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Judge dismisses individual lawsuits in Oneida land claim

By Keith Skenandore

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Sixty lawsuits filed by the Wisconsin Oneidas against individual land owners in Madison and Oneida counties in New York has been dismissed by a federal judge in the Oneida land claim lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Kahn ordered the Wisconsin Oneidas not to file any more lawsuits against landowners.

"The time has come to put an end to the tactics long employed by the Oneida plaintiffs in these land claim

actions that are meant only to scare the local population and delay resolution of the ultimate issues," wrote Kahn, who sits in Albany.

"The tribe's attempt to circumvent (a previous judge's order) by bringing these actions is disingenuous at best," the judge said.

Oneida attorney Arlinda Locklear said Judge Kahn's decision basically means that absent of an appeal or a reversal, land is just not available through the court.

"He as essentially ruled that the private property owners cannot be sued for any

reason by the Oneidas," said Locklear. "To get any relief - either the land itself or money damages - and that would leave the Oneidas with only the money damages remedy against New York State."

"Oneida County Executive Ralph J. Eannace Jr. said, "I hope this decision gets this issue out of the way. Obviously, this makes it very hard for the issue to come up again. And I hope it's a step back to negotiations again ... it's been moving too slowly."

Locklear has made a recommendation in regards to an appeal but the members of the

Oneida Business Committee has not made a formal decision. She was scheduled to meet with the Wisconsin Oneida leaders on Thursday, Sept. 19 or Friday, Sept. 20 in Washington, D.C. Locklear was not at liberty to discuss her recommendation until the business committee has had a change to review it.

Kahn's decision does not affect the main land claim case. Kahn recently gave a mediator more time to try to resolve the case. The case was first filed in 1974.

The 1974 reservation case challenged all of the transac-

tions by which Oneida lost possession of the reservation. Locklear said this case challenges 25 State transactions that affected the reservation. She said this lawsuit is still pending but Judge McNeal McCurn ruled that it has to be restricted to money damages claimed against the State.

The first lawsuit filed in 1970, the test case, challenged the legality of the 1795 transaction, the first of the illegal state treaties affecting the reservation. Final judgement ruled in favor of the Oneidas stating they are in fact Indian tribes, and are in

fact entitled under federal law to assert their claim.

Judge Neal McCurn had the Oneida land claim case before turning it over to Kahn. In September 2000, McCurn ruled that the Indians could not include owners as a group in the Oneida land claim.

The Wisconsin tribe, however, argued that McCurn's ruling did not bar them from suing landowners individually and earlier this year it brought suits against 60 property owners in Madison and

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Final seat on ONCOA board still remains tied

By Keith Skenandore

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A special run-off election to break the tie between the two candidates for the remaining seat on the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging board was cancelled due to the Milwaukee polling site cancellation.

A communication sent by the former chair of the election committee, Leyne Orosco, cited the Milwaukee polling site closing on Sept. 6, a day prior to the election. The decision to close the Milwaukee polling site was due to a lack of election committee members availability to work the polls.

Members of the Oneida Business Committee viewed the closing as an emergency situation and felt it warranted the cancellation of the special run-off election.

Attorney James Bittorf said when the business committee first chose the Sept. 7 date for the election, their original motion determined that both polling sites were to be utilized.

"They wanted to replicate the conditions that resulted in the tie," said Bittorf. "They wanted to maximize voter participation."

Dorothy Skenandore, newly elected chair of the election committee, said they haven't received anything official as to why the election was cancelled.

"Under the election law," said Skenandore, "the only people who can call off an election is the election board." She questioned if there was a quorum of the business committee to cancel the election.

Bittorf said the election law does reference that the election board has the authority to cancel an election, but that it "doesn't reference to the closing of a polling site."

In a legal review issued by the Oneida Law Office it stated that "the Oneida Business Committee specifically determined that polling should take place in both Oneida and Milwaukee (BC meeting minutes of July 24). The Election Board does not have the authority to close a polling site, or to refuse to open a polling site, once the Oneida Business Committee determines that a polling site should be established in a particular geographic area."

It further stated, "The appropriate course of action for the Election Board to take in this instance would have been to reschedule the election. In this regard, the law provides that, '(i) in the event of an emergency, the Election Board may reschedule the election, provided that no less than 24 hours notice of the rescheduled election date is given to the voters.'"

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Remembering Sept. 11



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Don Webster Jr., top left, plays taps as the Oneida Veterans salute the flag in memory of those who gave their lives on September 11.

By Yvonne Kaquatosh

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At the one year anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, communities throughout the nation commemorated the occasion with prayers and moments of silence for those who perished at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and in Pennsylvania.

Those left behind who have endured the loss of a loved one, were also remembered in prayer.

The one year anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy did not go unnoticed in Oneida.

On September 11 several dignitaries in the Oneida community gathered on the front lawn at Norbert Hill to not only honor those who

lost their lives last year at this time but to also keep in mind how precious life is.

"It was a tremendous thing just to see these things on television. And to know that everywhere around the country, we were all praying together for what was taking

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Owner pulling out of disputed mine project, official says

CRANDON, Wis. (AP) - A multinational company is pulling out of a project to build an underground zinc and copper mine near Crandon, but the effort to obtain state permits for the mine will continue, a local official of the venture says.

BHP Billiton, based in Melbourne, Australia, will close its local office and sell the mine project to pursue more profitable ventures, the Green Bay Press-Gazette said in Tuesday's editions.

"There are just bigger fish to fry around the world where they don't have to put up with this kind of hassle," Dale Alberts, president of Nicolet Minerals Ltd. of Crandon, told the newspaper Monday. "That's the bottom line."

The project has been fought by environmentalists for years, and Billiton is the latest of several owners that have sought to win state approval to mine the estimated 55 million tons of ore from the site near Crandon.

Opponents contend the mine would pose a pollution threat to the environment, including the headwaters of the Wolf River. Backers of the project say it would be safe and would provide needed jobs for the region.

Gov. Scott McCallum announced last Friday that the state wouldn't buy the 5,000-acre mine property as proposed by environmental and tribal groups, in effect buying

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Questions answered at Washington Hotel investment meet-



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Janice Hirth, standing, provides information regarding the Washington Hotel investment project at a Sept. 10 community meeting.

By Keith Skenandore

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Two community meetings were held to inform the membership about the economic tribal coalition, Four Fires, LLC, and their investment in a Washington, D.C. hotel project.

Tribal members in Milwaukee and Oneida asked questions and got the answers (see Q&A on Page 3) regarding the investment and the tribe's financial commitment

of \$3.5 million to the project.

On Sept. 10 at the meeting in Oneida, Janice Hirth, interim general manager and lead project coordinator, provided a summary of the project with a slide presentation. Assisting Hirth in the presentation were Brandon Cooper, Oneida project manager, and James Bittorf, interim chief counsel.

The proposed 13-story
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place,” said Pastor Matthew Cornelius as he shared his own experience on that dreadful day prior to providing the invocation.

With that, he began a prayer, as a “stand in unity as Americans” and prayed for the nation as a whole and honored those innocent people whose lives were taken one year ago on September

11.

Members of the Oneida AmVets, Oneida VFW, Oneida Chapter, WIVA, and the Oneida Veterans Coalition presented the colors before the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Robert Christjohn.

With the Business Committee members standing by her side, Tina Danforth, Chairperson of the Oneida

Nation, addressed the community.

Danforth acknowledged those in public service, the police, the fireman, and EMT’s as well as the educators as she explained, “the things that have happened to us on 9/11 will impact this generation and many generations to come. It is a time in our history that we want our

young people to remember what freedom means.”

Danforth said it’s a time to reflect for native people as well.

“We have gone through many tragedies historically, although many of our men have fought side by side, we’ve also fought against the Government but we fought because we loved this Island, this Turtle Island, our mother. We will continue to do that because that is part of our responsibility as caretakers of the land.”

She also acknowledged the many Veterans that have served in the community. The list included: 75 WWII veterans that are still alive, 52 Korean war veterans, 225 Vietnam veterans, 48 Persian Gulf veterans, 200 peace time and other veterans. A total of about 600 veterans that are living that have served from the Oneida community.

In closing, she said, “What’s more important is that we learn to live with

peace. We have to have peace. This should be a day of peace, not only a day of remembrance, a day of honoring, but a day of peace.”

A gun salute was performed and was followed by Taps by Donald Webster, Jr.

Gordon McLester provided the benediction, and in part said, “Work to keep peace and freedom for everyone, everywhere. We the people, we the nations, we’re all on the same wheel, on the same circle, we’re like spokes. We come from different directions, thoughts, feelings, beliefs, but we all point in one direction.”

Flags were at half mast throughout the day and the Oneida Nation Museum kept a fire to offer prayers for the innocent victims and their families. Tsi>Niyukwalih%< ~ “This Is Our Way” was the message conveyed. Community members were invited to stop by to take a moment to honor their memo-

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ONCOA tie

The law office recommendation in their review was to reschedule as required by resolution and motion of the OBC, and that at least 24 hours notice of the new special runoff election date must be provided to the voters.

Skenandore said the election committee made the decision to cancel the Milwaukee polling site but not the site in Oneida. Now she says the election committee has to determine a new date for the election and “make sure both polling sites will happen.”

She said there will be reinstatement of old committee members to assist in holding both polling sites.

A decision to go back to a coin toss, which was previously attempted four times, cannot happen, according to Skenandore. She said once there is a decision for a spe-

Photo by Keith Skenandore

Oneida Nation Chairwoman Tina Danforth, at podium, addresses members of the Oneida community, Oneida Veterans, and fellow council members during the September 11 Day of Remembrance ceremony.

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Oneida counties.

Tribal officials said they had no choice because negotiations between the Oneida Indian Nation of New York and the state threatened to prevent the Wisconsin tribe from acquiring any of its ancestral homelands.

Under a tentative accord announced in February, the state and federal government would pay \$500 million in exchange for the Oneidas dropping their 200-year-old claim to 250,000 acres of ancestral land in Oneida and Madison counties.

The money would be split among Oneida tribes in New York, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada. Additionally, the New York Oneidas would be permitted to purchase up to 35,000 acres but the other two tribes did not receive any land.

All 60 lawsuits were filed in opposition of the proposed settlement agreement between New York Oneida Representative Ray Halbritter and Gov. George Pataki. The Wisconsin Oneidas claimed there was no participation by them or the Oneida of the Thames in Canada when this agreement was reached.

Kahn ruled, however, that the Wisconsin tribe could not pursue the lawsuits alone because all three tribes of Oneidas claim the same land.

Locklear said this ruling means even if the Wisconsin Oneidas had a claim against the private defendants they would need the other two Oneida communities to assert it.

“We think the judge is wrong,” said Locklear.

She said Kahn cited cases that said were tribes have competing claims they all have to be in court at the same time to assert it.

“We don’t believe we have a

competing claim,” said Locklear. “We believe that the claim is a common one and that all the Oneidas - all three plaintiffs - have always acknowledged each others right to participate in it, so that we can, because of that, adequately represent the interests of the other Oneida communities since our interests in so far as the claim is concerned are the same.

“If the tribe appeals obviously that will be another issue that we’ll address before the Court of Appeals.”

As for mediation, an order entered by Kahn in August extended the mediation until Dec. 1. Locklear said mediation was put on a temporary hold until the Department of Interior under the Bush administration could assign a policy person who could speak with authority on the department’s behalf.

“A number of the issues that are in mediation involve the participation of the United States,” said Locklear.

“Without a policy person who could bind the Department of Interior it was very difficult for us to make any progress at all.”

Locklear said it is an unfortunate delay, and in all fairness, she says it’s not just the fault of the United States, but the State of New York as well.

“The person the Department wanted to appoint required the consent of the State of New York because that person is from New York State.”

She said the Department of Justice came out with an opinion stating there needed to be a waiver of any conflict on New York State’s part and that it took some time to get that paper work done.

She said just this past week the department did appoint a policy person “who is now engaged and we believe that the pace and the progress in the mediation will pick up fairly dramatically now.”

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

BUSINESS UNIT INFORMATIONAL MEETING
PARISH HALL

Monday, September 30, 2002

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- FY2002 Audit Update
- Seven Generations Corporation Update
- Human Resource Department Update
- MIS - Printer Rollout Standards
- Treasurer’s Report for August 2002
- Lambeau Field Update
- Health Center Construction
- Retail - Point of Sale Update

Please come and receive an update about some of the projects the Oneida Tribe is working on!

Time has been set aside within this meeting to encourage departments or areas to share any additional announcements. If there are any questions/suggestions about or for this meeting, please address them to Lee Thomas at 490-3537 at Central Accounting. Thank you.

