind that gets the team and the game plan to the field. Here football players Eddie Metoxen gives an inside look at the Thunderhawk practice regimen.]

Practice for the

SFC Points System

By Sapatis Menomin
ONHS Junior

Student. Family. Community.

There’s something new at Oneida Nation High School. It is the point system. It is believed that the new point system should help with the problems in the area of attendance and disciplines. The point system should also help students to understand what its like to earn a wage.

Students can earn daily points in the following way: 120 points a day from school, 40 points per day from family and 40 points a day from community points. That means 200 points a day, 1000 a week, and up to 9,000 points a quarter.

Students calculate their points once a week with their academic advisor. They can use points for things, like gas cards, privileges, like a free assignment pass, and opportunities, like being a guest dj on a radio station. You can use the points often to get small things, or save them up to get something bigger, like the opportunities.

You earn points during classes and between class times. Those are called transition points.

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Thunderhawks was cut short Labor day weekend because the team decided to take Labor Day off. Tuesday, September 6, the team practiced Offense the whole practice. We practiced a lot of the option, because we plan on running the option 50% of the plays this Friday’s game @ Marion. We also threw in a couple new plays and a new formation. We didn’t get as much in as the coach planned because we ended up practicing offense the whole day. Wednesday, September 7, we couldn’t practice outside because of the weather. So the team watched game film and had some chalk talk. Thursday, September 8, the team just walked through what we were going to do in the game, for about a hour and a half. The two practices we missed showed at the September 9 game against Marion. We lost 52-0.

Practice started off strong

the following week for us Thunderhawks. The Monday, September 12 practice went very well. We practiced tackling, did a lot of conditioning, and we reviewed a scouting report on Bowler. We also threw in a new play. The coaches did a good very job preparing the team mentally as well physically for this week’s game @ Bowler. Tuesday, September 13. The team broke up the lineman and skills players and did different drills to help them get better at their positions. Then we did a little 7-on-7 drill and put in another formation and new play. But practice was cut about a half hour short because of thunderstorms. Wednesday, the 14th, we threw in new defensive plays and went over some offense. Before it was just basic defense. Following this practice, the defense is a lot more complex.

More later...



A Parking Lot of our own

By Irene Danforth
ONHS Senior

As long as we’re making parking changes at ONHS, such as requiring students to have licenses and insurance on file, let’s do the right thing and have a school parking lot.

Since we are sharing the building with the office people and others, there are a lot of people who come and go and others who stay for the day. But when we

get here, there are already no parking places.

I think we should have just a little one, at least just for the teachers and the students. This way, we won’t have to worry about parking far away and getting blisters on our feet just because we’ve had to walk such a long way. Seriously, a separate parking lot would take care of a lot of problems.

Homecoming Hijinx



Kali Photo/Dawn Walschinski

Students at the Oneida Nation High School celebrate Thunderhawk pride the last week of September for Homecoming. Students decorated the Norbert Hill Center trees with toilet paper Monday night and will play Brookfield Academy Friday Night, September 30th.

Sports Link...

By Scott Lynk
ONHS Senior

Even though football and volleyball are two different

From Page 6/ Points System

Staff cannot take points away. Once they are in your account, they stay. But you can get “stop points” which means you are not getting points at that time. You can also earn leadership points. Staff give out the leadership points when they see that you’ve have shown leadership. If you did something special, a staff member could reward you with up to ten points.

sports, the ONHS athletes who play them face similar challenges. While trying to temper disappointing seasons so far with winning attitudes, they both started out 0-2. With games left for both sports, the athletes hope they’ll pull out some wins. Even if they don’t the winter sports season is approaching, so they’d have a second shot at the same teams with basketball and wrestling starting in November.

Over the years ONHS athletes have sometimes been discouraged on the playing field or the hardwood floors of Oneida. ONHS senior, Isaiah Smith, said it some-

times “discourages” him playing “iron man” football because of the few players on the team. Athletic director, Lance Kelley says “it’s very hard for the Oneida athletic program to get games because we are a small school, and because of that, we always end up playing the same schools every year.”

Since the start of the school eleven years ago, Kelley says that each sport has grown very well. The next question for Oneida is “Are we ready for a conference?” Kelley says “maybe someday, but not today due to the fact that there are not enough schools our size to be in a conference.”

