

GTC says "No" to petitioned per capita plan

By Keith Skenandore Kalihwisaks

General Tribal Council voted down a petitioned new per capita distribution plan that would have required a \$2,000 payment in fiscal year 2004 and increased to \$5,000 by 2007.

The result of the vote returns a resolution by general tribal council (GTC) to the Oneida Business Committee

Casinos brought changes for some tribes By Juliet Williams

Associated Press Writer

RED CLIFF, Wis. (AP) - A decade of tribal gambling has spread the wealth unevenly among Wisconsin's American Indian reservations, bringing phenomenal increases in living standards for two but leaving the other nine still struggling with poverty and lagging incomes, an

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(OBC) to develop a new per capita plan by the July 2004 GTC semi-annual meeting. Resolution 7-07-03-B approved a \$750 per capita distribution for fiscal year 2004 along with the implementation of a new plan to begin in fiscal year 2005.

Approximately 550 tribal

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Ben Cannon, Oneida tribal members, casts his vote at the petitioned December 13 General Tribal Council meeting regarding a new per capita plan starting at \$2,000 per enrolled member. Cannon, who spoke against the plan, said he was "most concerned for Governmental Services and those 17,000 clients who are recipients of those services."

The songs of Christmas

Land claim mediator gets more time The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - A federal judge is giving an Albany attorney additional time to mediate the Oneida Indian land claim dispute with the state of New York.

It is the fourth time U.S. District Judge Lawrence Kahn has extended the term of mediator John Tabner, whose last term expired Nov. 28. His new term was extended to March 31. Kahn first appointed Tabner in May 2002 for three months.

Kahn has ordered that the details of the mediation talks remain confidential.

The Oneida Indians of New York, Wisconsin and Ontario are suing Madison and Oneida counties for the return of 250,000 acres the state purchased from the tribes in the 18th and 19th centuries. The suit was filed in 1974.

In February 2002, the New York Oneidas and the state announced a tentative settlement that would pay the three Oneida tribes \$500 million.

The state and federal governments were supposed to split the payment but federal officials said earlier this year that the U.S. government would not be contributing \$250 million, effectively

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Photo by Phil Wisneski Above: The Oneida Nation Turtle School presented a Swingin' Holiday at their annual Holiday Program on December 12. Some students were joined by the Oneida Singers to sing songs in the Oneida language. Peace on Earth, Do You Hear What I Hear, and Silent Night were just a few of the holiday classics that were sung, as well as contemporary songs like; Twelve Days of Oneida, Falala Holiday and Santa's in the Room. Right: The Oneida Nation middle school choir performed for the Oneida Business Committee in preparation for their Holiday Concert.



resort-casino **By Juliet Williams**

Associated Press Writer

RED CLIFF, Wis. (AP) -The land holds just a few acres of grass and trees, a dandelion filled campground and a handful of run-down buildings that spill out an assortment of rusted trucks and broken mechanical equipment.

But tucked in this spot on the breathtaking shore of Lake Superior, Ray DePerry sees a pot of gold waiting to be tapped.

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa chairman says the site could give his tribe the financial

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Oneidas credit gambling for sharp turnaround in fortunes

The Associated Press

ONEIDA, Wis. (AP) - The laughs and squeals of kindergarten children swinging from multicolored playground equipment fill the space outside the Oneida Tribal School, a modern, turtle-shaped enclave with legs for classrooms and unlimited learning inside.

The turtle, a legendary creature in the story of the Oneida Nation, decorates the sleek curving walls and floors inside the school, where children learn a mix of the new and old.

The Oneida have time to focus on tradition now that Legislative

residents' basic needs are met Bureau.

through dozens of social services and commercial ventures. A cultural center, Oneida language programs and a traditional garden employ tribal members on the sprawling 20,000-acre reservation near Green Bay.

Amenities include a fitness center, a 27-officer police force, a career center, drug and alcohol abuse programs and job training for the previously impoverished.

Most of it is thanks to gaming. Oneida casino patrons spent about \$165 million in 2001, according to the Reference

U.S. Census figures show the poverty rate of families on the reservation dropped to just 4 percent in 2000, from 22.6 percent in 1990. The median household income, or midpoint income, was a whopping \$60,404 in 2000, more than a third higher than the state overall.

Outside the tribe's new \$16 million one-stop health center, late model SUVs and minivans crowd the parking lot.

Climbing into one of them is Jerry M. Hill, 64, who remembers leaving the reservation decades ago, first for school, then to work.

"There was nothing going on," said Hill, who returned later to help start the tribal school. "Really until gaming came along there really were no jobs with any career potential to them."

Tribal home ownership programs encourage home ownership. Another plan moves elderly residents out of dilapidated homes into modern ones on their own property.

In the low-rent Three Sisters subdivision on the edge of reservation land, yellow ribbons and American flags flap outside homes with

neatly mowed lawns - a far cry from the inner-city ghetto reluctant neighbors envisioned when the Oneida proposed building there.

Tribal spokeswoman Bobbi Webster said the non-American Indian community also benefits from the tribe's newfound prosperity. About half its 3,000 employees are not tribal members. The tribe estimates it spends around \$248 million a year in surrounding Brown County.

A busy strip of land that sat vacant for decades in a dis-

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members showed up for the petitioned GTC meeting on December 13. A two-thirds vote was needed to overturn the resolution, and 262 voted in favor to go forward with the resolution, with 192 votes against, and 8 abstentions.

Oneida Chairwoman Tina Danforth said she was pleased with the vote but that it is reflective of a need for a per capita.

"I will support a reasonable per capita," said Danforth. "I always have said that. I realize we have a lot of work to do."

Danforth said if the petition was presented in a way "for a more reasonable financial impact" that it would have been received more positively.

"Given the financial impact, especially when you get to \$5,000 times 15,000 plus members you really get to a financial impact that isn't something that we could sustain given our current infrastructure, and given our current revenue."

A financial impact statement by Treasurer Mercie showed Danforth the increased per capita of \$2,000 for FY '04 would total \$30.11 million. An additional \$18 million plus would be needed to increase the current \$750 payment to \$2,000.

The impact statement, based on 15,057 enrolled members would see FY '05 payment of \$3,000 total \$45.17 million. Fiscal year's 2006 payment of \$4,000 would total \$60.22 million, with the \$5,000 payment in FY '07 totalling \$75.28 million.

Per capita payments budgeted for this fiscal year (2004) total \$14.5 million. That includes the \$750 to all tribal citizens (\$11.25 million), \$2,000 for citizens 62 and over (\$2.75 million) and the elder trust fund 65 and over (\$.5 million).

Linda Dallas, author of the petition, said she was disappointed in the way it was handled but was glad the membership was able to come together and discuss the issue of per capita.

"A lot of people had good things to say," said Dallas. "I think something good came out of that, out of the whole meeting. Over 500 people came here today. I think that's wonderful."

Dallas answered the question, "Why did she author the petition?"

She said the Oneida Constitution mandates that all enrolled members of the tribe share equally in the economic resources.

"The constitution drives me in about everything that I do," said Dallas. "I seek equality for all members."

She recalls a budget meeting on September 15 for this fiscal year and looking at the budget packet and becoming concerned. She handed the packed to a friend, and asked, 'Can you please explain to me... what exactly there is for \$344 million."

Dallas said a discussion arose about employee wages, a 100% wage increase for OBC members, and a 20% wage increase for boards, committees and commissions. She said she is seeing greed

and selfishness by some of our tribal leaders.

"It seems that the BC wants a huge chunk for themselves," she said. "To me this is wrong.

"What we came back to was the employee wages. A lot of employees aren't getting what they thought they would be getting."

She asked where the land was for the \$9 million budgeted for in the land acquisition fund, plus the additional \$140,000 collected by land management.

Overall, Dallas said, "There are an inequity of the resources.'

Brian Krause, 45, of Milwaukee said he was in favor of the petition and that "more money needs to come back to the people." He said he wasn't sure if this petition was the right way but the per capita issue does need attention.

"Money could still be used (for services) and come back to the people," said Krause.

Loretta Metoxen, tribal historian, said she is adamantly opposed to the petition and that if it was passed the tribe would essentially be bankrupt in about 5 years.

"We're killing the goose that lays the golden egg," said Metoxen.

Metoxen referred to housing and land acquisition, and said there are questions on who actually is a recipient.

"That doesn't mean that everyone gets the same amount of acreage with the same job at the same amount of pay," she said.

"What it means is that people have the opportunity to apply for homes and land."

Nancy Skenandore (formerly Pastorino), a former petitioner for per capita, said a lot of things have changed over the past year, "And so have I.

"I am not supportive of this per capita (petition) as it stands. I don't see this one as the answer."

Bill Cooper, 68, Oneida said he was satisfied with the vote outcome.

"There going to decide in July on another per capita so I'll just wait until that comes out," said Cooper.

Chairwoman Danforth said, "By July (2004) we will be back."

Dallas didn't know if she would present another petition or wait until the July 2004 semi-annual meeting.

"It's not over," said Dallas. "That's something I'm going to have to think about."



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Photo by Keith Skenandore

Linda Dallas, author of petition for a new per capita plan, presents to the over 550 tribal members present her reasoning behind the plan. Oneida Chairwoman Tina Danforth, left, and Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, center, prepare to speak against the plan. The plan was defeated by a 262 to 192 vote.



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pute with the county now provides rent for the tribe from be seen as a negative." Home Depot, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. A casino is wedged between other busy ventures on one end of the parking lot.

Inside, a steady stream of beeps and buzzers entices visitors to games featuring Elvis, Madonna, Austin Powers, the Addams Family and Pac-Man. Keno and Plinko machines beep on one side. A poster advertises appearances by Jay Leno, David Lee Roth and LL Cool J.

A shuttle bus ferries patrons between Oneida casinos.

Casino revenue allows the tribe to run an independent government and has ended its reliance on government handouts, tribal chairwoman Tina Danforth said.

"We've changed tremendously. It's allowed us to maintain services and operate programs we couldn't have," said Danforth. "The benefits

outweigh anything that could

When Danforth, 41. returned to live on the reservation from Chicago at age 13, she found dirt roads and homes without electricity and water.

"I knew there was a better life," she said.

Home ownership, budget-

ing and financing skills are helping residents learn pride of place and self, she said.

Webster agrees: "We've done it ourselves, primarily. We now have nice schools, beautiful health care facilities. Certainly there's a pride that one feels in arriving at the reservation."

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killing the agreement.

In a related development, the state has dropped its fight against a lawsuit over the Oneida Indian Nation of New York's Turning Stone casino brought by a citizens' grass-roots group, Upstate Citizens for Equality.

The state attorney general decided to drop its challenge after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a similar case involving the St.

Regis Mohawks' casino in Hogansburg.

UCE has contended that the agreement that allowed Turning Stone to open was invalid because the state Legislature never approved it.

UCE lawyer Leon Koziol said the group wants the state and nation to revise the compact and require the Oneidas to make payments to governments.

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Stocking stuffers



Photo courtesy of Oneida Gang Prevention Task Force Richard House, son of Carol House, takes time to send well wishes to PFC Travis Smith.

Oneida, Wis. - Oneida youth participated in making Christmas stockings and sending care packages to the service men and woman listed under "Operation Oneida

harmony.

Prevention Task Force volunteers would like to thank the youth and the following departments for their assistance in completing this pro-Printing, Oneida Nation Schools for their generous





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where I dwell with God above There's no more tears or sadness... just eternal Love Please don't be unhappy... just because I 'm out of sight, I am with you...morning, noon, and night That day I had to leave you My life on earth was through.

God picked me up and hugged me... And, He said, "I welcome You,"

Sadly missed by wife Roberta, Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren & Relatives





Cornelius, Jonathan R.

Jonathan R. Cornelius, of Seymour, infant son of Diana and Gerald A. Cornelius, passed away unexpectedly, on December 4, 2003, at St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, Green Bay. He was born June 1, 2003, in Green Bay. He was a baptized member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour.

He is survived by his parents, Diana and Gerald "Jeb"; one sister, Emily; one brother, Jeremy; his maternal grandparents, John and Gladys Peterson, Plymouth; paternal grandparents, Gerald "Jerry" and Elaine Cornelius, Oneida; Delima and Dan Hebb,

Jourdan, Eugene

Eugene Jourdan, age 55, December 9, 2003. Dear brother of Donald Emerson Jr., Pauline (Lloyd) Schuyler and Audrey. Special uncle of Tony, Nick, Michael, Kyle, Craig and Brittany. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Regan (Skenandore) **Rhea Marie**

Rhea died August 21, 2003 at her home in Casper, Wyoming. Her husband, Joe Regan, son Rusty Vankirk and wife Cindy were with her. Prior to her illness Rhea enjoyed training, grooming, breeding and raising dogs. She was a member of the Sheltie Club, The Kennel Club and Shetland Sheepdog

Rhea was born on July 18, 1932 in Oneida, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of 'nee Skenandore.' Rhea was raised her Lillian Skenandore and Frank Mohr. In 1964 she and her son, Rusty, moved to Casper and later in 1971, married Joe

band, Joe, Wyoming, son Rusty and wife Cindy, grandson, two sisters Patty and Priscilla, Milwaukee, brother Paul, DePere, cousins, nieces, nephews, many friends and especially her animals that followed her every where. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lillian Skenandore and Frank Mohr, mother, Alvina, step-father



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Making it a safe holiday season

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers reminds holiday goers to drive safely By Phil Wisneski Kalihwisaks

Getting a phone call from the police at four in the morning, being paralyzed, breaking bones, paying the fines, sitting in jail and all to often being killed. The list could go on and on, but one thing must be noticed, not one of the above mentioned situations is a good experience and each can be avoided. So why drink and drive?