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From Page 1/Washington Hotel investment meeting informs community of project

Residence Inn by Marriott will house 233 suites, meeting space, breakfast and evening reception area, indoor pool, fitness center, gift shop, two-level of underground parking.

“This is yet another opportunity we have to invest in a low-risk project,” said Hirth.

Low risk meaning that Oneida, along with the Forest County Potawatomi Community, and two California tribes, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and Viejas Band of Kumeyaay, have each invested \$3.5 million. These four tribes make up Four Fires, LLC.

“This \$3.5 million investment is for a project that would cost \$43 million,” said Hirth.

One of main concerns by those in attendance was the

communication of the project to the membership and why it didn’t come before General Tribal Council.

“I don’t understand why all this planning wasn’t shared with GTC?” asked Mary Edna Greendeer.

Chairwoman Tina Danforth said a GTC meeting was held on July 27 but there was no quorum.

“The project became of fruition very quickly,” she said. “The window of opportunity was the end of July.”

Danforth said if the Oneida Tribe didn’t react quickly the other three tribes were willing to buy out their share of the investment.

“We thought we would be the first (tribe on board) but we were the last,” she said.

Hirth said the secrecy

behind the investment was “so the word would not get spread out too soon and so no one else could jump on the bandwagon or have the project get side railed.”

Noreen Smith asked why the tribes are investing the most and getting the least.

“Why do we always negotiate like that,” asked Smith.

Bittorf said that The Donohoe Companies, Inc. is the project manager and that they are being assigned an interest for their management.

Smith asked if an experienced person from one of the four nations could have come in to manage the project.

“We were asked to come in as investors,” replied Hirth.

Linn Cornelius asked who is running Four Fires, LLC and how do they operate.

Hirth responded that each tribe has a representative on the board of managers and that she is Oneida’s representative.

Board operation of Four Fires comes out of the \$500,000 that each tribe invested and that decisions by the board requires a majority vote, and that some decisions require a super majority or a unanimous vote.

After two and a half hours of discussion, most tribal members walked away satisfied and agreed this investment is a worthwhile one.

“I understand the long range commitment and that today is the first time I saw due diligence,” said Gary Metoxen before he left the meeting.

Commonly asked questions regarding investment project

Submitted by Lisa Summers

Two meetings were held to provide information to the community regarding the Marriott Hotel Project-Investment. Collectively, a total of 73 attendees from the Sept. 5 S.E.O.T.S and the Sept. 10 Parish Hall meetings, participated in a formal presentation on the project and then a question and answer series.

We have attempted to compile and answer the six most commonly asked questions about the project.

Q: There was a total of \$3.5 million dollars invested into this project, but only \$3 million is being directly used. Where is the other \$500,000 dollars and what is it being used for?

A: At the outset of this project, it was projected that each Tribe would need to invest \$3.5 million in the tribal partnership, Four Fires LLC, and each Tribe authorized investment at this level. As the project documents were finalized, the level of investment for each Tribe was set at \$3.1 million, resulting in a total capitalization of \$12.4 million. \$12 million of this amount was directly invested in the project partnership, Southwest Capitol Associates LLC. The remaining \$400,000 is being used to pay the legal fees, accounting fees, banking fees, and other expenses of Four Fires LLC. The Oneida Tribe drew the \$3.1 million investment in Four Fires LLC from the venture fund for Fiscal Year 2002. The Tribe also set aside \$400,000 from the venture fund for Fiscal Year 2002 to meet any additional investment requirements which may be necessitated by cost overruns in the construction phase of the project, and to pay travel expenses for the Tribe’s manager of Four Fires LLC.

Q: Where is the Hotel being built?

A: The Marriott Hotel - Residence Inn will be located at 300 Block of E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. The project is 1 block away from the Federal Center SW Metro Station, 2 blocks from the L’Enfant Plaza Metro Station, 3 blocks from the National Museum of the American Indian (scheduled to open in 2004) and 4 blocks away from the U.S. Capitol and National Air & Space Museum.

Q: Why does Oneida, or any of the other tribes only have a 46.829% ownership

and the others have a 53.171% ownership; why are we settling for less?

A: The Tribes, through Four Fires LLC, have a joint ownership interest of approximately 46.829% in the project partnership, Southwest Capitol Associates LLC. This is less than the Tribes’ percentage investment, as compared to the total investment in Southwest Capitol Associates LLC by all of the partners, because one of the partners in Southwest Capitol Associates LLC, the Donohoe Companies, is being credited with an ownership interest in exchange for managing the development, construction, and operation of the hotel.

Q: Will there be insurance for the hotel?

A: The Donohoe Companies, as the managing partner of Southwest Capitol Associates LLC, will be responsible for purchasing insurance for the hotel. This will include property, liability, and terrorism insurance. The cost of insurance is including in the budget for operating expenses for the project.

Q: Will the land for the hotel be taken into trust?

A: The land for the hotel will be owned by Southwest Capitol Associates LLC, which includes both tribal and non-tribal partners. The land cannot be taken into trust for the Tribe unless it is owned solely by the Tribe.

Q: What are the options with regard to the GTC petition to rescind the Tribe’s investment in Four Fires LLC?

A: Under the Four Fires LLC operating agreement, the Tribe’s options are limited. The Tribe could sell its interest to the other Tribes involved in Four Fires LLC. The sales price would have to be negotiated, and the Tribe would be in a relatively weak bargaining position. It is therefore unlikely that the Tribe would receive all of its money back. This option would also reflect negatively on the Tribe and may negatively impact the Tribe’s ability to enter into future business deals.

As the facilitator, I would like to thank all of those who attended the community meetings regarding the Marriott Hotel Project-Investment. As stated in the both meetings, feedback is on how the meetings went is welcome. If you should have any further questions, please call me at 869-4478 or via email: lsum-

Passing On

Marker, Arlyss C.

Arlyss C. Marker, 71, of Buchanan, Mich., went home to the Lord on Monday, July 29, in Lakeland Hospital, Niles, Mich.

Mrs. Marker was born on September 9, 1930, in Green Bay to George and Vivian Schlieve. She was preceded in death by her parents; two spouses, Vernon W. Cornelius and Elmer L. Marker; and two brothers, Alfred and Ervin Schlieve.

Arlyss moved to Buchanan in 1959 from Green Bay, where she served her family as a homemaker and loving mother. She was an active member of the Portage road General Baptist Church where she loved to play the piano and sing. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Arlyss is survived by five sons; Ronald (Linda) Cornelius of Buchanan, Mich., and their six children, Christy (Roger) Ruth, Cassandra (Robert) Hickok, Michael, Jennifer, Gabriel and Jonathon and two grandchildren, Justin Ruth and Abigail Hickok; Isaiah (Diana) Cornelius of Niles, Mich., and their two children; Dustin and Jessica; Lee (Tresa) Marker of Buchanan, Mich., and their two sons, Christopher and Lee, and one grandson Zachary Combs; Al Marker of Buchanan, Mich., and his three children Chenai, Lynsey and Brandon; Robert (Shelly) Marker of

Galien, Mich., and their two daughters Alyssa and Victoria. She is also survived by two daughters, Carla (Steve) May of Buchanan, Mich., and their two children, Rashawnda (Scott) Owen and Joshua and three grandchildren, Rhonda, Michaela and Tyler; and Vivian Hanson of Rocky Mount, N.C., and her three children, Eric (Jenny) Hanson, Jeremy and Andrew, and two grandchildren, Lexi and Chase.

Metoxen, Dianna K. “Dana”

Dianna K. “Dana” Metoxen, 55 of Oneida died Sunday, September 15, 2002 at her home following a lengthy illness. Dana was born May 10, 1947 in Green Bay, the daughter of Lester W. and Patricia (Metoxen) Harms Sr.

Survivors include three daughters Dawn (David) Mauer, Arizona; Loucinda Conway, Oneida and Kim Appel, Seymour; eight grandchildren; her mother, Patricia Harms, Oneida; brother and sisters, Joan (Tom) Boruque, Milwaukee; Lester W. Harms Jr., Oneida; Sandra (Gene) Wonders, Sheboygan and Patricia A. Harris, Oneida; special friend, Quentin Johnsen, Green Bay; nieces and nephews, friends and relatives.

Dana was preceded in death by her father and one daughter Tana.

In Loving Memory of
Mae Charles
11/16/37-9/21/99
With Mother & Grandmother

We'll Never Say Goodbye
I cannot see you with my eyes
Or hear you with my ears,
But thoughts of you are with me still
And often dry my tears.

You whisper in the rustling leaves
That linger in the fall
And in the gentle evening breeze,
I'm sure I hear you call.

A part of you remains with me
That none can take away.
It gives me strength to carry on
At dawning of new day.

I think of happy times we shared
And then I sadly sigh.
But this I know - we'll meet again
And never say good-bye.

Author: Larry Burdell
Gently entered by Family, Children and Grandchildren

John Powless Sr.
who died a year ago September 12, 2001

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Teasing and smiling that was your way
You expressed your love to us everyday
Sonny boy, Joe beans, Oliwaks,
Barney rubble, Queenie, and
Jose
Are the names of just a
few
Names that were given
lovingly by you
“You don’t know beans,”
you’d say
and shake your fist and
smile
Your baseball cap, plaid shirt,
and overalls
Dad we miss your style
With the warmth of Gods love and spirit
Our hearts begin to heal
Sometimes I whisper “I love you dad”
And I know that you can hear
It helps to get through that painful moment
Of thinking that you’re gone
But we must remember...
Your spirit is always near
Within the hearts of all of us
Or in our dreams when you appear
We tell your stories to our children
We tell of your great love
You were a man, with a great big heart
A father we are so proud of
Always putting others first
That was your gentle way
We know that we are blessed
We’re just sad you could not stay
You worked real hard through out this life
That was your natural way
On that bridge made out of stars
That bridge made only for the best
From this world you walked away
To Creators land, to rest

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Join us for the...
“Strengthening Families”
Memory Walk
in honor of the late Roberta J. Kinzhuma
Elderly Services Director

October is National Domestic Violence Month. We want to prevent continued abuse in our families, homes, and bring an awareness of Domestic Violence by promoting safety for our elders, youth and children.

Saturday, October 5, 2002
Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Oneida Police Dept.
WALK ROUTE: 1.5 miles from Oneida Police Station to Florist Drive to Overland to Oneida Elderly Services building at conclusion of walk, a tree planting ceremony and honoring family members of Roberta Kinzhuma will be conducted.
Refreshments available, day long activities on Elderly Services grounds at conclusion of walk, speakers, booths, free t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags given away at event.

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My Husband, Our Dad
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our hearts are sore,
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Your loving smile, your gentle face,
no one can ever fill your vacant place.
My Husband, Our Dad
We will always cherish the memories we had with you for a lifetime.
Happy Birthday My Husband, Our Dad!
Loving you forever, We miss you so, so very much.

Mom, Marianne, Boyd & Sally, Clark,
Monica, Terry, Gerald, Dean & Your Grandchildren

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News Around Indian Country

Construction to begin on Indian casino

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) - Construction of a \$100 million gambling casino at the convention center here should begin in mid-September, a month after Gov. George Pataki signed a compact authorizing the Seneca Indian Nation to run casinos in Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

"This will be a facility built to receive the public in an appropriate way, and we want some "Wow's!" coming in the door," said Mickey Brown, head of the Seneca gaming corporation.

Brown said he expects work to begin the week of Sept. 16.

The plans call for 2,600 slot machines and 80 gaming tables, with light entertainment such as a piano bar or musical trio at the center, accommodating 3,500 to 4,000 gamblers at one time, Brown said.

The gaming floor, buffet and lounge could be open by New Year's Eve, Brown said. Other parts of the casino - high-limit area, gourmet restaurants, a nonsmoking area - would follow.

In May, the Senecas approved a referendum for the tribal nation to run casinos in Niagara Falls and Buffalo. The compact Pataki signed in August detailed the operation of the gambling halls, including the labor agreement between the Senecas and casino employees.

Navajo Nation declares state of emergency

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) - A state of emergency was declared for the Navajo Nation after heavy rain washed through communities, flooding homes, schools and hospitals.

Tuba City residents took advantage of a reprieve from the rains Thursday, Sept. 12, to begin clean-up efforts one day after Navajo Nation President Kelsey Begaye declared the state of emergency and appealed for help.

Water levels also surged in Chinle, washing out foundations beneath homes. And in Shiprock, N.M., the San Juan River was swiftly rising.

The Navajo Nation last declared a state of emergency March 26 when the president asked for help during the drought.