October ONCEC Computer Classes

The Oneida Nation Community Education Center has announced its schedule of computer classes for October. All classes are free and held at the Center’s location at 2632 S. Packerland Drive.

In addition to introductory and advanced training in computer software, including Corel WordPerfect Office and Microsoft Office, the Community Education Center also offers classes for those who are new to computers and would like to learn how to use computers at home or work.

Among the classes to be offered next month is “Computer for Beginners” which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 3. This three-session class provides students, with little or no prior computer experience, a basic understanding of how to use computers.

Two “Introduction to Microsoft Windows XP” classes are scheduled for October with an afternoon

class, from 1 to 3 p.m., scheduled to begin on October 5, and an evening class, from 6 to 8 p.m., scheduled to begin on October 10. This class provides an introduction to the latest version Microsoft Windows operating system.

There will be “Introduction to Microsoft Internet Explorer” classes beginning at 3:15 p.m. on both October 14 and 28. The two-hour classes provide an introduction to using Internet Explorer to navigate the Internet, along with the basics of using search engines and e-mail.

For those looking to learn word processing for home or work, an introductory class on Corel WordPerfect will begin on Monday, October 3, and introductory classes on Microsoft Word are scheduled to begin on October 5 and October 17. These classes provide students with an

understanding of the basics of using a computer typing letters, reports, etc.

Those who would like to learn how to use computer spreadsheets can attend an introductory class on Corel Quattro Pro or a class on Microsoft Excel, both of which begin on October 3. On Friday, October 7, at 3:15 p.m., there will be a two-hour class on using digital cameras and digital imaging software.

Introductory keyboarding training is also available at the Community Education Center using the award-winning Mavis Beacon software. Students can work at their own pace to learn the basics of typing and using a computer keyboard. For more information on any of these classes, or to register for a class, contact the Oneida Nation Community Education Center at 469-5260.

NRP seeking native radio plays

To Share the art of storytelling, the Native American Public Telecommunications Native Radio Project has call out for radio play scripts. This is a project of the Native American Public Telecommunications and Native Voices at The National Autry Center with planning funds from the Ford Foundation. The script entry deadline is November 15, 2005, and to get applications procedure information visit [Http://www.airos.org/theater/](http://www.airos.org/theater/).

The goal of NRT project is ti bring audio theater to the American Indian Radio on Satellite by Native authors, theater and recording artists.

Selections will be announced during mid-April 2006. Native American and Canadian First Nations theater companies, authors, and playwrights who are located in the United States are eligible. The criteria for submission is short works, 10-minute plays and one-acts will be considered. Existing plays from theater companies will be considered, based on the panel members assessment of their adaptability to an audio program.

Like any good theater, radio theater always begins with a well written, perceptive, entertaining script. Use of sound and appropriateness to the medium is considered. The applicant must secure production, performance

broadcast and recording rights. Any genres will be considered with preference given to contemporary Native Stories.

Application Process
Complete and sign application form.

Submit six copies of the script, using 8.5 x 11 paper with 1-inch margins and a 12-point standard typeface. The title page should include the title of the script, names of all authors, name and address, phone and fax numbers should include only the manuscript title and page numbers. The judging will be "blind".

Submit the \$15 readers fee with the application package. Include a self-addressed stamped postcard for the receipt notification.

For more information about the project and opportunities for Native Theater and audio artists, visit [Http://www.airos.org](http://www.airos.org) or [Http://www.museumoftheamericanwest.org/visit/nativevoices.php](http://www.museumoftheamericanwest.org/visit/nativevoices.php). For more information about National Audio Theater Festivals visit <http://www.natf.org/>

NAPT is a non-profit radio and television program development and distribution organization based in Lincoln, Neb, at Nebraska Educational Telecommunication with a mission to support the creation. distribution and promotion of Native Public Media..

No more hidden agenda

By Amanda Skenandore
ONHS Junior

What costs thousands of dollars, but is a guaranteed ticket to success? If you answered “the student agenda book,” you are correct.

The Oneida School System has invested lots of money in little books called student planners. Theses little books are meant to help students stay organized and up to date. They have days and weeks in them and ONHS students can use them to record important dates, keep track of homework assignments and appointments. They are also used for hallway passes.

ONHS students have had agendas in the past, but they all haven’t always used them or kept them. The teachers also are putting more emphasis on them.