Drinking and driving is the nations most frequently committed violent crime, killing someone every 30 minutes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, alcohol-related traffic deaths account for 42 percent of all traffic fatalities nation wide.

"Last year 17,419 people intoxicating as hard liquor. A were killed in crashes involving alcohol," said Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) President Wendy J. Hamilton. "Beyond the tragic death toll, a horrific half a million people are injured in alcohol-related crashes each year. The holiday season is a perfect time for Americans to work together to help keep families together and roadways safer."

The holiday season is a time of joy, happiness and spending time with loved ones. Unfortunately, the holiday season is also the time of year when drunk driving fatalities spike. From Thanksgiving to New Years Eve in 2002, Wisconsin had 40 alcohol related deaths. That is more than one per day.

When hosting family and friends this holiday season at parties remember these few tips.

1. Don't rely on coffee to sober up your guests. Only time can do that.

2. Beer and wine are just as gets in a crash.

12-ounce can of beer, a fiveounce glass of wine, a 12ounce wine cooler and a half of a liquor contain the same amount of alcohol.

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3. Don't rely on your guest's appearance to determine if he or she has had too much to drink.

4. Mixers won't help dilute the alcohol. Carbonated mixers like club soda or tonic water cause alcohol to be absorbed into a person's system more quickly. Fruit juice and other sweet mixers mask the taste of alcohol and may cause people to drink more.

5. Don't push drinks.

6. Provide plenty of food to keep your guests from drinking on a empty stomach.

7.Be responsible. Stay within your limits in order to make sure other guests stay within theirs.

8. Offer a ride home or a place to sleep to people that have had a few too many drinks. Remember the host may be liable if that person

According to the MADD website about three in ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. Nearly all community members have been shaken or effected by the devastation of drinking and driving in their lives, but it continues to be done over an over again, with the age old adage, "It won't happen to me."

One Oneida community member and tribal employee came forward with a story about how she was recently involved in a crash with a drunk driver, but due to a pending court case involving the individual, specifics were not available.

Unfortunately, as the statistics have shown, it will happen to those people, unless the community as a whole takes it upon themselves to prevent this very preventable disaster.

MADD began in 1980 and has grown worldwide to include all fifty states with over 3 million members and supporters and more than 600 local chapters. Since it's inception alcohol-related deaths have declined 43 percent. In 1980 more than 28,000 people died in alcohol-related crashes as compared to 17,419 deaths last year. MADD also has expanded to educate the youth on the devastating effects of drinking and driving and also helping the victims of drunk driving crashes.

Keep the faith



Photo courtesy of Florence Petri Commission on Aging Chairperson Dellora Cornelius, left, poses with Senator Robert Cowles at the Oneida Faith in Action prayer luncheon held at the Radisson last month. Eleven churches in the surrounding area received appreciation plaques from Sen. Cowles for their participation in the Faith in Action program.



Sharing caring

By OCIFS Coordinator

During the holiday season it is nice to look back and be thankful for the things that came into your life. During this past year there are many things that I am thankful for: I am thankful for the Oneida Nation Farm and the 10 acres of sweet corn that they planted on the Deadend Road for the community members to share in. I am thankful for the Oneida Tsyunhehkwa Center and all the wonderful services they provide the community. I am thankful for the Food Distribution Program/Food Pantry for their constant efforts to ensure no one goes hungry on the Oneida

Reservation. I am thankful for the Oneida Falling Leaves 4-H club and the 12 Christmas Stockings they put together to be sent to our troops in Iraq. I am thankful for the Oneida Farmers Market and the vendors and customers that made it such a success. I am thankful for Tower Foods, which continues to provide for our grocery needs, and stands as a model for other Native communities to emulate. Finally, I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of a wonderful group of people who are called the Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS) members. All of us at OCIFS hope you find many

reasons to be thankful this holiday season, and that you dare to share those thanks with others. Perhaps we as a community could even dare to continue to share throughout the coming year, and that is something we could all be thankful for.







Who found peace with the Great Spirit on Friday. November 21, 2003 at the age of 61. Loving father of Scott (Kammi) Paull, Tyla (Jeremy Crow-Eagle); Loving stepfather to Rose Aguirre (Tom Huntington); Glen (Janie); Merrill. Proud and wonderful grandpa to Ashley, Zach, Chyona, Tom Tom. Great-grandpa to Cheyenne.

Former husband to Lynette Paull (nee Doxtator). Loving step-son of Edward Anderson, Sr.; Loving brother to Erwin, Kenneth, Ramon, Ed "Buzzy", Donny, Janice, Marjory, Jaunita, Yvonne. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Proceeded in death by his beautiful mother Mildred Anderson (nee Schuyler), sister Sandra Lyman, and father Ramon Paull, Sr.

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He enjoyed being outside, having a garden, feeding the birds, and he liked flowers.

He also liked feeding the wild turkeys that came in the yard.

He liked going to town also, going for rides maybe three times a day. We would take him to visit different people for five, ten minutes then we would be on our way. Our Dad had a sense of humor, joked around,

made all of us laugh. He enjoyed his grandchildren as well. He was always one step ahead of us... He had some of us tired out by the middle of the day.

Our Dad was a very strong person... he had his days, some good, some bad, but he kept on going and going and going – just like the energizer battery...

> We love you & miss you very much! Your children...Sandie, Kathy, Dan, Marlene, Gloria, Lisa, Doug, Laura, Shelly & Sheila

things that you'd done. But we also know that you never intentionally hurt anyone.

You were just a good ol' boy Never meaning no harm Now we all talk about the good times, Talk about the time when the times were right.

And we all know storms never last The bad times all pass with the winds And just like in Luckenbach, Texas; Where you are, Ror, they're ain't nobody feeling no pain.

So....we're not here to forget you We're here to recall -The things we used to say and do Ror, we don't wanna get over you We will never get over you.

Greatly missed this holiday season and the whole year through by all who knew and loved him.

(Words above taken from lyrics of various songs by Waylon Jennings - one of Ror's favorites)

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Bring in new ideas for things you would like to see happen in our office for the future. An open invitation is for the community to come in and share those ideas at any time. This is your office and you are an important part of our community! We look forward in seeing you!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To all community members that give their time and efforts to make this office a success! We are thankful for all the volunteers, teachers, helpers and contributors' that have been a part of the SEOTS office. Thank you to Susan Burt, Randy Cornelius, Kelly Clark, Tina Cotrell, Dorothy Danforth, Mike Danforth, Mike Debraska, Renee Elm-Pfaller, Robin Fleischer, Jade Flores, Laura Gordon, Laura Harrison, John House, Roy Huff, Jim Kelly, Cecelia and Ray Krawczyk, Geri Grunwald, Gina Gleeson, May Jawszeski, Jahayra Martinez, Loretta Metoxen, Mindimoye, Linda Monita, Helen Moriarity, Alice Ninham, Lloyd Ninham, Pam Ninham, Oneida Intertribal Singers, Oneida Nation Vets, Laura, Allen and the Parks Family, Anna Perlongo, Mark Powless and family, Janice Prohaska, Seots Board & Staff, Kristelle Sanfillippo, Angie Shegonee, Joyce Skenandore, Judy Skenandore, Opal Skenandore, Bonnie, Sara & Naomi Smith, Charlene Smith, Jessie Torres, Bob Ulrich, Pat Ulrich, David Ushakow, Kathy Young, Lisa Vega, Geri Villalobos, Sara Villalobos, Huston Wheelock, Jay Wheelock, and Priscilla

Zakhar. We also want to thank all of our Oneida families in the north. For the many times we have to call and get information we want you to know we value your knowledge and help. Please forgive us if we didn't list your name. You are just as special as everyone else!

December Holiday Giving Tree

We thank all those that donated gifts and food for the children and families of our Native Community. Many families benefitted from your donations for the Christmas Holiday. Your generosity will certainly be blessed! A gift from the heart goes a long way! Again, thank you all!

Hoyan-Hoyan

Hoyan is Happy New Year! What a great way to bring in the New Year than with our Oneida Community family and friends! Bring an appetizer to pass, a smile on your face, be ready to play bingo, watch some football or visit the afternoon away with friends and your hostess, Mindymoye, at the Seots office on New Years Day!

Time: 12 - 2pm Date: Thursday, January 1st Place: Seots

Genealogy with Loretta Metoxen

This class was to be in December but was rescheduled for this month. Looking for your family tree can be fun and easy when you have the information available. Loretta is the tribal historian and will help us fill in our family tree. This is a great class!

Date: Saturday, January 17th Time: 10-3pm

Craft Class

Our January craft class will be held at 6:00pm. Craft class will only be held three times this month due to the holiday. We will be making headdresses made with pins and beads. They make a nice decoration to hang in your car. This is a popular class taught by Charlene Smith and Laura Gordon.

Time:6:00pm

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 21 & 28 Language class

We have an excellent Oneida language teacher Renee Pfaller. She lives in Racine and comes to Milwaukee every Saturday to share her knowledge. Our class has all ages, is fun and it is an opportunity to learn our very precious language. Please come and learn!

Time: 10-12pm

Date: Saturdays-January 10, 17, 24 & 31 **Cultural Heritage Class**

Cultural Heritage class is held every Tuesday at 6:30. Randy Corneilus teaches the class via our teleconference line. Randy teaches history, tradition and culture. The topics are our Oneida history. This class is a must if you have never attended.

Time: Tuesday's at 6:30pm Date: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

Oneida Intertribal Prayer Singers

The singers practice every Monday at 6pm. They are available for events. For more information please call Mamie at 643-8972. The SEOTS office also has a few of their cd's available for \$10.

Time: 6pm

Date: Monday's, January 5, 12, 19 and 26th Tsyunhehkwa

If you are 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 January meetings are 13th and 27th.

Time: 6pm

Date: Tuesday, January 13 and 27th Home visits to the Shut- ins

SEOTS staff and other community volunteers will visit tribal members that have identified themselves as homebound and would like to be visited during the holiday season. Please call us if you or someone you know would like a visit.

SEOTS Van Trip to Oneida

Our van will be traveling to Oneida on January21st. Our van accommodates 10 people and reservations are necessary. Please keep in mind that we will cancel our trip if weather is not permitting. We will try to reschedule another trip as soon as it is feasible. The van departs from the SEOTS office at 8am and returns by 6pm.

Prescription Pick-up

Script pick-up for January and February will be 3 times per month on Wednesday

Dates for pick-up are: January 7, 21 & 28th Dates for pick-up are: February 4, 18 & 25th

All prescriptions need to be called in the Friday before Wednesday pick-up

Reminder to make 2 calls- one to the pharmacy with prescription needs & one to Seots to get your name on the list

HOPE YOU ALL HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SEOTS STAFF

From Page 1/*Red Cliff waits to cash in* with new resort-casino plans

boom it has dreamed of, when his plans for a resort and casino go ahead.

The Red Cliff have yet to cash in on the big windfall other tribes have seen as Wisconsin's casino gaming industry expanded in the last decade.

Their tiny casino is in a former bowling alley at the northernmost tip of Wisconsin - nearly eight hours by car from Milwaukee and a long way in style from the fancy resorts that lure freespending travelers.

U.S. Census Bureau figures show the Red Cliff remain one of the state's poorest tribes, with a median, or midpoint, household income of just \$24,412 in 2000, well below the state median of \$43,731. About a quarter of

families on the reservation live in poverty.

The tribe's campground and small marina are more profitable than its casino. State numbers show the tribe collects less than \$3 million a year in net revenue from the casino, less than any other tribe in Wisconsin.

DePerry hopes all that is about to change. Since the tribe signed an unending agreement with the state to expand casino operations, financiers are backing DePerry's big dream - a 65room luxury hotel with a casino, 125-seat restaurant, pool and marina to capitalize on the Apostle Islands across the things," DePerry said. water.

ably," DePerry said. "This is a gold mine here on this point. ... That little town (nearby Bayfield, pop. 650) is just packed with people during the summer."

A full-color architect's vision of the \$22 million Apostle View Casino Resort and \$3 million marina is prominently displayed in the tribe's office.

It's expected to add 250 to 300 jobs.

Right now, the tribe can't afford to offer residents much needed services such as dental care and home repair. "I can't believe in this day and age we just don't have these A tour of the 15,000-acre "Now that we know we can reservation reveals run-down patchwork repairs. Broken

down and burned out cars are scattered near homes. Piles of garbage line vacant lots.

DePerry dreams of spinoff projects and diverse jobs, such as those at the reservation's tribal fish hatchery, funded by \$3 million in state money from gambling.

The tribe's current casino, the Isle Vista Casino, is just a break-even operation, but about 70 percent of its workers are American Indian. It is Bayfield County's sixthlargest employer.

"We keep 100 to 120 people employed. We'll be happy with that because that's 120 people off the welfare rolls," DePerry said. The tribe's new deal calls for it to start making payments to the state once revenues pass \$5 million a year.

The tribe never hit its old \$3 million ceiling.

Some tribes are just luckier, DePerry said.

a higher power, they're located in a situation that proves to be a gold mine. As fate would have it, they're doing "Through the good grace of extremely well," he said.

Land with woods, Indian mounds destined to be nature preserve

A 40-acre plot of southern Wisconsin woodland containing Indian mounds is destined to become a nature preserve after being donated to Jefferson County in a move

JEFFERSON, Wis. (AP) - tural deposits under looted areas.

He stated further that the group of mounds is unusual for the area because of the combination of different mound types and the arrange-

keep operating, our investors trailers held together with look at it a lot more favor-



Happening! What's

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2003 **REGULAR WEEKLY BC MEETING CANCELLED** All items moved to December 31 Meeting Agenda.