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Elderly Rate for Holding & Septic: \$40
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NW tribe's healing pole raised in New York state



AP Photo/The (Tacoma, Wash.) News Tribune, Drew Perine

Lummi Nation members and friends and family of September 11 terrorist attack victims gather to reflect around the Healing Pole, a 13-foot monument carved and painted by members of Washington state's Lummi Indian tribe.

STERLING FOREST STATE PARK, N.Y. (AP) - The Healing Pole, a 13-foot monument carved and painted by members of Washington state's Lummi Indian tribe, traveled three weeks and more than 4,000 miles to be placed here over the weekend - a gift to those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11.

Several relatives of those who died in the terrorist attacks witnessed the ceremony on the banks of Arrow Lake.

"This may be the moment that will get you through the rest of your life," Jewell James, master carver for the project, said as the pole was dedicated Saturday. "We don't know when a good word is going to pick us up and pack us the rest of the way."

The pole was carved from a 140-year-old western red cedar. Its 13-foot length represents the 13 original colonies, while the black, red, white and yellow paints symbolize different races.

"The totem pole is magnificent," said Theresa Mullan, whose firefighter son Michael died at the World Trade Center. "The spirit of this pole is so special for me. It was such a beautiful gesture for them to do this."

A bald eagle at the top of the pole represents fathers who died Sept. 11. Below, a female bear folds her arms around a cub, representing mothers who died and the children left behind.

The images face west, toward the Lummi reservation. In Washington state, two "watcher" poles face east to return the gaze.

The pole's 15-state journey to this park an hour north of Manhattan began Aug. 22, at the Lummi Reservation on Puget Sound.

James and two other carvers and their families, plus a handful of tribal dignitaries, trucked the cedar pole east. Along the way, they stopped at Indian reservations, gas stations, truck stops and diners - asking for

prayers to help repair the country and those who lost family and friends in the attacks.

Last week, they detoured to Pennsylvania to visit the crash site of Flight 93, one of four planes commandeered by hijackers on Sept. 11.

Before they reached their destination, 15 Indian tribes had offered traditional blessings in song, sage and tobacco. People walked up to the pole, to touch it and pray.

Among those on hand for the dedication was Joyce Boland of Ringwood, N.J., whose son, Vincent, died in the World Trade Center, where he had started a new job in July. She read about the pole and drove to the park with a friend. Once there, they followed the sound of a prayer flute.

"It was a funny feeling, a sacred feeling, like you were being drawn here," Boland said. "Like the pole and the music were drawing us here."

Many others were already at the site. For years, the former resort at Arrow Lake has sheltered bereaved children, offering grief counseling, comfort and peace. This year, it has welcomed those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11.

On Friday, the carvers and a half-dozen construction workers stood the pole for the first time.

James drew a circle on a cement base for the pole with red dirt. He drew a cross in the middle to represent the four directions: east, west, south, north. His brother Doug piled dried sage and tobacco, eagle feathers and photos into the middle of the circle.

On Saturday, the Lummi carvers and Bruce Two Dogs Bozsum, a Mohegan Indian from Connecticut, surrounded the base of the Healing Pole with white pine branches and burned sage to prepare the site. Families of Sept. 11 victims planted white pine saplings. White pine is the East Coast's spiritual equivalent of the cedar in the Northwest.



What's Happening!

ONEIDA FARMER'S MARKET

Will run through September and into October.

LOCATION: Across from Tower Foods
7372 Water Circle Place

TIME: Wednesdays, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
If you are interested in selling your produce at the market, or have questions, please contact Jen Falck at 920-497-5812 or jfalck@oneidanation.org

September - June

040 Meetings every Saturday
All are Welcome.

TIME: Noon - 1:00 pm
WHERE: 2488 Babcock
(Corner of 172 & Babcock)

September 23, 2002

Rescheduled FY 2003 Budget GTC Meeting

TIME: 6:00 pm
WHERE: NHC/BC Conference Room
Please bring tribal identification and information packet to meeting.

NOTE: If there is no quorum, a special BC Meeting will be held **September 25, 2002 at 5:00 pm** in the BC Conference Room.

Wednesday ~ September 25, 2002

Kalilhwisaks Deadline for October 3rd issue.

Wednesday ~ September 25, 2002

1st Annual Tower Foods Co-op Membership Meeting

6:00 pm-8:00 pm
WHO: All Tower Foods Co-op Members and their immediate family.

LOCATION: Tower Foods Grocery Store in the Oneida Business Park, Oneida, WI

For further information contact Bill Ver Voort at (920) 869-4530 or Carl Lorange at 869-1969.

October 1, 2002

Attention Oneida Utility Customers Effective October 1

Septic Pump Charges

Holding Tanks: \$60
Septic Tanks: \$60 plus \$15 per thousand gallons removed.
Sludge: \$25 per thousand gallons removed.

Grease Traps: \$45 per thousand gallons removed

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Tuesday ~ October 1, 2002

Regular season tickets on sale for the Oneida Concerts: Night Sun Series in the Walter Theatre, DePere, WI.

Tickets: \$36 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens & students with ID. Purchase tickets on-line at www.ticketweb.com

Tuesday ~ October 1, 2002

Tor Adkins, Psychotherapist
Oneida Mental Health, Social Services Dept., will speak about Suicide Prevention at the Oneida Police Department Conference Room from 5:00 to 6:30pm. If someone you love or know

is contemplating or has committed suicide or you have an interest in the topic, please attend.

Friday ~ October 4, 2002

The Annual Oneida Sportsmen Banquet at the Doxbee's Supper Club on Cty. Rd. C in Seymour, WI.

Tickets \$35.00 includes yearly membership dues.

FMI: Jim Green (920) 833-7786; or Ike Jordan (920) 869-2462.

Sat. & Sun. ~ October 5 & 6, 2002

Domestic Violence Awareness Week Event

Saturday, Oct. 5, 9:00 am, "Strengthening Families" Memory Walk (1.5 miles) in honor of the late Roberta J. Kinzhuma. Saturday, 8:30am, various events and activities throughout the day until 3:00pm

Sunday, Oct. 6, is a Scavenger Hunt, Family activities, games, etc. Fun for the whole family, from 11:00am to 3:00pm
Contact person: Susan Reiter @ (920) 490-3822

Wednesday ~ October 9, 2002

Kalilhwisaks Deadline for October 17th issue.

Saturday ~ October 12, 2002

Holy Apostles Fall Harvest Dinner

From Noon to 6 pm at Parish Hall, 2937 Freedom Rd., Oneida. \$7.00 per plate. For more info, please call the Church office at 869-2565.

Tuesday ~ October 22, 2002

Tor Adkins, Psychotherapist
Oneida Mental Health, Social Services Dept.

Everything You Want To Know About Sex Offenders

Community Parish Hall from 5-6:30pm
Tor is a certified Sex Offender Therapist and has been working with the population since 1995.

Saturday ~ October 26, 2002

Paragon Reunion

Open to anyone whomever worked at Paragon Electric Company.
Club BilMar, 3627 Hwy CR, Manitowoc, WI 54220.

For tickets or more information, call Pat 732-3200 or Mary Jo 683-2291.

Thursday ~ November 7, 2002

Pop-Rock artist, **Jana**, opens the Oneida Concerts: Night Sun Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

General Seating. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with ID. Box Office (920) 403-3950.

Thursday ~ January 9, 2003

Blues & Rock musician, **Star Naye**, performs in the Oneida Concerts: Night Sun Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

General Seating. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with ID. Box Office (920) 403-3950.

Thursday ~ February 6, 2003

Country singer, **Lorrie Church**, performs in the Oneida Concerts: Night Sun Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

General Seating. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with ID. Box Office (920) 403-3950.

Thursday ~ March 13, 2003

Modern Dance Troupe, **Rosy Simas & Company**, performs in the Oneida Concerts: Night Sun Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

General Seating. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with ID. Box Office (920) 403-3950.

Legislative Review

Chairwoman's Corner

Diversification and land claim

The transition of the new Business Committee has been a time of great adjustment. With five new members, the past six weeks in office were spent updating the Business Committee on the current state of the Nation. This was an overwhelming task, and I fully appreciate the work involved in the preparation for this and the patience that has been displayed during this transition period.

The Oneida Tribe has always strived for diversifying the economy. In a time when many Tribes, including our own, have profited from the gaming industry, we realize we still need to seek other viable and profitable economic ventures. Therefore, the newly elected Business Committee has supported the Marriott Hotel project. I believe this is a great investment for our Nation. There are four tribes which have committed equity funds to this project to become a partner of the Coalition. Each tribe has put forth \$3.5 million and have created Four Fires LLC (Limited Liability Company) giving us a combined total of 58.54% owner-

ship. The remaining equity will be contributed from other Washington investors. For your information, the following is a brief description of the other three tribes of Four Fires LLC:

Forest County Potawatomi - is one of the 11 tribes located in Wisconsin. They have 12,000 acres of checkerboard land in Forest County w/ a casino in Milwaukee. They were once landless due to treaties, but the tribe has lived here since they purchased the land in 1913. The enrollment of the Forest County Potawatomi is approximately 685. San Manuel Band of Mission Indians of California - are of the Native American tribe known as "Serrano," a name given to them by the Spaniards which means "mountaineer." Their ancestors roamed a territory that spanned the San Bernardino Mountains and valley and adjoining desert lands in California. The 740-acre reservation, established in 1891, is named after Santos Manuel, a great tribal leader and is located in the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains. Only 60 acres of this land is

buildable land as the rest is so mountainous. They are recognized as a sovereign nation and have approximately 187 tribal members.

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians of California - The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay is one of approximately 12 bands of the Kumeyaay Indian Nation. The Kumeyaay greeted the Spaniards when they first sailed into San Diego harbor with the Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo expedition of 1542. They have approximately 281 members living on a 1,600-acre reservation in the Viejas Valley, east of Alpine, San Diego County, California. The Viejas Band is federally recognized and is a sovereign government as well.

The hotel will be built on newly acquired land and will be a first-class, 13-story, 233-suite Residence Inn by Marriot. It will be located in



Chairwoman Tina Danforth

Washington, D.C., three blocks from the United States Capitol and Smithsonian's National Museum of American Indian opening in 2004.

This is a great opportunity for tribes to compete in a financial industry to generate revenue while helping other commercial and community economies grow. When all is said and done, it is these types of initiatives that make the drive for a bigger per capita payment more possible. I do support a per capita payment but one that allows for the economic structure to be maintained and provides for future revenue generating initiatives beyond gaming. It takes money to make money; and I, along with my support staff and administration, will continue to try and find a balance that accommodates both.

To speak on another pressing issue which our Nation has been faced with for a

great number of years - the Land Claims. Although we continue to make progress on the land claim, the going is hard. Judge Kahn last week dismissed our suits against individual property owners in the claim area. It is clear, however, that the decision far exceeds the intent of the previous judge. We are currently reviewing the details in consideration of filing an appeal. Our target is early October to file. As you know, we have only this option and that of a successful negotiation to include any of our land as part of the settlement. We will continue to pursue this initiative on your behalf.

On September 13th we met with the Secretary of the Interior's Counsel who will be representing the Director of the BIA in our negotiations. Michael Rosetti received confirmation of the post on Thursday afternoon, and we met with him on Friday morning. His interest is to engage creative approaches and to move the process forward. We are encouraged and hopeful.

The mediation process has been extended until December 1st. We will be extremely engaged during this period and committed to

moving the process as productively as possible. This mediation offers the best hope for all the Oneida to realize a settlement better than we can hope to achieve through the courts. We ask for your prayers and encouragement as we bring your message forward.

You will soon be receiving information regarding a General Tribal Council meeting to be held on October 12th. At that meeting the negotiating team will provide more detail on our specific initiatives to achieve an acceptable closure to the claim. We will also be asking for your endorsement on the work to date including development options. Please make every effort to attend.

In closing, I can honestly admit these past few weeks during this transition period have been challenging. With a new Business Committee on board, it seems a change is in the air. With new members comes new ideas. We must keep in mind that change is a necessary aspect of life. With the continued support of our members, I am looking forward to this term in office as tribal Chair as I see great things for this Nation.

Treasurer's Report

Seku Oneida Nation

The time has been passing by so fast that it is difficult to believe that I have been in office for the past six (6) weeks and there is so much to get accomplished!

The FY '03 budget will be brought back to General Tribal Council for approval on September 23, 2002, due to no quorum at the last meeting held on August 24, 2002. Please note that if there is no quorum for the rescheduled meeting, the Business Committee will take action at a special meeting scheduled by the Tribal Secretary's office.

There were two community meetings held for the D.C. hotel project investment. The Oneida Community meeting September 10, was well attended, however I was unable to attend the Milwaukee presentation on September 5, 2002. The presentation Oneida went well with very good comments and questions. If you were unable to attend and have questions, please feel free to contact Janice Hirth, at Little Bear Development Center at 869-1600.

