



Gaming lives

By Keith Skenandore

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Oneida Tribal Chairwoman Tina Danforth announced the tribe has signed a letter of intent that will renew their gaming compact for perpetuity with the State of Wisconsin.

Details of the negotiated amendments to the existing compact were sketchy but Danforth said the tribe will pay the state \$38 million over two years. Twenty million is to be paid on June 30, 2005, and the remaining \$18 million

on June 30, 2006. A payment of 6 percent of the tribe's net win will be made in 2007, and subsequent years will alternate payments of 5 percent and 4 percent each year, with a year nine perpetual 4.5 percent.

"Last night (Feb. 18) we reached an agreement in principle with the State of Wisconsin for a gaming compact which allows us to have a longer term," announced Danforth at Feb. 19 press conference. "This agreement will solidify and secure our gam-

ing operations for the next seven generations and beyond."

A total of \$237 million will be paid over the next two years to the state by the Wisconsin tribes in exchange for gaming compact renewals. These funds, as previously announced by Gov. James Doyle, will be utilized to help close the State's \$3.2 billion budget deficit.

Gov. Jim Doyle announced
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Gaming Compact



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Oneida Nation Chairwoman Tina Danforth, left, along with Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, watch Gov. James Doyle presentation at his budget address. Doyle announced a revenue sharing payment of \$237 million from the Wisconsin tribe's gaming operations.

Wisconsin tribe seeks determination on standing

By William Kates

Associated Press Writer
SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - The Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians of Wisconsin wants a federal court to decide whether they or the Oneida Indian Nation have a valid claim to 23,000 acres in upstate New York.

The Wisconsin tribe had put its 17-year-old land claim on hold in recent years as it sought to negotiate a settlement, but on Monday it filed papers in U.S. District Court asking that a 1995 stay of pro-

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Mohicans

Hail, and farewell, to the chief

Oneida Police Chief James Danforth to retire after 23 years of service

By Keith Skenandore

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On a cold Friday afternoon on Feb. 7, Jim Danforth, chief of police for the Oneida Nation, walked out of police headquarters one final time with his head held high.

Danforth, who is stepping down to retire, is leaving behind a law enforcement agency that is highly respected at the local, state and national levels. His resignation is set for Feb. 24, however, he has been on a well deserved vacation since Feb. 7.

"I'm leaving behind a lot of memories," said Danforth.

At a ceremony to honor his 28 years of law enforcement, 23 of which were with the tribe, Danforth reflected on his years of service, and the growing pains that came with building a tribal law enforcement agency.

"In 1975 I was hired by the tribe made possible by a grant which allowed me to do patrol work on the reservation," said Danforth.

He was deputized by the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department, and when the one year grant expired, he remained a sheriff's deputy with Outagamie County and continued his patrolling duties of the reservation.

As the reservation grew, and the onset success of Oneida Bingo, a need was created for a security force. The counties were unable to provide the level of response the tribe needed.

Danforth was then hired as the director the tribe's public safety department.

"I was hired to get a program running and off the ground," said Danforth.

He recalls hiring 7 police officers, who were bingo security personnel, but completed training through the Fox Valley Police academy. He said at that time those officers were providing patrol services and security at bingo.

"Looking back at how we



Photos by Keith Skenandore

Above, members of the Oneida Business Committee present Jim Danforth with a plaque as he prepares to retire on Feb. 24. At right, Jim gets a hug from his brother, former chairman Gerald Danforth.



started, and some of the hurdles we had to overcome, there are positive thoughts to what we accomplished," said Danforth.

In 1985 the Oneida Police Department was established by special action of the Oneida Business Committee.

"Jim ultimately had a vision, a determination, tenacity and a force to make this work," said Councilman Paul Ninham.

That determination and tenacity led to cross deputization of his officers in 1991 by the Outagamie County Sheriff's department, and with cross deputization to follow shortly after with the Brown County Sheriff's department.

From 1991 to 1996, the deputization, along with a dispatch agreement with the counties Danforth says, "Really gave us the enforcement tools as far as being deputized to enforce those laws at that time."

That special memory for Danforth caused him to reflect when the counties would call him at home and request for assistance for calls on the reservation.

"I guess that broke the ice as far as not only recognizing us," he said, "but it shows that we were needed. That's one good memory in the development aspect and allowed for us to sit next to the county sheriffs of both counties and police chief of Green Bay, and have an equal say into things that matter pertaining to law enforcement."

He also recalled the state's recognition in 1996 that cer-

Judge rejects Dairyland claim to end Indian gambling

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - A Dane County judge threw out a lawsuit by Kenosha's Dairyland Greyhound Park racetrack seeking to stop all Indian gambling in Wisconsin.

Dairyland claimed that the 1993 amendment to the state constitution restricting gambling expansions should stop the state from renegotiating Indian gaming compacts.

But Circuit Judge Richard J. Callaway ruled Tuesday that the racetrack's argument didn't hold up. Callaway said in his ruling that the Legislature would never have permitted the compacts with Indian casinos to be renewed in 1998 and 1999 if legislators intended that the 1993 restrictions applied to those agreements.

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Dairyland

Local newspaper receives award for series on Oneida Tribe

By Keith Skenandore

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Many stories have been told about the Oneida Tribe but a local newspaper's series on the tribe helped them garnish a newspaper award.

The Green Bay Press Gazette received the first place award in the enterprise/interpretive reporting category for their series, "Oneida: A nation emerges," at the Wisconsin Newspaper Association annual conference.

Reporters John Dipko, Cynthia Hodnett, Paul Srubas and Katrina Harrmann were recognized for their stories covering the tribe's many pro-

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Newspaper Award

Local

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Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, in his budget address before the legislature, that he is confident and “well on the way to successfully negotiating historic agreements that will result in a minimum of \$237 million in additional tribal gaming revenue.”

“All the people of Wisconsin should join me in acknowledging the important efforts the tribes of Wisconsin are making for helping the state in this very difficult time,” said Doyle.

Danforth said in exchange for the \$38 million two-year payment, the tribe will receive expansion of scope of games, increase betting limits and hours of operation, and “most importantly, a term of perpetuity.”

She said the tribe had four key points in their negotiations, three of which were obtained. The fourth, lowering the age limit to 18, was denied.

“Perpetuity was very important,” said Danforth, “in order to ensure our ability to finance projects for the community. That was a major accomplishment in the four points for us.”

Danforth said with those expansions of opportunity

comes a pricetag. A pricetag of \$38 million.

It will be costly, according to Danforth, and the tribe will cut some jobs and services. For each additional \$50,000 to be paid to the State, said Danforth, it will cost the tribe a job.

“We are not entirely pleased with our agreement in respect to making a higher payment, however, we do feel a longer term is a big concession for Oneida.

“We had very limited negotiating leverage when it came down to the long-term benefits the tribe would receive.”

What she would have liked to have seen was a greater appreciation for the economic contribution and situation of the tribe.

“Currently our nation is a substantial contributor to the entire economy of northeastern Wisconsin,” said Danforth.

She said the state has looked to the 11 Wisconsin tribes to contribute heavily to the state’s coffers to address the budget deficit, but there is no appreciation in how the tribes impact the economy.

“The tribes have been held to a higher standard in making contributions to the econ-

omy in terms of dollars, jobs, and services. We will continue to make our contribution.”

At a community meeting prior to Gov. Doyle’s budget address Danforth said the state began with \$54 million over two years on the table for Oneida and the tribe opened with half, \$27 million over two years.

“If you take into context where the state started,” said Danforth, “and if we’re paying \$38 million out of the \$237 million, you can see we have accomplished something.”

Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes referred to reports that people in Wisconsin feel the payment is easy money for the tribe to give up. She said the tribe has gone through many years of deprivation and hardship on the reservation, but because the tribe is at a point were they can provide some jobs, “it doesn’t mean that it is easy.”

“It will be many years and require much more revenues to be floating through our reservation before we can consider this easy money,” said Hughes.

A 1998 extension of the tribe’s last compact required the tribe to make annual pay-

ments to the state of \$4.85 million. The 11 tribes that operate casinos paid the state \$24.6 million in fiscal 2000-01 and 2001-02.

The tribe faced a May 8 renewal deadline, and although the letter of intent has been signed, Danforth said they are not done with the compacting process.

“To date, the key component that we accomplished here is an agreement with our letter of intent on the fee,” said Danforth. “In the letter of intent it does describe there are some things that we need to complete as far as language, specifically in the actual amendment that will go forward, in which we will be working on in the next two months. A lot of language development needs to occur.”

The Oneidas’ current gaming compact is set to expire Nov. 8.



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Oneida Nation Chairwoman Tina Danforth, right, fields questions from the media at a Feb. 19 press conference announcing the tribe’s signing of a letter of intent for a gaming compact of perpetuity. The tribe has agreed to pay the state \$38 million over a two year period. Listening in is Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes.

From Page 1/Mohicans go to court over 23,000 acres of land in New York

ceedings be lifted so the litigation can resume.

The Stockbridge-Munsee want the court to recognize them as the true legal claimant to former lands in Madison County to foster their chances of reaching a land claim settlement with New York state, which so far has refused to negotiate with them because of their out-of-state status.

“We had hoped to reach a resolution. There has been no negotiation, only opposition,” said Maureen Connelly, a spokeswoman for the tribe. “This is the only way we saw to move forward. We hope this will enable us to get a resolution.”

Stockbridge-Munsee tribal members trace their roots to the Hudson Valley. The tribe’s ancestors, called Mahicans, migrated out of state into the Stockbridge, Mass., area before moving to Madison County, living in Oneida Indian territory from the mid-1780s until 1834, when they were forced westward.

In 1986, the tribe filed a land claim lawsuit alleging it was stripped of its reservation lands illegally by New York state. In 1995, the tribe requested a stay in the proceedings while the U.S. Supreme Court was reviewing other land claim cases and to pursue settlement negotiations.

The land is not part of a

263,000-acre land claim being pursued by the Oneida Nation, but the Oneida do have a claim to it and in 1987 intervened in the case against the Stockbridge-Munsee claim.

Oneida spokesman Mark Emery said the nation does not comment on pending litigation.

“But I can tell you that the Oneida Nation still believes that the Stockbridge-Munsee claim is not a valid land claim. They are not a tribe recognized by the federal government in New York state. They have no governance rights outside the state of Wisconsin,” he said.

A tentative hearing date was scheduled on the Stockbridge-Munsee request for March 7, said Dan Miller, the tribe’s attorney.

In a seven-page motion, Miller said that the federal Department of Interior found in 1997 and 2002 that the Stockbridge-Munsee claim had merit and recommended that the U.S. Department of Justice intervene on the tribe’s behalf. The justice department failed to intervene, Miller said.

He said the state has declined to negotiate with the tribe.

“The tribe has therefore reluctantly concluded that the interests of justice and judicial economy can no longer be served by a blanket stay of

the proceedings in this case,” Miller wrote.

Rather than wait for the entire claim to be litigated, Miller wants the court to renew the proceedings and take up only the question of which tribe has proper claim to the land.

Court recognition “would establish Stockbridge presence in the state of New York as a matter of law, thus indicating with whom the state would be obliged to negotiate,” he wrote.

No one in the governor’s office was immediately available for comment.

The Stockbridge-Munsee have an application pending with the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs to place 333 acres of land in trust near Monticello in Sullivan County to build a proposed \$600 million casino.

The tribe has said it is willing to settle its pending land claim against the state. It also has been urging Gov. George Pataki to grant a gaming compact so the tribe can open a casino in the Catskills.

The Pataki administration, however, has been unresponsive to the tribe’s appeal to negotiate a settlement of the land claim or to discuss a gaming compact. Earlier this year, Pataki opposed the tribe’s request for a federal mediator to help settle its land claim.

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Local

Visitors from overseas



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European delegates visited the Oneida Tribe last week to learn about Native American culture and social issues. The delegation traveled all over the United States to learn about social issues that people face here in America. Pictured above: (L-R) Andreas Papacharalambous, Tribal Secretary Julie Barton, George Tugushi, Okan Donangil, Dimitris Katsautouis, Elina Hykkonen, Natasa Kavas Puc, Conall McDevitt and Public Relations Director Bobbi Webster.

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Dollars for arts

The Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP) is currently offering two new grants as part of this year's Dollars for Arts Program. ONAP is offering the Traditional Arts Fellowships and Special Project Awards.

The Traditional Arts Fellowship is designed to assist artists who are passing on traditional art forms to apprentice/s. The fellowship is for \$250 and does not have to be matched.

The Special Project Award is designed for community members who would like assistance in funding artistic endeavors for children or adults. The artistic activities may benefit one or more children and the funds could be applied toward art/band camps, children's theatre or artistic programs for gifted children. Adults applying for the grant must have an artistic project that will benefit the Oneida community. The Special Project Award must be matched with cash or a combination of cash and in-kind contributions.

To apply for these grants, completed applications should be submitted to the Oneida Nation Arts Program, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 by the 24th of the month. To be included in the first grant review meeting in March, applications should be submitted to the Oneida Nation Arts Program by **February 24**. To receive more information or to receive an application, contact Christine Klimmek at ONAP, 920-490-3831.

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T o M o m

O glorious hour!

I shall be near and like my God.

And flesh and sin no
more control,
The sacred pleasures
of the soul.

Love,
Francis and Bill

In Loving Memory of
our Brother

R o y K . S m i t h

April 17, 1963 ~
February 25, 1996

Roy,

There isn't a
day, weekend
or any day
that we don't
think of you

We miss you
so much. But,
we still have
to laugh when
we talk about

you and all the crazy
things we did at the cabin.

Those good times are what keep
you near us all the time.

Always in our hearts!

Love You! Linda & Dan, Brothers & Sister's



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Holy Apostles Episcopal Church
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Wednesday Evening ~ February 26, 2003
Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall
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Any questions, please call 869-2806.

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Local

Printing shows off their new equipment



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida Printing showed off its new equipment at their open house held last week. One main piece of equipment that was purchased was a Ryobi four color press. The new press increases productivity and offers quality that was unavailable at Oneida Printing. Any color of the rainbow can be produced and color adjustments are made with a computer panel. Before the purchase of the four color press and computer to plate system all four color jobs were "farmed" out to other printers and costing the tribe a lot of money. Now all that money can and will stay within the inner circle and not go to other area businesses.

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grams, enterprises and economic growth.

From gaming to education, health to sovereignty, and membership requirements to membership pressures, the reporters delved into the many aspects of the Oneidas of Wisconsin.

The 25-part series was published on Dec. 9 through Dec. 13, 2001.

The series began with a look at the tribe's bingo and gaming operations and how those funds have helped the tribe develop. Going back to 1976 and the evolution of Oneida bingo to the tribe's current class III gaming operations, the in-depth report provided the many struggles and successes of those operations.