Christmas, December 25, 2003 **TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED**

Wednesday, December 31, 2003 **SOBRIETY POW-WOW** Doors open at 4:00 pm Grand entry at 6:00 pm.

January 1, 2004 TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED

January - April, 2004 **OPEN MIC NIGHT PRESENTED BY THE ONEIDA NATION** ARTS PROGRAM



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2nd Thursday of the month. TIME: 7:00 pm/Doors open at 6:30 pm WHERE: Norbert Hill Center Auditorium

Monday, January 5, 2004 GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING Time: 6:00 pm Norbert Hill Center Business Committee Conference Room

Bring Semi-Annual Reports

Tuesday, January 7, 2004 **OPEN HOUSE AT OPD**

TIME: Noon TO 8 PM

WHERE: Oneida Police Department, W1144 Park Dr. Come and meet the staff of the Oneida Police Department and the new Oneida Police Commission members.

Saturday, February 7, 2004

HONOR THE YOUTH POW-WOW WHERE: Oneida Turtle School GRAND ENTRY: 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

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office at 869-4280, 4277 or 4279 to include events in this section.

that left some officials sounding stunned.

Theo Garman of Waterloo is donating the land in honor of her late husband, Dr. J.S. Garman.

"I don't even want to guess at what the Garman family could make selling this property on the real estate market," said County Board member Kathleen Groskopf, a former real estate agent. "This piece of property is just gorgeous and it's an extraordinarily generous offer."

"This is a magnificent piece of land that's never been farmed and Mrs. Garmen's offer is just amazing," said Parks Director Joe Nehmer just before the County Board accepted the donation Tuesday.

The property near Waterloo, at an elevation of 950 feet, is at one of the highest points in the county.

Nehmer described the property as a classic glacial drumlin - a type of hill formed by the movement of glaciers that once covered parts of the state.

Personnel from the Wisconsin Historical Society visited the parcel Oct. 30 and surveyed the Garman Mound Group, a group of 22 Indian burial mounds on the site.

All the mounds have been looted. Deputy State Archaeologist John Broihahn said in a letter to Nehmer.

But he said the looting has been limited, and it is not unusual to find undisturbed human burials and other culment of the mounds along a ridge.

The group is clearly eligible for listing on the National and State Historical Register of Historic places, and the mounds will add an interesting aspect to the educational opportunities presented by the parcel, Broihahn added.

The state society was so pleased about the county's acquisition of the property that it offered its services to the county.

"Please feel free to contact us regarding any preservation and maintenance issues and the eventful interpretation of the mounds," Broihahn told Nehmer. "We have assisted other communities with signage and brochures."

Nehmer said Wednesday that the county is busy establishing the Carnes and Korth Parks near Fort Atkinson and Lake Mills, and he doesn't anticipate any development at the Garman site in the near future.

"Any development we would ever do there would be minimal per the wishes of Mrs. Garman," he said.

"We've assembled a deed that meets her desires for the future and it calls for limited development. We anticipate, sometime in the future, a simple trail system to allow people to walk through the land and enjoy it as Mrs. Garman and others have."

Nehmer said his department will likely be working closely with the state and with state Indian tribes to restore and preserve the mounds.

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Legislative Review

Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...

The last two weeks have been very busy times for me and the Business Committee. The number of meetings addressing Land Claims and Per Capita have taken more than 50% of my time.

The Per Capita meetings have been very interesting and well attended. We appreciate the information that has been collected from these discussions. This Committee, I feel, is trying its best to respond to the concerns of our members but we continue to need the type of feedback we have been getting at the Community meetings. You don't have to wait for a meeting, though, to express your concern. That can be done at any time directly to a Business Committee Member.

We will continue to provide as much information to you as possible. Some think we are not providing all the information, some think it is not all accurate and some think we are out right lying. Others feel we are couching the information in a threatening manner. I don't know how else to present the reality of a decision that if implemented can be devastating to this organization as we know it. It may not be perfect but this Committee is committed to trying to meet as many needs for as many members as possible. We may not be meeting all the needs but all our decisions to date have been made with only the best interests of the membership in mind.

At this time, our energies would be better spent working on the New York Land Claims settlement. The potential for getting a casino site in the Catskills to offset the

damages portion of the claim, will go a long way towards being able to improve upon what we do to address the needs of our people. Per Capita can then discussed be without having to consider detracting from existing operations.

I have also begun participating in meetings of the Wisconsin Native American Democratic Caucus with our staff from Legislative Affairs. This is a newly formed organization here and really started because of the success the Tribes had in getting a demo-



Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes

administer the needs of Wisconsin without having to deal with the frivolous lawsuit at the taxpayers expense. The Tribe is bi-partisan and

always tries to canvas all the candidates for the purpose of being able to provide our

ability

membership with, again, the accurate information to make a sound decision. Our first and foremost concern is that we exercise our dual citizenship right to vote.

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January will begin a new focus of my time on Medicare/Medicaid issues. This is important, not only to our elder society, but to our clinic and the reimbursements it receives according to the Indian Health Service Contract. I will be working with other Tribal Representatives across the country to draft the language necessary to protect the needs of Indian Country nationwide. A great deal of the time to do this will be spent just reading material and participating on conference calls. Some travel may be required but will probably be held in conjunction with some other

meeting. I don't anticipate having to do much traveling to get this job done. With the phone and e-mail, a lot more can be accomplished right here in the office.

This is the time of year that we should take a few moments to look over the past year and begin planning for the new year. The Oneida Nation has experienced some significant accomplishments this year, the perpetuity of our gaming compact is one of the most prominent. I hope we can look to 2004 and move forward with our resolution to our land claim. I believe we have an opportunity to resolve this long standing issue in a manner that will provide some long term benefits to the Oneida people.

Hoyan, I wish you well and hope the New Year brings better things all around.

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I want to thank all of the Tribal Citizens who attended the General Tribal Council Per Capita Meeting on Saturday, December 13, 2003. The meeting concluded with a motion to end discussion, deny the petition, and allow the Business Committee to follow Resolution #07-07-03-B. The voting results: Yes - 262, No -192, Abstained - 8. The resolution that is referenced in the motion allows the Business Committee to bring back a Per Capita Plan in July for GTC approval. The Oneida Business Committee will soon be introducing a proposal for volunteers to help us complete research options for a per capita plan for GTC consideration in July.

I would also like to thank the Tribal Organization for their information booths. They provide an excellent tool to educate the community and citizens on the services and programs that are offered by the Oneida Nation.



Councilwoman Trish King

draft over the summer months.

Completed d) Environmental Resources Board Bylaw amendments. e) Completed Oneida Child Protective Board Bylaw amendments.

f) Recommended new bylaws for the Oneida Police Commission.

The LOC will go back into session on January 26, 2004. The following items are on the docket to be addressed by the LOC after the Mid-Winter Break:

a) Complete drafts for: a

Legislative Update

GTC Lawsuit Update Prepared by Councilman Vince DelaRosa

I wanted to take this time to give the Oneida General Tribal Council an update on a most important issue. As many of you may be aware, two pending lawsuits in the State of Wisconsin threaten our economic future. Indian governmental gaming in the state of Wisconsin is under attack and it's important for you to be aware of this issue.

In this report I am going to summarize the two lawsuits (Dairyland and Panzer/Gard)which are before the Wisconsin State Supreme Court. I'll also cover the potential disastrous results which could present themselves if the court rules against our interest. I'll also cover the general economic picture in the context of Oneida's positive contributions.

Litigation Status:

original action before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Panzer and Gard requested that the Court issue a declaratory judgment declaring the Potawatomi

Compact void in violation of the Wisconsin Constitution and also

requested an

injunction for-

Councilman Vince DelaRosa

bidding the Governor to enter into or renew any compact with any other tribe until the Court reached a decision on the legal issues in the case. Panzer and Gard allege that the Potawatomi Compact: (i) violates the separation of powers doctrine, (ii) impermissibly expands the scope of gaming, (iii) makes an illegal appropriation of state funds, and (iv) waives the state's sovereign immunity in violation of the Wisconsin Constitution. It should be noted that the Potawatomi Compact has been amended since this action was filed to address the concerns raised in (iii) and (iv).



to blackjack/slots only casinos. Should the Panzer litiga-

tion be successful, all the compact amendments executed this year could be eliminated. This would include the elimination of additional scope of games provid-

ed for under the amendments, as well as the additional revenue paid to the State of Wisconsin:

1. It is projected that the new compact terms including additional casino games and longer compact term will result in a substantial increase in gaming revenue and would increase employment in the region by an additional 10,325 jobs. Statewide, it is estimated that 24,500 additional jobs will be created by the new compact amendments. 2. An estimated \$470 million will be contributed to the state budget in the way of sales, income, corporate and use taxes and tribal payments under the compact amendments. 3. It is estimated that Tribal investments in the State economy will increase to up to \$1 billion over the next 3 years as a result of the compact amendments. If the compact amendments are eliminated, the Tribes will not have a long term, stable revenue source and cannot invest in the State economy to the extent that they otherwise would.

the region would have to rise an average of 10% to maintain the same level of service.

If Indian gaming in 2. the Fox Valley region was to end, employment would initially decline by the 5,900 jobs provided by the Oneida Tribe, which would increase the unemployment rate in the region from 4.7% to 7.2%.

Over \$170 million is 3. spent annually by Wisconsin's Indian casinos to purchase goods and services from over 2000 Wisconsin vendors. This money would be lost to Wisconsin's businesses if Indian gaming in Wisconsin were shut down.

General Economic Picture:

1. In 2001, the Oneida Bingo & Casino gaming establishments accounted for 5,900 jobs in Brown and Outagamie Counties. The Oneida Tribe is the second largest employer in the region. 2. In 2001, Indian gaming boosted regional economic output by \$343 million. 3. Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires that gaming net income be used for tribal governance and social welfare functions. Gaming net income is used to provide these services. The provision of services also creates more jobs. 4. The new compact terms provide Wisconsin with the second highest payment amount from tribal governments in the nation, second only to Connecticut. 5. The new compact terms require the tribes to pay more than twice the Wisconsin corporate tax rate and four times the amount negotiated in the previous compacts. The new compact 6. terms allow Wisconsin casinos to better compete and attract customers from Illinois and Minnesota by authorizing the same types of games as offered in those states. 7. "A mid-1990s study showed the Oneida Tribe added \$284 million to Brown County's total work production, including \$92 million in earnings, \$28 million in purchases from local vendors, \$41 million in non-gaming spending by casino visitors and tens of millions

Business Committee

The Business Committee has been continuing its work on the Land Claims. We have been updating the membership on our progress through Executive Session Community Meetings on a biweekly basis. As things are taking place rather quickly, I encourage enrolled citizens to attend these community meetings. Notices are mailed out with dates and times. This is the best way we can get you the most accurate information in a timely manner. A community meeting for enrolled citizens is also scheduled in Milwaukee on December 20, 2003 at noon at the SEOTS Office.

Legislative Operating Committee

The Legislative a) Operating Committee is currently on its Mid-Winter Break as of December 16, 2003. Since September 2003, the LOC has: Drafted an ATV Law which was adopted by an Emergency Resolution of the OBC with final approval targeted for the beginning of March.

b) Completed a new ONGO (Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance) draft and held Public Hearings. The new Gaming Ordinance is scheduled to be presented to GTC in February for final adoption.

c) Completed a revised Constitution draft. The Business Committee will be Community scheduling Meetings to discuss the Labor Code to replace the Personnel Polices and Procedures, Education Code which will incorporate all levels of education, GTC Meeting Rules, Endowment Act, Judiciary Act. b) Draft amendments to the

Election Law to allow for primaries.

c) Amend the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions.

d) Draft amendments to the Removal Law.

My Office

I continue to work alongside the charter team that has been formed to develop the Commerce Division. The team has almost completed the drafting of several laws/ordinances that will govern how the new division will operate. The team meets twice per month on Wednesday afternoons.

Community

I wish a joyous and safe holiday season and a happy new year to all! As I reflect back on this year, it has been very exciting for the Oneida Nation. With the help of our Tribal citizens and employees, we have successfully negotiated a new Gaming Compact, made great progress toward the Land Claims settlement, and opened a new Health Center Facility. These are only a few of the things we can be proud of.

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1. Dairyland: The Dairyland case was filed by the owners of the Dairyland dog track in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in 2001. The Dairyland dog track owners sought to enjoin the Governor from extending or renewing the gaming compacts previously entered into between the State and Wisconsin's eleven Indian Tribes. Dairyland contends that the 1993 amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution prohibits most forms of gaming allowed compacts under the and the compacts should not be extended or renewed. On February 11, 2003, Dane County Judge Richard Callaway rejected Dairyland's arguments. He held that the issue had already been decided by a federal judge in 1991 and that the Legislature "had the opportunity to expressly prohibit such gaming, but failed to do so." Consequently, "it would be disingenuous for the court to conclude that the 1993 amendment prohibits the Class III gaming permitted by the Compacts." Dairyland's owners appealed this holding to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, which certified the issue directly to the Wisconsin

Supreme Court. 2. Panzer: The Panzer case was filed by Wisconsin Senator Mary Panzer and Assembly Speaker John Gard on April 2, 2003, as an

Wisconsin 3. The Supreme Court accepted both the Dairyland and Panzer cases on appeal on September 12, 2003. Oral arguments for both Dairyland and Panzer will be heard on January 27, 2004 at 9:45 a.m. The Tribes are participating in both cases as amicus.