The Committee recently assigned liaison duties on a temporary status. The Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) is current-



Treasurer Mercie Danforth

ly reviewing the liaison areas and will be bringing recommendations back to the full Committee.

Because I have been attending numerous meetings in an attempt to acclimate myself with the many programs, entities throughout our Tribe, most of my free time is spent gaining more knowledge of my duties and responsibilities, and finding out who's who, and who does what. These first few weeks has been a major learning and listening period for this office.

With this, once again, please feel free to contact any one of our Committee members if you have questions, comments or concerns, by calling (920) 869-4364, or contact us by mail, at Oneida Business Committee, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155-0365.

BC Briefing...

Issues in the forefront

Sakoli:

I would like to take this time to thank the people for their support of the newly elected Business Committee. I am honored to work for the Oneida Nation along side the other newly elected officials and with the organization as a whole.

Six weeks has already passed, and it feels like we have just come on board. As we learn and organize our individual responsibilities some of the issues that are in the forefront of the Business Committee's attention are Land Claims, Gaming Compact, and Legislative Restructure. Considerable time is also paid to the Investment of the Four Fires LLC, and the FY'03 Budget.

Priority is set on land claims and gaming compact due to the direct impact they

have on our Nation's sovereignty as well as our financial stability. Also, they each carry specific timelines that we must adhere to.

New York Land Claims/New York Development Project:

The Business Committee recently appointed a new Land Claims Negotiations team. They are: Chairwoman Cristina Danforth, Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Councilman Curtis Danforth, General Manager Bill Gollnick, and Land Claims Commission Chairwoman Loretta V. Metoxen. The negotiators are preparing to present an update regarding the Land



Councilwoman Trish King

Claims and the New York Development project at a General Tribal Council Meeting scheduled for October 12, 2002, 10:00 a.m. in the Business Committee Conference Room. Due to the confidentiality surrounding the legal strategies of the Land Claims and the proprietary information of the development project, limited information will be mailed with the notice of the meeting to the membership.

Gaming Compact Renewal: Oneida's Compact comes up for renewal in February, 2003. Here too we are protective of confidentiality surrounding our

strategies for negotiations. Currently we are in the process of assigning a Negotiations Team.

Legislative Restructure: The Legislative Operating Committee (LOC), is comprised of the five OBC Council Members. LOC has developed a recommendation to restructure the Legislative process. The draft recommendation suggests separation of powers of the Legislative Branch and an Executive Branch. The details are not yet complete. However we are targeting a final recommendation for approval on the 10/01/02 OBC Regular meeting.

Investment in Four Fires L.L.C.: We continue to look towards enhancing our economic portfolio. Through the Radisson Inn, we have proven our ability to

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A gathering of relatives

Sekoli,

Greetings to all Oneida Nation citizens, community members and Oneida employees. I hope this legislative review finds everyone in good mind, body and spirit. I would like to utilize this review to inform all citizens and community members of an event that will occur Friday, September 27 through Tuesday, October 1. During this time, a number of our relatives from Canada and New York will converge upon Oneida, Wisconsin for a gathering of Oneida Peoples. The purpose of the gathering is to share ideas around improved communication and relationship between our three communities.

Over the past weekend, I

traveled to Oneida, Canada with Land Claim Commissioners Loretta Metoxen, Charlene Cornelius, Hugh Danforth and the Land Claim office coordinator, Jennifer Stevens. On Saturday,

September 14, we met at the Administration office with five of the Oneida Land Rights Committee members from Southwold. The planning session included topics that we deemed important to present and discuss at the Oneida Gathering. Some of these topics include; language; history of the Oneida's - starting with the



Councilman Paul Ninham

creation story; traditional games; an exchange program; traditional foods, social dances; pen pals; reservation tours; genealogy; land claims; and discussion around relationship and communication.

I would like to personally invite ALL ONEIDA PEOPLE to attend this historic and very much needed gathering. I feel that the outcome of this event will lead to positive change in the attitude and manner in which we treat each other within our own community, as well as, a new level of respect and

trust for our relatives. If you are interested in hosting a family from Canada or New York, assist with the fire, or would like to volunteer in any way, please call contact my office at 869-4311 or Jennifer Stevens at 869-2214. Additional information will be forthcoming from the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

I would like to thank the Oneida Land Claims Commission for coordinating this event for our community enjoyment. I would also like to acknowledge Marlene Doxtator, Cheryl Doxtator, Bonita Abram, Celia Hill and Lo:tat Honyust from the Oneida Land Rights Committee for the hospitality, insight and understanding.

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Oneida Appeals Commission

Is Pleased to Announce...

New Hours of Operation

Effective October 1, 2002, the Oneida Appeals Commission will be open over the noon hour in an effort to better serve the Oneida Community and all employees of the Oneida Tribe.

Our hours will continue to be from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday

If you have any questions, please contact the Oneida Appeals Commission at **497-5800**.

Letters/Opinions

From Page 6/Legislative Review by Trish King

My dreams for the Oneida community

I am submitting again on Sept. 10 for people who may have missed the letter in the Aug. 8 issue.

I am writing to convey what I and I'm sure many others would like to see for the Oneida community. These dreams can only come true if we manage our money well. I and many others who do not live in Oneida love Oneida and would give up some of the per-capita payments if we knew that the money was going for a good cause. The first thing that must take place is to stop the loss of money through business ventures. We must have lost at least 100 million dollars already from failed business ventures. This years budget, page 22, has us taking out a loan of \$9,000,000.00 for more new business ventures. Also look on page 22 for the millions we are paying on the principal and the millions we have to pay on interest this year. \$2,718,781.00 for the interest alone, and we still owe much more!

Instead of wasting the money invest in Oneida

1. I would like to see a world class Interfaith Cultural Center. One that celebrates both the Longhouse and Christian history. The longhouses would be under the 3 clans. Each clan would have a budget to build an elm bark type long house and maintain it. Besides displays of the early times of the Oneida people, the Methodist and Episcopal churches would have a budget to build a building to represent the early years in Oneida Wisconsin. I know that some of the old log cabins have been saved. They would be part of the complex. Maybe there could be a New Deal house. If you have never seen a real nice cultural center, go to Cherokee, North Carolina. There is also a beautiful polynesian one in the state of Hawaii.

They are interesting to tourists. They also help people to remember and celebrate their past.

2. I would have used the Fox River settlement or the New York land claims settlement to have the right of eminent domain. Eminent domain is the right of a government to appropriate private property for public use. I would buy all the land along Duck Creek from one end of the reservation to the other. I would have walking, biking and cross country skiing trails all the way around it. I would have picnic areas etc. One hundred years ago it was a trout stream. I would work to return it to the way it was when the Oneidas first came to Wisconsin.
3. I would have a nursing home that any Oneida could go to.
4. I would have a group home for elderly tribal members who are retarded. It is such a worry for parents who have retarded children. They worry that they and all the family may die and there will be no safe haven for their loved one.
5. More housing for the people.

We can only have these things if we cut out the Venture fund until we have everything else that we want. If the gaming would stop tomorrow, we would have so little to show for all the money that has come in through the casino.

Please reject the budget

According to documents, The Hill group will receive payment for putting the new hotel venture in Washington, D.C. When asked, Treasurer Judy Cornelius stated that the members of the Hill Group are Rick Hill, his wife, Artley Skenandore, Sharon House-Cornelius and Dawn Reiter. I wish the group good luck but not at the expense of these dreams.

Madelyn Genskow

succeed in the Hotel industry. The Marriot Project (233 room hotel) in Washington, D.C. is one means of enhancing our economic portfolio. I commend the previous Business Committee for sending the proposal through a due diligence process prior to supporting the investment. This project is phenomenal-- it not only allows Oneida to joint venture with other Indian Nations, it also provides Oneida with ownership of land in Washington, D.C.

Community meetings were held at the SEOTS office in Milwaukee on 9/5/02 (estimated 15 people attended) and in Oneida on 9/10/02 (estimated 48 attend-ed) to present information on what the project is (Investment in a hotel develop-ment in Washington, D.C.), how it came about, (proposal submitted to the Tribe via Tribal Entrepreneur Rick Hill) why the decision to invest was made (Opportunity to joint venture with other

Tribes; Ownership of land in Washington, D.C., and Return on Investment); how much was the invest-ment, (3.4 million) where the funds came from (Joint Venture Fund \$1 million in cash and 2.4 via loan), who was involved (Oneida, Forest County Potawatomi, San Manuel Viejas and Kumayaay) and how would the project benefit the Tribe (return on investment; location). All of these concerns were addressed and those present appreciated our efforts to bring this information forward as well as voicing their support for the investment in this project.

A General Tribal Council meeting is being scheduled as a result of a GTC petition that calls for the Membership to vote on overturning Business Committee action of 7/28/02 to invest in this project. The petitioner also requests that this meeting be called to vote yes or no without any presentations being made. I

respectfully request that all voting mem-bers take the responsible role of educat-ing themselves with factual information on this project prior to coming to vote. This administration is trying to be open with the membership and I would not see holding a GTC meeting without presen-tations as being fuduciarly responsible to the people.

FY'03 Budget: A GTC budget meet-ing was held on 8/24/02 of which there was no quorum. Another GTC meeting is scheduled for 9/23/02 at 6:00 p.m. If there is no quorum at this meeting, the agenda will be forwarded to an OBC Special meeting scheduled for 9/25/02 at 5:00 p.m.

In closing I would like to say that I am honored to serve as Councilwoman for the Oneida Nation and I humbly request your continued support as the newly elected Business Committee strives to work on your behalf. Yawako

Guest Commentary

An account of a short visit paid by Polish anthropology student to Oneida

I came from northern Minnesota. Actually, from eastern Poland. But this was three months ago. To Oneida res. in Wisconsin I drove more than 400 miles from Bois Forte Ojibwa res. at the Nett Lake, MN. It was enough to make two phone calls. Mr. Shad Webster from Conservation Department answered: "OK, come on, we'll find you people to speak to." So I came.

When I got there, Mr. Webster gave me some phone numbers and directed me to the Heritage Department first, when immediately, after 7 hours of driving, I inter-viewed Ms. Loretta Metoxen, tribal historian, for another two hours. It turned out she was half-Polish. Thus my almost very first contact with Oneidas in Wisconsin was at the same time a meeting of – in a way – a fellow-country-woman. Of course at once I felt more self-confident. What did we speak about? I listened about Oneidas' movement from New York in XIX century, contemporary land claim in New York, organization of the Wisconsin Oneidas govern-ment...

The next day, Saturday, Sept. 7, I found a grave of the Reverend Eleazar Williams. I do not feel anything particu-lar towards him, so my com-ment will not be too broad. I just think the Oneidas would be much better had he never attached to them. Next to his grave there was a grave of Oneida chief who became first Christian minister among these Indians. My mind reacted automatically: why should Indian chiefs have become Christian priests? Was to get accultur-ated their way to deal with the order white newcomers were bringing to Indian country? And how can I, white newcomer after two centuries, blame him that he perhaps was trying to find best solution for his people? So I do not blame him.

The afternoon of that day I spent on picking up the beans with some other Oneidas. One of them told me about unfulfilled visit to New York, where – according to senti-ments some people in Wisconsin hold – is their homeland and where their cousins, Oneida Nation of New York, still live. The group from Wisconsin attempted to visit Oneida Territory in NY a couple of years ago, but as soon as they

got to the border, they were stopped by tribal police and made to leave.

Even though I was aware of tension between Oneida governments in the two states, this information was shocking. Why? I know late John Patterson, national rep-resentative of NY Oneidas, dreamed that one day all Oneidas would live again on their homeland together.

I know that for many peo-ple this is a naive dream. Surely for that tribal police-man in New York. "I guess we've got a kind of trouble there." – my interviewee fin-ished telling me the story with these words.

Then I met again Loretta Metoxen and her daughter, Denise Beans, a teacher in the Turtle school. They brought me to see a buffalo herd, the longhouse, Turtle school with the garden run by students (with the help of Debbie Cornelius, another lovely person who helped me a lot to fulfill fruitfully this short research), and finally we got to Loretta's son's home where I could taste a good beer and listen to fam-ily conversation. For a moment I felt like I was at the home of my uncles in Poland, who also live on a farm in the country. After all, here it was a partly Polish family too.