Jacklyn Smith, a senior, said “ I think they’re good. We don’t use as much paper for passes and they help you stay out of trouble.”

ONHS seeks coaches

The Oneida Nation High School is seeking interested candidates for the Boys Basketball head Coach position. The season begins November 14 and ends in March. Practices are Monday through Friday 3:30 - 5:30 P.M. Other duties include pre-season meetings, bi-weekly updates and any other requirements.

The athletic program is also seeking an assistant girls volleyball coach.

If interested please submit resume and letter of interest to Lance Kelley by **October 7, 2005.**

2005 Oneida Nation Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 6 (Thur.)	Stockbridge	6/7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 (Mon.)	Menominee	6/7:30 p.m.

Home games in bold

2005 Oneida Nation H.S. Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 7 (Fri.)	At Almond-Bancroft	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 14 (Fri.)	Gibraltar	7:00 p.m.

Home games in bold *Homecoming

A Reminder from Three Sisters Library and Center

Please return any late books and videos, as soon as possible



If I'm not there, there is a drop box for your convenience.

Also...check out the monthly calendar for after school activities...placed on the window door.

Isabel Parker
Library Director

Joining the Waters:

A FORUM ON TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND WATER QUALITY IN WISCONSIN



OCTOBER 21-22, 2005

LAKE OF THE TORCHES CONFERENCE CENTER

510 OLD ABE ROAD ♦ LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WI 54538

Join Midwest Environmental Advocates and a diverse alliance of native and non-native conservationists to explore issues and threats to our collective right to clean water and to discuss Native American sovereignty and its implications for water quality protection in Wisconsin's lakes and rivers.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER NOW!

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Health/Enviro

Drinking, Depression, Anxiety linked to Smoking

Wisconsin smokers show higher levels of all three

Current smokers are much more likely to report heavy and/or binge drinking than former or never smokers, according to a report just released by the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI). Current smokers also are more likely to experience depression and anxiety, according to "Alcohol Use, Depression and Health Among Wisconsin Smokers," one of a series of reports based on the 2003 Wisconsin Tobacco Survey of more than 8,000 Wisconsin adults.

Current smokers were twice as likely as former smokers to engage in heavy drinking (more than 60 drinks per month) and four times as likely as never smokers. A similar pattern was true for heavy binge drinking (three or more binges per month). There were significant gender differences in the amount of drinking among smokers. Male smokers were even more likely than female smokers to report binge drinking - 37 percent compared to 13 percent of female smokers. Male smokers also reported more heavy drinking than female smokers - 19 percent to 5 percent.

The opposite was true of depression. Current female smokers were twice as likely

to report depression as male smokers and 2 _ times as likely as female never smokers. Anxiety among current female smokers showed a similar pattern.

"These findings are extremely important," said Dr. Michael Fiore, professor of medicine and WW-CTRI director. "Some of the greatest risks to health - smoking, binge drinking, depression - are often linked and need to be better addressed by health-care providers."

The report also examined the relationship of smoking and general health. Researchers found that although smokers were able to assess their health as good, fair or poor and to offer information about particular health conditions, they often did not associate their poor health with smoking. More than 16 percent of current smokers reported fair to poor health compared to 13 percent of former smokers and 10 percent of never smokers. Heavier smokers reported poorer health than moderate or light smokers. African Americans were more than twice as likely to report poor health as white smokers. A majority of smokers reported that tobacco as damaged their health: 66 percent. Only 54 percent of people over 65 believed this and fewer women than men believed smoking damaged their health.

Specific areas of damage were more evident. More than 12 percent of current smokers reported chronic bronchitis while only 3 percent of for-

mer smokers and 1 percent of never smokers had this condition. Chronic bronchitis and emphysema both result primarily from smoking.

The report recommended increased screening for Alcohol use, depression and anxiety among smokers. Researchers also suggested that physicians connect smoking to health conditions when advising patients to quit. The report recommended ready access to treatment, including through quitlines like the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line (1-877-270-STOP). Further, the report called for more research on African American smokers and those with depression, anxiety and heavy alcohol use.

This paper is based on the 2003 Wisconsin Tobacco Survey conducted with 8,111 Wisconsin residents by the University of Wisconsin Survey Center for the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention and UW Comprehensive Cancer Center. The report was funded by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Copies of the report are available online at www.ctri.wisc.edu and www.tobwis.org or can be obtained by calling 608-262-8673.