Relief Requested from Court:

1. Dairyland: The Petitioners in Dairyland seek "to enjoin the Governor from amending, extending, or renewing compacts that purport to authorize casino gambling beyond five years and to require the Governor to give notice of nonrenewal." This would stop all casino gambling in Wisconsin.

2. Panzer: The Petitioners in Panzer seek "a declaratory judgment finding that certain provisions of the amendments to the gaming compact between the Forest Potawatomi County Community of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin are in violation of the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin." This would void the compact amendments entered into this year and

4. Under the new compact amendments, the Tribes are scheduled to pay the State over \$100 million in June 2004 to help with the budget deficit.

5. If the compact amendments are eliminated, the State will not benefit from the increase in tourism to Wisconsin gaming facilities that are competitive with surrounding states.

Should the Dairyland litigation be successful, all the compacts could be terminated, thus shutting down Indian gaming in Wisconsin: 1. The Oneida pays \$9.5 million in taxes, service agreements, and social welfare payments to the Fox Valley region. If these payments were to end, it is pro-

jected that property taxes in

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December 18, 2003

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Councilman Doxtator's Travel Report

I would like to apologize to Oneida Constituents for the late submission of my legislative review. Because I submitted my legislative review late, Kalihwisaks could not publish my travel report. Therefore, here is the remaining report of my legislative review. IE. My travel report. Travel

Silver Lake College -Manitowoc, WI. - September 29, 2003. Cost \$0.00. Benefit: Provided storytelling and historical information regarding the Oneida Tribe of Indians in Wisconsin.

Parish Hall - Oneida WI. -September 30, 2003. Cost \$0.00. Benefit: Discussion with Management regarding additional funds for the Oneida Language program.

Formerly Known as "Our Lady of Charity" - Green Bay WI - September 30, 2003. Cost \$0.00. Benefit: Attended presentation regard-Domestic Abuse ing Awareness Month specifically related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Formerly Known as "Our Lady of Charity" - Green Bay WI - September 30, 2003. Cost \$0.00. Benefit:

Attended presentation regarding Domestic Abuse Awareness Month specifically related to Men's Wellness.

Elderly Services O.N.C.O.A. Oneida, WI. September 30, 2003, October 14, November 17, 18, and December 1, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Provide open communication with Oneida Nation Commission on Aging and Oneida Government.

Little Bear Development Center - Oneida WI. -November 7, 24, 2003. Cost \$0.00. Housing Task Force Meeting. Discussion and initiatives regarding housing within the Oneida Reservation Boundaries.

Parish Hall - Oneida WI. October 3, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Relay for Life meeting with members of the 2004 Relay for Life.

N.H.C. - Oneida Nation School Board - Oneida WI. October 6, November 3, 2003. Cost \$0.00. Benefit: Provide open communication with the Oneida Nation School Board and Oneida Government.

Radisson Inn - Oneida WI. October 18, 2003. Cost _ \$0.00. Provided Keynote Address to the Wisconsin Chapter Toastmasters.

Tekalutut - Oneida, WI. -November 3, 18, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Participation on the Oneida Language Charter Team. Mission is to enhance Oneida Language within the reservation boundaries and to Citizens of the Oneida Nation.

Parish Hall - Oneida Wi. November 4, 20, 2003. December 2, 4, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Liaison to Oneida Housing Authority. The goal is to update and inform the Oneida Business Committee of Oneida Housing Authority Boards initiatives and actions.

Packer Stadium - Green Bay, WI - November 10, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Participated with 75 Oneidas (Veterans, Drummers and Dancers) during the Philadelphia Eagles and Green Bay Packers Monday Night Game. (Way-dah-go-Pack)

UW Extension - Green Bay, WI - November 19, 2003. Cost: \$95.00. Benefit: Videoconferencing sponsored by Department of Justice. Youth Courts.

Letters to the Editor

Share the pie

I just finished reading the letters regarding the per cap vote. I doubt anyone will get this letter before the 13th but I have to respond to some of the comments that were made.

First of all, if the majority of the membership was polled, I'm sure you would find what benefits should be cut or eliminated to pay for the per cap. Currently there is a vast amount of money being spent that benefits only the membership that resides on the reservation. This is a decidedly small number of members who get a decidedly large "share" of the funds. The last time I recall where input was given by the "Majority" of the tribal membership was when the initial per cap plan was approved. I would also note that the "minority" of the membership tried to hold off the payments because their precious benefits were going to be impacted and actually succeeded for over a year in accomplishing this goal. Of course the needs of the few seem to outweigh the needs of the many when money is the issue.

If this plan is implemented, the Oneida Nation can start helping me pay some of the day care expenses I have as well AND some of my tuition costs and that's better than what I get now.

The next comment I had to make was in response to the drivel about taxes going to the government. Aside from the fact that our own government should be seeking to find out why sovereign people are paying taxes to a foreign government in the first place instead of its own is beyond me (check our own constitution, we should be paying our

own Nation, not a foreign entity) but I digress. What I wanted to address was that it should be our decision as to who gets how much of our share? If the federal government takes \$23 Million Dollars over six years so be it, at least that meant \$44 Million DIDN'T go to line the pockets of someone with a failing business that promises to make us all rich if the Nation would just invest in their money pit!

I also hate to be the one to inform you, but if you think owning more land will "strengthen our sovereignty", you really had no business in a position of power or holding an office. No wonder the wrong government is taking \$23 million and we are paying the state for gaming rights.

Elders enjoyed Christmas party Dear Florence Petri,

Just wanted to thank you and your staff for the wonderful job they all did at the Elder Christmas Party. Everyone was so attentive to the Elders they couldn't have had a better group of people taking care of them!

Our Elders enjoyed themselves. The response was, "We had a great time. We had alot of fun."

I thought maybe you would have like to know that overall it was positive response. I know what a job that is and I take my hat off to you and the Senior Center Workers. Good Job!

We will be looking forward in helping anyway we can.

> **Deb Ushakow SEOTS Office**

Nicholas Kedrowski



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Although Kalihwisaks requires a final signed submission from our readers who write in, you can e-mail us now - and send the hard copy through the mail - to ensure we get your submission in time for the deadline day. E-mail your letters to: Keith Skenandore - kskena@oneidanation.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to call (920) 869-4277.

A look at household income and poverty rates for Wisconsin tribes

By The Associated Press

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paid in taxes and service agreements to various governments." Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette12/10/03.

Business Committee's Response:

The Oneida Business Committee's first course of action was to appoint my office to head up a political strategy which involved lobbying, legal assistance and political responses to this matter. I've worked closely with our Legislative Affairs Department, the Oneida Law

Office, Communications and our lobbying firm (Tenuta-Hermes Corporation) as we've executed our work.

We have deployed a variety of measures to try and protect our interest in these matters. We've successfully coordinated two "friend of the court" filings and we've worked with our business vendors to form a powerful business alliance. The business alliance is interested in pursuing efforts to inform local representatives that a lawsuit against Indian govern-

mental gaming is very damaging to our economic interest in this region.

As this matter unfolds, the Oneida Business Committee will be sure to keep the Oneida people updated on this subject. If you have any questions regarding the lawsuits or Oneida's efforts, please feel free to contact my office at (920)869-4378 or you can e-mail me at: vdelaro1@oneidanation.org mailto:jcarleto@oneidanation.org

From Page 1/Changes from casino revenues

Associated Press review found.

The review of U.S. Census Bureau figures found that the

hold income on its reservation across parts of 13 counties, climb more than 300 percent struggled with a family poverin the decade to \$62,250 in ty rate of 18.6 percent in 2000, 2000. The family poverty rate down just 4.5 percentage points from 1990.

Potawatomi reservation in northern Wisconsin and the Oneida reservation in northeast Wisconsin saw their incomes skyrocket and their poverty rates plummet between 1990 and 2000.

However, despite sometimes significant improvements in living standards, eight of the state's 11 tribal reservations still had higher poverty rates in 2000 than the state average. Nine remained below the state's median household income level in the 2000 census.

On the bustling Oneida reservation, where the wealth is reflected in a gleaming new health center, a new school and scores of other projects, the poverty rate of families dropped to 4 percent in 2000 from 22.6 percent in 1990, the AP found.

Meanwhile, the median, or midpoint, household income adjusted for inflation rose nearly 145 percent, to \$60,404 during the decade.

After years of working offreservation in dangerous, depressing jobs such as in a steel factory, Oneida member Dennison Danforth, 59, now works the land in the fresh air at an organic garden on an Oneida farm.

"There's more opportunity for the tribal members than when I was growing up," Danforth said. "It's changed. There's definitely less poverty."

The other tribe to hit it big, the Potawatomi in Forest County, saw median housedropped to just 5 percent, from 46.2 percent in 1990.

However, at the far northern tip of Wisconsin, on a 15,000acre reservation littered with trashed vehicles and trailers in need of repair, gambling has done little to improve the lives of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

With little traffic, the casino struggles in a converted bowling alley, barely a break-even operation. Compacts with the state require the tribes to make annual payments of gambling revenue. But the Red Cliff casino has made so little that the tribe made no such payments under their old fiveyear compact. The tribe even received a \$52,000 monthly donation from the wealthy Potawatomi to help out, its chairman said.

Census figures show a quarter of the reservation's families lived in poverty in 2000, barely better than in 1990.

The median household income was \$24,412 in 2000, up only \$1,000 from 1990.

Tribal chairman Ray DePerry says the tribe can't afford to offer much needed services such as dental care and home repair.

"We have no revenue. We have no money," DePerry said. "I can't believe in this day and age we just don't have these things."

Off to the west, another tribe, the Ho-Chunk Nation, has three relatively large casinos raking in millions a year. But the reservation, spread

Spokesman Ed Littlejohn said although progress has been slower there, facilities are improving on the reservation, and tribal members over 18 now receive a monthly payout of \$1,000 from gambling. More and more are dropping off the welfare rolls, he said.

"It's a godsend. We've ended up getting our people out of the tar-paper shacks in the backwoods and getting them into decent housing," he said.

Before Wisconsin signed its first American Indian gaming compact in 1991, the tribes argued that gaming money would allow them to improve the quality of life for American Indians by building better housing, schools and infrastructure.

Patricia Loew, a member of the Bad River tribe and an assistant professor of Indian relations at the University of Wisconsin, said driving onto a Wisconsin reservation before 1989, "you would have seen virtually no economic infrastructure."

"Now I see better cars, better housing, small little cafes, convenience stores, art shops," she said.

Loew said the Oneida are a textbook example of what to do with gaming money.

On their 20,000-acre reservation near Green Bay, the Oneida have a new \$16 million health facility with access to doctors, dentists, an optometrist and a pharmacy,

This table compares how the median household income and poverty rates changed on Wisconsin's Indian reservations and trust lands between the 1990 census and the 2000 cen-

The first column shows the median household income in 1990, adjusted for inflation to compare with the 2000 data.

The final two columns compare the rates of families living in poverty as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Note, the Mole Lake Sakaogon tribe was too small by Census Bureau standards to calculate its rate for comparison in 1990.

Tribe	<u>1990 income</u>	2000 income	<u>1990 poverty</u>	2000 poverty
Bad River	21,734	27,303	25.1	21.5
Ho-Chunk	20,846	31,250	23.1	18.6
Lac Courte Oreilles	16,397	25,764	46.8	20.5
Lac du Flambeau	17,064	29,835	55.1	12.1
Menominee	19,098	26,923	45.0	32.1
Mole Lake Sokaogor	1	18,000		38.5
Oneida	24,784	60,404	22.6	4.0
Potawatomi	15,108	62,250	46.2	5.0
Red Cliff	23,408	24,412	27.7	25.4
St. Croix Chippewa	16,493	31,250	37.5	23.8
Stockbridge-Munsee	26,328	36,908	17.6	5.1
Wisconsin	38,212	43,731	10.7	8.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

all in a gleaming wood-andstone center. Nearby, a daycare center offers a range of childhood programs, and a modern elementary school teaches children their Oneida history.

"We offer our community so many services now, when prior to gaming we were relying on welfare and social services to provide for us," tribal spokeswoman Bobbi Webster said.

Seven round-the-clock casinos with more than 3,200 slot and video poker machines, a massive bingo hall and investments in banks and hotels pay for it. The tribe's \$3 million annual budget even includes sponsoring a gate entrance at Lambeau Field, home to the

NFL's Green Bay Packers. A legislative audit bureau

report said Wisconsin's 11

American Indian tribes made

more than \$400 million in

profits in 2002 at their 23 casi-

nos around the state, up nearly

large portion of that with their

flashy off-reservation casino

in Milwaukee's Menomonee

Valley, packed with restau-

rants and attractions. The tribe

also operates a casino near

Carter in Forest County, about

The tribe has aggressive

plans to double its casino

space and add a hotel as part

of its new compact with the

fortunes for the Potawatomi.

Census figures show they had

It's a sharp turnaround in

200 miles north.

state.

The Potawatomi collected a

60 percent in five years.

the lowest median income of all Wisconsin reservations in 1990, but now have the highest.

Federal law requires that the tribes spend gaming revenue on governmental or charitable programs such as housing, schools, economic development and health care.

The United Tribes of Wisconsin estimates that more than 7,800 people work in the state's American Indian gambling operations, and thousands more work at related restaurants, hotels, and for tribal governments.

Two-thirds of the nearly 15,000 tribal workers statewide are not American Indian, the United Tribes said. **Road warriors**

CONSERVED IN CONSE

Denny to play UWGB



Bv Phil Wisneski Kalihwisaks

Freedom alumni and tribal member Oneida Hudson Denny will be coming home to battle the Phoenix of U.W.- Green Bay on Saturday December 20 at 7:05 p.m. at the Resch Center.