Most time of the next week I spent at the Turtle school, being guided by very kind and helpful teachers. I could not have expected such a warm welcome. Is it a cul-tural trait of Oneidas in Wisconsin to welcome strangers with open hands? Or was I just lucky to meet such nice people? I remem-ber nice interview about the Oneida culture with Dr. Carol Cornelius from Heritage Department, very involving conversation with Sue Daniels about land claim. Gail Danforth was inter-viewed by me two times – she found the time despite the fact she was so busy and tired having many classes. I observed classes run by a few language and culture teach-ers. I think this is a very good idea to have students choose "clan mother," "chief," and "runner." In this miniature of traditional Iroquois govern-ing structure children learn to make decisions in coopera-tion, even if the younger ones seemed to be a bit shy being encouraged to act like grown-ups.

I was shy, too, when Gail suddenly had the idea that I be interviewed by her older students. "Well, I am anthro-pologist" – I thought to myself – "and I have to know how to behave in every situa-

tion. Let's try." Was this con-versation nice or fruitful? Too short, probably, to learn from each other too much. I should have met these guys in less official situation, I think. But first step was made, next one will be smoother.

One of the teachers, 71-years old Mr. Lloyd Schuyler, told me that many people of his generation were ashamed of speaking Oneida.

"Benefits" of boarding school education! Within one or two generations the mem-bers of the nation ceased speaking their own language! Nowadays – I heard from my interviewees – there are no more than 10 or 15 fluent speakers of Oneida. Plus, for-tunately, there is a handful of others who are advanced in learning it and teaching to younger generations. Mr. Schuyler was punished by teachers at the boarding school for native children from the tribes from the area when he made mistakes in English, because he still spoke better Oneida than English. "When I'd see the number eleven" – he raises two fingers – "I didn't know how to say "eleven." I'd see two marks there. And I'd hate when Winnebago kids laughed at me."

Mr. Schuyler took me to his class with little kids, too. He recited the names of the Oneida clans. He named the "three sisters" in the Oneida language, names of different objects, and numbers. The children would repeat after him. Then they sang some song with Oneida words on the melody of "Oh my dar-ling Clemetine." Nice combi-nation of two traditions – that of cowboys and sheriffs from the West, and Indian one.

Will these kids ever speak fluent Oneida? Will they ever feel the need to use this lan-guage in everyday life? I like what I heard from Forrest Brooks, a young man who is writing an MA dissertation about teaching the Oneida language, when I asked him what the reason for learning the Oneida language is today. He said, "To see the world through Oneida eyes, not through English ones. The values being taught right with the language, the values that are core, central to our cul-ture, that were here before Europeans came. The values that many people have lost: a sense of community values, a sense of respect for the elders, or even for them-selves. I see a lot of this ha-gone and teaching language is a part of teaching who you are. I believe if we lose our language, we are no longer

Oneidas."

Each of the kids clapped hands with Mr. Schuyler, like basketball players, at the end of the class. While I was observing the classes, recol-lections from my school time came to my mind. "It is so different here than in my country" – I thought. Students call teachers with their names, but it does not mean they are showing lack of respect, they are simply more like partners in this teaching process. "This school is different from most other schools in this that it is more family-like" – explained Kalanakehtskwas Brooks, or Kalana, like kids use to call her.

What else did I learn? For example about blood quan-tum. The federal government requires Indian tribes to keep strict rules of membership. In order to be a member of the tribe you must have at least a quarter Indian blood (of this tribe) and one of your parents must be Oneida. At the res. I heard drastically different opinions about this rule: some said a quarter is OK, some said it is far too little, yet others said sometimes it is not enough. And this raises really important question: What makes someone Oneida? Amount of blood? Knowledge of culture, of the language? The fact that he/she is being raised in "tra-ditional" way? What about those that learn Oneida cus-toms and language, live at the reservation, but have not enough Oneida blood? And what about those that have more than a quarter of Oneida blood but don't care about culture, or care only from time to time? Hopefully people do not identify them-selves as members of the nation only according to the federal government rules. I believe one may be a good Oneida if he is raised by his parents with respect to "Oneida values" – as Mr. Brooks said – even if lacks a drop or two of the "proper" blood.

Thank all the Onyota'a:ka: people from Wisconsin that made my stay among them so busy and so interesting. I did enjoy to have been among – this expression I learnt from Mr. Randy Cornelius when I asked him who he felt he was – Ukwehu we – Original People.

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Sports

Thunderhawks win battle of field position, and the game

By Phil Wisneski

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The Oneida Thunderhawks football team used good field position and solid defense to dominate Milwaukee Marshall last Friday 34-12. With the victory, Oneida pushes it's record to 2-1 on the season. Quarterback Lee Laster lead Oneida with 65 yards rushing and one touchdown run of 12 yards. He also connected with Jamison Danforth for a 20 yard scoring pass. Lasti Hill added 61 yards rushing and had touchdown runs of two yards and nine yards.

The Eagles were lead by Glenn Hale, who had 141 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Milwaukee Marshall took their opening drive of the game 55 yards. Hale capped off the drive with a 19 yard scamper for a touchdown putting them up 6-0. Oneida then went three and out on their first possession and things were looking pretty grim until Oneida's Rollie Christjohn picked off David Zeigman's pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown to tie the score at 6 at the end of the first quarter.

"Rollie's interception really turned the game around," said head coach Nathan King. Indeed it did, as the Thunderhawks ran off 28 straight points.

For the rest of the half Oneida played a bend but don't break type defense. The Eagles were able to get good chunks of yardage, but they were unable to get critical third down conversions when it mattered.

"Our defense played huge," said King. "They were out there having fun and flying around being aggressive."

The Thunderhawks ended the half with a 4-play 48 yard drive that was finished off with a 12 yard touchdown run by Lee Laster around the right end. The score was set up by three runs for 26 yards by Lasti Hill and a ten yard penalty on the Eagles.

In the third quarter Oneida came out and put 16 more points on the board to increase the lead to 28-6. Lasti Hill scored on a two yard plunge that was set up by Tsyoslake House's 15 yard run. The Thunderhawks then took to the air for their next score. Lee Laster hooked up with Jamison Danforth for a

20 yard score with 3:09 left in the quarter. Defense was again a force in the third quarter as Oneida recovered two fumbles and allowed only 21 yards.

Oneida put the game away at the 9:52 mark in the fourth quarter with a nine yard touchdown run by Lasti Hill. Milwaukee Marshall's Glenn Hale finished the scoring with a 67 yard touchdown run with 2:49 left in the game.

A key to winning the game for the Thunderhawks was preparation. Oneida knew the Eagles would come out and try to run the ball.

"We just had to go out there and execute," said King.

For the game Oneida earned nine first downs to Milwaukee Marshall's seven. Oneida was out-gained on offense 230 yards to 169, but field position was a huge factor as Oneida's average starting drive started at the Eagles 43 yard line while Marshall's average start was on their own 29 yard line.

Oneida's next home game is this Friday, September 20 against Rio and then travel to arch rival Menominee the following Friday.



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above: Oneida quarterback Lee Laster crosses the goal line in front of Milwaukee Marshall's Earl Arms in the first quarter to tie the game at six. Right: Linebacker Jamison Danforth meets Glenn Hale in the hole and stuffs him for a loss. Oneida won the game 34-12 and improved to 2-1 for the season.



King named Packers High

By Phil Wisneski

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Nathan King, head coach of the Oneida Nation Thunderhawks, was selected as the Green Bay Packers High School Coach of the week for the week of September 6-13.

King is in his first season as the head coach for the Thunderhawks and has already doubled last year's varsity win total. Oneida is currently 2-1. On September 6, the Thunderhawks traveled to Green Lake and drowned the Lakers 44-18. This past Friday, in front of the largest crowd in Oneida football history, his team beat up Milwaukee Marshall 34-12. Last season Oneida finished 1-5 against varsity competition. King was a first year assistant coach last season.

King was raised in Oneida

and attended Seymour High School. At Seymour, Nathan was the starting point guard that won the Division 2 state championship in 1997. Seymour also qualified for the state tournament in 1996, but was defeated in the semi-final game. He also was a three time letter winner in football for the Thunder, receiving all-conference honors his senior season at linebacker.

King graduated from UW-Green Bay last May and is currently a Community Planner for the Oneida Tribe. He and his wife, Megan, have one son, Carter who will be 16 months at the end of this month.

"I am honored to win this award, coming from the Packers," said King. "It came as a surprise. It shows that the team is grasping the concepts that we are teaching."



Nathan King

The Packers recognize one outstanding high school coach as their Coach of the Week winner during the 2002 high school football season. As a Coach of the Week winner, King will be awarded several items and privileges, including a \$1,000 donation to Oneida's football program from the Green Bay Packers and the NFL, as well as recognition of the award on www.nflhs.com, the NFL's high school football website.

Middle School sports action



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Top: Joe Christjohn (10) hands the ball off to Nick Cantu (24) on a reverse against Menominee. Bottom: Rachael Ninham bumps the ball over the net against St. Thomas Moore.

Tae Kwon Do classes Resume

Tae kwon do classes are now back in full swing.

Monday's at 5:00pm and 6:00 pm.

Wednesday's at 6:00pm.

Thursday's at 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

Ages are from 6 years old and up. If you have previous Tae Kwon do training we invite you to come back. Beginner classes start every 8 weeks for those who have no prior experience. To observe a class or for more information stop the Oneida Family Fitness Center.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Tina Christjohn
September 2002

Tina has been with Oneida Family Fitness for eight years now. She is motivated to exercise because it makes her feel good and is a great stress reliever. This is Tina's third time as Member of the Month in eight years. Her greatest accomplishment this year was participating in the Bellin Run for the first time and receiving a plaque for being one of the Oneida Team's top finishers.

The biggest obstacle for Tina to achieve her goals is her diet. "I don't eat the greatest!", she says. She likes to eat food that tastes good, but is usually bad for you. Her current routine includes exercising 5-6 times a week, including 30-60 minutes of cardio exercise and

also weight training with alternating days of upper body exercises and lower body exercises.

Tina says that the most important element in maintaining a healthy lifestyle is 'just staying healthy'. "I like the 'you don't look thirty-something' comments!". She enjoys working out at the Oneida Family Fitness Center because it is never crowded when she works out. Besides exercising, Tina enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Tina's advice for a healthy lifestyle is this: Just Exercise! You don't need to starve yourself or be on a diet. Most diets don't work anyway!

Congratulations to Tina for your hard work and dedication!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH



James House Sr.
August 2002

James House Sr. has been a member of the Oneida Family Fitness Center for five years now. One of the main reasons for him to join and start an exercise program was that he had stiff joints and wanted to keep them loose. Since working out regularly, he has also lost some weight and he feels healthier all together.

James had to overcome some obstacles to start an exercise program. "The hardest part was to make up my mind to start an exercise program and stick with it". The routine that has helped him so

Earlier in the season Oneida had struggled with it's offense and had trouble in hitting the ball. Against FDL Christian, Oneida racked up 35 offensive points as compared to just 6 and 16 in the previous two games. The stats are a cumulative total of aces, assists and kills.

The Thunderhawks also fed off the energy of the crowd. With numerous students and parents cheering on the team, they answered with spirited play.

"We played as a team," said Cornelius. "Our girls were hitting and blocking. Everyone put forth their best effort."

The team also played with more confidence as the match

went on. "A switch seemed to go on in their heads like 'Hey we can do this'," added Cornelius.

This past Saturday, Oneida traveled to Shiocton and played in the Shiocton Invitational. The Thunderhawks didn't fair well against the larger schools. The tournament was comprised of Shiocton, Southern Door, Chilton, Bowler and Stockbridge. Oneida finished with a 1-9 record for the day.

The Thunderhawks next match is this Friday at Trinity Baptist at 5:00 p.m. Their next home match is on September 26 against Marinette Catholic Central at the Turtle School.

far is lifting weights. James likes to use some free weights and some of the weight machines as well.

The most important element to James that keeps him working out is his health. He continually works towards being in the best shape that he can be. James likes to work out at the Oneida Family Fitness Center because it is close to home and he always feels better when he is done. Besides exercising, James helps take care of his wife.

Last of all, James's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is simply this: "Come to the Fitness Center and start a program. You may like it!".

Congratulations to James for your hard work and dedication!

Norbert Hill Center Pond- Officially Closed for the season!

How can people stand the hot weather every summer? They come swimming! The Norbert Hill Center Pond lifeguards would like to thank all of the swimmers and sunbathers who visited us this summer! Oneida Family Fitness is pleased to report that the outdoor swimming pond serviced over 3,000 people during the months of July and August. 4th of July/Pow Wow weekend serviced over 1,000 people in just 4 days! Many individuals and families enjoyed swimming and sunbathing during those hot summer days and nights! We welcome your suggestions in making the NHC pond more enjoyable for next summer. Suggestion forms are available at Oneida Family Fitness or you may send your suggestion via Groupwise to Teresa Holschuh-Sieja.