Relay for Life core planners recognized



Kali Photo/Dawn Walschinski

Members of the Relay for Life committee were honored by the Oneida Business Committee for their commitment to the event that has raised a total of \$239,244 for the American Cancer Society since 1997. "This is a long overdue recognition," said Business Committee Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes. From left to right: Jennifer Webster, Lisa Behringer, Dottie Krull, Patty Hoeft, Sue Blaser, Margo Reiter, Paula (Pogi) King-Dessart, Margaret Danforth and Kathy Hughes. Not pictured: Crystal Holtz, Francine Skenandore, Sara Venevenhoven, Doris Yelk-Wilberg and Jodell Crawford.

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 1:00-4:00 PM. 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 Oneida Community Health Nursing Department at 869-4840 to schedule an appointment.

DATE

October 4, 2005
October 11, 2005
October 18, 2005
October 25, 2005
November 1, 2005
November 8, 2005
November 15, 2005
November 22, 2005
November 29, 2005

TIME

Every Tuesday
 October/November 2005
 from...

1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Walk-in Immunization clinic is located at:
ONEIDA Community Health Center
 525 Airport Drive
 Oneida, Wisconsin

New Physical Therapy Center



Kali Photo/Phil Wisneski

The Physical Therapy center has moved from the Anna John Nursing Home to the Oneida Community Health Center.

The relocation means an additional 1,200 square feet of space, private treatment rooms, office space, consultation rooms and a gym area.

The center's hours are from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm and stays open during lunch.

The staff is made up of Sara Adams, Michelle Williams and Sid White. Contact the physical therapy staff at 920-869-2711 with questions or a tour.

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ino would help the tribe and would not hurt the surrounding community.

The bill, which passed 59-37, would prohibit the governor from agreeing with a BIA decision unless the Legislature also agrees.

The state Senate must pass an identical version of the bill before Doyle could consider whether to sign it into law or veto it.

Doyle spokeswoman Melanie Fonder hinted the governor would kill the bill if it reached him. Bringing the Legislature into tribal dealings would be a logistical nightmare, she said.

"The federal government gives the governor this authority," Fonder said. "It just doesn't make sense to have 132 people out there negotiating."

Three Wisconsin tribes have recently considered building off-reservation casinos - the Menominee Nation in Kenosha, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Beloit and the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Shullsburg.

Kevin Osterbauer, general counsel for the Bad River, said the tribe doesn't like the bill. The governor can make a rational decision, he said, and involving the Legislature would add more layers of bureaucracy. The tribe already has spent five years clearing the federal requirements to put a casino in Beloit, he said.

"How much process do you need? It's been reviewed and dissected," Osterbauer said.

Republicans introduced the bill around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, after seven hours of debate on other legislation. Democrats complained the bill wasn't on the Assembly's calendar and blasted Republicans, who control the chamber 60-39, for not passing the measure during the daytime.

Gard said the bill technically has been on the Assembly's calendar since June - the chamber just hasn't taken it up. And all the Republicans knew it was coming Wednesday.

Then he tore into Doyle for negotiating new compacts with the tribes that expanded their casinos' hours and allowed Las Vegas-style games such as craps and roulette.

He said people are offended by the notion of one man negotiating gambling compacts and approving off-reservation casino sites behind closed doors.

Assembly Democrats objected to sending the bill to the Senate immediately. That means the Assembly will have to take care of that bit of housekeeping when lawmakers return to the Capitol at the end of October.

19th Annual Oneida Sportsman Club Inc. Banquet

Friday, October 7, 2005

Doxbee's Supper Club
N6744 CTH. C
Seymour, WI

\$30.00 per ticket (before Oct. 7th) or
\$35.00 per person, at the door

Social Hour: 5-6
Dinner: 6 pm

(Need not be present to WIN)

Early Bird/Dinner Ticket drawing:
Remington 870 12 ga Turkey gun donated by,
Cara Barton of Emerald City Appraisal

Also, numerous door prizes, guns, raffles, and a live auction

For tickets Contact: Jim Green 833-7786 / 660-3093

Jerry Jordan 336-3737 / 660-4884

Banquet tickets will be sold at OPD from 9-1 on October 4th.