Denny is a senior starter for the University of Minnesota-Duluth (UMD). He is averaging 8 points and four rebounds a game for the Bulldogs. UMD is currently 5-3 and riding a five game winning streak.

Denny is third on the team in minutes played and fourth on the team in points and rebounds and field goal percentage. He has connected on 50 percent of his three point tries this season and is shooting 46 percent overall.

Ticket prices are \$19, \$15 and \$11. For more information call 465-2625.

Boys Basketball Schedule

- December 29 @Lena Christmas Tourney December 30 @ Lena Christmas Tourney - January 2, 2004 @ **NEW Lutheran**
 - January 6 Bowler -January 12 Marion

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks Oneida girls win three road games in a row to improve their record to 5-1.

The Oneida girls traveled to Milwaukee for the second time in little over a week on December 16 and came away with another victory. The Thunderhawks defeated Milwaukee Bayview 54-38. Maria Stevens lead Oneida with 23 and Jessica Skenandore chipped in 12.

The Thunderhawks trailed 7-8 after one quarter, but Oneida outscored the Redcats 21-9 in the second quarter to open up a double-digit lead. The Thunderhawks converted all nine free throw attempts in the quarter.

The third quarter resembled more of a rugby match as the play turned

more physical. Oneida held their composer however as Irene Danforth and Skenandore each drained a three point basket to help the Thunderhawks maintain their lead.

The Redcats never threatened the rest of the game and Oneida sealed the game by converting 15 of 20 free throw attempts for the game.

Box Score

Oneida 7 - 21 - 12 - 14 - 54 Milw. BV 8 - 9 - 12 - 9 - 38

Oneida: Madrid 4, Skenandore 12, Danforth 11, L. Stevens 4, M. Stevens 23. 3-PT: Danforth 1, Skenandore 1, Madrid 1. FT 15-20.

Oneida 58

Oshkosh Lourdes 49 The Oneida Nation girls team

defeated Oshkosh Lourdes on

December 8, with only six players as Maria Stevens dropped in 22 points and Irene Danforth scored a season high 18 points. The Thunderhawks jumped out to a 13 - 8 first quarter lead and never trailed the rest of the way. Stevens scored 14 of her 22 in the first half as Lourdes had no answer for her height.

Head Coach Cheryl Stevens was extremely happy with her guard play for the game.

"I really have to give credit to our guards, who although had heavy pressure on them the entire game, they got the ball inside and when that wasn't available, they hit from the outside," Stevens said.

Free throws again proved to be the winning factor for the Thunderhawks as they converted on 15 of 23 attempts, while Lourdes only made 4 of 13.

Box Score Oneida 13 - 15 - 14 - 16 - 58

Osh. Lds. 8 - 17 - 12 - 12 - 49 Oneida: M. Stevens 22, Danforth 18, Skenandore 9, L. Stevens 9. 3-PT: Danforth 1. FT 15-23. F: 11: Fouled out: M. Stevens. Oneida 55

Mil. Custer 25

The Thunderhawks traveled to Milwaukee to battle division one Milwaukee Custer and came away victorious 55-25. Oneida came out fast and outscored Custer 19-5 in the opening quarter. Maria Stevens scored 11 of her career high 33 points in the first quarter as Oneida cruised the rest of the way. Irene Danforth chipped in 8 points and also added double figures in assists to Stevens.

Box Score

Oneida: M. Stevens 33, Danforth 8, L. Stevens 6, Ortiz 6, Skenandore 2.

The next home game for the Thunderhawks is is December 30 against Sevastopol at 6 p.m.

Oneida boys stay undefeated



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Louie Ortiz drains one of his three 3-pointers against Gibraltar. Oneida won the game 60-43. Ortiz finished with 20 points to lead the Thunderhawks.

By Phil Wisneski Kalihwisaks Thunderhawks

improve record to 4-0.

1. FT: 3-7. F: 13. Fouled out: R. Hill. Oneida 41 St. Lawrence 36

Anvets Comunity Service Awards Banquet for 2003 Thrsdy, Jenary 22, 2014 ~ 6:00 pm Doxbee's Supper Club • Seymour, WI

Dear Friends:

Each year at this time we have the very precious opportunity to say thank you to those very special members of our community who have dedicated themselves to improve our community. Now it is time for you to show your support to honor our fellow community members by nominating those deserving of this recognition. We are also requesting departments, programs and vendors to purchase their tables now. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Martin at 497-5840 ext.102 or 497-3634 evenings and weekends

2003 Community Service A wards N omination

- > Elder of the Year
- > Medical Health Person of the Year
- > Social Services Person of the Year

- > Oneida Volunteer of the Year
- > Small Business Person of the Year
- > Elderly Services: Roberta Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship Award

Your Name

Address

- > 2003 Customer Service Award
- > Educator of the Year
- > Courage/Leadership Award
- > Law Enforcement Person of the Year > Oneida Community Organization
- > Security Dept. Employee of the Year > Southeast Oneida Volunteer
 - > Caretaker of the Land
 - > Gaming Employee of the Year (2)

Date

> Retail Division: Cherisse A. Slove Memorial Scholarship Award

- January 13 Stockbridge - January 16 @ Living Word Lutheran - January 20 @ Oskosh Valley Christian - January 24 Juda - January 27 @ Stockbridge - January 29 Pembine Faith Baptist - February 5 St. Lawrence Seminary **Girls Basketball** Schedule - December 19 Washington County - December 30

Sevastopol - January 6, 2004 @ Stockbridge

- January 9 Milw. Custer

- January 13 @ Menominee

- January 16 @ Milwaukee North

- January 23 Suring

- January 27 Marinette

Catholic Central - January 29 Coleman Faith Christian - February 3 Menominee

February 6 @ Living Word Lutheran

> - February 10 Stockbridge

The Oneida Nation boys basketball team came off a two game road trip and was a bad host to the visiting Gibraltar, defeating the Vikings 60-43. The Thunderhawks (4-0) broke open a close game by outscoring the Vikings (0-4) 18-9 in the second quarter to take command of the game 33-21 at the break. Roberto Hill scored 8 of his 16 points in the critical second quarter.

Louis Ortiz scored a game high 20 points and added six rebounds, eight assists and four steals before leaving the game in the fourth quarter with a sprained ankle.

Defensively is where Oneida won the game by limiting the Vikings to just 15 points in the middle two quarters.

"I'm pleasantly surprised at how well we are playing defensively." said head coach Lance Kelley. " I knew we had the ability, but we are really playing tough defense and rebounding a lot better since our first game."

The Thunderhawks next game is at the Lena Christmas Tournament on December 29 and 30. Oneida is the defending champions of the tournament and open the tournament against Marinette Catholic Central at 6 p.m.

Box Score Oneida 15 - 18 - 9 - 18 - 60 Gibraltar 12 - 9 - 6 - 16 - 43 Oneida : Spruce 9, Webster 2, House 3, R. Hill 16, Ortiz 20, Funmaker 6 L. Hill 4. 3 PT: Spruce 3, Ortiz 3, R. Hill

Thunderhawks The scratched out a victory in front of a raucous crowd in Mount Cavalry 41-36 over the Hilltoppers. Roberto Hill lead Oneida with 17 points, while Louie Ortiz dropped in 12.

Oneida couldn't find the range on most of their shots the entire game, but Hill scored 10 in the third quarter to help the Thunderhawks take the lead for good. Clutch free throw shooting by Ortiz iced the win as he drained 4 attempts in the closing minute of the game.

Coach Lance Kelley was pleased with his team's resiliency and how they handled not shooting the ball well.

"We obviously did not shoot well, but we played tough defense and kept them under 40 points," said Kelley. "It was a tough environment to play in and our kids handled the pressure well."

Box Score

Oneida 6 - 9 - 13 - 13 - 41 St. Lawrence 10 - 7 - 10 - 9 - 36 Oneida: Spruce 6, Webster 2, L. Hill 2, R. Hill 17, Ortiz 12, Funmaker 2. 3 PT: R. Hill 4, Spruce 2, Ortiz 2. FT: 5-10. F: 7

Oneida 54 Laona 45

Oneida traveled to Laona and defeated the Kellys 54-45 on December 5. Louie Ortiz scored 20 of his career high 30 points in the second half as the Thunderhawks outscored Laona 29-20 in the final two quarters to escape with the victory.

Phone #
Name of person being Nominated
Place of Employment
Category of Nomination
Please list any special accomplishments and all volunteer work

Signature

JIM MARTIN All nominations must be mailed to:

P.O. Box 444

Oneida, WI 54155

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December 18, 2003

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Section Two

Christmas Dreams

Photo courtesy of Bobbi Webster Oneida Nation The Communications Department has been a participant of the Festival of Trees sponsored by the Green Bay YWCA for 13 years. This years' Festival took place at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay. More than 50 trees were presented by organizations from all North across Eastern Wisconsin. This year the Oneida Tree was themed "Christmas Dreams" and included 101 dream catchers. The dream catchers were made by tribal members Peggy Bork and Bobby Bristol. Bork hand beaded 51 dream catchers, while Bristol made 50 leather wrapped dream catchers. The festival was from December 7-14.





Photo by Yvonne Kaquatosh

defending fry bread champi-

Receiving the award for

and

Presentation

Creativity was Annette Smith.

texture, and of course taste, at

the contest held at the Parish

Hall on Dec. 6. A finger lickin

good time was had by all.

Five area judges looked for

Twila Neconish, left, took first place at this year's Fry Bread contest. Peoples Choice went to Georgia Burr.

on.

Fry bread heaven

Oneida - The second annual fry bread contest was heaven for those community members who came out and taste Best tested the five recipes.

festyles

Taking first place was Twila Neconish, and Peoples Choice went to Georgia Burr, both Menominee Tribal members. Burr returned as the

Charlie Hill scheduled to appear on "Late Show"

New York - Oneida's own comedian Charlie Hill is scheduled to appear on the "The Late Show with David Letterman" on January 9, 2004.

Hill first performed on "Late Night with David Letterman" on Dec. 9, 1985.

He also appeared on "The Tonight Show on June 18, 1991.

Check your local CBS television listings for time.

Apaches praise 'The **Missing' for** accuracy By Richard Benke Associated Press Writer

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) --Word swept through the Mescalero reservation like an early winter wind that characters in the film "The Missing" spoke a dialect of Apache.

Most adult Apaches in the audiences have said they could understand every word of the Chiricahua dialect - and the children suddenly wished they could, too.

That's what Mescalero councilman Berle Kanseah and Chiricahua linguist Elbys Hugar intended as technical advisers for the Ron Howard film, a tough tale of 19th century frontier life starring Tommy Lee Jones and Cate Blanchett that has been in theaters for about three weeks.

Television and popular cul-

Sobriety Pow Wow

ture are killing minority cultures, starting with language, Kanseah said.

"There's a generation gap that's growing," he said, suggesting Apaches aren't the only ones facing it. "We need to enforce the home and not lose our way of life, which is our language."

It was the first film that any of them could remember in which Apache was spoken well enough on screen to be understood. Usually, Westerns were dubbed in Navajo, a related language, said supporting actor Steve Reevis, a Montana Blackfoot who has worked several films but never spoke Apache before "The Missing."

The film is set in southwestern New Mexico in 1885, just as the last of the Apache conflict was ending. The Jones character's granddaughter, Blanchett's daughter, is abducted by a ragged band of American Indians and whites who sell women into slavery in Mexico. Jones and co-star Jay Tavere set out to keep the slavers from reaching Mexico.

The slavers are led by a "brujo," a medicine man gone bad, played by Eric Schweig.

Apaches appreciate the film for showing them as they were - the good and the bad, family oriented, generous, faithful to their religion and good-humored. The brujo played by Schweig is not intended to be Apache, though he speaks Apache, the producers say.



Do You Know... the Burrito Man?

By Bobbi Jo Reed **ONHS** Senior

Today is a good day... to sell breakfast burrito's.

Who sells the burrito's? Simon DeCoteau, who resides the Oneida on Reservation.

Many ONHS students are familiar with him from his visits to Norbert Hill Center.

Simon has been selling burrito's on and off for twenty years.

He started selling burrito's because he was out of work.

Henry Golde Spreads the Word

By Denis Gullickson

On Tuesday, November 25, ONHS staff, students and guests were treated to the message of Mr. Henry Golde, a survivor of the Jewish holocaust. Hearing Golde's message would be "the chance of a lifetime," said guidance counselor, Ed Tombal, and he was right.

Golde was just elevenyears old when he and his family - an older brother, a mother and a father - were herded away from their hometown about 100 miles north of Krakow, Poland and put in their first concentration camp. That would be the age of your average US sixth grader. Over the next five years, Golde found himself in ten camps in Poland, Germany and Czechoslovakia. One thing

about those camps though was that they all had the same goal: to put the Jews to work as slave laborers until they died on their own or were exterminated. Golde says that he went into the camps as boy, quickly became an adult, and left the experience "an old man of sixteen." In those five years he saw the death, disease and destruction of the world's worst nightmares. He saw people as lifeless as "ragdolls" (which is the title of his book about his ordeal). When asked if he saw any 'goodness" at all in the camps, he said that there "was no goodness," that people were "only surviving and anything went." One of his most-striking memories was when, at the war's end, he saw German soldiers whom had "once looked ten feet tall, running down the road trying to the advancing escape Russians, crying like babies." It seemed that fear and hate could even bring the seemingmighty to their knees. Golde should have come out of this hating everyone and everything. Right? That's the logical result when you've seen people at their absolute worst. The weird thing is that Golde has come to a different conclusion, that love is the only way to beat the hate that he saw. Golde's message is pretty simple and, yet, complex: "Love is everything," he says, "hate is nothing." Copies of Golde's amazing book can be ordered on the internet.