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Lifestyles

Section Two



As the skyscrapers loom in the background, traditional dancers make their way around the powwow area while spectators watch with interest on Sunday.

Indian Summer photos by Yvonne Kaquatosh

Crow ends Pavilion Nights with style

By Kendra Meinert

Green Bay Press-Gazette

As far as season-ending cliffhangers go, this one was a beauty.

How will Oneida Bingo & Casino top the Sheryl Crow show that brought down the house — and the big tent — for the last of the summer's Pavilion Nights gigs on Saturday night?

Is it possible to get any better than 40-year-old Crow shakin' it on top of a grand piano as she ripped through a cover of Led Zeppelin's "Rock and Roll" for an encore before 2,700 standing-room only fans swallowed up in the energy?

Will Michelle Branch's promising 45-minute opening set mean more double-bill shows to come?

Tune in next spring ...

On Saturday night, the biggest and freshest name to play the Pavilion Nights series to date made easy work of her time on stage. At 90 minutes, Crow's set came off like a tight and perhaps slightly condensed version of a show that's been stopping at considerably larger venues (Milwaukee's 24,000-seat Marcus Amphitheater in June) for higher tickets

(\$100-\$50 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas later this month).

Fans who snatched up the \$25 tickets to catch Crow up close — jockeying for the best view in a dense jungle of heads was an all-night job for most in the crowd — were treated to all the good stuff. The 1994 Grammy Award winner for Best New Artist didn't deny any of her hits, from "Everyday Is a Winding Road" and "My Favorite Mistake" early in the set to a rollicking "A Change Would Do You Good" and jukebox staple "All I Wanna Do" toward the end.

She sampled her current "C'mon C'mon" album with the four-guitar blast of the Steve Miller-inspired "Steve McQueen" as her opener, the title track and "Soak Up the Sun," a song already a summer soundtrack classic.

Dressed in tight everything to show off a body that was thinner than some of the acoustic guitars slung over her shoulder, Crow is that rare contemporary rock act with cross-generational appeal. There's an effortlessness, coolness and quiet strength about her on stage that stays out of the way of the music. She brings just enough grit



The Longhouse, a traditional home of the Oneida, has been re-created once again during Indian Summer fest near Milwaukee's lakefront.

By Yvonne Kaquatosh

Kalihwisaks

The melodic sounds of beating drums echoed once again at Maier Festival Park in Milwaukee, Wis. as Indian Summer fest 2002 went underway on September 6-8.

It's labeled as the largest largest Native American cultural festival in the nation which grows with each passing year. Wisconsin tribes including the Potawatomi, Oneida, Menominee, Ho Chunk, Ojibwa and the Mohican had activities going on throughout the weekend. Indian villages were set up by the Plains Indians, Menominee, Oneida, and the Waswagoning Ojibwa in the fashion their ancestors lived in in the past to educate and inform the general public about their native culture.

Competition singing and dancing were the focal point. There were over 285 registered dancers and 9 drum

groups. The host drum was The Bucks. Other drum groups included: Bear Clan Singers, Wisconsin Dells, The Tribe (Lawrence, Kansas), Duck Creek Crossing, Smokey Town, Raining Thunder, St. Croix, and Little

Otter.

Native contemporary music, basket weaving, cultural demonstrations and a host of native vendors from various tribes were on site as well selling authentic jewelry, blankets, rugs and clothing.



Native Veteran's were well represented during the first Grand Entry on Saturday afternoon. Above, the Oneida Nation Color Guard pass by. At the forefront, is Gary Metoxen, AmVets Commander.



Above, Maryanne Christie-Bazan, (Navajo) of Page, AZ, says she's been weaving rugs since she was a little girl. Now she carries on a tradition that has been handed down from her mother and grandmother. Below, Ken Metoxen skillfully works on a new pottery creation at the Oneida village while an admirer of the art looks on.



Members of the Oneida Business Committee were available Saturday afternoon to meet and greet individuals who stopped by the Oneida Village. Pictured, left to right are: Councilman Vince DelaRosa, Treasurer Mercie Danforth, Chairwoman Tina Danforth, and Councilman Curt Danforth. Seated in the forefront are Councilwoman Trish King and Vice-Chairwoman Kathy

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Business

Two traditions coming together

By Keith Skenandore

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The coming together of two traditions is eminent as one attends a Green Bay Packer football game at Lambeau Field. Signage is

throughout the stadium and is most visible as one drives on Oneida Street and looks west so see the Oneida Nation Gate.

For those who don't have the opportunity to attend a

game, the value of the Oneida Nation and Green Bay Packers partnership commitment could be perceived as 'beyond words'.

"Obviously, this was a unique opportunity for the

Oneida Nation, one which we could not let pass," said Crystal Holtz, director of advertising for Oneida.

Oneida Gaming and Communications have worked in the past to promote the

Oneida Nation within this venue and continue to do so to enhance their efforts to develop stronger joint marketing efforts which maximize tribal dollars to best benefit the Oneida Nation as a whole.

Tribal officials said funds identified for this agreement were a coordinated effort between Gaming Administration and Communications Advertising in their budgets to cover the entire costs. The funds identified were in the approved 2002 fiscal budget.

Holtz said in the past Oneida has received calls from other tribes within the State asking if they were going to continue our advertising venue in Lambeau.

"This advertising space is of the highest caliber in Northeast Wisconsin and has been sought after by other tribes," she said. "It was imperative to keep this position to maximize the visibility and awareness of the Oneida Nation in our own market."

This proposal has been reviewed also by a financial expert, Pat Bero, and he believed with the proper negotiations it was in the best interest for the Tribe to invest in this project.

Oneida is currently the number one tourist attraction and have held the same for previous years except for when the Packers won the Super Bowl. It was a natural mix to partner to strengthen both positions as top tourism destinations. Tribal officials say increased tourism in this area will contribute to their local businesses, such as the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Oneida Casino, One Stops, Oneida Orchard, Tower Foods, etc.

"The Oneida Nation and the Green Bay Packers are both traditions in this area and we're proud to be able to solidify this tradition in a venue of this level," said Holtz.

The recognition goes beyond the tribe's own market. National recognition for the partnership can be promoted through their pursuit for New York ventures, and all other economic development ventures, said tribal officials.

Another key value to the long term commitment with the Packer organization is the assistance in gaming compact discussions with the State of Wisconsin. They say this agreement can be leverage arguments for longer term and expansion of gaming and tourism and government to government relations.

As for the public relations value, they say it is immeasurable, from when the partnership was announced in early August, with the beginning of the football season, and ongoing throughout the season with trade magazines, sending of news releases to all media, recapture and heighten the level of public awareness when Lambeau renovations are finished, and with a grand opening.

Tribal officials feel they are

fortunate to have had the hindsight to have named their gaming operations Oneida, which provides them an opportunity to build a reputation of business success that is synonymous with their governmental success. In marketing surveys they have conducted, among the top two responses to the question, "What does the term Oneida bring to mind?" The respondents reply "casino and tribe".

The tribe also has access to numerous opportunities for education and awareness of their cultural diversity, sharing their traditions and values with a 70,000 audience and millions more in television viewing on game days.

Tickets received from this agreement have been divided among gaming and non-gaming for promotional initiatives and fundraising to be developed to provide opportunities for the Oneida Nation to promote relationships and to acknowledge achievement and to our general membership through raffle opportunities.

Some sponsorship items include:

*Advertising Signage and exposure package

*Permanent scoreboard signage

*Jumbo-Tron advertising spots

*Opening Billboards

*Gate Sponsorship on Oneida Street entrance will have highest level of exposure

*Lambeau Field gate Billboards front and back lit panels

*Lambeau Field side gate panels

*Concourse signage both upper and lower concourses

*Interior ad banners on upper concourse

*Directional panels inside lower concourse

*Lambeau Field Concourse column ads.

*Lambeau Field Club wall panel ad

*Name printed on all tickets for Oneida Nation gate.

*Half-time cultural performance offered exclusively to Oneida.

*Opportunity to work with Packers on community events for youth in Oneida.

In 2003 the tribe will also have access to the premier package in the "Legacy Zone," which includes incorporation of ideas and cultural significance in the zone, providing an inter-active element on game dates, and inter-active kiosks in heavy traffic.

Holtz also said the Oneida Nation holds the rights to use of the Green Bay Packer Team marks.

Questions regarding the use of the tribe's Oneida Casino logo and gaming signage were quickly answered with the NFL's strict prohibitions of any gambling entity to advertise in concert with their sports features.

"This is not a Tribal prohibition, it is a gambling prohibition," said one tribal official.



Photos courtesy of Oneida Communications

Exposure of the Oneida Tribe's investment with the Green Bay Packers is very visible as fans enter the Oneida Nation Gate, top. Throughout the stadium signage of Oneida's and the City of Green Bay's traditions can be seen, above. At left, entrances to the numerous sections near the Oneida Nation Gate are displayed with Oneida signage.

By Bill Ver Voort

OCIFS Coordinator

"Impossible", some might say. "There is no way you can keep a secret in a small community like ours". Yet, one of Oneida's best kept secrets is the Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS) group, which includes the Oneida Farm/Apple Orchard, Tsyunhe'hkw^ Center, and the Oneida Food Distribution/Food Pantry. The OCIFS group is tirelessly working to improve the Nations quality of food, educating them of certain health risks, increasing employment and youth opportunities, and assisting in bringing our people closer together.

They are a sterling example of what separate programs can do when they put aside their own interests and work toward the good of the many. That has not always been an easy task, and the members of OCIFS will readily admit that, but they will also admit that it has been well worth the effort. The OCIFS group has been instrumental in: the starting up of the Tower Foods grocery store and hopefully the Farmers Market that will surround it, starting a 4-H club in Oneida, and attempts to start a Job Training Program at the Tower Foods grocery store for the 'challenged' and low-income Oneida community members. The OCIFS members are not the only ones

involved in getting these services started. There are dozens of other Oneida community members involved in these projects as well, but the one constant factor in them all is the presences of OCIFS.

Individually the OCIFS members have also excelled in their own areas. The Oneida Farm currently operates a Cattle and Bison Operation. The farm herd consists of approximately 400 black Angus steers and 48 Buffalo. The Apple Orchard has 30 acres of original orchard and an additional 10 new acres, which now totals approximately 4,200 trees. There is also a wide variety of fresh produce products such as: strawberries, raspberries, sweetcorn, squash and pumpkins.

The Tsyunhe'hkw^ Center is designed to integrate the best of traditional Oneida agricultural practices with holistic processes based on principles of Sustainable Development with consideration being economic, ecological, and social/cultural considerations. The 83 acre site includes organic gardens, a greenhouse, natural grazed chickens, beef steers and cattle. The Cannery produces several food products that have wide popularity within the community. These products include: corn soup, canned white corn, dehydrated white corn, white corn flour, salsa, pickles, cookies and several other products. A

large number of community members have come to rely on this facility to assist them in meeting their family's food needs.

The Oneida Food Distribution Program (OFDP) provides a well balanced food package, and has been distributing USDA food for over 21 years. They assist low income households and elderly individuals receive a monthly food package. The Oneida Food Pantry, which is entirely volunteer run, is concerned with all the issues that the low

income community members face, (low education, unemployment and low self-esteem). That is why their goals go way beyond just supplying food.

The OCIFS members are looking for any Tribal food related entity that may be interested in joining their team. There is an informational luncheon scheduled for September 24. If you are interested, please contact Bill Ver Voort for further information at 869-4530 or Email: Wvervoort@oneidanation.org

Tower Foods Membership Meeting/Social Event

Let your voice be heard

On Wednesday, September 25 there will be the *1st Annual Cooperative Membership Meeting at Tower Foods*. This meeting is for all Tower Foods Co-op Members. We will start the meeting on a business note by updating you on the financial status of the Cooperative, and by electing a new Board of Directors. Immediately following the business at hand, we will be having a pot luck dinner with live entertainment (meat will be provided, please bring a side dish to pass). This is a great opportunity to get a better understanding of YOUR store, make your voice heard in the election and then enjoy the company of your neighbors. For more information contact Bill Ver Voort at (920) 869-4530 or 1-800-236-2868.

What: Tower Foods 1st Annual Membership meeting

When: Wednesday September 25h starting at 6:00 pm

Where: Tower Foods Grocery Store (located in the Oneida Business Park)

Why: Share information, Elect Board of Directors and socialize

Who: Any Tower Foods Cooperative Member and their immediate family

25 years of Service

The Division of Land Management would like to say Thank You to all who helped make our 25th Anniversary Celebration a great success. We appreciate your comments and concerns at the Annual Land Commission Meeting and look forward to continued service to the Oneida Nation.