Legislative Review/Letters

Secretary's Report

Many people I meet nowadays ask me how things are going in my new job on the Oneida Business Committee. This seemingly easy question is actually a tough one to answer because at the heart of it is the question: Did you get results for the Oneida people yet?

This is a tough question because it forces me, as well as our tribe's leadership team that consists of both Committee members and senior managers, to be accountable for our performance. But to be accountable, we need to know what results we are trying to achieve.

I've been asking a lot of questions since I took my oath of office seven weeks ago. My questions are mostly: What do we hope to achieve? At what cost? For which people? For what good? How do we know we are successful? What's our strategy? And where's the plan?

As we approach the end of one fiscal year and the start of a new one, I want to figure out what results we got from spending millions of dollars in FY05 and what results can we expect to get in FY06 when we spend millions more. Did more kids learn how to read, write and do math? Did we grow our economy so more Oneida entrepreneurs can develop their businesses? Did we deliver quality health care when it was needed? Did we reduce diabetes, heart disease or alcoholism? Did we create meaningful jobs? Did we deliver improved long-term care solutions for our elders? Did we help more families own their own homes?

By now, although it's only been seven weeks, I suspect that there is no plan. We certainly have vision statements, mission statements, broad and



**Secretary
Patti Hoeft**

enormous goals, and standard operating procedures. We have plans to construct buildings that include an administration building, an assisted living and nursing home facility, and a new One Stop. But no comprehensive plan that defines how these kinds of construction projects fit in the big picture.

The groundwork has been laid out for us by the folks at our Planning Department. Since 1999, they have collected ideas from us about we want, need and hope Oneida will become. They compiled an assessment and inventory of physical, economical, environmental and social resources. Our staff is ready. The problem is that planners do not decide what our community will look like, we do. It is time that our leaders lead so that our managers can manage.

Oneida has so much going for it right now. We have a newly elected council, a strong and ready workforce, a proud history, a long-term gaming compact that removes some of the never-ending threats to our livelihood, and a community ready to give their government another chance to deliver results. I'm optimistic and excited because Oneida is poised to build on the efforts of those before us and to do some incredible things if we work together.

So tell me what results you want your government to produce. These are just my ideas. Tell me what are your expectations? It's time that we clarify our purpose and create a plan that will define what kind of future we Oneidas want to build. We are not just another big employer. We are

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Secretary Hoeft**

Legislative Update

This will be my first "Legislative Update." I withdrew my first update because after reading it, it lacked substance. Perhaps, the reason was that with less than two weeks into the term of the new Business Committee, there was simply very little legislative activity to report. That is no longer the case. Below, is my report to the Tribal membership.

Oneida Health Center

In one of our Oneida newspapers, I recall reading about an Oneida woman, an Oneida wife and a mother of three, who walked into the Oneida Health Center sometime in 2001 complaining of abdominal pain. She was treated for an ulcer but her pain persisted and after returning to the Health Center numerous times, she was finally hospitalized where she was diagnosed with cancer. But it was too late and by 2002, she was dead. Shortly before her death, perhaps knowing she may have had a chance to live if she had been diagnosed earlier, this woman wanted her story told so that the same thing would never happen again, the newspaper reported.

Later, a petition was submitted to the Oneida Business Committee calling for a General Tribal Council meeting to discuss problems at the Health Center. I can only speculate that among the topics intended for dis-

cussion, was the quality of health care at the Center. The meeting was not called. Instead, the Oneida Tribe contracted with "The Rehmann Group" to prepare a comprehensive report on the Oneida

Health Center. I've read that report once. I'll have to read it several more times but my preliminary analysis of the report is: (1) Most staff at the Oneida Health Center are committed to both the Health Center and the Oneida community, (2) many staff members are in need of additional training, (3) some staff members may need to be reassigned to other tasks, (4) the Medical Director position needs to be more aligned to medical care of patients and not administrative duties, (4) an Operations Manager needs to be hired to concentrate on the administration of the Center which in turn would allow the current Director of the Health Center to devote her energies to funding and Federal issues that are of paramount importance to the continued deliverance of quality Indian health care to Indian people, and (5) improved accounting procedures that would better track Oneida Health Center spend-



**Councilman
Ed Delgado**

ing.