"With the 10th anniversary of the tribe's gaming compact, and the 25th anniversary of bingo, we felt it was the best opportunity to look at what kind of impact these events had," said Barbara Janesh, managing editor of the Press-Gazette. "We looked at the impact of gaming, but also the socio-economic impact it had as well."

Even a history lesson was provided in the series as a question and answer (Q&A) report provided issues of sovereignty, homelands, settlement to Wisconsin and tribal government. Another Q&A on tribal membership and benefits to those members was published, as was a report on the tribal membership payment of federal taxes, a long-time misnomer fact.

As the tribe's stature grew with their financial and economic wealth, so did their status with local municipalities and their governments.

"We recognize the tribe as a very important governmental part of the community," said Ted Pamperin, Village of

Ashwaubenon president.

The tribe is now viewed as an integral player on the local, state and federal levels of government.

Part of the big pictured portrayed of the tribe is the their employment numbers. Once the number one employer in northeastern Wisconsin, a report cited employment figures falling 27 percent from July 1996 to September 2001.

Issues of education, housing, health, social services and small business development were also reported.

Of course, with every good, or bad news story, reader's response ranging from high praise to lambasting anger was published on the report and how gaming has affected them.

Janesh said she recalls a meeting with the tribe's director of public relations, Bobbi Webster, when she first became managing editor, and the possibility of a series on the tribe.

Webster said the series was an invaluable educational tool, and an enormous, successful journalism feat taken on by the Press-Gazette.

In all, the Press-Gazette received 13 awards, with five firsts, from the state association in the 2002 WNA Better Newspaper contest. Awards were given to WNA members and publications on February 14 at their awards banquet dinner.

"We were very honored to have our efforts recognized," said Janesh.

"The reporters did a good job of trying to explore all of the issues and paint a realistic portrait as possible."

The Green Bay Press-Gazette is in the Group A category, which includes newspapers with circulation above 35,000.

Removing the tracks

Submitted by Oneida Tribal Historic Preservation Office

The process leading to the agreement to remove the railroad tracks went through many steps:

2000

- The Oneida Cultural Heritage Department/Historic Preservation was notified that the railroad was going to abandon the railroad track.

- The notification was reviewed and research begins
- Archaeological and historic sites near the railroad tracks are identified.

2001

- The Oneida Cultural Heritage Department/Historic Preservation Officer notifies the railroad and National Surface Transportation board that the Oneida Nation has concerns.

- The National Surface Transportation Board notifies the railroad that they must consult with the Oneida Nation and develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

- The railroad files papers to abandon the railroad

- The Oneida Law office is now involved and negotiations begin for the development of a MOA.

- Consultations take place with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)

and the Menominee Nation, Ho Chunk Nation, railroad, and National Surface Transportation Board

- Research by the Oneida Tribal Historian reveals that the Oneida Chiefs signed an agreement in 1870 for a RIGHT OF WAY only. The land was never sold and continues to belong to the Oneida Nation. The Oneida Law Office becomes involved to negotiate another MOA for return of the land.

2002

- The railroad officially abandons the railroad tracks Aug. 24, 2002

- Negotiations continue. Several drafts of MOA are reviewed and revised.

- A site visit to a previously abandoned railroad track is conducted to make sure there is no disturbance of land beyond the 100 foot wide corridor of the railroad tracks.

2003

- The MOA is signed on January 22, 2003 for the removal of the railroad tracks. This MOA is signed the same day as the MOA that returned the land to the Oneida Nation.

2003-2005

- The railroad tracks will be removed. The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer will be on the site to monitor the track removal.

What's Happening!

September 2002 ~ June 2003

040 Meetings every Saturday

All are Welcome. TIME: Noon-1:00 PM

WHERE: 2488 Babcock (Corner of 172 & Babcock)

January 21 - February 25, 2003

EVEN START PARENTING AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

All Oneida Teen Parents (or soon to be parents) will meet every Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

To register call Rebecca at 920-496-7860.

Saturday ~ February 22, 2003

HONOR THE YOUTH POWWOW "2003"

Grand Entries: 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Feast: 5 pm

Where: Oneida Nation Turtle School

Plus, movies will be played in cafeteria area.

Wednesday ~ February 26, 2003

FATHER DEWEY SILAS INSTALLATION

Holy Apostles Church - Oneida at 5:00 pm

Celebration meal will follow. Everyone welcome.

March 6 & 20, 2003

ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION

"Winter Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule"

TIME: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

WHERE: Oneida Library

Contact LLC Coordinator at 869-4403

Thursday ~ March 13 & 27, 2003

Family and Community Town Suppers.

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Three nights - Three Topics - Three Locations.

March 13th - Oneida Youth - Site II

March 27th - Oneida Families - Three Sisters Community Building.

April 10th - The Oneida Community - (TBA)

All Oneida community members are encouraged to attend. Food & Door Prizes!

Sunday ~ March 9, 2003

Oneida Sportsmen Club monthly meeting at 6:00 pm in the Community Room, Oneida Police Dept., 2783 Freedom Rd., Oneida, WI For more information, call Jerry Jordan (920) 336-3737, or Jim Green (920) 833-7786.

Thursday ~ March 13, 2003

Modern Dance Troupe, *Rosy Simas* & Company, performs in the **ONEIDA CONCERTS**: Night Sun Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. General Seating. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with ID. Box Office (920) 403-3950.

March 28 & 29, 2003

Oneida Pantry Easter Basket Fundraising Campaign.

Bake sales and raffles will be held at the Bingo Hall. Volunteers are mostly elders so we probably won't make it to the Nite Owl sessions. Friday, 28th: 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday, 29th: 10 am to 2:30 pm and 3 to 7 pm. Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these events, call Nori Damrow at the Pantry, 869-1041. Bakery donations are appreciated for the fundraising campaign.

Sunday ~ April 13, 2003

Oneida Sportsmen Club monthly meeting at 6:00 pm in the Community Room, Oneida Police Dept., 2783 Freedom Rd., Oneida, WI For more information, call Jerry Jordan (920) 336-3737, or Jim Green (920) 833-7786.

April 11 ~ 14, 2003

WIEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Green Bay Radisson Hotel & Conference Center For further information, contact Mitch Metoxen at 920-869-4370 or Anita Barber at 920-869-4381. For registration information see website: www.wiea.org

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

State/National

Milwaukee SEOTS news and notes

SEOTS staff

The SEOTS staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to our office yet, we would like you to stop in! If you're looking for the latest *Kalihwisaks*, forms of enrollment, education information or any other information pertaining to our community, we may be able to assist you. We also have a book with job listings for local and state jobs. Cultural classes, language classes, community education, meetings and just plain fun activities are planned throughout the year! Check your *Kalihwisaks* for SEOTS NEWS once a month for our events. If you don't know the staff, come in and see us. Mark - Director, Anne - Administrative assistant, Carmen - Administrative assistant, and Deb - Community Education Specialist. The office is located on 2778 S. 35th Street. Phone - 384-7740.

SEOTS extended office hours

Monday - Wednesday

8:00am-6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

8:00am-4:30pm

Saturday 9:00am-12pm

Oneida language class

Renee Pfalter teaches at the SEOTS office located at 2778 S. 35th Street every Saturday 10 - 12pm. Attend and learn our language to carry on tradition and culture. All beginners are welcome. Please come and learn.

March 1,8,15,22 & 29

Time:10-12pm

SEOTS Clothing exchange

Our office will be hosting a rummage/clothing exchange on March 29th from 9-3pm. Diane Jourdan who will be in charge of the clothing exchange will be discussing ways to recycle at noon. Join us for some corn soup and come see what we have for our bake sale! If you are interested in volunteering please call our office for more details.

Come and Join Us for a Community Meeting!

The SEOTS Advisory

Board invites you to participate in a meaningful discussion on the topic of services you would like to see at the office. Examples: Seots building, community services, TOB Corporation loan, and housing. A drawing will be held for giveaways in Oneida: 1 night at the Radisson in Oneida, Match plays good at any Oneida casino, Brunch at the Radisson in Oneida. This will be a good time to meet the SEOTS Advisory Board members and share your ideas or concerns.

Saturday, March 15th

Time:12-2:00pm

Financial Planning

It's never too late to start a financial plan. Erin Garland will be discussing ways to help families prepare for their financial futures on March 26th at 6pm. She will show you how to plan for your child's education, plan for your retirement, build long-term asset accumulation, establish a personal savings strategy that works, how to

manage your expenses and establish financial priorities.

Presentation by the Milwaukee County on Aging The Milwaukee County Department on Aging will be at our office for a presentation of programs and services available in our community. This presentation may be of value to persons getting ready to retire, or to employees who are dealing with "aging parents". Many of these programs are state funded and promote in-home support services: i.e. grocery shopping, housekeeping etc. This is your opportunity to ask the question and get the answer! Don't eat! Chicken Booyah will be served at 6:00pm! Meeting will follow with presentation by Alice from the Department on Aging.

Thursday, March 13th

Time:6-7:30pm

Elder Bingo Trip in April

If cabin fever is getting you down. Join us for a day of BINGO in Oneida on Wednesday, April 9th. We will be having a plush bus from Oneida come and pick us up from the SEOTS office and deliver us to Oneida in time for the Early bird bingo session! The cost of the trip is \$10 per person. What you will receive in return is a \$25.00 cash token, \$4 off on a meal ticket and a \$5.00 match play. If you have a club card and are over age 55 you will be able to play early bird bingo for free. So sign up early and join us in a day of fun and games!!

Wednesday, April 9th

Depart SEOTS at 7am

Return by 5pm

Mid-Winter Pow-wow

Indian Summers mid-winter pow-wow is here to kick off the pow-wow season and get us into the pow-wow mood. The Mid-Winter pow-wow will be held at the State Fair in the Wisconsin Products Pavilion, on 8100 West Greenfield Avenue. Ticket prices: \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 for children under 12 & Seniors.

Saturday, March 1st,

Time:11-10pm

Sunday, March 2nd,

Time:10-6pm

Craft class

Craft class for the month of February will be on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm. Charlene Smith and Laura Gordon will be teaching us how to make pins and miniature beaded headdresses. We will also be working on our quilting squares. Come and join in for crafting, socializing and fun!

Wednesdays, February

5th,12th,19th,26th

Time:6:00pm

Cultural heritage class

Randy Cornelius will be at the SEOTS office to host cultural heritage on March 4th, at 6pm. There will be a potluck dinner and we ask that you

bring a dish to share. Cultural heritage classes thereafter will be at 6:30pm via the phone with Randy on Tuesday evenings.

March 4,11,18 & 23

Time: 6:30 (except the 1st

Tuesday of the month when

Randy is here class

is at 6:00)

Tsyunhehkwa

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

SEOTS advisory board meetings

The SEOTS board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm. The meetings are open to all Oneida tribal members.

February 11th & 25th

Time:6:00pm

Oneida intertribal singers

The singers practice every Monday at 6pm. They are available for events. For more information please call Mamie at 643-8972.

Monday

Time:6:00pm

SEOTS monthly van trip to Oneida

Prescription pick-ups are twice a month. The first Monday of the month (March 3rd) and the third Wednesday of the month (March 19th). The Wednesday pick-up is our regularly scheduled trip that community members are able to go on. Please call to reserve your seat early.

Please be sure to call your prescription refills in to the Oneida Health Center Pharmacy THREE days prior to the pick-up date. Prescriptions may not be ready if you fail to call in early enough. Also, don't forget to call the SEOTS office to have your name added to the pick-up list.

--IMPORTANT--**Van trip note****--Please Read--**

Please note that the monthly van trip to Oneida on the third week of the month for the winter will be contingent on the weather. Now that we are going into the winter months check with the SEOTS office the day before the trip to see if we will still go. Last year the weather was a problem. The north winds love to dust the highways affecting our plans. This year we will not make the trip if snow or ice is predicted anytime for that day. This includes the Green Bay area. Alternate plans will be made in the event that the weather does not want to cooperate. I love you all!

Drum Class

Drum class will not be meeting until further notice.

Federal agency to mediate division of former ammo plant

BARABOO, Wis. (AP) - A federal agency will mediate discussions between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the state Department of Natural Resources to resolve differences over a plan to divide land at the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

The General Services Administration will step in to resolve the dispute, said Mark Lundgren, who is in charge of land disposal in the GSA's Great Lakes Region.

Lundgren made the announcement Tuesday at a meeting of the Badger Intergovernmental Group, which is hashing out future ownership and management of land at the abandoned 7,354-acre plant on U.S. 12 south of Baraboo.

The tentative plan calls for the Ho-Chunk Nation to receive about 1,500 acres, the U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center to receive about 1,900 acres and the DNR to receive the remaining 4,000 acres.

The Ho-Chunk Nation claims parcels of land that the DNR wants as a connection between Devil's Lake State Park north of Badger and the Wisconsin River to the south.

The DNR would have traded the tribe property both inside the plant and elsewhere for the Badger land necessary for the recreation corridor, but the deal fell through late last year.

The Ho-Chunk Nation said the land offered within the plant was contaminated and would not be acceptable to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which is requesting the property for the tribe.

Lundgren said talks mediated by the GSA have already begun and he expects the issues to be resolved by early summer.


From Page 1/Dairyland lawsuit thrown out

The Legislature twice approved the amendment and it was ratified by voters. It said gambling could not be broadened beyond bingo, raffles, pari-mutuel on-track betting and the lottery, but did not address Indian casinos.


Callaway granted the state's motion to deny Dairyland's request for an injunction to halt renegotiations of the tribal casino compacts.

Dairyland Vice President Roy Berger said the racetrack would appeal the ruling to the state Court of Appeals.

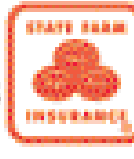
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Legislative Review/Letters & Opinions

Vice-Chairwoman's Corner

The past couple weeks have been both exciting and exhausting. Along with Business Committee members, Legal staff and others, I have spent the majority of my time on Gaming Compact issues. As I



**Vice-Chairwoman
Kathy Hughes**

stated in my previous article, the United Tribal Leaders have been meeting every two weeks discussing and planning strategies for gaming compact negotiations. We have been working on the new Compact for many months. That work intensified this past week with meetings and telephone conferences with Governor Doyle and his staff. On February 18, the Business Committee had scheduled a Community meeting in order to update the membership on the gaming compact. The Community meeting was to start at 6:00 PM and we were still discussing payment schedules with Staff from the Governor's office. At approximately 6:40 PM, we received word that our final proposal had been accepted by the Governor.