Prize Winners

Ike Jourdan—50/50 raffle on August 29
Mary Adams—50/50 raffle on August 30
Chris Duxtator—Fire Pit

Door Prize Winners

Carol Liggins—VCR
Stanley Webster—Turtle Pin
Gerald Jordan—Vase
Jeff Witte—Massage.

Education Update

~ Attention ~

Native American Students

Between the ages of 15 and 24

Are you highly motivated?

Highly opinionated?

Goal oriented?

Do you like to have fun?

*If you answered yes to any of the above,
then the Oneida YES Department wants
YOU!*

**The Re-Organization of O-Town Youth
Council is taking place and you can
be a part of it!**

**Please come to an informational
meeting**

About U.N.I.T.Y.

(United National Indian Tribal Youth)

Monday September 23, 2002

From 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Career Center Conference Room

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information please call:
Teresa at **869-4474** or the YES Dept. at **869-4331**

Domestic Violence poster winners named



Photo by Yvonne Kaquatosh

Pictured above are two of the top three contestants in a recent poster contest for National Domestic Violence Month which will be observed in October. They are, left to right: Eliza Pelky, a student at the Turtle School in Oneida, who placed second and LaDonna Parker, of Lombardi Middle School, who took third place honors. The first place winner, Whitney Wheelock, the son of Lillian and Dale Wheelock, was unavailable at the time this photo was taken. Eliza is the daughter of Kimberly and Pete Pelky and LaDonna is the daughter of Michelle

By Yvonne Kaquatosh
Kalihiwisaks

Domestic Violence was depicted through the eyes and artistic ability of area youth recently in conjunction with Domestic Violence Month

which will be observed

“Strengthening the Family”, is the theme that is being focused on locally in

Oneida. There were eighteen

youth who participated in the

poster contest.

A variety of activities are planned during the weekend

of October 5 & 6, including a Walk with Elder's at 8:30 Saturday morning in honor of the late Roberta Kinzhuma. The 'Memory Walk' is approximately 1 1/2 miles and will begin at OPD and conclude at the Elderly Complex.

A variety of events such as music, prizes, food and craft booths as well as a recognition ceremony are planned for the day long event, which will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

The fun does not stop there! "Family Day" will begin on Sunday and will be held at the Decaster property. There will be fun booths, more games, more prizes as well as a scavenger hunt.

The event is being held to promote safety for our elders, youth and children, in addition to bringing awareness to domestic violence.

Come show your support and learn about preventing domestic violence within our families, homes and the community.

College project produces American Indian teachers

The College of Menominee Nation and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire recently completed the first two years of a major education project to increase the number of American Indians as classroom teachers. The project is a collaborative effort between the College of Menominee Nation, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the Wisconsin Indian Education Association, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and several school districts in Northeast and Northcentral Wisconsin.

In August 2000 the College of Menominee Nation was notified they were one of 17 nationwide recipients of a three-year grant from the Office of Indian Education Program at the U.S. Department of Education. The collaborative project is to train ten American Indian individuals from area tribal communities as elementary school classroom teachers. The program from the Department of Education is an initiative to address the classroom teacher shortage and to train more American Indians as classroom teachers.

On May 18, 2002 ten American Indian women representing the Menominee, Stockbridge-Munsee, Oneida, Potawatomi and Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe tribal communities graduated from the

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. Three of the participants graduated with academic honors and eight of the ten were named to the Dean's List, for the 2002 spring semester at UWEC.

Beginning the 2002-2003 school year, eight of the ten have been hired by area schools as elementary classroom teachers. All ten have received their State of Wisconsin teacher license from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as elementary teachers with additional state certification as American Indian history and culture, and native language instructors.

Participants attend classes through the College of Menominee Nation and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Students took classes utilizing distance education and the Internet plus attending some courses on the campus of UWEC. Most classes were transmitted by satellite to the College of Menominee Nation and the Lac du Flambeau School District. In the third year of the project called the "Induction Year" each participant is to receive mentoring, advising and professional development opportunities in their first year of classroom teaching.

Participants received a monthly stipend tuition assistance and a travel allowance. Each participant was required to sign a Repayment Agreement that stipulated they would have to repay any and all funds received from the Department of Education should they drop out of the program before they completed the requirements for their teacher certification.

Project participants from the local area are Julie Boucher, Gresham; Sue Boivin-Denny, Keshena; Cheryl Fish, Keshena; Keta Quiver, Green Bay, Elizabeth Waukau, Keshena; and Aurelia "Sue" White, Keshena.

Participants from the Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe community included Ann Allen, Patricia Maulson, Mildred Schuman and Michelle Young. The LDF Public School District hired the four Lac du Flambeau participants.

The project director is Alan Caldwell, Director, Menominee Culture Institute and Bob Kurkiewicz, Project Coordinator at the College of Menominee Nation.

The College of Menominee Nation applied to the Department of Education for another training project in August 2002 with the hope they will be able to train twelve more American Indian individuals as elementary school teachers. Individuals interested in becoming teachers should watch for upcoming announcements should the College's application for funding receive favorable consideration. It is expected that the College will be notified by the end of September if they are selected for another project.

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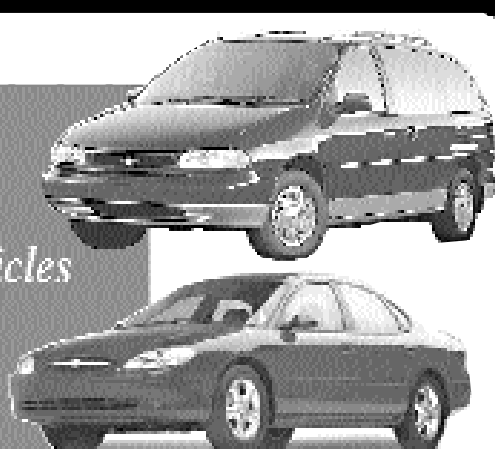
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Faith In Action Wisconsin projects address needs spotlighted in "And thou shalt honor" PBS

Local caregiving program helps to ease burden of those providing care or of those in need

(Madison WI) – Each day, Faith in Action/Interfaith Volunteer Caregiving projects work to meet the needs of those in Wisconsin who are frail or who have long-term care needs or disabilities. These caregiving needs are the focus of the new PBS documentary "And Thou Shalt Honor: Caring for Our Aging Parents, Spouses, and Friends," which airs in October (check local listings for exact day and time). Faith in Action is a national partner of the documentary.

Faith in Action programs are a part of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's national Faith in Action network, which fosters caring relationships between volunteers of all faiths and their neighbors who are frail or who have long-term health needs. In the more than 1,100 Faith in Action programs across the country, volunteers provide simple and essential help to those in need, which may come in a variety of ways including transportation to doctor appointments, shopping and friendly visiting.

According to "And Thou Shalt Honor," the advances in medical technology have made it possible for individuals to survive for years with diseases and long-term health conditions who may otherwise have died rapidly in the past. This change has increased the number of persons in need of caregiving and persons providing caregiving. The show's creators estimate that 30 million men and

women currently provide care for the elderly and the disabled.

The documentary reveals that not everything about long-term caregiving is dark, however; caregiving can be a spiritual journey that expands the boundaries of care. In direct relation to this concept, Faith in Action is based on what all religions have in common: a mandate to do good works.

"We assist care recipients in the communities across the state with simple activities, like light housekeeping, meal preparation, and grocery shopping", Melinda Storey, Director of Faith in Action Wisconsin says. "By having a volunteer come into their home to visit and help around the house, individuals in our own community are able to stay in their homes, enhance their quality of life, and maintain their independence."

"Many stories are unique," says Storey, who also serves as a Faith in Action mentor for The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "Diane Bright, Director of the Care Team Ministry Faith in Action project in Madison shared a story of respite provided for the family of a 3 year old who was receiving chemotherapy. His parents were spending 24 hours with this little guy so he would feel more supported and less fear. Dad would stay overnight in the hospital while Mom spent the night at home with their other child. In order for Dad to get showered and home for an hour to spend with Mom and the other child, Care Team Volunteers arrived at the hospital at 6:00a.m. to sit with this little fellow until Mom could get to the hospital at around 10. The Care Team provided this respite for over

a 3-4 month period.

Faith in Action projects, which were incubated with seed support from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, depend on community support for volunteers and financial commitment. If you or someone you know is in need of care or for more information on donating time or money to a program in your area call the Faith in Action Wisconsin office toll free at 877.707.6549.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has committed \$100 million to expand the Faith in Action national network to 3,000 sites by 2007. The Foundation, based in Princeton, NJ, is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It concentrates its grant making in four goal areas: to assure that all Americans have access to basic health care at reasonable cost; to improve care and support for people with chronic health conditions; to promote healthy communities and lifestyles; and to reduce the personal, social and economic harm caused by substance abuse — tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs.

Additional information about "And Thou Shalt Honor..." is available at www.thoushalthonor.org. Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Elderly Services is a newly started project and are recruiting Volunteers, Board members and Coalition members. Training provided free of charge.

Contact: Program Director, Florence Petri, fpetri@oneidanation.org. Phone: 1-920-869-2448 or Noreen Powless, Program Coordinator, Npowles1@oneidanation.org. Phone: 1-920-869-2448

What can you do if your child is using alcohol or drugs?

By Kay Strauss
RADCI

In a recent edition of the Kalihiwisaks, Mari Kriescher of the Oneida ATODA program described a variety of signs that parents, teachers, and others can be aware of to indicate the possibility of alcohol and/or drug use in adolescent children. Now the question arises, "What do I do if I find out that my son or daughter is involved with drugs and/or alcohol?"

There are several things to keep in mind if you find yourself in this situation.

- (1) DO NOT IGNORE THE SIGNS. It is imperative that intervention occur as soon as possible. Alcohol and drug use among adolescents is a serious health concern that should not go without further investigation. Studies have shown that the earlier in life an individual becomes involved with drugs and alcohol the more likely they are to become dependent on those substances.
- (2) DO NOT blame yourself. Your son or daughter has the ability to make their own choices about whether or not to become involved with drugs

and/or alcohol. Ultimately, the responsibility lies with your child. (3) Hold your child accountable for their behavior. It is important that your child know that the use of alcohol and drugs is unacceptable and there will be negative consequences for the use of alcohol and/or drugs.

(4) Be consistent. If you impose consequences for alcohol or drug use on one occasion but not another, this gives a mixed message about the acceptability of the use of drugs and alcohol. For example, if you allow your son or daughter to drink at family functions, they may see use as being acceptable and may assume that they can drink at other occasions. Consistency is very important. It should be made clear that the use of drugs and/or alcohol is unacceptable under ALL circumstances.

(5) Be a positive role model. It is important for you to model for your child the type of behavior that is acceptable. It is more likely that your child will become involved with

drugs and alcohol, if they witness these substances being used by adults who are significant in their lives such as parents, siblings and extended family. (6) Seek support for yourself. There are organizations such as Al-Anon and Families Anonymous where you can go to find the support of others who are also dealing with drug/alcohol use in their families. You do not have to go through this alone. (7) Seek professional help. If you suspect that your child is involved with drugs and/or alcohol, reach out for professional help for your child. Your child may be resentful, apprehensive, and resistant to receiving ATODA services but that does not mean they will gain no benefit from them.

If you believe or have evidence that your son or daughter is involved with drugs and/or alcohol please call Oneida ATODA at (920) 490-3700 to set up an appointment for further assessment. We are here to help. You do not have to be alone.

Foot Care Clinics scheduled

Oneida Community Health Nursing and Bellin College of Nursing will be holding foot care clinics this fall at Elderly Services on Overland Road on the following remaining dates:

October 2, 16, & 30 and November 13
from 8:30 to 11a.m. By appointment only!

You may call 869-2711 ext. 4840 to make an appointment. Spaces fill up fast so please call in advance.

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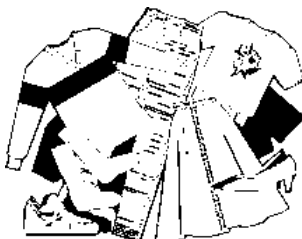
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Environmental

Energy bill will ease energy development on Indian land

By Robert Gehrke

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - House and Senate negotiators adopted a plan Thursday to encourage energy development on American Indian reservations by lifting some government regulations, including some environmental studies.

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., said his amendment, added to a massive energy bill being hammered out by congressional negotiators, would boost the domestic energy supply and benefit impoverished tribes.

"I believe that tribes ought

to be freed from the federal shackles so that they can make their own decisions about their own resources on their own lands," Campbell said in a statement. "The amendment will help tribes create jobs and will help secure the energy independence of the U.S."

Under Campbell's proposal, tribes would no longer have to seek the Interior Secretary's approval each time they wanted to lease the rights to extract minerals on their land as long as the leases comply with regulations approved by the secretary. The regulations would be

valid for 30 years.