The General Tribal Council has directed the Oneida Business Committee to provide a report on the Health Center by January, 2006. The Business Committee has scheduled several meetings over the next few weeks to lay the groundwork for that report. I know most of the current Business Committee is devoted to quality health care for our people. I know most of the staff at the Oneida Health Center is devoted to that same goal. My hope and prayer is that the story of Tina Wilson will not be forgotten and that her life and her suffering will help ensure that no Oneida will ever again have to go through what she had to endure.

Trip to D.C.

Can any of us imagine a sixty year old firefighter carrying someone down a ladder or busting through a burning wall with his or her fire axe? Can we imagine even a fifty-five year old police officer chasing a suspect for a long distance or wrestling a dangerous weapon away from someone half his or her age? Recognizing that diminishing physical skills are inevitable, governments provide retirement plans for

police officers and firefighters that allow these public servants to retire before their diminishing physical attributes become a danger to themselves and to the public they serve. Unfortunately, the U.S. government's tax authorities are now questioning the right of Indian tribal governments to offer these types of earlier retirement benefits to their police officers and firefighters (Non-Indian governments are allowed to offer these types of early retirement benefits to their police officers and firefighters with no questions asked). On September 12th and 13th, I accompanied the Oneida Tribe's Legislative Affairs Director Kevin Cornelius to Washington D.C. to lobby Congress to support congressional legislation that would not discriminate against Indian tribes and the retirement benefits they offer to the public servants who serve and protect Indian people.

Honor the Elders Luncheon

In the previous edition of the Kalihiwisaks, I read about Councilman Vince DelaRosa's disappointment regarding the 2006 Honor the Elders Luncheon being cancelled by the last Business Committee. I cannot imagine why that past Committee would cancel that event. Hopefully, this Committee will show more respect for their elders. If not, I will donate \$500 to ensure that the event takes place.

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Getting educated with the hiring process

I would like to inquire why the tribe is investing millions of dollars to fund tribal members education when after the

tribal member has achieved the degree(s) necessary, they are not given the opportunity to utilize their degrees.

In June 2005, I applied for the position of Youth Advocate for the Green Bay

School District. On August 23, 2005, I received a letter from Oneida Human Resources simply stating that, "At this time you will not be considered for this position. We appreciate your interest and wish you success in your career development."

I found this hard to believe when I am a recent graduate of Silver Lake College with my Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and also hold my Associates Degree in Applied Science in Alcohol and Drug Counseling. Upon receiving the response from HRD I quickly called to find out why I was not being considered for the position. The HR Specialists initial response to my inquiry was that I did not meet two specific requirement listed on the job description, however, I explained to her that I did in fact meet those requirements and that it was listed on my resume along with the application that I had submitted. After realizing that I did in fact meet the qualifications that she initially pointed out, the HR Specialist then stated to me that she would get the committee back together this week to go over the valid points that I went over with her at which point the committee could agree to offer me an interview.

On August 26, late in the afternoon I called the HR Specialist to find out what the outcome was of her meeting with the committee. At which point she told me that she hadn't discussed my resume

with the committee she had decided to discuss it with them during the first round of interviews which was scheduled for September 8, otherwise if she got the committee together before then she would have to pay each member \$50 for their time. This would not have been frustrating if the HR Specialist would have called and told me her intention of waiting. Rather she had me waiting all week to find out if a decision had been made only to find out I would have to wait nearly two weeks before I heard anything.

So it is now late in the afternoon on September 8th and I still have not heard anything from the HR Specialist so I call her only to find out that she had still not discussed my valid points with the committee. She again decided to delay discussion of my points until September 9th because there was a cancellation and felt that would be a better time. Note she did not call me and let me know what her intention were. She said she would get back with me after her discussion on the 9th of September.

Again, late in the afternoon on the 9th of September I call HRD to speak with the HR Specialist and am told that she is gone for the weekend. I appealed to the HR Specialist stating that this would be an ideal job for someone with my degrees. I did not only

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**Three Sisters
Pow-Wow**

**Saturday, October 29th, 2005
Oneida Nation Turtle School**

**Grand Entries – 1pm and 7pm
Feast – 5pm**

**Master of Ceremonies – Mike Peltier
Arena Director – Patrick Madrid**

**Head Women Dancers Head Men Dancers
To Be Announced To Be Announced**

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