Our goal has always been to protect the interests of the Tribe and to negotiate a compact that would be beneficial to the Tribe. I believe this goal was realized with Compact terms that allows us to expand our scope games beyond slot machines and blackjack, to include craps, roulette and card games, such as caribbean stud, pai gow. This will now allow us to be competitive with the border states.

In addition to expansion of the scope of games, the term of this Compact will be perpetuity. Perpetuity will enable the Nation to do long range planning without the threat, every few years, to the revenue generated from our Gaming Operations. We will now be able to pursue projects requiring financing without have to pay exorbitant interest rates and short terms, both of which increased the cash outlay.

With the signing of the Letter of Intent between the Oneida Tribe and the Governor, the second phase of

compact negotiations will begin. The letter of intent has established a conceptual guide for what will ultimately be incorporated as an amendment to the current compact and will require a great deal of staff time now to develop the

necessary language to carry out these concepts.

Now that my time has been freed up to some extent, I will now be focusing on completing a new agreement between Oneida and the Visitor & Convention Bureau. This agreement defines a relationship that supports the business and tourism endeavors of the Oneida Tribe, compensated with a portion of the room tax revenue collected by the Oneida Tribe from the hotel operation.

The New York Land Claims discussions are expected to take a higher priority, also. The court appointed mediator is expected to begin scheduling sessions the early part of March. He was sick and is now apparently ready to begin working again. In addition, we will be making contacts in pursuit of the casino concept approved by the General Tribal Council.

I will be accompanying the Treasurer to a Self Governance meeting at which we will begin discussing 2004 allocations for funding. It will take several months but the conclusion of these discussions will result in signed contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Indian Health Services (IHS).

On February 25th the Business Committee will be meeting with the council from the Oneida of the Thames. This is a meeting that we have been trying to schedule since before Christmas at the request of the Thames Council. There are to be discussions which will open better communications between the two elected bodies and are hoped to provide an opening for future exchange of skills and technical support.

I am taking a couple of days off to try to get back to the energy level I had before the negotiations drained me. Thank goodness Spring is just around the corner.

BC Briefing...

Lobbying, gaming and legislative measures

This winter has been a busy time of year for the Oneida Business Committee. In particular, a steady part of my workload has been lobbying efforts, gaming compact discussions, and working on Oneida legislative measures.

Recently, I spent several weeks lobbying in Madison, Wisconsin. There has been dialogue amongst some politicians in Madison suggesting that tribes should make larger compact payments to the state. The Oneida message for politicians in Madison is we understand the budget dilemma state officials are in: "But do not look to Oneida to bail out the state on the budget deficit." We've approached these discussions by talking about sovereignty principles and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Our message has been consistent and successful. Most of the state officials we've met with understand our position. Most realize, Oneida is more important to the state as a vital part of the larger economic community. Any attempt to plundering our economic resources (to patch the state budget)

would have severe economic reverberations.

We've had detailed discussion on our compact and how we need to enhance the abilities of our gaming operations while also preserving our economic opportunities. This message was well received by area representatives and Joint Finance members with whom we met. Our message in Madison is centered around Oneida's economic conditions and the need to protect and enhance our economy. Discussions have also revolved around how Oneida can be helpful in attracting more federal dollars to the state, while also servicing our needs.

The Legislative Operating Committee has been diligently working on a series of major legislative drafting issues. The following is an overview of issues we've worked on: A new Oneida Gaming Ordinance, constitutional revisions, primary election amendments, budget management act, open records law, alcohol control



**Councilman
Vince DeLaRosa**

Procedures Act amendments, computer usage policy, marriage ordinance review, Business Committee weekly meetings policy, and ONCOA by-law revisions. I am also working with a team of tribal representatives who are overseeing the revisions to the Oneida Compensation System. This is an incredible project which I'll provide more detail on in my next article.

One project which has been very concerning to Oneida leadership is the construction of the Brown County waste transfer facility located at the Duck Creek Conservation Area. Despite the best efforts of the Oneida Nation this project continues to move forward. Brown County informed Oneida of

its plan to construct a waste transfer station in May of 2002. This was well after the time necessary to discuss alternate plans for the site or to file a cause of action with proper administrative authorities. In an effort to circumscribe detrimental impacts of the site, Oneida investigated its title history, potential environmental ramifications, and administrative & judicial legal avenues of relief. Unfortunately, it will be futile to mount a claim at this point in the process since it will be too late for successful intervention.

I am personally disappointed in the Brown County Executive's failure to communicate with the Oneida Nation's government on the waste transfer site. This situation exemplifies a clear lack of respect for our government-to-government relationship and it serves to undermine years of progress we've made with the County. Additionally, I want to thank those who personally voiced their opinion at the site through peaceful protest. We need to consistently reinforce that the Oneida Nation must be consulted on decisions of this level and magnitude.

Thanks for reading my article and have a nice day!

Initiatives and responsibilities

Sweku Akweku
Ukwehuku.

Greetings to all.

The Vision of the Oneida Business Committee is: The inherent sovereignty of the Ukwehu wene empowers the Onû yote û• ka as a strong, self-governing nation. The Mission Statement of the current government is: The Oneida Business Committee will provide the leadership necessary to promote trust, integrity and community wellness for a socio-economic balance while ensuring Onû yote û• ka sovereignty.

The nine(9) Goals of the Oneida Business Committee are: Gaming Compact (Chairwoman), Land (Vice-Chairwoman), Financial Initiatives (Treasurer), Community Development (Secretary), Youth Development (Councilman Ninham), Economy (Councilwoman King, Polymorphism Communication (Councilman Danforth), Legislative Initiatives (Councilman Delarosa) and Operational Organization Design or Restructure Initiatives (Councilman Doxtator).

The specific initiatives of my office are: Counseling services, recruit train more Oneida's, make unique for our cultural need, coordinate like services for efficiency, combine entity/programs that duplicate services and restructure. Footnote: Some of the initial goals I established during my campaign and during my first quarter after elections have been handed over to other Oneida governmental officials. I will be part of the strategic planning, but not the lead person to accomplishing those goals. I will begin reporting on these goals to Oneida Community members and Citizens of the Oneida Nation.

LAND CLAIMS

The Oneida Business Committee rescinded Resolution 9-04-02-B. The Oneida Business Committee adopted Resolution 1-22-03-

A on January 22, 2003. Resolution 1-22-03-A states, ..."that the Chairwoman, Vice Chairwoman and one Council Member shall serve as Chief Negotiators for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin in the Land Claim settlement negotiations;..." This was adopted to protect the Oneida Tribe regarding all information of the Land Claims. Currently, all information is directed to the Chairwoman's office. This was agreed upon by the majority of the Oneida Government. There are no further developments regarding land claims. The mediation deadline, which was extended until May 1, 2003, is still a deadline.

GAMING COMPACT

The Gaming Compact Negotiation team has been working many hours regarding proposed amendments to the Gaming Compact with the State of Wisconsin. On February 18, 2003, the Chairwoman presented four major proponents to the Gaming Compact. 1. Betting Limits would be determined by the Oneida Tribe. 2. Scope of Games would be determined by the Oneida Tribe. 3. A payment and fee scale to the State of Wisconsin. 4. A Gaming Compact that provides for perpetuity. There has been much deliberation and hard work regarding these proposals. Negotiations with the State of Wisconsin came very quick. I would like to publicly thank the Chairwoman, Vice Chairwoman, Councilman Danforth, General Manager Gollnick, Gaming General Manager McLester and Chief Council Artman for their hard work. The proposals and negotiations were not simple nor were they easy. There was much work completed from the gaming operations, law



**Councilman
Brian Doxtator**

office, general manager's office; as well as many departments within the tribal organization, Business Committee staff and the Oneida Business Committee. **HEADSTART** The Federal Government is bringing forth a bill to place the Headstart programs and its' monies under the department of education. This will place a burden on the Oneida Tribe to receive funding at our current level. The Oneida Tribe may have to apply for Headstart monies with the State of Wisconsin, which may decrease needed monies. Therefore, I am requesting Oneida citizens to write to Wisconsin congressman stating your concerns and opposition to the Headstart proposal. I also encourage you to request headstart monies, for tribes, be placed in the Self Governance Compacting process. Your lobbying efforts, as well as the lobbying efforts of the Oneida Business Committee can make a difference.

The addresses of Wisconsin Congressman can be obtained by calling my office at 869-4489, or contact Lisa Summers at 869-4478

TRAVEL

Elderly Services - O.N.C.O.A. Oneida, Wi, November 26, 2002. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Provide open communication with the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging and Oneida Government.

Ridgeview Plaza - Oneida, Wi, December 3, 2002. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Public Hearing as required by the Administrative Procedures Act. Indian Preference Amendments.

U.W.G.B.-Diversity Panel - Green Bay, Wi, December 10, 2002. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Provided information regarding North American Indian's perspective on ethnicity issues within

Northeast Wisconsin.

Oneida Health Center - Oneida Wi, December 10, 2002. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Provided accurate information regarding the General Tribal Council Directive Wage Compensation Plan. 22 participants.

Oneida Radisson - Oneida, Wi, December 13, 2002. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Cooperative efforts with surrounding school districts regarding gaming compact monies returning to programs surrounding the Oneida Reservation Boundaries.

Elderly Services - O.N.C.O.A. - December 16, 2002. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Provide open communication with the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging and Oneida Government.

Anna John Nursing Home - Oneida Wi, December 18, 2002. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Government representation at the Anna John Nursing Home Christmas party.

Lombardi Middle School - Green Bay, Wi, December 19, 2002. Cost \$0.00. Benefit: Provided storytelling with a focus on Oneida culture to Oneida youth.

Little Bear Development Center - Oneida Wi, January 10, 2003. Cost \$0.00. Benefit. Coordinate efforts with Housing Task Force to develop and implement a Comprehensive Housing Plan and resolution to other issues.

Oneida Nation Turtle School - Oneida Wi, January 13, 2002. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Temporary Business Committee Liaison to the Oneida Nation School System. Provided input during discussion items.

DeJoPe Bingo Hall; United Tribes - Madison, Wi, January 15, 2003. Cost: \$42.00. Benefit: Full Representation of the Oneida Business Committee at an United Tribes meeting, regarding a meeting with Wisconsin Indian Leaders and Governor Doyle. The meeting between Wisconsin Indian leaders and Governor Doyle was January 16, 2003.

Yawa'ko
Teylueayate

Letter to the Editor

A big thank you

This is kind of late, I know, but I wanted to say thank you to the occupants of the buildings that my crews cleaned, for the Christmas remembrances. I know that you didn't have to do the things you did, but it was nice to be acknowledged.

As custodians we get so little positive acknowledgement. We usually only get the negative.

I have left my position with the department but wanted to say thank you for my crews.

I also want to say thank you to the custodians that I worked with, for allowing me to be a part of the crews even though I was your supervisor. I always tried to put myself in your shoes that's why I tried to help out when someone was off.

I have to say I think I had some of the best teams out there.

I wish you all the best that life has to offer.

**Ruth Kerker
Early Morning Roving
Supervisor**

Sports

Stevens' holding own out west



Photo courtesy of Kevin Finley
Brandon Stevens and sister Margaret have excelled at United Tribes Technical College. Both players serve as team captain for their respective squads.

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Brandon and Margaret Stevens both attend United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, North Dakota. Both received basketball scholarships to play basketball and both have not disappointed their respective teams.

Athletic Director and head women's basketball coach Kevin Finley said, "Their transition to United Tribes has been flawless, Margaret is everything we expected her to be and Brandon has really been a pleasant surprise."

Brandon has excelled both on and off the court. He is currently on the Academic Presidents List. On the court he is averaging 11 points per game. He also is ranked 4th in the Mon-Dak Conference in both assists and steals. As team captain he has lead the team to a 6-16 record. The record doesn't reflect the progress the team has made since all players are freshman and a new coaching staff was took over this season.

Margaret has improved steadily since arriving at United Tribes.

"She already was a good player when she got here with lots of potential. She works hard and is probably the most team orientated player I've ever coached," said Coach Finley. "She is very unselfish."

Overall Margaret averages 12 points per game and is ranked 7th in the conference pulling down eight rebounds per contest. She is also the team captain and received the most player votes for the title.

"Both Margaret and Brandon all excellent ambassadors for the Oneida Nation and are role models for all of Indian Country," said Finley.

For more information on Brandon and Margaret's progress log onto the United Tribes Technical College website at www.unit-edtribestech.com.

Oneida Family Fitness schedule change

Oneida - Saturday's group exercise classes at Oneida Family Fitness has changed to Core Strengthening with Ryan. The classes begin at 9:00 am.

This change is being made due to staff changes.

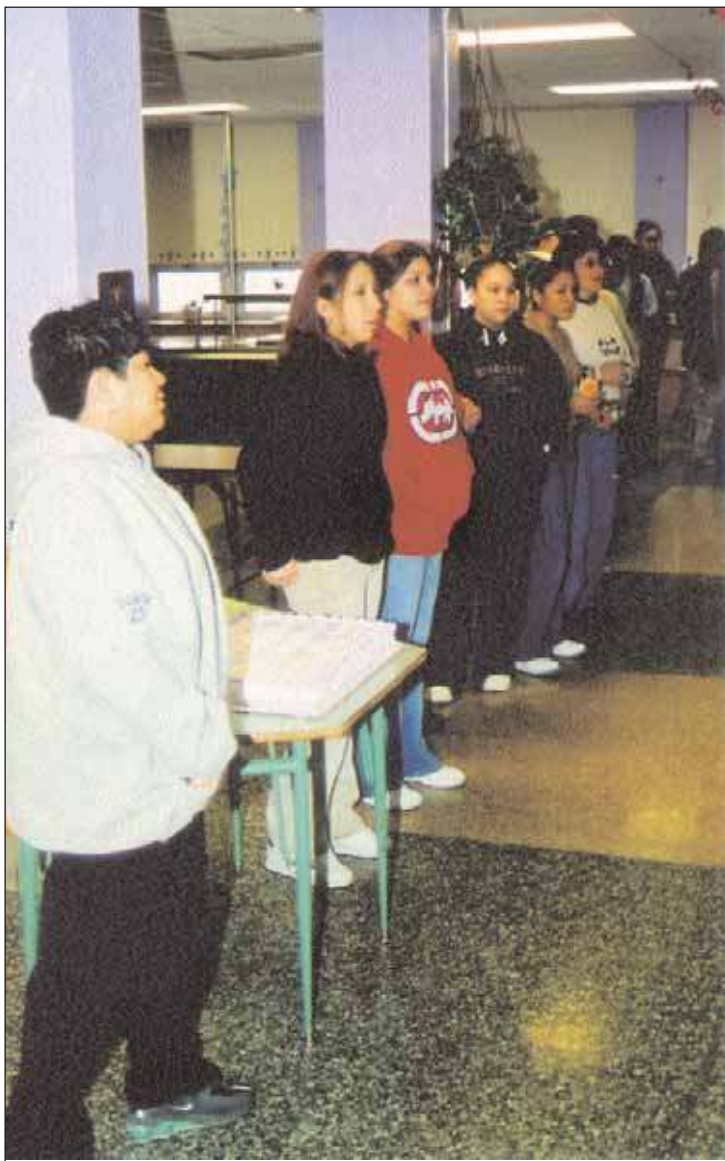


Photo by Phil Wisneski

The icing on the cake to the Thunderhawk girls basketball team was winning the initial Heritage Conference championship and the first conference tournament. After their conference tournament championship, a celebration was held in honor of the girl's accomplishments with a victory cake. Coach Fawn Billie, left, speaks of the team's accomplishments

Boys finish perfect in conference play

By Phil Wisneski

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The Thunderhawks boys basketball team finished conference play with an unblemished 6-0 record and won the regular season Heritage Conference championship with a 61-32 victory over Stockbridge. Roberto Hill lead Oneida with 19 points including five 3-pointers and Lee Laster scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half.