Now there must be something about Simon's burritos, because they are popular.

Simon uses beans, beef and pork to make his burrito's. He said when he sells his burrito's he gets at

least fifty customers.

burrito's? You can catch him on his burrito's cost \$2.50.



Simon DeCoteau

When does Simon sell his Tuesdays and Thursdays around the Tribal offices. And

Student Spotlight...Shines on Madrid

By Bobbi Jo Reed, **ONHS** Senior

This week's edition of the student spotlight shines on Lillian Madrid. Lillian is a 17-year old Senior here at Oneida Nation High School.

Lillian's favorite class is Math, but she didn't get a math class this year, and her least favorite class is Science.

On the weekends, to have fun, Lillian, does the same thing that everyone else does, plus she has a job! Lillian likes to go to Powwow's, play basketball and watch movies. Her dislikes are shopping (jokes) and cheese. Lillian also likes to play Basketball. one older brother Patrick, Jr. and her parents Patrick, Sr. the late Patsy Madrid. and Lisa Madrid.

Madrid is the granddaugh-Lillian's family includes ter to Lillian and Edwin King and Marilyn King and also



Lillian Madrid

Dribbling into a new season The girls finished last sea-

son with an 18 and 4 mark.

Maria Stevens was the lead-

ing rebounder, scorer and

MVP. This year, Maria has

picked up where she left off,

scoring and average of 23.4

points per game and pulling

down most of the team's

place in the conference tour-

advanced to the second round

nament last year

of the regional playoffs.

The girls also took 1st

rebounds.

By Stephanie Ortiz ONHS

The Lady Thunderhawks are off to a decent start to their new basketball season. As of this writing, they have won 4 games. In the middle of a five-game road trip, it might be a good time to look back to last season and see what kind of momentum the girls have going into this sea-

son. **Commentary**

Take a closer look!

By Lenita Cornelius ONHS

> About two years ago, Devon tried to kill him-

All of that should point a direction for this season as well.

Stevens said the team's goal this year is to "make it further [into the playoffs] than we did last year.

So this year, the team is definitely building on last year's success.

I'm sure we all hope the most from this season, lead by head coach Cheryl Stevens. She is assisted by Lisa Madrid and Dionne Jacobs.



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Empowering Youth Against Violence: Respect & Protect Yourself...

By Stephanie Ortiz ONHS

On November 19, Erica Harold, Miss America 2003, came to ONHS and talked to the students and staff about her life and how she would like to use her crown to help people. Not only did she advise us young teens to practice abstinence when it comes to sex, she told us to grow up and "be all you can be." She also shared with us that she is a Chicago Bears fan, since she grew up in Urbana, Illinois.

In 2000, Erica Harold was honored among the top 40 college student-leaders in the nation by being selected as a member of USA Today's All-USA College Academic Second Team. Obviously

she's got the Brains and the Beauty.



Miss America 2003 Erica Harold at ONHS.

By Darrell Skenandore ONHS

1. At the end of the Revolutionary War between the American colonies and the British, peace negotiations took place in 1782 in what city?

Trivia Questions...

2. What are the three largest countries in Scandinavia?

3. Who sings, "Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go?"

4. What is the only state in India with a Moslem majority?

5. Give the standard international unit of measurement for each of these: a. Distance

b.	Power _	
c.	Current	

The first ONHS student to come up with all 5 answers, see Denis for a "fabulous prize."





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Cornelius may ONHS Reporter hard

believe, he is grateful to be alive. Yes, his face is still deformed and people stare, but that is not anything.

Meeting Devon is a surprising experience. He is a nice guy that respects everyone around him and would like everyone to do the same. Just because his face is not the same, does not mean that he is not the same guy he used to be.

Devon was a featured speaker in Milwaukee for the SADD program (Students Destructive Against Decisions) along with other speakers. He is trying to encourage people to seek help before trying to commit suicide, by talking about his experience.

SADD met over the weekend of November 14th and the 15th. Two Oneida students joined them with the idea of forming a local chapter. Linda Nochadineh, ONHS counselor, thinks that all of the workshops that they had were interesting and informative. "I feel very strong that we need to start a SADD program in the high school," says Linda.

So you take a closer look and think to yourself, "do I want this to happen to me?" The dangers are out there. Just think about it.

By Dexter Baxter ONHS Junior A couple of facts:

1. Elementary children spend around \$28-billion per year. In addition, they influence another \$500-billion of spending controlled by their parents.

2. Today's teenagers have even greater economic clout. They spend \$57-billion of their own money yearly and \$36-billion of their family's money.

With those facts in mind, I decided to find out where ONHS students spend their (and their family's money). I thought this would be interesting for students and for parent who don't know where to go shop for their kids.

In order to get the information, I ran a survey for best places students like to go for their favorite things. I first interviewed people on the best places to shop. Then, I interviewed two times the amount of people to choose the best out of those places.

I had five categories: shoes, food, movies, music and the best pizza place.

For shoes, there were 6 choices of store and, out of those, Finish Line was the spot to go.

For food, I was surprised that there was not 1 vote for Mc Donalds. There were many more votes for more sit-down restaurants than drive-through. The restaurant pick was Fazolies.

Now, for movies, there were two choices: Would they rather rent movies or go to see one? At a rate of 10 to 1 Marcus Theaters was the place to go.

As for music, there were 4 choices. They were: Sam Goody, Walmart, Best Buy and the internet. The number one choice was Best Buy. When I asked why, most said it was because of good prices and good selection.

Now I think every teen loves pizza. So the question had to be asked, "what is the best pizza place around?" There were five picks: Dominoes, Luigis, Papa Murphy's, Pizza Hut and frozen pizza. Out of those five, Pizza Hut had half the votes.

None of this is news to ONHS students, but for parents this article should help when they need to know where to go.

Education

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People helping people

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By Phil Wisneski Kalihwisaks

Stephen "Corky" West received recognition for his tireless work in helping American Indians in the vocational rehabilitation field Consortia from of Administrators for Native Rehabilitation American (CANAR). He received an eagle head sculpture. West however is not about winning awards for the work he has done as the Director of Job Training for the Oneida Nation, but he is about helping people.

"Personal recognitions are nice but the real reward for persons in the business, such as myself, is seeing someone, whose access to employment has been restricted by their condition, secure employment and move toward selfsufficiency. Our gratification comes from having been a part of the experience," West said.

CANAR's mission is to serve as an avenue for collaboration and cooperation between administrators of Native American rehabilitation projects to increase and enhance the quality of service, resulting in positive outcomes for Native Americans with disabilities. They basi-



Stephen "Corky" West received recognition in the form of the eagle sculpture for his tireless efforts with in the American Indian vocational rehabilitation field. West is the Director of the Job Training for the Oneida Nation.

cally want to help people with disabilities get jobs, but more importantly keep jobs and become wage earners, tax payers and be self-sufficient to the greatest extent possible.

Vocational rehabilitation is overcoming a barrier to gain and maintain employment. The Oneida Center for Self Sufficiency and Vocational Rehabilitation Program help individuals that have a diagnosed condition which impairs or presents itself as a barrier to the individual's employment. The center then sits down with individuals to identify the barrier and work

on a plan to overcome that barrier. The key to getting the consumer into the work force is totally dependent on the fact that the consumer must want to work and must buy into the program.

Oneida vocational rehabilitation deals with many types of disorders. They are sometimes physical, but mostly mental. Most are cognitive conditions such as attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention deficit hyper-activity disorder (ADHD). These conditions usually are usually not diagnosed or known to the individual and thus it results

in a poor work history.

Often other conditions such as personality disorders, antisocial behavior, alcohol and drug problems are present in individuals that seek help. The center then must first work with the Mental Health Department and AODA Department to get the individual stable before they can go out in the work force.

"Once they are stable in their personal lives, then they may have a better chance to work in the work force," West said.

From October 2002 to September 2003 there were 27 individuals that were in the program. Of those 27, eleven people left the program and of those eleven, nine received successful employment outcomes. That is an 82 percent success rate and is has West very excited.

"Helping just one person who has been totally dependent on family, the community or the government and

Scholarships Available

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Native Nurses Career **Opportunity** Program (NNCOP)

The Center for American Indian Research and Education is pleased to announce a new scholarship program for American Indian nurses (RNs) to obtain a Master's in Nursing Degree (MSN). The scholarships, funded by the Indian Health Service, offer up to \$20,000 per year for full time students enrolled in a master's degree program. Study areas for the scholarship include nurse anesthetist, public health nurse, and nurse midwife. Other areas will be considered. The scholarship awards consist of tuition, fees and books. There will also be a monthly stipend for living expenses. For applications or more information write to the Native Nurses Career Opportunity Program-CAIRE, University of Minnesota-School of Nursing, 6-101 Weaver-Densford Hall, 308 Harvard S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Or call 612-624-4644, fax 612-626-2359, or e-mail NativeRN@umn.edu. Application **deadlines** are **December 15 for summer** session, February 15 for fall semester and August 15 for spring semester.

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program

This scholarship program, sponsored by Monsanto and the National Association of Farm Broadcasters, offers awards of \$1,500 to high school seniors enrolled in the United States who meet the following additional requirements. Applicants must 1.) have family actively engaged in production agriculture; 2) have an average to above average academic record; and 3) plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the fall 2004 term to pursue any field related to agriculture. Applicants may not have any immediate family member employed by Monsanto or a member of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters. For more information and application materials contact Commitment the to Scholarship Agriculture Program, c/o National FFA Organization, Scholarship Office, P O Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960. The number to call is 888-476-9332. On the web visit any of the following: www.monsanto.com, www.nafb.com, or www.ffa.org. Applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2004 to be

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 con-Buckanaga, Tony tact Scholarship Coordinator, at 218-444-0486 or 800-892-3079, or E mail tony.buckanaga@mail.ihs.gov. Deadline for all application materials is February 28, 2004. Gates Millennium

Scholarship

It's never too early to start the application process for scholarships.

This message is for graduating Seniors who are interested in applying for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. The process for Gates is timely but well worth the effort.

The Gates Millennium Scholarship is aimed at increasing the number of American Indians/Alaska Natives, Hispanic Americans, Asian Pacific Americans, and African-Americans enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs. For more information, visit the Gates Millennium Scholars program www.gmsp.org (please note address change from 1st message) and look for the nomination process OR call for a hard copy: 1-877-690-4677.

The Scholarship will assist a student for 5 years while seeking a Bachelors degree. Those who wish to continue will receive assistance for another 2 years for their Masters. In addition, if the student wants to go on for a Ph.D. the grant will still be there for another 4 years. Eligibility

Students must have a 3.3 grade point average be Pell eligible-determined by completing the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)



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Black Gold Coffee are there selling coffee and refreshments

Ist prize \$40, and prize \$20, and 3rd prize \$10. ALL WELCOME. Anyone can win. For Man Information: 400-2000

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USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines

The ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (Child Care Component) at the following sites:

NHC-Oneida Head Start, ONES-Three Sisters Head Start, Airport Road Child Care, and NHC Child Care

The Child and Adult Care Food program receives funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The Program provides financial assistance to child care centers so that nutritious meals can be integrated with nonresidential child care services. The goal of the Program is to improve the diets of young children and increase the opportunity for children to eat a variety of nutritious foods. The meals and snacks served meet standards set by USDA.

The amount of reimbursement received by the Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsor is based upon the household incomes of the children enrolled for care. A larger reimbursement is paid for meals served to children from low income households. Listed below are the USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines which are effective July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004.

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moving that person closer toward self-sufficiency is really exciting to me. I just love it," he said.

Oneida's Vocational Rehabilitation program recently received a new fiveyear grant award to continue to help rehabilitate the Oneida community. The need for vocational rehabilitation is real in the Oneida community and the Oneida Job Training Program is keeping up their end of the bargain with an incredible success rate it has achieved.

> Indian Health Service Scholarships

considered.

Competitive applications are now being accepted for academic year 2004-2005 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

Deadline

Materials may be sent on or before January 16, 2004 midnight Eastern Standard Time

It would be a good idea to start applying for schools now.

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Environmental Internships

Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns are an inspiring group of individuals who last year aided hundreds of threatened species of wildlife, provided environmental education to tens of thousands of people, and reclaimed 400,000 acres of land from invasive species. These young people have become more mature, confident and marketable. They have taken an important step toward becoming part of the next generation of conservation leaders. This year SCA hopes to field close to 2,500 individuals in over 50 different disciplines in all 50 states. Are you a student, or do you know a student who might benefit from real, hands-on, career building opportunities in our National Parks and Forests? If so, you are encouraged to visit the SCA website (www.theSCA.org) for more information on positions currently offered and benefits associated with SCA internships.

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Medicare premiums and coinsurance rates-2004

By Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS)

Special to Kalihwisaks

The following is a listing of the Medicare premium, deductible, and coinsurance rates that will be in effect in 2004: **Medicare Premiums for 2004:**

Part A: (Hospital Insurance) Premium

- Most people do not pay a monthly Part A premium because they or a spouse has 40 or more quarters of Medicare-covered employment.
- The Part A premium is \$189.00 for people having 30-39 quarters of Medicare-covered employment.
- The Part A premium is \$343.00 per month for people who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free hospital insurance and have less than 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment.

Part B: (Medical Insurance) Premium

\$66.60 per month.