Oneida trailed 8-6 after one quarter, but the Thunderhawks scorched Stockbridge in the middle two quarters outscoring them 41-

11. The victory gives the Thunderhawks an 11-4 record for the season.

Oneida's next home game is Monday February 24 against Menominee. JV tip off is set for 6 pm with the varsity game to follow.

In other boys action, the Thunderhawks were defeated 60-40 at Wabeno on February 13. The Thunderhawks failed to find any rhythm offensively and produced the lowest scoring output of the season. Hill lead the Thunderhawks with 15 points while Mike Mousseau chipped in 13.

Oneida trailed by only nine

Oneida Girls win, sweep conference championships, earn #2 seed

By Phil Wisneski

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The Oneida girls basketball team won both the Heritage Conference regular season championship and conference tournament this season and finished with a school record 16-3 record.

With the outstanding record the Thunderhawks gained a #2 seed in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) state tournament regional seedings. The Thunderhawks will be hosting Marinette Catholic Central on Tuesday February 25 at 7 pm at the Turtle School. The girl's program is looking to record it's first tournament victory in school history. If Oneida wins and Gibraltar defeats White Lake, then the Thunderhawks will host Gibraltar in the Regional Semifinal on Thursday February 27. In another possible scenario, if Oneida and White Lake are victorious, the Thunderhawks will have to travel to White Lake for the semifinal game on Thursday.

The Thunderhawks completed the difficult 6 game stretch in just 12 days and posted a remarkable 5-1 record during the stretch. More impressive is that four of the six games were on the

road.

This past Tuesday Oneida traveled to Bowler and crushed the Panthers 55-36. Trailing 20-18 entering the third the Thunderhawks poured in 22 points in the third quarter and held Bowler to only 5 to open up a 15 point lead going into the final quarter. Irene Danforth lead Oneida with 14 points and Jessica Skenandore added 13.

At the inaugural Heritage Conference tournament Oneida defeated Living Word Lutheran 60-40 in the championship game. Just a week earlier the Thunderhawks squeaked past the Timber Wolves by just eight points. After trailing 13-12 after the opening quarter, Oneida outscored Living Word 48-27 the rest of the way. Maria Stevens lead the Thunderhawks with 28 points.

In the semifinal game, Oneida jumped all over the Falcons of Fond du Lac Christian early and lead 22-2 after one quarter. The Thunderhawks didn't let up the entire game and cruised to a 57-17 victory. Maria Stevens lead Oneida with 18 points and Mariea Denny added 17, including one 3-pointer.

On February 13 Heritage

Laster and Presley King added 18 and 13 points respectively.

In a see-saw game against Marion the Thunderhawks scored 25 points in the third quarter and held off a late Mustang rally to win 60-56. Presley King drained four 3-pointers in the third quarter and finished with six for the game and a game high 20 points. Only three other Oneida players scored in the game, but each had double figures. Both Mike Mousseau and Roberto Hill scored 14 points and Lee Laster chipped in 12.

Christian from Milwaukee handed the Thunderhawks their third loss of the season winning 55-44. Heritage Christian also defeated Oneida earlier in the season. Foul trouble doomed the Thunderhawks as Mariea Denny, Jessica Danforth and Brooke Smith all fouled out of the game, while numerous other Oneida players had four fouls. Maria Stevens lead Oneida with 18 points and Lindsay Powless added 12.

The Oneida girls traveled to and defeated their arch rival Menominee 63-53 on February 11. The Thunderhawks outscored the Eagles 32-20 in the middle quarters to pull out the hard fought game.

Maria Stevens poured in 27 points and Lindsay Powless scored 18 including two 3-pointers.

As mentioned earlier, Oneida defeated Living Word Lutheran in regular season play 47-39 on February 7. The second quarter proved to be the determining quarter as the Thunderhawks stretched a tie game into a seven point advantage at intermission. Maria Stevens controlled the middle and torched the Timber Wolves for 23 points, while teammate Mariea Denny added 15.

Basketball tournaments offered

Higher Level Camps is an off-season basketball program for boys and girls 5th through 12th grade. The focus of Higher Level Camps is to help each player reach their next level of play through a variety of programs.

For this reason Higher Level Camps presents the Tournament of Champions Program. This program will give 5th through 8th grade boys and girls teams an opportunity to participate in basketball tournaments. You may go to the Higher Level Camps website at www.higherlevelcamps.com for registration forms and information or you may call them at 920-929-9008. The fee for each tournament is \$125 and guarantees three games per team.

Tournaments will be held at: Wisconsin Lutheran College on March 2; Concordia University on March 8 and 9; Ripon College March 22-23 and Marian College March 29-30.

Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow All Indian basketball tournament

An all Indian men's and women's basketball tournament will be held from April 24 through April 27 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Entry fee is \$250 per team with a \$150 deposit required before April 5. No personal checks will be accepted. All participants must be at least 1/4 Indian blood.

There will be ten championship jackets, ten runner up hooded sweat shirts, ten third place sweatshirts, ten fourth place long sleeve shirts, ten fifth place t-shirts, ten sixth place t-shirts, ten all tournament jackets, an m.v.p. jacket, a traveling trophy, a sportsmanship trophy and a coach championship award.

For more information contact Jimmy Yepa at (505) 821-9984 or send deposit to 6110 Academy NE Apt. 70, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

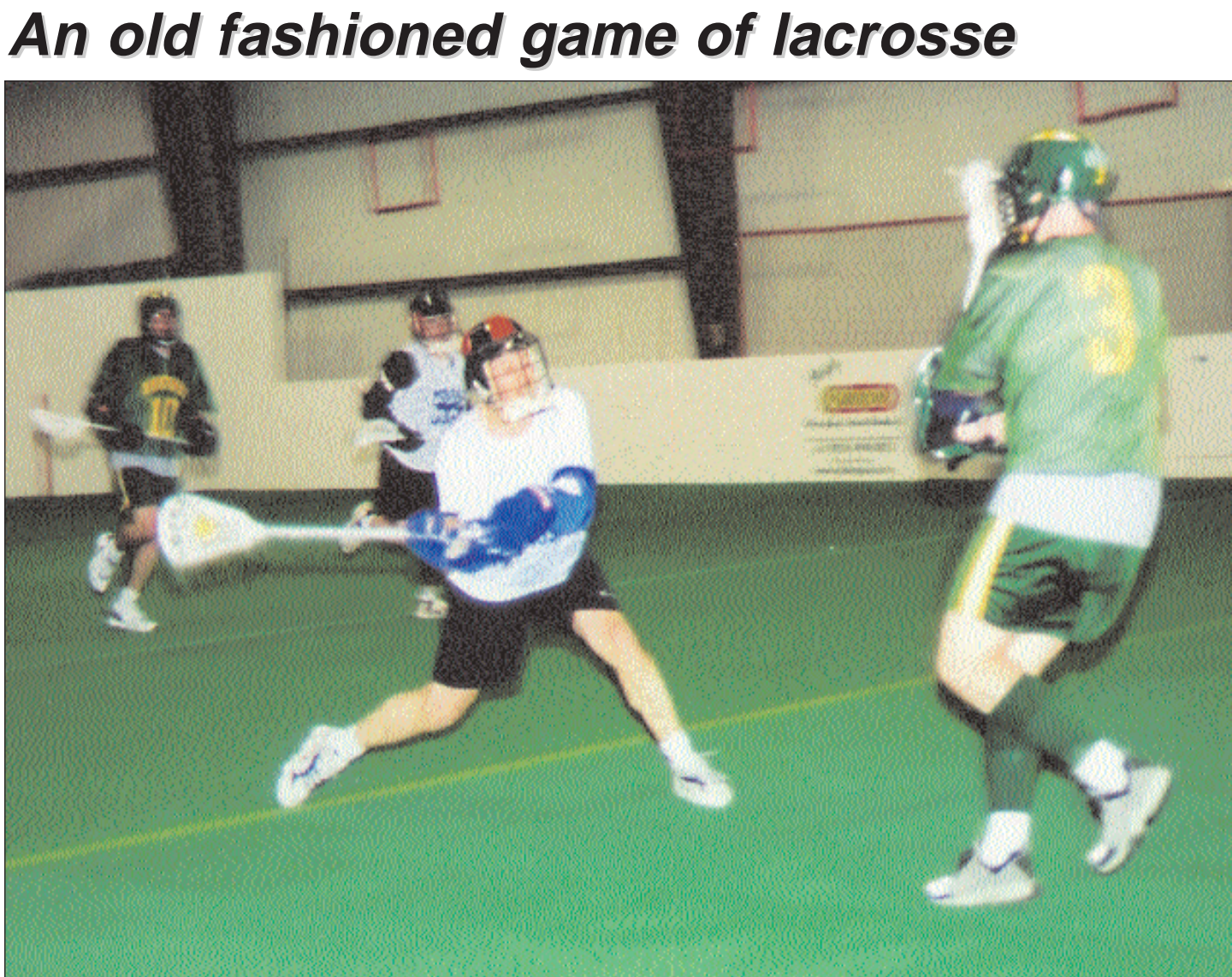


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The Oneida Wolfpack hosted their third annual indoor lacrosse tournament this past Saturday at the Wisconsin Sports Emporium in De Pere. The Wolfpack finished fourth in the tournament. They tied second place Marquette 2-2 in the opening game and defeated the Madison Mens team 4-2. The Wolfpack however lost in the third place game to a tough team from Stevens Point. Wisconsin took first in the tournament followed by Marquette, Stevens Point, Wolfpack, Milwaukee and Madison Mens. The Oneida team was made up of players ranging to a few months of experience to veterans with up to twelve years. The Wolfpack practice this Friday February 21 at the Wisconsin Sports Emporium and every one is welcome to come out and give the game a try. For more information contact Kilabrew Van Dyke at 498-4078.

A search for freedom and a kidney

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Carol Robelia celebrated her 69th birthday this past Saturday. She received gifts and cards as usual, but one gift she was looking forward to receiving but has yet to get is one that will save her life. Carol needs a kidney.

In 1999 Carol started to have kidney problems. Her serum creatinine level, a chemical the body produces as it digests proteins, went through the roof. Upon diagnosis, her right kidney had shrunk to nothing and the other was failing.

"I was so full of water that they had to take out 40 pounds of water from me," Carol said.

Since then, Carol has had a shunt put in her neck and then into her arm to perform hemodialysis. A shunt is a permanent connection surgically created between an artery and a vein. The doctors prefer to put the shunt in the arm because it is less susceptible to infection. The shunt in her right arm was very painful when put in, and when it failed after three years of use she wanted it back in her neck and not in her left arm.

"It was too painful and I told my doctor that I wasn't going through that pain again," she said.

So instead the doctor was

able to re-connect the shunt back into her right arm where it currently is today.

"I know he (doctor) didn't want to try and put it back in my right arm, but I had enough and I wasn't going to go through the pain again," Carol said.

According to Helioshealth.com, hemodialysis involves circulating the blood through a special filtering machine outside the body. Blood is slowly pumped out of the body and into the machine through the use of the surgically implanted shunt. Hemodialysis is scheduled for Carol three times per week at St. Vincent's Dialysis Center.

Being on dialysis, Carol must maintain a strict diet and a tight schedule. Since her dialysis appointments are three times per week, it is difficult for her to travel without having to set up an appointment in the city where she is going to get her treatment. The process itself takes three to five hours, and if the nearest center isn't nearby, the entire day is lost due to her disease.

These are the little things in life that Carol wants to get back. "It's miserable," she said of being on dialysis.

"I want to get that freedom back."

At first Carol didn't want to

get on the donor list, but her sister Madelyn Genskow talked her into it. Carol has been on the list since 2001 and is hoping her name gets called for an available kidney.

She has had family members like her son William and her niece Jennifer offer to donate one of their kidneys, but due to medical reasons none of her family members have been suitable donors. According to the National Kidney Foundation, a living donor must have a compatible blood type, be in good health and have normal functioning kidneys. The donors must also go through additional testing such as testing tissue type, a full medical physical exam and a psychological exam.

Through all this however, Carol has been able to work on the Oneida Appeals Commission. She is currently serving her third term. She enjoys working on the commission and says it keeps her on her toes. Before working at the Appeals Commission, Carol worked at the Oneida Head Start for 25 years up until 1996. She then retired for a whole month before joining Appeals.

The National Kidney Foundation states that currently there are over 340,000 Americans being treated for kidney failure of end stage



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida tribal member Carol Robelia, on the urging of her sister, is now on the donor list for a kidney as she patiently waits for a kidney transplant. After four years of pain and suffering, Robelia wants her freedom back and to be able to return to a normal lifestyle. A kidney transplant can do that for her.

renal disease. More than 240,000 are on dialysis like Carol and the other 100,000 have received transplants. Over the last five years the number of patients with kidney failure has averaged about 80,000 annually.

Even though she has been

on the waiting time for a possible donor for two years Carol still has hope that her name will be called. She also wants to be around when her two grandchildren get married. Carol says one is getting married next year and the other is in 2005. Carol would

also like to get back to donating her time to the Methodist Church in Oneida where she was at one time years ago very active.

For more information on being a living donor contact the Wisconsin Donor Network at 1-800-432-5405.

Open for business

Remodeled exhibits featured at reopening

Oneida - The Oneida Nation Museum held a re-opening celebration February 8. At the re-opening there was one new exhibit and two re-vamped exhibits. The new exhibit is titled "Young Artists of the Oneida Community." This exhibit contained paintings, drawings, pottery, carvings and poems from young Oneida artists.

Two other exhibits received face lifts at the museum as well. "Oneida Veterans" and "Basketry and Lacemaking" were updated and included some new material.

The event was well attended as parking spots were hard to come by. Young and old alike were impressed with the exhibits and quality of work that it takes to put together the displays.

Along with the new exhibits a light lunch was served as well as beverages. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is located at W892 County Road EE, just west of the intersection of county roads E and EE.

For further information call 869-2768.



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above: The new "Young Artists of the Oneida Community" opened to rave reviews during the re-opening of the museum this past Saturday. The exhibit contains pieces of artwork like paintings, carvings, drawings, poems and pottery. Two other exhibits were revamped. The Oneida Veterans and Lacemaking and basketry were updated. Right: Ella Sauer along with Linda Delgado-Baragas enjoy the food and the exhibits at the grand re-opening. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at W892 County Road EE.



All aboard the Artrain

Ann Arbor, Michigan - Artrain USA, the nation's only traveling art museum on a train, presents a contemporary Native American exhibition (April 2004-December 2007), open to recent works that use or respond to technology by Native American artists.

Call for Entries

All media will be considered, including digital, CD-ROM, and video, related to technology and/or the modernity of cultures. Artists interested in having their work considered should send resume, artist statement, slides or photographs of work and slides or pictures of previous installation if available. Deadline for submitting material is April 18, 2003. Please limit the number of entries to 3 per applicant. Due to the nature of our gallery maximum space allowed per piece is 6' in height x width that can vary x 3' in depth. Please describe use of space and any special requirements needed. Please send SASE to Artrain USA, 1100 N. Main St., Ste.106, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; email artrainmms@aol.com; or telephone 734-747-8300, ext. 213. Visit our website at www.ArtrainUSA.org.

Summary of Exhibition

Artrain USA's 15th exhibition focuses on how Native artists are influenced by the popular culture of today and explores the commonalities of Native and non-Native people in North America. The exhibition is divided into three sections, with the third sec-

tion focusing on the Modernity of Cultures. Today's high tech products are often driven by the age of computers and new technologies as they influence Americans' lifestyles. Native artists are using computers, video and CD-ROM to explore new ways of art making while retaining the connection to the traditions of Native art. Curated by Joanna O. Bigfeather, the exhibition will travel on board Artrain USA from 2004 through 2007.

Information about Artrain USAArtrain USA is just what its name implies - a train that carries art to people throughout the country. It is a gateway to the arts and exists as an arts outreach project. Its mission is to deliver visual art exhibitions and educational programs to cities without access to traditional museums and to encourage the development of local cultural programs. The outcomes of Artrain USA's programs are multiple and benefit both individuals and communities. The most obvious outcome is how Artrain USA's art exhibitions, art education programs and demonstrating artists encourage people to explore and develop their artistic and creative interests. Broader outcomes result from the all-inclusive community effort required to host Artrain USA. These efforts induce cross-cultural relationships among diverse populations, arts organizations, educators, local businesses, local government and volunteers.

T'm Thunderhawk

You Call That a Gym?

By Marena Bridges
ONHS junior

Once again the students at Oneida Nation High have been put on the back burner. What have we been short changed on this time? A tour through what our Phy. Ed teacher claims is a gymnasium would answer that question quickly.

Where do I begin? Oh, I know. I'll begin by asking how anyone could expect our teacher to educate us properly in such squalid conditions. The temperature is usually a about 55 degrees. The bathrooms are just obscene. The bubbler doesn't work. The are no shower curtains in the girl's locker room. Which, I suppose, is better that the boys who have one big shower for some strange reason. Sorry, but in the year 2003, homosexuality is okay but boys showering together is not. While we're on the subject of the boys bathroom, the floors are so gross that you have to slip on boots to take a leak. The one bit of equipment that we do have are basketballs. But, seeing as the pump is second hand, with electrical tape to boot, and the balls are flat, the point of the

Upward Bound

Are you ready for college?

By Patricia Thomas
ONHS sophomore

Are you ready for college? This summer you have a chance to take college courses and be prepared for college. Upward Bound is where to go. Upward Bound is a program for students who families don't have any college experience. Any students from Oneida Nation, Freedom, Seymour, Pulaski, Southwest, Menominee, and West DePere High Schools are able to participate in the program, if their parents haven't graduated from college. The program takes place in two different colleges; St. Norbert college and University of Green Bay(UWBG). And the best part about it, is it's FREE!! You don't have to pay anything to go to it, better yet they pay you \$60.00 a month to live on the campus. And during the school year you met one Saturday a month, and you have to go to tutoring one night a week in order to get \$40.00 a month.

Basically what they do is teach you how it would be in college. You would love on campus for five weeks and be able to come home on weekends. They say that the teachers there are really cool and easy to get along with. Along with having fun you will get a 1/4 credit that will go toward your high school transcript. And then at the end of the year you get to go on a trip somewhere, last year they went to Denver and this year there going to St. Louis. So if you want to sign up call the Oneida Nation High School for more information.

pump is lost on me. Of course, when the student's complain they are accused of being insubordinate, negative and antagonistic. A lot of people are quick to blame High school students for any problems that should befall them because it's easy to blame teenagers. They don't know what they're talking about. They're just kids. If any teacher would attempt to through teenage jargon they would realize that the students do have valid points. That they are not whining, they're complaining to get what they deserve. So, in ending I would like to cordially invite anyone one in the community that cares to take a look at our gym. I have to tell you to wear your sweaters and put on your boots. It won't be a nice trip.

Good hopes for new team

By Brooke Metoxen-Smith
ONHS junior

At Oneida Nation High School, we have one gold crown won by Dan George Skenandore, and it's for wrestling.

This year's ONHS wrestler's are brothers Josh House - Sophomore, and John House - Freshman. Like every wrestler, they are shooting for the gold and follow in Skenandore's footsteps. So far in the season, Josh House is 9 for 13 games, and John is 4 for 16 games.

Thom Burke, wrestling coach, said "I think they're

What students at O.N.H.S. spent their Per Caps on

By Marlon Skenandore
ONHS Senior

On the days of January 22 and 23, three other fellow students and I received our Per Capita from the tribe. This check came out to exactly four-thousand, one-hundred and fifty-nine dollars and four cents. The three other students were Jermaine Webster, Lorraine Cornelius, and Jamison Danforth. I spent mine on a new ride, stereo system, clothes, shoes, and some weights. Jermaine went out and bought a car, clothes, stereo system, fixed up his car a little and bought stuff for his little girl. He said when he first got it he "just wanted to go to the bank and go spend it away." He also added "\$4,150 dollars isn't a lot when you have a baby."

Jamison Danforth said "I have really bought nothing yet except for some clothes and repair on my car. " He's waiting to find a better car in the price range and buy some insurance for it. Lorraine went out and got herself a very nice Cadillac and I'm pretty sure a whole bunch of clothes because her money was gone in a couple of days.

When I first turned 18, I couldn't wait to get my per cap. I thought I had to wait a whole year because my birthday is in October, so I thought that was no good. I went and talked to enrollment and said they just started a new payment plan where they give them out every 3 months. All you had to do was sign this pink form saying if you wanted

your taxes taken out or not. They told us we would get them at the beginning of January. They were almost right on when they would come out, but they were off just by a half a month.

I was so happy to get the per cap and thought it was quite a bit of money. But when you have four thousand dollars that you can tap into. It doesn't seem like a lot at

all. It actually goes pretty fast. When you go up into a store it seems like you just want to buy everything you want. But I was smart about it and just bought stuff that were of necessity. I think it is nice to get the per cap payment it helps us get us on our feet. When the rest of the students get their "phat" checks go and spend it wisely. Don't be stupid and go spend it all on par-

An all around good guy

By Katrina Paprocki
ONHS junior

"One good arm on that guy", is what you'll hear most people say about this weeks student athlete. Although were well into basketball season Lee Laster's favorite sport is still football. Laster says," I love the sweat dripping in your eyes as you walk to the line with line backers starring you down, and then you just throw em' a smile and say hike." He has been the starting quarter back since his first year here at ONHS as a Sophomore, as well as starting for the Varsity basketball team.

For this 6'3 forward "giving 100% and playing to the level he should" is most important while playing the game. Laster is currently averaging 22 points and 10 rebounds a game, with his "personal best" being 30 points and 11 rebounds against Fon du lac Christian. With that in mind,

Laster knows he has to sacrifice his game to help the team, and play some tough "D". He is one of three team captains, and wants the team to make it to sectionals.

Not only is Lee a great athlete, he also excels in his school work. His current grade point average is 3.859, and he has hopes to be Valedictorian of the senior class. He is only one spot away from that goal. Laster's personal goal for the basketball season is to average 21 points, and 9 rebounds a game.

Laster is proud to be chosen student athlete of the week. His parents are Luther Laster, and Robin Shablak, along with one brother Luke Laster. He likes Indian Tacos, and likes to listen to Coo Coo Cal. After Laster graduates, he plans on going on to college to continue on with sports.



Lee Laster

still learning and wrestling hard. When taking them to Regionals and Sectionals, we'll see how they do, hopefully good. I would like to see one of them to win a Regional competition, anything above that would be just great. If they do, then they would be taking on Varsity next year - where the big cats are."

Burke hopes to gain more wrestler's for the high school by recruiting the elementary kids at the turtle school where all the school wrestler's practice. It would be good to see more wrestler's at our school, and get the sport where we succeeded in State, to start

getting more wrestler's.

Their schedule is as follows: Saturday 25, 2003 at Ripon, February 1, 2003 in Manitowoc, and February 8 in Ashwaubenon. Their regional schedule is in Brillion, February 15, and if they win that match, which we hope they do, they will be heading towards Sectionals. The sectional match is set up at DodgeLand - February 22, 2003, and state is in Madison - March 1.

By the way, wrestling is also a spectator sport. Go and cheer them on! Good Luck to the ONHS wrestler's!

heats up

Americans from all over the nation.

This years winners O.N.E.S. who are going to New Mexico, Martina Redhail, Samantha Johnson, Jennifer John, Frank Oary, and Alan Baily. And the winners for O.N.H.S are Salisha Ninham with 1st , Rebecca Murtz with 3rd and Eliza Pelky with 2nd.

Science Fair competition

By Scott Lynk
ONHS freshman

O.N.H.S Junior Cece Danforth sums up her participation in the Science Fair very simply, "Its fun!" you get to leave school for a week for free and you get to meet a whole bunch of people. You get to learn about neat stuff, stuff you didn't know before. When asked what she would say to kids who don't do the fair because they find science

dull and boring. Cece said "bleep, bleep, bleep."

Last Thursday at the O.N.E.S the students of both the elementary and the high school presented their science fair projects. The students competed against each other for the chance to go to the National Science Fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico. When students go to New Mexico, they are competing against other Native

Student Poll:

What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

By Erin Reiter

ONHS senior

I asked some of the students at Oneida Nation High School the following question: *What does Valentines Day mean to you?* And here were some of their responses. Valentine's Day may be a couple of weeks behind us, but these sentiments ~ good and bad ~ live on.

Patricia Thomas: A day to share with my sweetheart.

Marena Bridges: A day that the companies and factories pop out the corniest and sappiest things that they can think of, so that their "in love" lap dogs can make them rich. Another man made holiday.

Little Bear: NOTHING!

Brooke Smith: I agree with Marena but then again it's a good day for love.

Kerri Krenzke: Absolutely Nothing! I think that it's a bunch of crock! Should of never had this holiday.

Lindsay Powless: A time to show someone how much you love them.

Jermaine Webster: Don't care for it.

Lorenzo Funmaker: I'm confused, what's love got to do with it?

Amanda Stevens: Special day for couples in love.

Holly Eisch: I don't know. I hate Valentines Day.

Anthony Gutierrez: When all lovers make love.

Jacki Smith: Love

Maria Stevens: No comment! It's nice when you have some one but when you don't, your miserable.

Felicia Nicholas: More gifts for me. Lot of candy.

Roberto Hill: Another day but on this day you buy flowers and candy.

Mike Mousseau: A day to express your feelings and gratitude to one another.

Prez King: Time to spend with loved ones.

Anthony Stevens: Got to buy stuff for your girlfriend. he he

My Scoop

Lebron James & Rules of WIAA

By Lee Laster

OMHS Senior

Lebron James, a talent that is meant to be kept around, is now being investigated for the acceptance of two throw-back uniforms. One of Gale Sayers of the Chicago Bears and Wes Unsel of the Washington Bullets. Rules state in OHSA that no athlete can accept money or gifts. With this in thought he may have ruined his amateur status.

Is this how the WIAA is also? Absolutely. A student may not accept cash, gifts, merchandise awards such as trophies, ribbons, medals, etc. Basically nothing worth intrinsic value.

So what if someone wants to borrow you an item such as a car for the weekend, is this ok? The WIAA should put these rules in the book also. I believe this rule states that players should not feel better then one another or have a bigger ego then their heads can handle.

As for James, he can wait until he's in the Pro's to accept gifts of value. What more does he need, he already has a Hummer. As for us of the WIAA, we should just be out there to play our game and go home and rest. We don't need anything fancy, it's High School, I think students tend to forget that or there's so much fame built up they forget or don't care.

Update: Lebron James is now able to play due to an appeal he put in the OHSA - He is still in jeopardy of his high school sports career, if the appeal fails.

Education

18th Annual Oneida School System Science Fair, 2003

1st Place Winners

*Allison Bailey	Jessica Doxtator
*Rachael Johnson	Marqita Tebeau
*Martina Redhail	Debra Santiago
*Frank Clary	Lois Stevens
*Jennifer John	Stephanie Ortiz
*Salisha Ninham	Wendell Cornelius
Matthew Bateman	Darrell Skenandore
Garrett Miller	Eric Arce
Shayla Jourdan	Dwight Hill

* Students eligible to attend the AISES National Science Fair

2nd Place Winners

Brian Denny	Jose Zayas
Sara Melchert	Layni Stevens
Andrea Cherny	Jasmine Polar
Russell Powless	Eliza Pelky
LuAnne Funmaker	Lauren Mills
JR Stevens	Eddie Metoxen
Lenita Cornelius	Miranda Redhail
Aisha LaRock	Raeanne Funmaker
Sasha Cloud	Amanda Skenandore
Robert Danforth	Cameron Stevens
Jada House	Truman Powless
Randall Danforth	Brittany Bateman
Racheal Ninham	Shaina Powless
James Cornelius	Sebastian DeCouteau

3rd Place Winners

Rebecca Mauritz	Bronson Schommer
Eric House	Jason Denny
Jordan Batiste	Jesse House
Craig LaRock	James House
Winona Godfrey	Jasmine Cornelius
Sapatis Menomin	Paul Gutierrez
Eldon Powless	Mesean Wheelock
Ashley Skenandore	Maria Metoxen

Special Memorial Awards

Madonna Michaletz Award
(highest scoring project).....Allison Bailey

Charles Giordana Award
(highest Earth/Environ project)Russell Powless

Amos Christjohn Culture/Language Award

~ Kathe Cornelius's First Grade Class ~
Royce Bressette, Yewanaka-Ku Brooks, Paul Christjohn, Josanna Cornelius-Daubon, Cody Doxtator, Shy House, Arlin LaRock, Sequoyah Morgan, Maritza Nieto, Carlos Peynetsa, Roman Polar, Tyler Stevens, and Joelle Thomas.