Medicare Deductible and Coinsurance Amounts for 2004:

Part A: (pays for inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facility, and some home health care) For each benefit period Medicare pays all covered costs except the Medicare Part A deductible (2004 = \$876) during the first 60 days and coinsurance amounts for hospital stays that last beyond 60 days and no more than 150 days.

For each benefit period you pay:

- A total of \$876 for a hospital stay of 1-60 days.
- \$219 per day for days 61-90 of a hospital stay.
- \$438 per day for days 91-150 of a hospital stay (Lifetime Reserve Days).
- All costs for each day beyond 150 days.

Skilled Nursing Facility Coinsurance

\$109.50 per day for days 21 through 100 each benefit period.

Part B: (covers Medicare eligible physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment)

\$100.00 per year. (Note: You pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for services after you meet the \$100.00 deductible.)

For more information on Medicare go to www.medicare.gov on the web or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Information taken from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website, www.medicare.gov.

The flu is here

Vaccinations run short; vaccine now for high risk *Patients* By Keith Skenandore Kalihwisaks

As supplies of flu vaccine start to dwindle nationwide, some public health officials in Wisconsin said last Monday that their doses are gone, and they are sending people to doctors and other providers.

notice by the Α Community Health Flu Shot Clinic was sent out on December 11 stating that the remainder of their vaccine has been accounted for with scheduled appointments with Oneida Health Center providers. Providers are using established guidelines for vaccine shortages.

"The amount we have is for high risk patients," said Deanna Bauman, health area manager.

She said the flu vaccine shortage is attributed to the media coverage of the State of Colorado influenza epidemic with fatalities.

"There is no shortage," said Bauman. "The flu vaccine is in higher demand. People are afraid so that many more received the flu vaccination." The Oneida Health Center has attempted to order more vaccine from various vendors throughout the country and have been unable to locate additional vaccine. If additional vaccine is obtained, the community will be notified. "It won't be enough to run a flu vaccination clinic," said Bauman. A private nursing company said it sold some of its doses of the flu shot to a hospital to help out. Kitty Rahl, the Eau Claire County Health Department's nursing director, said her agency used up its supply of 2,000 doses of the vaccine last month. "We have had a lot of calls from people wondering if we have vaccine. We have referred them to other providers," she said Monday. The two makers of flu shots in the United States - Chiron and Aventis Pasteur - said Friday they were out of vaccine and would not be able to meet a surge in demand resulting from fears of a particularly bad flu season. The companies together made about 80 million doses of the injected vaccine, which ordinarily would be enough to meet U.S. demand. Wisconsin Department of Health immunization pro-Dan gram director Hopfensperger said providers

in some areas of the state don't have adequate supplies of the vaccine.

But providers also are telling the agency they already have immunized, in some instances, more people than ever before, including a "good portion" of the highrisk population, Hopfensperger said.

Bauman said the flu outbreak is "not so bad" here in Oneida. She verified that out of 20 swabs used for potential flu patients, eight are positive. Three children and five adults have tested positive.

"It's here but it's not a outbreak," major said Bauman.

The health center has taken prevention precautionary methods in spreading of the germ. They have supplied at the front doors of their facility masks for patients with a cough. Signage is posted in the restrooms reminding people to wash their hands and to use tissues when sneezing and disposing of them immediate-

Doors to the Anna John Nursing Home has been closed to visitors from December 12 to 22 due to the flu potential. Jane Smith, nursing home administrator, said they have a threshold of a number of cases.

Smith.

It is standard procedure for a nursing home to close visitation when 3 or more cases of the flu arise.

Nursing home staff will be using additional infection control measures as they continue to care for the elders. By restricting visitors, they hope to control the spread of the illness in that very fragile population.

"The residents need to rest, recover and get strong enough," said Smith.

Medical Director Dr. Ali Mardan of the Oneida Health Center said emergency rooms have reported 20 people children and other family members - with symptoms of a new influenza.

The vaccinations were for Influenza A and B and that many have been immunized, however, there is a different strain of Influenza A.

"This strain is the one that is infecting people," said Mardan. "The influenza vaccination is not for this strain."

He said they are treating patients with fluids, Tylenol and decongestants.

"People need to be evaluated quickly," said Mardan, "Especially those with multiple medical problems. Fortunately we have done very well here. We have not The Associated Press con-

'Cover your cough' Educational efforts aim to reduce illnesses

Submitted by Florence sible during an illness. Petri

Secretary of the Health Board

Health officials in Brown County announce an effort to reduce the spread of illnesses including influenza, common colds, and other diseases that are spread through coughing and sneezing. The effort called, "Cover Your Cough" is being initiated by public health departments, Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Bellin Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, St. Vincent Hospital, and a variety of outpatient clinics.

"Cover Your Cough" consists of three easy, commonsense steps. First, remember to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Second, place your used tissue in a waste basket. Third, be sure to wash your hands with soap and water, or clean with a hand sanitizer. In some health care settings, individuals may ask for, or may be asked, to wear a surgical mask to protect others. As an additional precaution, the public is asked to consider staying home as much as pos-

Visitors to doctors' offices,

hospital emergency rooms, clinics, and other health facilities can expect to see a few small changes in the upcoming weeks. Signs with simple language and pictures will be posted, tissues and waste baskets will be available, and masks and hand sanitizers will be available in public areas at some locations.

According to the public health directors, respiratory etiquette was a recent recommendation of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This recommendation is not intended to alarm people, but rather educate them and reduce their anxiety if they see someone wearing a mask or are asked to wear one. Everyone is especially vulnerable to getting sick this time of year as more people are visiting their families, attending social events, and shopping.

The presence of Pertussis and influenza in the area highlights the importance of measures to control the

spread of communicable diseases. In the past week, many area health care facilities have reported the presence of flulike symptoms; two cases of Pertussis in adults have also been reported.

Respiratory etiquette is very basic, but it goes a long way to prevent the spread of illnesses. Sometimes we all just need a simple reminder. A partnership between the general public and health care providers will increase the likelihood that respiratory disease will be controlled. Eric Krawczyk, Director Oneida Community Health Services (920) 869-4812

Judy Friederichs, Director/Health Officer Brown County Health Department (920) 448-6404

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Oneida Community Health Center Contract Health DEADLINE to submit Bills

"We are monitoring things, had any fatalities." and we anticipate 10 days should be sufficient," said tributed to this story.

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The deadline to submit bills to the Contract Health Department for eligible services prior to October 1, 2003, is:

DECEMBER 31, 2003 AT 4:30 PM

- If you were referred by the Oneida Community Health Center for a service eligible for payment with Contract Health funds, you must submit all related charges for consideration by the above deadline.
- +..... If you have charges relating to any emergency room visit, eligible for payment with Contract Health funds, you must submit by the above deadline.

Failure to submit your bills by the deadline could result in the patient being responsible for any charges due.



In our business, we see first hand the effects regret can have when family members aren't on speaking terms. Then suddenly, tragedy strikes. It is only at that moment it is realized how much time was lost that could have been spent sharing life, rather than building walls.

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After all, everyone makes mistakes. Don't let yours be the call that was never made.



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Water plan

revised to

Indian rights SANTA FE (AP) - State

officials have revised a pro-

posed state water plan to give

greater emphasis to protecting

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Stream Commission director

Wednesday the final version

of the plan, which will guide

how New Mexicans use

water, is complete and sched-

uled for consideration next

week by the Interstate Stream

Gov. Bill Richardson

ordered state water officials to

develop the plan by the end of

the year. He said the continu-

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officials held meetings around

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Powwow celebrates purchase of long disputed mine site

ASHWAUBENON, Wis. (AP) - Wisconsin Indian tribes held a powwow of celebration Saturday over the land purchase that stopped longdisputed plans for a copper and zinc mine near Crandon.

Before the grand entrance ceremony at the Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena, a coalition of 33 environmental groups honored the Forest County Potawatomi and Mole Lake Chippewa band for buying the land.

"It's the perfect conclusion. The right people bought it," said Dave Blouin of the Mining Impact Coalition.

On Oct. 28, the tribes paid \$16.5 million to buy the property from Northern Wisconsin Resources Group. The sale includes 5,770 acres in Forest County and 169 acres in Shawano and Oconto coun-

The deal includes an agreement between the tribes and Nicolet Hardwood Corp. of Laona to cooperatively manage the forested land for at least 15 years, with the tribes owning the timber rights. Zoltan Grossman of the

Midwest Treaty Network said the deal reflected the gaming revenue available to tribes, a renaissance of Native American culture in the state and the willingness of tribes to work together.

Gus Frank, chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Community, said a woman in his office summed up the importance of the deal best.

"She said 'Now my grandchildren will have water to drink.' That was just a very profound statement," he said.

Environmentalists and the tribes contended that acidic mine runoff and cyanide used in ore extraction would jeopardize groundwater and adjacent wetlands, including the Wolf River, although mining interests always said the project could be done without jeopardizing the environment. Frank said gaming revenue

made the purchase possible. He also warned that the tribe's revenue from gambling

is in danger because of a law-



Photos by Yvonne Kaquatosh

Grand entry, above, kicks-off the Crandon Mine celebration pow wow on December 6, 2003 at the Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena. Veterans from the 11 Wisconsin tribes, below, along with dancers and drummers, participated.

suit filed by Republican legislators challenging Gov. Jim Doyle's gaming compacts with the tribes.

Bob Schmitz, a founder of the Wolf River Watershed Alliance in 1976, said the Mole Lake Chippewa put everything on the line to purchase the property.

"These people have mortgaged their homes and their futures and probably their children's and grandchildren's futures," he said. "They don't have the money the Potawatomi do."



Tsyunhehkwa News

Jeff By Metoxen, Manager

We would like to welcome you to our annual newsletter

Development for the Division. Last year we talked about the status and personnel we had at that time, and a lot has happened since then. Our personnel here are basically the same, but we have had some changes. I was hired officially as the Manager in July of this year, 2003. Jill Martus-Ninham is our Agricultural Food Production Supervisor, and her staff are following: Ted the Skenandore, Horticultural Farmer, Dennison Jr. Danforth, Greenhouse Technician Trainee, Don Charnon, is now our Agricultural Worker, Dawn Cornelius, Community Outreach Coordinator (Grant Position), Gerald Coenen, On-Call Agricultural Worker. Cannery Component consists of Carol Elm, Cannery Supervisor and her staff of Linda Webster, Cannery Worker, and Tanya Metoxen, Cannery Worker. The Retail Component consists of Patti Archiquette, Retail Cashier, and Bonnie Stoneman, Retail Cashier. We do have some positions that need to be filled/revised and are working on these matters. Our Agricultural area which is Certified Organic, had one of its best years in White Corn planting and harvesting. The Community and our friends helped us to handle our responsibilities with about 6 acres of our traditional heirloom white corn. This year has been one of our finest yields. We have several braids of corn in our Storage and several racks filled with husked White Corn. We could not have accomplished this without the support and help from all of you. It has been a custom to host Educational Days during our Harvest and Husking Bee, and again we had several schools participate. All grades were represented, from grade school to college and Institutes. They came

from Madison, Milwaukee, and the surrounding areas. We would like to thank them all and their staff/friends for making this event and time possible, especially the following areas: Michael Fields Institute, Indian Community School, University WI Green Bay. Please accept my apologizes for those I forgot to mention. As we are preparing for the Winter Season and looking forward to next year, we hope that you will be able to join us next year for the Annual Harvest and Husking Bee. The 2004 Workshop Calendar and Soil Delivery and Rotovating Services will

products continue to be one of our primary items in supporting areas of the community and cultural events. We are not always able to honor all requests, but will help when we can.

One big change in our area is the relocation of the Retail store. I hope that you have been able to find it and stop in since the move to Ridgeview Plaza Suite #8, 3759 West Mason, Oneida WI. We are planning a Grand Opening this coming Spring. Please keep your eyes open for this notice. It is our intent to make this a memorable affair. Other services we will be offering this Winter at the retail location are our Workshops designed around the products and services we provide. Our goal is to offer four this season with the first one for December on Herb Dream pillows. Limited spaces are available, so please contact them at the Store if you or someone you know is interested. Notices on the upcoming Workshops will be sent out soon. We have samples of the natural coffee and teas available at the store, so stop by and see our new location and the products and services we offer. Our new supply of Tsyunhehkwa T-shirts and Sweatshirts are in stock in many colors. These and many other items we have make wonderful gifts. The Store is always motivated to offer the products the Community and our customer/clients need to address their overall health issues. With the strong demand for alternative healthcare products, herbs, and essential oils, we feel the upgraded location our new store will guarantee space and a constant variety to our customers/clients. We hope that the information provided have given you better insight а to Tsyunhehkwa, our people and what we offer. We look forward to your visit at any of our locations of the Agricultural, Cannery and Retail areas.

Hoping for reservation, tribes release forest restoration plan

The Associated Press

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) Pressing a campaign to regain control over 690,000 acres of national forest taken from them in the 1960s and 1970s, the Klamath Tribes have formed a plan to restore elements of the forest the way it was before a century of logging.

The plan, produced by two of the Northwest's leading foresters, would represent one of the biggest forest restoration projects in the West if it goes forward.

big ponderosa pines that once dominated the landscape, as well as groves of aspen and willows along rivers that have dwindled. Younger trees and brush, particularly white fir and lodgepole pine, would be removed to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires. Bitterbrush would be left behind to feed the mule deer heard. Commercial logging would not be a goal for 30 to 40 years.

seeking approval from their 3,500 members, as well as state and federal agencies to build support for future legislation that would restore reservation lands that are now part of the Winema and Fremont national forests north of Klamath Falls.