Oneida Libraries awarded Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant

Submitted by Lou Williams

This \$26,000 grant helps Wisconsin libraries bridge the digital divide by the purchase of computers and provide services and training to public access to the internet. The grant makes a difference for the community and surrounding areas, especially those who depend on their libraries for access to computers and digital resources including the internet. The grant will also

foster greater use of the 6,000 magazines and newspapers available on the web to all state residents through the departments Badgerlink program.

Low income students and unemployed residents tend to be the largest users of library computers. A majority of the unemployed used library computers to look for work.

The grant was used by the Oneida Community and Green Earth Libraries to pur-

chase over \$26,000 in hardware and software which included: eight new computers, two printers, Windows 2000 Professional Multi-language, Microsoft Office 2000 Premium Multi-language, Microsoft MapPoint 2000, Encarta Reference Library 2003 and staff training for one year.

An Open House is in the works to showcase the new equipment this April.

Oneida students in the News

Hudspath on Honor Roll at Noli Indian High

Janice Hudspath, (Oneida) a sophomore at Noli Indian School, San Jacinto, California, was amongst those listed on the High School Honor Roll - Fall 2002/2003. She is involved in cheerleading, softball, yearbook and just recently attended a Science Bowl in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Janice is the daughter of Brenda Elmore and Melvin Hudspath.

Whitfield on Dean's List at UW-Eau Claire

Brenden Whitfield, (Oneida) was named to the Fall Undergraduate Dean's List at the University of WI-Eau Claire.

To be eligible, a student must receive at least a 3.5 semester grade-point average (4.0 equals A) and be in the top 10 percent of education students who are in good standing and have completed at least 15 credits during the semester with no withdrawals, incompletes, repeated courses or courses taken for a satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade. Being named to the Dean's List automatically places Whitfield on the Academic Distinction list.

To be eligible for Academic Distinction, a student must be in good standing and have both semester and cumulative grade-point averages of at least 3.2 (where 4.0 equals A). In addition, the student must have completed at least 12 credits during the semester with no repeated courses or incompletes. Whitfield, a senior at UW-Eau Claire, is majoring in Special Education.

Attn: Vendors/Artists

The Oneida Nation is hosting the 2003 *Wisconsin Indian Education Association* Conference, which will be held **April 10-14, 2003** at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center. Space is available for interested vendors/artists to set up a table at the conference. The six foot tables are \$40 a day or \$65 for the entire conference. Additional costs are: table cloths - \$10/day, table skirts - \$15/day, and electricity - \$25/day.

Please contact Sandi Skenadore at 490-3789 by March 10th for additional information.

Natural Resource Scholarships Available

Opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Native

The National Center for Cooperative Education in Natural Resources (NCEE) was established in 1997. Located on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, the purpose of NCEE is to better serve American Indian and Alaska Native students who are interested in pursuing careers in natural resource fields with tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), or other natural resources agencies. The NCEE offers tuition assistance up to \$5,000 annually; summer employment related to academic field of study at a rate of \$8-\$11 per hour; and employment opportunities after graduation with tribes

and the BIA. Applicants must have completed their sophomore year in college, be in good academic standing, and be pursuing at least a Bachelor's degree majoring in a natural resources field. For additional information contact Dr. Doug Eifler at 785-749-8414 or daeifler@fs.fed.us or www.haskell.edu/academic/art_sci/NCEE/nceehome.htm.

Truman D. Picard Scholarship

The Intertribal Timber Council invites all interested Native American students to apply to the Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program, which awards funds to students seeking an education in Natural Resources. This year scholarships will be awarded in the following categories: 2003 graduating senior high school students seeking an education in Natural Resources (\$1,200 scholarships) and students currently attending institutions of higher education and studying Natural Resources (\$1,800 scholarships). Applicants must provide a letter of application, a resume, 3 letters of reference and proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe. **The deadline for all materials is April 4, 2003.** For more information contact the Intertribal Timber Council, Education Committee, 1112 N.E. 21st Avenue, Portland OR 97232-2114; call (503) 282-4296; Email itcl@teleport.com; or on the web at www.itcnet.org.

Scholarships Available

Indian Summer Scholarships

The Milwaukee Indian Education Committee is pleased to encourage students in their academic endeavors through scholarships to be awarded at the Indian Summer Pow Wow, March 1 and 2, 2003. One award will be made for each of the following scholarships: George Amour Scholarship, priority given to arts or education, (\$500); and Bob Peterman Scholarship (\$500). Applicants must submit proof of tribal enrollment or descendency; must be in good standing at an institution of higher education; and must reside in the state of Wisconsin. Preference will be given to the following: first time applicants; students who attend school in the Milwaukee area or who are from the Milwaukee Metropolitan area; and students who have had service to the Indian Community. Questions regarding the application process can be directed to Diane Amour 414-229-5880 or Greg Johns 414-297-7692. **Application deadline is February 21, 2003.**

Scholarship Opportunities at Alverno College

Alverno College for women in Milwaukee will offer the following scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year: The Peck Scholar Program for excellence in leadership and community service and the Eleanor Roosevelt community service scholar program. These are both 4-year, full tuition scholarships awarded to first year students with any intended academic major. The Ellen Harcourt Scholarship is a \$7,000 per year scholarship awarded to first year students with a strong academic background, character and intellect. Certain majors are not eligible. **Deadline for the Peck and Roosevelt Scholarships is March 14, 2003. Deadline for the Harcourt Scholarship is February 21, 2003.**

For more information and application materials contact the Alverno College Admissions Office at 414-382-6100 or 800-933-3401.

Denise Bertucci Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was developed with the Wisconsin Jaycees to recognize and encourage individuals who have returned to school after a break in their formal education. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who exhibits a desire for self improvement, leadership abilities, and a 3.0 grade point average. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, having returned to school after at least 2 years off. Must be a full time student attending a Wisconsin post-secondary institution, pursuing at least a 2 year degree. For more information E mail Janet Byrne at jmbjcw@netscape.net or write her at Lot 16, Dawn Vista, Belmont, WI 53510 or check online at www.jcwf.org/BertucciScholarship.htm. **Application deadline is June 1, 2003.**



2003 Conference Announcement...

“Sharing Our Traditions. Come Learn With Us”

**April 11-14, 2003
Friday-Monday
Green Bay Radisson Hotel
and Conference Center**

The Wisconsin Indian Education Association annual conference welcomes all youth and adults, Indian and Non-Indian, educators, parents, and all others interested in issues of Indian education.

Conference highlights:

- Δ Youth Activities
- Δ Native Authors Book signing and presentations
- Δ Workshops on Education
- Δ Native Heritage Presentations
- Δ Evening opportunities to participate in Cultural activities.

For further information, contact:

Mitch Metoxen at 1-800-236-2214 ext. 4370 or direct dial 920-869-4370
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Your Health

The developing child

Submitted by S. Burrell
DDS, Dental Clinic

Mom's often ask the question, when should my baby first see a dentist. The Academy of General Dentistry recommends that the first dental visit should be scheduled before the baby's first birthday. A few teeth are generally present in the mouth and the baby's oral hygiene can be monitored. During this first visit the dentist and baby become acquainted. Mom is also given instructions on proper oral hygiene for baby.

The dentist will check the baby's mouth for any signs of tooth decay. Decay on the teeth may present as white spots or discolorations that vary from brown to black spots. Teeth with white spots and small brown lesions may be salvageable; the dentist determines this with an examination. Teeth that have decayed to the gum line or have "bumps" on the gum tis-

sue next to the tooth are not salvageable. These teeth must be removed before they cause additional plain to the child and infection becomes increasingly worse.

The patient is also introduced to tooth brushing. The baby's teeth are brushed with a special "baby" sized tooth brush called a "tooth tender". Lastly, the mom is given instructions on proper brushing, nutrition and other factors that affect baby's overall oral health. It is important that mom's regularly brush baby's teeth at home to aid in fighting tooth decay. The dentist may also apply a fluoride varnish to teeth that are cavity free. The fluoride varnish helps to prevent tooth decay in patients who's parents brush their teeth regularly. These early visits to the dental office and adequate home care often establish a life long habit of good oral hygiene.

Oneida Health Center

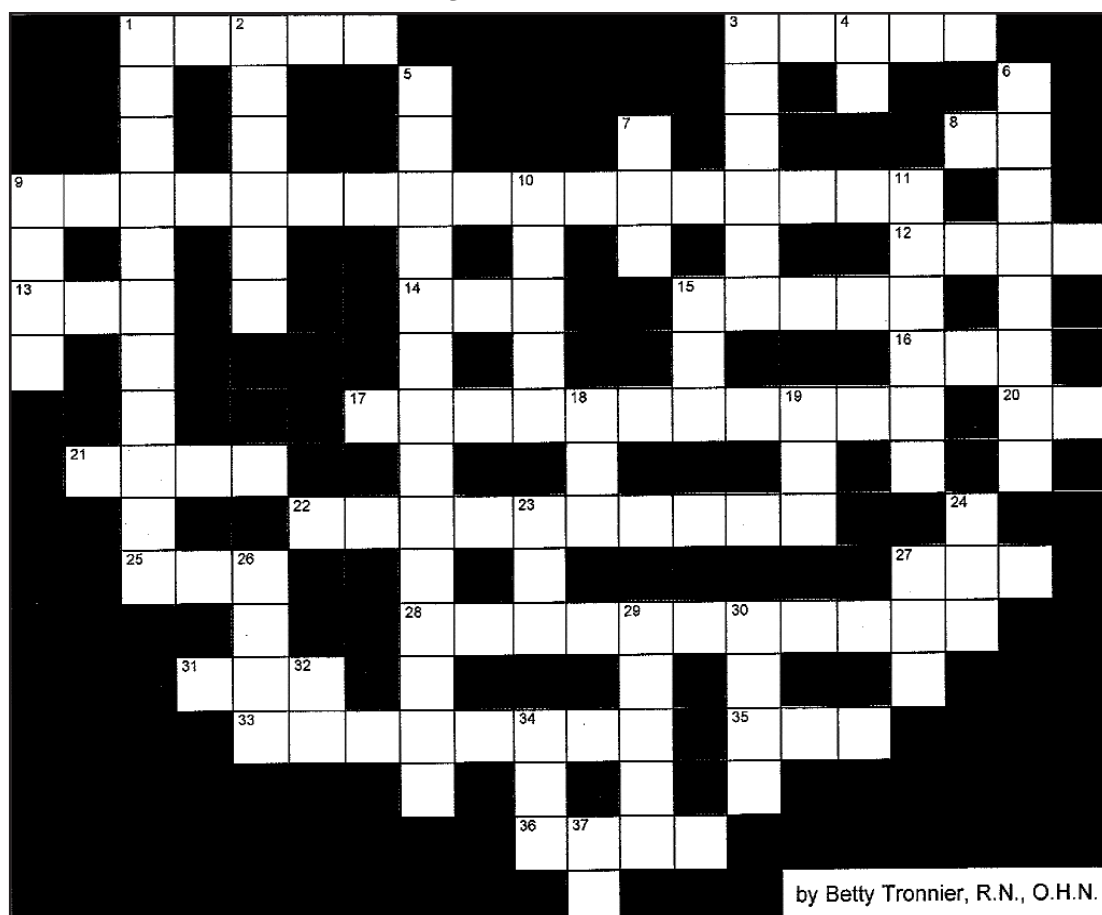
Oneida Eyecare Department

COLORING CONTEST RULES:

Open to all children between the ages of 4-12. There will be three (3) age categories: 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. The top two (2) from each category will receive a prize and one (1) grand prize will be awarded overall. The contest will run March 2003.

All entries need to be at the Oneida Eyecare Department (Ridgeview Plaza, 3759 W. Mason St., Suite #8, Oneida, WI 54155) by April 1, 2003 to qualify for contest. Each entry must be accompanied by name, address, phone number, and age. Winners will be announced in the Kalihiwisaks.

Healthy Heart Puzzle



by Betty Tronnier, R.N., O.H.N.

This Puzzle is designed to challenge you as well as to teach you. You may not get all the answers right away. If you get stuck, don't be afraid to peek at the answer key on page 8B.

ACROSS:

1. The muscle in your chest that pumps blood throughout your body.
3. The red fluid in your arteries.
8. Medical abbreviation for a heart attack or "Myocardial Infarction."
9. One of the lifestyle habits that more than doubles the risk of heart attack and stroke. (two words)
12. When a person is having a Heart Attack, they may take

take medicine called

- "Nitroglycerin _____."
13. A "Couch Potato" is a person who would _____ around a lot.
14. Short for "Occupational Health Nurse."
15. Robin Hood's friend who is a good example of overweight and at risk for heart disease is "_____ Tuck."
16. In November, the American Cancer Society sponsors the "Great American

Smoke _____."

17. Indigestion, heaviness in the chest, tightness or tingling in left arm, weakness, sweating, clammy, are all symptoms of having a _____ (two words)
20. Abbreviation for where you go when you are having chest pain or Shortness of Breath.
21. Another lifestyle habit we can change to decrease our risk of Heart Disease. (hint: You are what you eat.)
22. A risk factor for Heart Disease that has to do with Obesity, is being _____
25. A test that the Doctor may order to check the condition of your heart, Short for "Electrocardiogram."
27. The "bad cholesterol," short for "Low Density Lipoproteins."
28. The sticky, waxy substance found in the blood that clogs arteries.
31. To help lower your risk of Heart Disease, you need to get _____ of your cigarettes!
33. One way to monitor your Cardiovascular Health is to have your Blood _____ checked for hypertension.
35. It is a good practice to _____ go of your anger and stress as it will affect you heart in the long run.
36. A surgical procedure that the Doctor may do to check the circulation in your Heart

is a Cardiac (Heart) _ _ _ _ .

DOWN:

1. Recent studies show that monitoring this amino acid in the blood is a better indicator of Heart Disease than Cholesterol.
2. The Medical name for chest pain associated with Heart Disease is _ _ _ _ _ .
3. A common type of fat that is made from milk that contributes to high Cholesterol levels.
4. Short for "Overdose," that can be related to taking too much medicine.
5. A common risk factor for Heart Disease that is related to how much activity we have. (three words)
6. A Disease that has to do with elevated Blood Sugars that can contribute to increased risk of Heart Disease.
7. If you have multiple risk factors, you _ _ _ at greater risk for having a heart attack or stroke.
9. A common food additive that increases your blood pressure and your Doctor may advise you to cut down on.
10. Slang for someone who is "on death's door." "He's a _ _ _ _."
11. When a blood clot gets stuck in your blood vessels of your brain, you are having a _ _ _ _ _ .
15. For Heart Health, it is best to cut down on the amount of Saturated _ _ _ in your diet.
18. To identify a dead body, they put a _ _ _ tag on it.
19. To take positive measures to improve your Cardiovascular Health you must _ _ _ on it.
23. Good self esteem is knowing _ _ _ you are.
24. The "good cholesterol," short for "High Density Lipoproteins."
26. Having a Heart Attack has sometimes been described as "a squeezing, vise-like _ _ _ _ on your heart."
27. To decrease your Blood Cholesterol, you must follow a _ _ _ fat diet.
29. Surviving a Heart Attack is often a life-altering _ _ _ _ .
30. If you are having intermittent chest pain, dizziness, poor circulation in extremities, frequent headaches or any other signs of Cardiovascular Disease, you should _ _ _ _ your doctor.
32. Abbreviation for "Doctor."
34. Bar codes on the foods and goods we buy are also called _ _ _ codes.
37. An affirmation of making lifestyle changes to improve your health, "I _ _ _"

Save Your Vision Month



March 2003

Name: _____

Address: _____

Health Field Scholarships Available

Indian Health Service Scholarships

Competitive applications are now being accepted for academic year 2003-2004 Indian Health Service (IHS) Scholarship Programs. The purpose of the scholarship program is to train the health professional personnel necessary to staff IHS health programs and other health programs serving Indian people. The scholarships fall under 3 categories: (1) Health Professions Preparatory, (2) Health Professions Pregraduate; and (3) Health Professions. Scholarship winners receive the cost of tuition and fees, books, uniforms, and a stipend to cover living expenses. Applicants must be American Indian or Alaska Native. For more information and/or application materials contact the Oneida Higher Education Office at 920-869-4033 or 1-800-236-2214. You may contact Tony Buckanaga, Scholarship Coordinator, at 218-444-0486 or 800-892-3079. **Deadline for all appli-**

cation materials is February 28, 2003.

Minority Health Care Scholarship

St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center is now accepting applications for the Minority Health Care Scholarship Program. The program provides tuition scholarships up to \$2500 annually to 2 minority students. Applicants must be enrolled full time in a baccalaureate or associate degree program at Edgewood College, Madison Area Technical College or University of Wisconsin-Madison. Scholarships will be available in the areas of: Dietetics, Medical Lab Technician, Medical Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Radiography Technology and Respiratory Therapy. For more information call Ester Lowery at 608-258-6632 or 800-236-6101. **Application deadline is March 1, 2003.**

Business

Tower Foods: New management, new hours



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Steve Mittag, new Assistant Manager at Tower Foods hopes to increase business by offering lower and exclusive prices to Tower Foods Co-op members and increasing store hours. Membership is \$20 per year. New store hours are Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. -2 p.m.

Oneida, Wis. - Have you purchased the new Tower Power Card at Tower Foods yet? If not, you the consumer

comes along with new hours and new management.

Steve Mittag has been named the new Assistant Manager at the store. He has been on the job for about a month and likes what he sees in the community owned store.

"The store has been successful," Mittag says. "It (the stores livelihood) is all dependent upon the community."

Store hours have been extended to better serve the community. Hours are now Monday-Friday: 7am-7:30 pm, Saturday:7 am-5:30 pm and Sunday: 8 am-2 pm.

The store is a co-op which means that in order for the store to make a profit and stay in business the local community must buy membership or Tower Power Cards and shop at the store. In an essence if you buy a membership you in turn are a part owner in the facility. If the store makes money, some of the profits are then returned to the owners/members.

The membership is \$20 per year or the customer can purchase a life time membership for \$100. The life time membership can also be obtained

if an individual purchases a \$20 membership for five consecutive years. In an effort to spark an interest in membership purchases there are two drawings that will be held. Every individual that purchases a \$100 life time membership will be entered to win a NASCAR star Rusty Wallace plaque. All new \$20 yearly members will be entered into a Dale Earnhardt Jr. tin collectable.

Being a member brings exclusive savings. Each item has a regular price and a discounted members only price. In addition to the daily savings, there are certain sale items that go on sale only to co-op members/owners.

Another incentive to shop at Tower Foods is that every Wednesday is Senior Citizens day. All people 62 year-old and older receive a 5 percent discount.

Mittag wants to remind the community that they were the ones that wanted a community store and encourage them to patronize the new business.

"We are totally dependent on the community and their involvement in shopping at our store," he added.

Summary: Business Unit Informational Meeting

The following is a summary of the items that were discussed at the bimonthly Business Unit Informational meeting held at the Parish Hall on Monday, January 27th.

Casino Renovation Update

James Petitjean

The second and final phase of the casino renovation has been completed. It consisted of replacing the ceiling tiles, carpeting, and a new slot machine lay out. An entertainment lounge and a snack bar with an expanded food menu have also been added. The entertainment lounge has a dance floor and stage area and enough capacity to accommodate 185 customers. The Casino has tried to stay away from a specific theme for the decor and have even removed the glass doors from the west entrance. With the enhanced lighting and more open appeal, the Casino seems more inviting. Please come see for yourself.

Time and Attendance Implementation Update

Dana Elkin

The majority of Tribal

areas have been implemented with the new Kronos (Time and Attendance) system. These were rolled out in May and June of 2002. Currently, there are approximately nine locations not on Kronos. These locations will be contacted by a MIS team member to verify how many employees etc. and to figure out a timeline to get the rest of these facilities up and running on Kronos.

At this time, we are testing the Attendance Tracker portion of the Kronos System. The Time and Attendance Department is completing this testing and they will determine if this application will work for all of the departments.

Also, there are refresher trainer classes being offered for those who are using the Kronos System. Please contact your Time and Attendance clerk who is responsible for your area to schedule a time for the class.

Metrics (measuring tools) were also developed to validate the Kronos system to make sure that the system is functioning the way it was designed to. The metrics are being monitored closely and after the Tribe has been on the system for a full year, we will be able to make a better comparison of the savings.

Class Evaluations Kronos iSeries Training - 2002

Attending this training were 467 supervisors, managers or directors. Data was compiled from the 77 surveys returned (17%). Sixty-four people have gone through the refresher training. The overall rating of this training from 39 of the 77 individuals who completed the survey was that the training was excellent. 52 of the 77 felt the class was conducted at just the right speed. Nice Job!

Update on GroupWise

Brad Bessert

The GroupWise Web Access is the web-based version of the GroupWise email system. It is designed for use across the Internet. If you have Internet connection at home or the capability when you are at a hotel or anywhere, then all you have to do is type in an address (web-mail.oneidanation.org) in the browser, and you will get access to your GroupWise account. Two things are needed: 1) Internet connection, 2) a GroupWise password. A password is optional at work. If you need any help setting up password or access, please call the HELP desk, 869-4357.

It may not look exactly like the Tribe's version of GroupWise, but it can do everything that can be done from the Tribal offices (read mail, schedule appointments, etc...). Also, it is possible for a Tribal employee to have the Corel Office Suite at home. With the GroupWise access and the Corel Office Suite, a Tribal employee would be able to work on a document/spreadsheet at home and e-mail it to the office. Please contact the PC Support person designated for your area.

Editor's Note: Watch for the remaining Business Unit Summary in the March 6 edition of Kalihwisaks.

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Bacon
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2/\$4⁰⁰
w/card

Campbell's
Select
Soup
18.6 - 19 oz. can
2/\$3⁰⁰
w/card

Del Monte
Selected Varieties
Vegetable's
11-16 oz. can
4/\$2⁰⁰
w/card

Oscar Mayer
Bologna or Cotto Salami
12 oz. pkg.
2/\$3⁰⁰
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Saturday: 7am - 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8am - 2:00 pm

Culture/Heritage

Coyote: An Elder’s view

(Ed. Note: From Native Self-sufficiency, a worthy publication put out by the Tribal Sovereignty Program under The Youth Project, Vol. 6/No. 1 POB 10 Forestville CA 95436.)

Part four of six
Q: Do technological machines violate traditional native principles?

Television: Viewing television is a one-sided conversation; you can’t talk back to it and you can’t get into an argument with it. Television says something whether you agree with it or not. This concept has to be examined because in all the world it is the consensus to look at things from all different ways rather being fed a whole bunch of information. The purpose of television is to occupy people’s minds.....

There are many instances of this unconscious teaching (through television.)

A few years ago they had big blizzards in Buffalo, New York. All those people got snowbound. The natural world was creating something that everybody had been wishing about-they wouldn’t have to go to work, or to school, or do anything, they could just stay home in the snow. When it actually happened people got cabin fever, they couldn’t stand being locked up in the house with their own family. They didn’t know how to deal with their own children. The men didn’t know what to say to their wives because they usually got out of the house within forty -five minutes in the morning, and don’t come back till five, when they turn on the tube. Without TV, people had to occupy themselves and they didn’t know what to do. So they begin to pressure the Governor , the state of New York, the city mayor. The governor declared a disaster and called out the national guard. So here comes the calvary to the rescue, the national guard to save all these people from the terrible snow. The children are thinking how bad the snow is, how dangerous it is. IT has been snowing in Buffalo every winter since the beginning of time. But somehow these people are getting farther and farther from the natural world. It was on national television, people all over the country saw how bad snow is. It is a wonder they didn’t prosecute the snow for treason. It is ridicules what we are telling our children subconsciously. It has always snowed. We need snow for food and water. When it stops snowing, that is when you get worried.

Television takes a lot of the decision making and thinking out of people. IT is easier to sit here and wait until the 6:15 weather report, when you can just as easily step outside and look. There is a whole generation of people forgetting how to look and read the weather. We have books, TV, we never have to remember anything.

Computers: Artificial intelligence goes back to the whole concept of control again, conditioning the minds of people so they can be controlled. Everyone was born with a computer, a true computer. The mind contains everything we need to know; we can store vast amounts of knowledge. All the plants, all the trees, all the sunrises and sunsets, all the storms, the

winds, the seas, the salmon coming-each of these incidents kicks off and activates a memory bank that is essentially a computer. The Creator gave us one, so why create another brain when you already have one? You can’t put anything in that computer that somebody hasn’t already thought of. But is a means of control. If no one can remember and just eh machine can remember, then the machines become gods.

Here is a dove. To me, a dove helps me remember. A deer , a salmon, acorns, all these things help me to remember, to know what my job is, what I was sent here to do. Each human being was given a set of instructions, a duty. And it is passed on through memory; that is our computer, our memory. It is like a camera, like a tape recorder, al those things. I can see my homeland even though I a m a thousand miles away. I have been the to the river in the spring and early summer many times. I know exactly what is growing there. I can see my place. I know how the spring looks in the latter part of June because I have taken a picture of it in my mind.

To develop your mind does not make you an extraordinary person. IT is something that the Creator gave everyone. When our old people talk about being of one mind, let us think about these things that are important to us. It is because there was a time when people could think together. Some of them still can and it frightens other people. But that is just being a normal human being; they are rare these days. You can know one herb and walk in to a house where there is a sick baby. And you know only that one herb. Just by coincidence, that herb happens to be the one the baby needs. In this day and age and this mentality, all of a sudden people look at you as a medicine man. But at one time in our communities, everyone knew herbs and practices preventative medicine. In other words, taking care of ourselves was a constant job. Now there are only a few people using the herbs and everyone calls them doctors. A few years ago they were just ordinary people. So values change. When we use our minds less, we become more dependent on artificial kinds of knowledge.



Oneida
Language Lesson



Commands

s@ih saw di	Sit down
sw@ih swa di	You all sit down
t#stahn day stun	You stand up
t#swa-t@n day swa done	You all stand up
senhotu-kwa sane ho dounk (kwa)	You open the door
senho-tu sane hoat (due)	You shut the door
k@tsi gaach	Come here
on<yote>a-k@ oh nay yot day ah ka	twatw<n<t@ twad wa noon duck Lets all speak Oneida
tutahs@atst doon dah zad lats	Do it again/say it again
yoy@ehle yo yawn nay	It’s good
yoy@le thi-k< yo yawn lay teak	That’s good
For language tapes call 920-490-2472	

ONEIDA

Pronunciation System

VOWELS:

“a” has the sound of the “a” in ah or father

“e” has the sound of the “e” in egg or eight

“i” has the sound “i” in ski or machine

“o” has the sound of the “o”in hope or low

“u” has the sound of “un” in tune

“<” has the sound of “on” in son

CONSONANTS:

These consonants have the same sound as they usually do in English: h, l, n, w, and y. The letters ‘t’, ‘k’, and ‘s’ each have two (2) pronunciations depending on other sounds near them.

‘t’ normally has the sound like a ‘d’. If a ‘k’, ‘h’, or ‘s’ follows, then the ‘t’ sounds as top.

‘k’ normally has a g-like sound but if a ‘t’, ‘s’, or ‘h’ follows, it has the sound as kill.

‘s’ coming between two vowels makes a ‘z’ sound, before or after an ‘h’ like the sound in sea.

‘>’ glottal stop. Stops sound like in the word like ‘oh, oh’

‘tshy’ or ‘tsi’ sounds like ‘j’

‘tshy’ or ‘tshi’ sounds like ‘ch’

‘sy’ sounds like ‘sh’

‘#’ accent mark over a vowel indicates stressed syllable in a word.

Combination of ‘#’ makes of falling tone sound.

‘=’ lengthens the sound of a vowel and underlined sounds are whispered.



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Good News

New Arrivals

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



Mason Allen Schmutzler

Mason Allen Schmutzler, newborn son to Todd and Diane Schmutzler, was born on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield, WI weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20.5 inches in length. The proud grandparents are Lloyd & Ruth Wagner (Skenandore) and Woodrow, Jr. & Sherry Schmutzler and Diane Halverson. The proud great-grandparents are the late Walter and Eva Skenandore, the late Joe & Dora Wagner, the late Woodrow, Sr. & Audrey Schmutzler and Arthur & Fern Halverson. Mason has one brother, Sawyer.