"To regain our homeland within that area is going to help the stability of the entire community and help the tribe itself achieve some sort of parity, if you will, with the community," said Foreman. "The community needs to It emphasizes protection of understand it's a restoration plan, not a plan based on dol lars." As part of a strategy to balance scarce water between fish and farms in the Klamath Basin and satisfy the demands of the Endangered Species Act, Interior Secretary Gale Norton told the tribes in March 2002 she would consider restoring federal lands to tribal control. A cabinet-level taskforce is talking to the tribes about how their ancient water rights in the upper basin could help solve the water crisis, as well

as helping restore reservation lands.

"I think it is going to certainly help the dialogue in terms of local community understanding of what the tribe is proposing," said Sue Ellen Wooldridge, deputy chief of staff to Norton.

The plan was written by University of Washington forestry professor Jerry Franklin and Oregon State University forestry professor Norm Johnson. The two helped write the Northwest Forest Plan, which cut logging more than 80 percent on national forests in western Washington, Oregon, and Northern California to protect habitat for threatened northern spotted owls and salmon. "The plan is built around the most precious and irreplaceable resources, and those are the big old pine trees," Johnson said. "The management over the last 50 to 60 years has emphasized the removal of the large pine trees, both under the (U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs) and the Forest Service."

Tribal chairman Allen Foreman said the tribes are

begin this Spring. Please keep a look out for our future notices. Our new Layers have been in since this Summer, and we will have farm fresh eggs available very soon.

A key area we are working

on for the Cannery is the replacement and repairs of our Cannery operation and equipment. Many of you are aware that it is the same material and equipment that were purchased when it originally started in the mid to late 70's. We continue to search for other sources so that we may provide the best services and products from the Oneida Nation. The Cannery is working close with our Horticulture Farmer, Ted Skenandore so that the produce from our Organic Gardens becomes part of our products available to the Community. Carol Elm, Cannery Supervisor continues to provide the classes on the process of preserving and use of the cannery Facility. She has always supported that we all learn this process for our own benefit. One area that Carol hopes will prosper is the knowledge of preparing your own Corn Bread and Corn Soup. Corn Bread sales are always up during this time of the season, and we hope that we can fulfill your needs. Please contact the Retail Store 497-5821 to make sure that we have some on supply. As always, it will be first come, first serve. Cannery

Help us Name a Tribal Building...

The Oneida Division of Land Management is requesting your help in naming a tribal building located on County H and Ranch Road. The building is used by community members and by Oneida Recreation.

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. Oneida Tribe purchased the land in 1993 and the land was placed into tribal trust status in 1994.

The selected name will be in the Oneida Language and English and will be publicized.

Please respond in writing by January 12, 2004, to Bernice Elm, DOLM P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or fax: 920-869-1689 or email at belm@oneidanation.org.

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December 18, 2003

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All in one we will wrap our minds. t^ttwanuhela[.]tu, awshi?te we will thank it, the Strawberry tsi? sheku yotlihwa?tAtye.tuh that still it is doing it's business, Ta[.]ne thoniyo[?]tuhakh, yukwa⁹nikuhl. There let it be that way, our minds.



7. Akweku uhskatsi? Atwahwe?nu ni yukwa?nikuhl All in one we will wrap our minds. t^ttwanuhela[.]tu, onukwa?tho.ku we will thank them the various Medicines tsi⁹sheku yotlihwa⁹tAtye⁻tuh. that still it is doing it's business.

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9. Akweku uhskatsi? Atwahwe?nu'ni yukwa⁹nikuhl

All in one we will wrap our minds.

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16. Akweku uhskatsi? Atwahwe?nu ni yukwa?nikuhl

All in one we will wrap our minds. tAyet?thinuhela.tu, yukhishotha wehni tahl tsi? sheku we will thank her. our Grandmother Moon

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17. Akweku uhskatsi? Atwahwe?nu ni yukwa?nikuhl we will wrap our minds. All in one

tAyet?thinuhela tu yotsisto?kwa lu tsi?sheku we will thank them the stars that still they

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are running their business.

Ta[.]ne thoniyo[?]tuhakh, yukwa⁹nikuhl. There let it be that way, our minds.

18. Akweku uhskatsi? Atwahwe?nu[.]ni yukwa⁹nikuhl

we will wrap our minds. All in one tAyet?thinuhela'tu kaye niyukwe'take we will thank them the four messengers

latilihwakalenyes okhale? tehutlihwatenya tha they carry the message and they spread words (messages) tsi⁹sheku yukhi⁹niku¹lal.

See the cultural website

We encourage everyone to become involved in the Oneida Language. Remember that every word you learn and speak becomes a part of keeping the Oneida Language alive. Please visit our new website at:



http://language.oneidanation.org/about/history



For correct pronunciation please ask an Elder or contact Tekalutátu 920-490-2472

Language tapes and CD's are also available in our Oneida language.

Notice

The Thanksgiving Address has been reprinted due to the graphics being inadvertently misplaced from the correct text in the December 4th issue. We hope you enjoy this edition of the culture page! Yaw_Ako

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on September 24, 2003 at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 20 inches. The proud maternal grandparents are Connie Christjohn and the late Roland Vandehei, Sr. The proud paternal grandparents are Linda Diemel of Seymour and John Diemel of Navarino. Lauren Lola is named after her paternal



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Board Vacancies

Oneida Nation Electronics ONE), Board of Directors. One Vacancy. ONE is a tribally chartered corporation. The Board of Directors will be responsible for establishing the overall policies and objectives for the management of the affairs and assets of the corporation and periodically reviewing and evaluating management results.

Qualifications: The majority of the members must be voting members of the Oneida General Tribal Council. All board members must have extensive experience in one or more of the following areas; Business areas to include management, marketing, finance, banking, purchasing, retail or wholesale; and technology areas to include electronic manufacturing, communications, medical technology, electrical, industrial and test engineering, as well as other significant corporate experience in project management and product development. The term of office for a Board Member will be three (3) years. Deadline for application is February 6, 2004.

> Land **Available**

Green Earth Trailer Court Lot Available. The Oneida Division of Land Management is accepting applications for a vacant lot that is located in the Green Earth Trailer Court. The Green Earth Trailer Court is located on Cty. H, approximately 3 1/2 miles south of Hwy. 54. The address is W1277 Redtail Drive. Lot size is 71 feet by 102 feet. Lot rent is \$90.00 per month or an annual amount of \$1080.00. Annual leasing with Department of Land Management is required. Oneida zoning ordinance requires the trailer to be less than five years old. Contact 490-2090 to discuss financing options. The Green Earth Trailer Court lot application is available from the Land Management

more information contact Roger or Sheree Arms at 869-1700.

N6395 Van Boxtel Rd. Oneida

One 1/2 story home, with 1 car garage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. 1,174 Sq. feet of gross living space. Selling price - \$30,000. Home is sold As Is Basis. Purchasers are subject to a residential lease with the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. The land is held in trust for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. For more information contact Leah Dodge at (715) 799-4718 or leahsuedodge@hotmail.com.

Oneida **Nation Jobs**

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

Teacher/ Tutor Pulaski Position #01215 Salary: Grade 8 \$12.09/Hr.

(Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) Position Summary: This position will assist in providing academic support to Native American youths in targeted schools to develop their academic skills especially in the math and science areas. Incumbent will conduct and oversee individual and group tutoring sessions, using the Y.E.S. Tutoring Program guidelines. This position will conduct student skills assessdesign ments and curriculum/lesson plans for students based on the needs identified from the skills assessment. Incumbent will work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Youth Educational Services Assistant Director. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allo-

> Closing Date: December 26, 2003 Proposed Start February 23, 2004

cation.

Injury Prevention Coordinator Position #01874

Salary: Grade 3 \$9.92/Hr. (Negotiable dependent upon & experience.) education Position Summary: This position will develop injury prevention programming for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. This is a grant funded, non exempt position and reports to Tribal Sanitarian. the Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date: January 2, 2004 **Proposed Start Date:** March 1, 2004

Cultural Interpreter Position #00466

Salary: Grade 3 \$8.49/Hr. (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 conductina museum tours to people of all ages. The ideal candidate will be able to present a professional appearance, attitude and demeanor when dealing with the general public and museum staff. incumbent must be able to work flexible hours to include evenings, weekends and holidays. This is a non exempt position and reports to the Assistant Museum Director. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date: Until Filled **Proposed Start Date:** As soon as Possible

Youth Care Worker Position #00495/00496

Salary: Grade 6 \$10.42/Hr. (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) Position Summary: This position provides supervision of residents to ensure compliance with the Residential Treatment center educational/treatment and safety standards. Incumbent must be willing to willing and able to work first, second, third and weekend shifts. This is a non exempt position and reports to the Youth Care Supervisor. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date: On-going Recruitment **Proposed Start Date:** Applicants will be placed on a interviewing pool and will be notified as positions become available.

Vault Specialist I Pool

Position #01364

Salary: Grade 6 \$10.42/Hr.

(Negotiable dependent upon

Position Summary: This position's primary responsibilities

are to maintain accurate records

of all transactions and expedite

the transfer of all currency

received from gaming to the

designated depository institu-

tions. Work schedule will include

nights, weekends, and holidays.

Applicants will be notified as

positions become available. This

is a non-exempt position and

reports to the Cage/Vault

Supervisor. Continuation of posi-

tion is contingent upon funding

Closing Date:

On-going Recruitment

Proposed Start Date:

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Financial Planner/ Analyst Position #01528 Grade

10 Salary: \$29,411/Annually. (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) Position Summary: This position will assist the Trust Department and Trust Committee in thee development and implementation of strategic Asset Allocation Plans. The plans will provide optimum returns on Trust Fund investment portfolios. The incumbent will analyze financial information to forecast business, industry and economic conditions for the use in making investments consistent with fiduciary responsibility and policy guidelines. Incumbent will analyze various financial information resources for market impacts to current portfolio. Provide technical support for systems compliance and portfolio monitoring. Must be willing and able to work nights and weekends as needed. This is an exempt position and reports to the Trust Department Manager. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding

> Closing Date: Until Filled Proposed Start Date: As Soon As Possible

allocation

Cashier I - Retail - Pool Salary: Grade 4 \$9.07/Hr. (Negotiable dependent upon education experience.) & **Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe Of Indians of Wisconsin** Position Summary: This position will provide excellent customer service to all customers of the Oneida Retail One Stops and Smokeshops. must be willing and able to work flexible hours (ten to forty hours per week) to include nights, weekends and holidays. Hours and locations are assigned as Retail needs warrant. This is an entry level, non exempt position and reports to the Location Manager. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date: **On-going Recruitment** Proposed Start Date: Applicants will be placed on a interviewing pool and will be notified as positions become available.

Day Care Teacher/Even **Start home Visitor** Trainee Position #05107

Salary: Grade 4 \$9.07/Hr. (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.)

within the Community Education Center. Incumbent will implement the developmentally curriculum for multiple age groups. This position will assist the Even Start home Visitors as the primary contact between the Even Start Program and Native American teen parents families. Incumbent will receive part time on the job training to the Even Start Home visitors duties and responsibilities. Incumbent must be willing to work flexible hours to include evenings and weekends. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Even Start Family Literacy Supervisor. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation. **Closing Date: Until Filled**

Proposed Start Date: As Soon As Possible.

Property Records Specialist **Position #01687**

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Salary: Grade 5 \$9.71/Hr. (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.)** Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.** **Position** Summary: This position will develop, maintain and monitor a centralized filing system for the division of Land Management Department Standard operating Procedures. This is a non exempt position and reports to the Office Manager. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date: **Until Filled Proposed Start Date:** As Soon As Possible

Home School Coordinator

The Green Bay Area Public School District has an opening for the position of Home/School Coordinator for the title VII Indian Education Program.

This program will work cooperatively with school staff, community agencies and parents to coordinate and facilitate educational and support services for American indian students in the Green Bay Area School District.

Starting wage is \$11.00 hr. Interested and qualified applicants should apply by sending a cover letter and resume by January 5, 2004 to: Green Bay Area School District Human Resources Department Home/School Coordinator P.O.Box 22387 Green Bay, WI 54305

Or for more information call Sue Christensen @ (920) 448-2175

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Office located at 470 Airport Drive, or call 869-1690 or 1-800-684-1697 for an application to be sent to your a home address.

Homes For Sale By **Owner** N7160 Path of the Bear, Oneida

One story home, with 2 car garage, 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. 1,036 Sq. feet of gross living space. Selling price - \$103,500. Home is sold As Is Basis. Purchasers are subject to a residential lease with the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. The land is held in trust for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. For more information contact Jeff or Kelly Mears at 869-5160.

7332 Cooper Road, Oneida

One 1/2 story home, with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. 1,248 Sq. feet of gross living space. Selling price -\$75,000. Home is sold As Is Basis. Purchasers are subject to a residential lease with the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. For

Comprehensive Housing Coordinator **Position #01872**

Salary: Grade 7 \$11.21/Hr. (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.)** Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.** **Position** Summary: This position will develop and coordinate a comprehensive Housing Assistance Program which consolidates requests for all housing services provided by the Oneida Tribe. This is a non exempt position and reports to the Real Estate Services Area Manager. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date: January 2, 2004 Proposed Start Date: March 1, 2004



Position Summary: This position will ensure a safe and secure environment for children

Recka & Joannes In Howard



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2004 DEADLINE/PRINT SCHEDULE

DEADLINE December 31, 2003 January 14 January 28 February 11 February 25 March 10 March 24 April 7 April 21 May 5 May 19 June 2 June 16 June 30 **July 14 July 28** August 11 August 25 September 8 September 22 **October 6** October 20 November 3 November 17 **December 1** December 15

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