Natavia Asia Adams

Natavia Asia Adams, newborn daughter to Ahsaun King and Willie (Chuke) Adams, III was born on Thursday, January 30, 2003 at 10:50 p.m. at Aurora Bay Medical Center weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. and measured 21.5 inches in length. The proud paternal grandparents are Willie Adams Jr. and Mary Adams. Maternal grandparents are Julie King and Joe Teller. Natavia has an older brother, 7 year old Willie Adams IV.



Desan Allen Wilson

Desan Allen Wilson, newborn son to Matt Wilson and Danelle Denny, was born on Thursday, February 6, 2003, at 3:38 p.m., St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay, WI. He weighed 8 lbs. & 9 oz., and was 20 3/4 inches long. Desan's maternal grandparent is Lauren Denny, and his paternal grandparent is Diane Wilson. Maternal great-grandparents, Curtis & the late Beverly Denny, of Sherwood, WI and paternal great-grandparents, Owen & Vera Wilson, of Oneida. Our whole family welcomes our wonderful little addition. Happy Birthday Desan!!!!

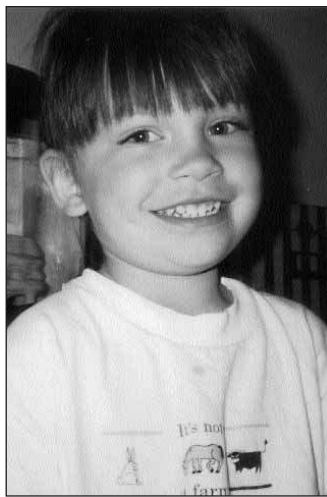


Uriah Matias Stevens

Uriah Matias Stevens, newborn son to Shawnee L. Stevens, was born on Monday, February 3, 2003 at St. Vincent's Hospital. Uriah weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. The proud grandmother is Elizabeth M. Stevens. Great grandparents are the late Isieal and Phyllis Stevens.

Happy Birthday

Happy Williams
on your 4th Birthday



Love Dad, Mom, Levi
Ak-tsi, i-k<

Happy Birthday

to Someone Special
Dawn Powless
on the 24th of
February 2003



Love Arlene King

Happy Birthday

Jeff Parker
on March 2nd

We wish a dear caring
son, brother, uncle and
great uncle, a very
Happy Birthday!
You're the best!



Love Mom, Sis,
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Ann and great niece,
little baby Morgan

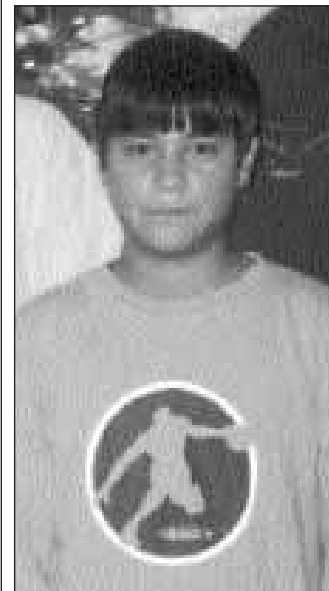
Happy Birthday

To my
"Teeny Bopper"
Mercy
Metoxen
on March 3rd
Wishing you the
Best on your 13th
Birthday!
XOXOXO

You're a Very Special
Young Lady! Love You
Always & Forever! Dad,
your Lil' Sis Schuyler,
brother Elijah, and Von
& Family

Happy Birthday

to my Grandson
B J Denny
on the 2nd of March 2003



Love Grandma King

Happy Birthday

To my Son!

Rob Aragon

I hope your 22nd
birthday is as
Special as the
day you born!
Special memories
of you will
dominate my
thoughts on
March 1st!

XOXOXO

I'm very proud of YOU!
Miss & Love You Very
Much! Mom, your Lil'
brother Trevor, sisters
Liana & Kristi, and Kirby
& Family

Happy Birthday

Happy
Birthday
to my Daughter
Donna Tank
on the 28th of
February 2003



All My Love, Mom

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Board Vacancies

Anna John Nursing home Commission: one (1) vacancy . Qualifications: Two members of the Nursing Home Commission may be professional persons or licensed persons or members of the general public. All other members of the commission must be enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe. No voting member can be employed at the Nursing Home. They may serve in an advisory capacity. Term of office shall be two years. Deadline date is March 7, 2003.

Oneida nation Arts Board: Qualifications: The Oneida Nation Arts Board oversees and influences the Arts Program. As a board member, you are expected to: attend bi-monthly meetings, serve on one committee; Board Development, Recognition, Fund Raising and Program Oversee or manage the dollars for the Arts Program, attend Arts Program events, and advocate for the arts and artists. Each member must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. This term shall be for three years. Deadline date is March 7, 2003.

Public Notice

Notice to Tribal Members: The Oneida Division of Land Management is requesting the assistance of the Tribal membership in naming two roads. The roads will be part of a housing subdivision that Oneida Housing Authority is creating. The subdivision will be located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Cty. H Road and Ranch Road.

The history of the parcel includes that this parcel was originally allotted to Honiorest Stevens, allotment # 350. Due to the passing of Honiorest prior to a fee patent being issued, a sale of Honiorest's land was arranged and bids were received from several people. The fee patent was issued to Elizabeth King in 1910. The heirs that were determined at the time of sale were: Elizabeth Stevens, Melissa Cornelius, Mitchell Stevens, Elizabeth King, Celinda Webster, Electa Elm, and Phoebe Stevens. Each heir received a portion of the proceeds of the sale. Elizabeth sold the land to a non tribal, Ira Martin, the following year. Several transactions later, in 1916, Cyrenus & Huldah Powless purchased the land. They held the land approximately two years before they too sold to a non tribal. It wasn't until 1993 the Oneida Tribe purchased the land and other neighboring parcels from Orville & Theresa VandenElzen. The next year, 1994, the land was placed into tribal trust status.

If you would like to make suggestions on the naming of these road, please respond in writing to Diane Wilson, DOLM Property Manager, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or fax: 920-869-1689 or email at dwilson@oneidanation.org.

The Cultural Resource Management Program is currently seeking information regarding the area of the Oneida Reservation described as: T24N R19E Section 25, NW1/4 SW1/4 which is 0.02 acres will be disturbed, also known as portion of Trout Creek, situated on Brown County land, within the contiguous boundaries of the Oneida Nation. The proposed project will consist of bank stabilization with geotextile and stone. The primary benefits are to reduce sediment loading to stream and protect a 2 foot diameter oak tree and a group of basswood trees. These trees provide band stability and shade to the stream. All permits have been applied for. We are requesting information from the members

of the community in regards to cultural, historical or archaeological concerns which may exist within the proposed development area. Any information that is shared with our staff will be helpful in determining the extent of development and to what degree the area will be protected and preserved. The Cultural Resource Management Program Staff can exercise a great deal of discretion in protection of these sites, maintenance of confidentiality and respect for anonymity. If you have any information you are willing to share, please contact our office at 490-2095 and ask for Corina Williams.

To the community, from Cultural Heritage Department. Survey question: The Cultural Heritage Preservation wants to know the community's feelings and input on potential demolition sites. Old Tribal Building/Fish Creek and HWY. H; White building\ccc building site2; Shaueman house, barn and silo\across from site 2; and Decaster cabin, cottage and root cellar. Any information obtained will be held in strict confidentiality. Your comments and oral histories will help provide us the most reasonable preservation. All comments can be mailed to/or call me at (920) 490-2096 ext. 184. Attention Ms. Corina Williams, Oneida tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Cultural Heritage Department, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS COMMERCIAL LAND AVAILABLE FOR LEASING. The Oneida Division of Land Management will be accepting applications from Tribal Members to lease 4.05 acres (176,233 square feet) of undeveloped land for commercial leasing. The 4.05 acres are located within the Village of Hobart Industrial Park, Brown County and within the Oneida Reservation Boundaries. The Oneida Zoning is commercial and industrial uses. There is a 40' building setback. The property has a 30' and 15' storm water easement along one side and there is a 12' utility easement in front. The Tribal Lessee must be able to develop according to Tribal Ordinances. The site is located on O'Hare Blvd. and quarter of a mile West of Packerland Drive. Sanitary sewer, water, gas and electric utilities are available. The Tribal Lessee will have to apply to the Village of Hobart for utility hookups and apply to the Oneida Zoning Office for building and land use permits. The land is not in trust.

The Oneida Land Commission will make one selection from all the lease applications received prior to the deadline date. Selection is based on a completed lease application, concept paper, good credit rating, financing, business plan and 100% Oneida owned business. The lease term is for ten years. The monthly lease fee for the first five years is \$380 and \$455 a month for the second five years. Please contact Bernice Elm at 920-869-1690 X 1819 for more information or pick up the lease packet from the Front Desk at Division of Land Management, 470 Airport Road, Oneida, WI. The deadline to apply is March 24, 2003.

Services

Sewing Done: Ribbon Shirts and dresses made to order. Some alterations. We also will be having a basement sale every weekend rain or shine; Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9-5 at 3260 South Pine Tree Road, Oneida. Call Shirley at 497-1326.

Legal Notice

Setting Time and Notice to Creditors: requesting for information

The following estate is being prepared for probate by the Oneida Tribe of WI, Appeals Commission. All creditor claims must be filed **on or before March 7, 2003.**

Linda Jane
DOB 06/06/1915
DOD 11/06/2002

Send all creditors claims and information relating to the decedent to the following address: **Carla Clark, Probate, Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI, Division of Land Management, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. DATED February 3, 2003.**

Legal Notice

Setting Time and Notice to Creditors: requesting for information

The following estate is being prepared for probate by the Oneida Tribe of WI, Appeals Commission. All creditor claims must be filed **on or before March 1, 2003.**

Whitney A Metoxen
DOB 04/27/1921
DOD 12/12/2002

Send all creditors claims and information relating to the decedent to the following address: **Carla Clark, Probate, Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI, Division of Land Management, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. DATED January 28, 2003.**

Oneida Nation Jobs

Note: Oneida Nation jobs posted "until filled" may close without notice.

Director - Veterans Affairs

Position #00707

Salary: Grade 09 \$26,229/Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience).**Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** **Position Summary:** This position will manage the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Department (ONVAD). This position is responsible for carrying out the day to day operations of services and benefit deliveries to veterans, their spouse and beneficiaries as provided by law. The incumbent will ensure programming is effective, efficient and financially viable within the limitations of established policies and delegated authority. This sis an exempt position and reports to the Governmental Services Division Director. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

Closing Date:
February 27, 2003
Proposed Start Date:
April 28, 2003

Background Investigations Department Manager

Position #00060

Salary: Grade 09 \$27,164/Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience).**Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** **Position Summary:** This position will supervise the employees of the Background Investigations Department who conduct pre-employment and background bonding investigations for all applicants/employees of the Oneida nation. This position will determine employee/applicant eligibility for employment. This is an exempt position and reports to the Human Resources Area Managers. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

Closing Date:
February 27, 2003
Proposed Start Date:
April 21, 2003

WIC Specialist

Position #01793

Salary: Grade 06 \$10.42/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position will be responsible for the clerical and administrative duties required to support the WIC/Nutrition staff. Administrative duties include, but are not limited to scheduling appointments, composing and typing letters, copying, filing, ordering supplies and maintaining video/audio literature library. This is a non-exempt position and is responsible to the WIC Director. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

Closing Date:
March 4, 2003
Proposed Start Date:
May 5, 2003

Area Manager - Chief of Police

Position #00104

Salary: Grade 15 \$51,916/Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience).**Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** **Position Summary:** This position is responsible for the management, developing, implementing, evaluating, planning and direction of the law enforcement areas which include the Oneida Police Department, Gaming Internal Security and Observation Departments. This position will manage the departments standard operating procedures, budget, goals and objectives. Incumbent will administer law enforcement to ensure compliance with all tribal, municipal and state laws and compact guidelines. Incumbent is accountable for the safety and well-being of the community, employees and visitors within the interior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation. Incumbent will be on a one year probationary period and be willing to have an annual background security check. This is an exempt position to and reports to the Oneida Police Commission. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

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May 5, 2003

Admin. Ast. II-Police

Position #00820

Salary: Grade 04 \$9.07/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position will take all business calls and route them to the appropriate personnel, greet visitors in a friendly manner. Will handle all incoming mail and route accordingly. This is an exempt position to and reports to the Area Manager Police. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

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RN-Full-time PM shift

LPN-Full -time PM Shift

Contact Victrietta Hensley at 496-7900 for further information.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendment to the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law which would change licensing fees, fines, permit rates and other regulatory changes. Submitted by the Environmental Resources Board (ERB) and the Oneida Conservation Department.

When: Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Where: Ridegeview Plaza, Suite #4

Time: 5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

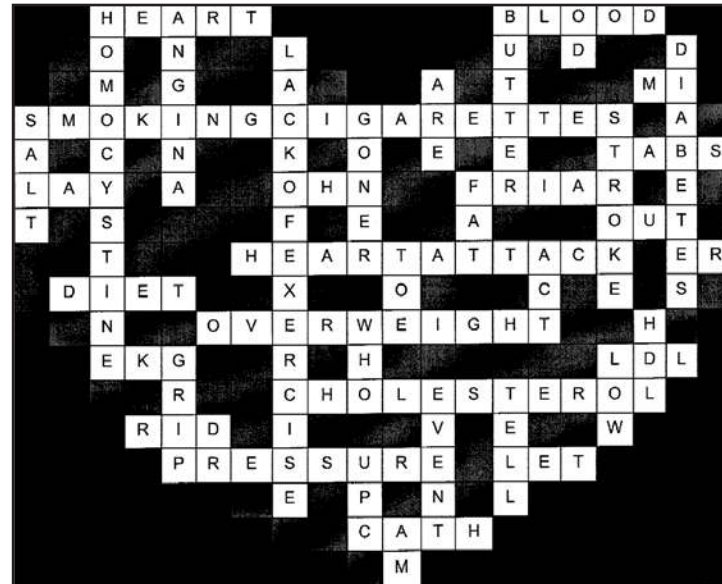
I. Testimony:

A. Oral: There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral testimony. Each participant is encouraged to provide a written transcript of his/her oral testimony, to be submitted while present at the public hearing or within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the below named individuals.

B. Written: For those who cannot attend the scheduled public hearing or do not plan to speak at the hearing, the Oneida Tribe encourages those to submit written testimony. A maximum of ten (10) pages, doubled spaced, can be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the Tribal Secretary (Julie Barton) or Bridget Long, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center, 2nd floor or at N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida WI 54155.

* If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed policy or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Bridget Long at the Legislative Reference Office via GroupWise blong@oneidanation.org or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office Fax # is 869-4399.

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