"Once and for all we're giving the Indians the opportunity to choose," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

The legislation includes a scaled-back environmental review process and tribes would still be prohibited from approving projects that would harm endangered species.

The bill had already granted the same exemptions for electric generation and transmission projects on Indian lands.

"This amendment is absolutely essential, not only to help the lives of people on Indian reservations, but also

to help our nation's energy supply," said Rep. Barbara Cubin, R-Wyo.

Sen. Jim Jeffords, I-Vt., opposed the Campbell amendment, believing it would almost entirely remove the federal government from the lease permitting process and rescind too many environmental regulations.

The senators and representatives negotiating the energy bill approved the Indian energy amendment by a voice vote. They are expected to continue working out their differences on the bill for several more weeks before voting on a final version.

Sportsman Safety: What Can I Do About Those Tree Limbs

By Conservation Staff

Tree pruning by sportsman is sometimes necessary to safely and effectively discharge an arrow or bullet into wild game. If done properly, tree limb pruning will not cause "damage" to a tree in a sense that permanent injury will result. It is much wiser to remove a few limbs than risk personal injury or the unintentional wounding of game species which may not be recoverable for human consumption.

Sportsman should, however be conservative in preparing shooting lanes and prune only limbs necessary to safely and accurately get a shot off within a reasonable distance. Lanes should not be easily detected by other recreational users - if they are - they are either excessive and/or are improperly prepared.

Sportsman should, and generally do, place themselves in areas that feature natural shooting lanes where effective game harvest opportunities are greatest. In the event that pruning is required, the following techniques should be employed so as not to cause excessive unrecoverable damage to trees.

- Remove only limbs that are necessary to safely and accurately discharge your weapon.
- Cut or saw limbs cleanly (Do not break, bend, pull or twist limbs from the tree).
- Cut limbs back to a lateral limb which is at least 1/3 it's size (Do not leave large stubs).
- When possible, prepare your shooting lanes during dormant seasons when leaves are not present.

Do not remove/cut whole trees greater than 1 inches in diameter measured at breast height (4 1/2 ft. above ground). To do so may result in fines of \$100.00 or more per incident and loss of license for one year.

When properly done, pruning wounds will heal by forming callus tissues that will eventually compartmentalize the wound sealing it from insect, fungus, and disease agents.

Sportsmen should be encouraged that by their efforts to protect the natural environment, they are in effect managers of a resource which will have long lasting benefits for the Oneida Nation.

Good luck and be safe this year in your hunting/gathering endeavors.

Hunting Season Info...

By Conservation Staff

SEASON	OPEN	CLOSE
Gray & Fox Squirrel	Sept. 7	Jan. 31
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 7	Jan. 31
Cottontail Rabbit	Sept. 7	Feb. 28
Wood Cock	Sept. 14	Nov. 17
Pheasant	Oct. 5	Oct. 31
	Nov. 1	Dec. 31
	Oct. 5	Nov. 3
Turkey		
<i>Application Deadline 9/27/02</i>		
Hungarian Partridge	Oct. 5	Dec. 31
Raccoon	Oct. 5	March 31
Red & Gray Fox	Oct. 5	March 31
Goose Season	Sept. 1	Dec. 31
Water Fowl	Sept. 28	Nov.30
Bow Deer	Sept. 14	Nov. 22
(Late Season)	Dec. 7	Dec. 31
Gun Deer Season	Nov. 23	Dec. 1
Muzzleloader	Dec. 2	Dec. 31

The Conservation Office will be open to sell license on Saturdays, Nov. 2 & 9 (8am-1pm). If you have any questions, please contact the Conservation Dept., (920) 869-1450, M-F from 8am-4:30pm.

Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education

~ Fall Conference ~

"Ecology and Technology: Over the Internet and Through the Woods"

When: October 4-6, 2002

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Who: Formal and non-formal educators interested in the environment

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Technology has the potential to link people beyond geography and social barriers, and can help to increase our sense of global belonging and global responsibility. It can be used for communicating, networking and learning, and it offers many valuable tools for environmental educators. During this conference participants will examine some of the innovative and creative ways that technology has been used to improve environmental education, as well as some of the more traditional "low-tech" methods upon which educators consistently rely. WAEE invites the public to join in exploring environmental research, resources and projects in an adventure over the internet and through the woods! For more information or to request registration forms, call the WAEE office at (715) 346-2795 or visit the website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/waee/>.



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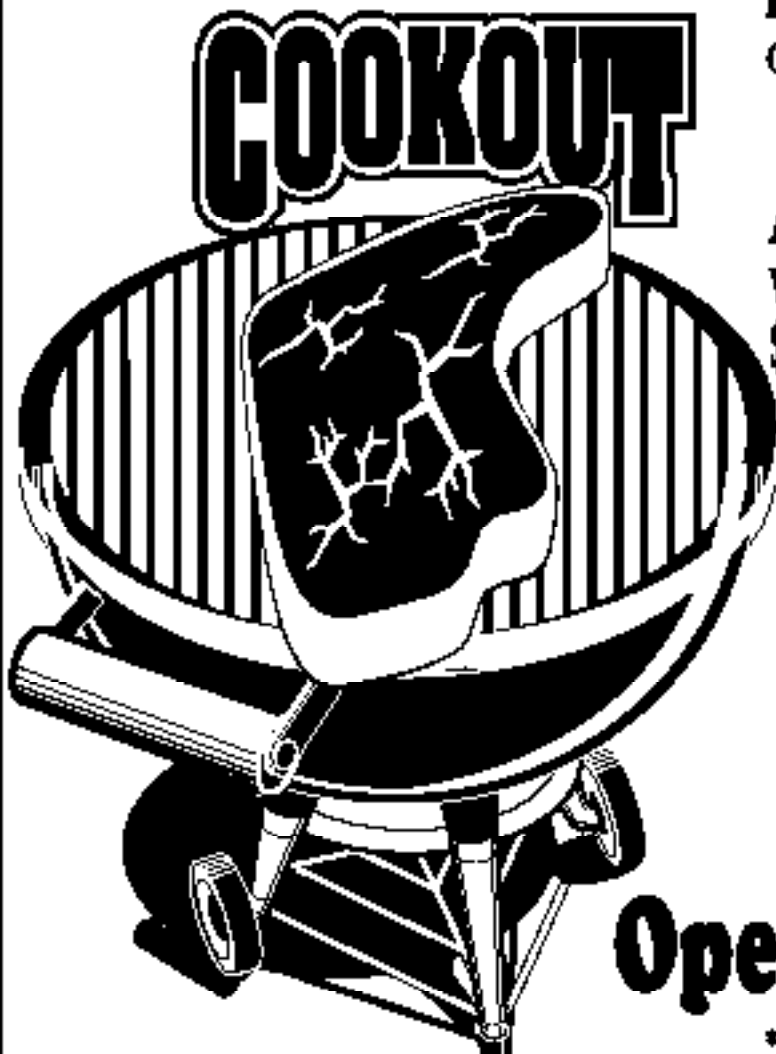
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Spirit Mound

Good News

New Arrivals

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DeAija Antwonette Brown

DeAija Antwonette Brown, newborn daughter to Eva Doxtator and Dewaun Brown was born at 1:43 pm on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at Sinai Samaritan Hospital in Milwaukee WI. She weighed 6lbs., 14 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. The proud Grandparents are Monica Doxtator and Reginald Wilks. Her Great Grandmother is Eva Doxtator and the late Martin Doxtator and Great Grandmother Mattie Wilks and the late Alfred Wilks.

Miranda Olivia McAndrews

Miranda Olivia McAndrews, newborn daughter to Kelly & Brian McAndrews, was born on Tuesday, August 13, 2002 at 8:19 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital, West Bend, Wisconsin. Miranda weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Proud maternal grandparents are Patrick & Laurie Elm of Milwaukee. Proud paternal grandparents are Mark & Darlene McAndrews of Darboy.

Hawkins Thomas John

Hawkins Thomas John, newborn son to Michael Paul & Zandra Rose John, was born on July 25, 2002 in Milwaukee. Hawkins weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. Proud paternal grandparents are Chub & Mar Skenandore and Darrell John. Proud maternal grandparents are Patricia Baird & Donald Basina. Proud Great-grandparents are Anna & Noran John and Cynthia Schuyler & Arthur Skenandore. Hawkins has two older brothers - Michael Paul Jr. & Matthew Lee and one sister - Tehya Margaret.

Cheyenne Madlin Bliss

Cheyenne Madlin Bliss, newborn daughter to Angela Silas & Mitchell Bliss, of Adams, was born on Saturday, February 16, 2002 at Hess Memorial Hospital in Mauston, WI. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. and measured 21 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Dewey & Marlene Silas of Oneida, Jacqueline & Darrell Kinstler of McFarlin, and Larry & Joyce Bliss of Adams. Cheyenne has 6 siblings, Eli, Brittney, Lee, Mitch, Tim, and Sierra.

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DEADLINE IS... Wednesday,

September 25, 2002 @ 4:30 p.m.

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Thursday ~ October 3rd 2002

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journal that no woods could be seen from the hill's summit except along a creek. Roads were obliterated and the area around the fence line and feedlot contoured.

What people see currently from the highway is the mound and a sign that says a new look is coming soon for Spirit Mound.

"Ultimately, they will be impressed," Steck said.

Work will soon start on creating a parking lot in the southeast corner of the property, off state Highway 19.

The parking lot will be gravel at first, but will be paved next year. Vault toilets, picnic tables, a drinking fountain and interpretive signs from the National Park Service will be added at the parking lot next year.

"The main story will be told at the parking lot because we don't want to miss educating people about it," Sandness said.

The interpretive signs will tell the story of Spirit Mound from the American Indian point of view, the natural history of Spirit Mound, Lewis and Clark's trek to the mound, efforts to restore the prairie and other aspects of the prairie hill.

Steck plans to create a 5-foot-wide trail from the parking lot to the mound's summit. Much of the approximately three-quarters-mile loop trail will be wheelchair accessible. Interpretive signs that tell about what members of the expedition saw when they looked west and the geology of the mound will be located before the steepest part of the grade.

Establishing the native prairie will take a long time, Steck said.

The other components of Spirit Mound Historic Prairie will be completed by 2004, the centennial of the Lewis and Clark

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Board Vacancies

Oneida Audit Committee one (1) vacancy: Qualifications: The Committee will be composed of four Oneida Business Committee members selected concurrently with the election to the Oneida Business Committee, and a Tribal member, who is not an employee of the Tribe, with appropriate knowledge, skills and experience. Members shall adhere to all Tribal laws, codes, policies and procedures with the strictest confidentiality.

Mission: The purpose of the Audit Committee is to ensure the integrity of the financial reporting and audit systems of the Oneida Tribe; assist in the maintenance of adequate financial reporting, automatic data processing, and audit systems; supervise the recruitment and recommendation to retain a public accounting firm for special and annual audits; and to conduct oversight over the process of investigation into any alleged or suspected improprieties and violations of fiscal and ethics policies, codes, regulations, and directives; and to report to the Oneida Business Committee and to the General Tribal Council, when appropriate, relative to audits, financial reports, management reports, and recommended corrective measures. Please post this item in the next issue of the Kalihwisaks with A DEADLINE DATE OF OCTOBER 20, 2002. If you have any questions about this or other posting information, please contact Karen Cornelius at 869-4418.

Personnel Commission One (1) vacancy. Qualifications: Enrolled Tribal member. The membership may not be such that a conflict of interest of interest is created as defined nepotism is created by the following relationships; father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-children, step-parents, or significant other. The entire combined membership may not consist of more than two members from any one Division of the Oneida Tribe, nor less than seven (7) community members. A member may not be an employee of the Human Resources Department, any advocacy group, (Department), or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe. Board member will serve a three year term, plus the remainder of the unexpired term. DEADLINE DATE OF OCTOBER 18, 2002

Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee Four (4) vacancies. Qualifications: Must be a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI who has served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. Qualifications shall also include the following: 1. Honorable service; a) A person who has been inducted into or voluntarily entered into active duty in one of the service branches and who did not receive a discharge from active duty with that branch due to "less than honorable conditions" b) Active duty is having served 181 days or more of continuous duty unless discharged early for a service-related disability c) Served as a member of the Selected Reserve and who has completed at least six years in the Reserves or National Guard or who was discharged early because of a service connected disability. 2. Shall be a citizen in good standing. Board member will serve a three year term. DEADLINE DATE OF OCTOBER 18, 2002.

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Furnished Offices for rent for tribal departments at 2555 Packerland Drive, Green Bay, WI. We have three furnished offices for rent plus 2 cubicles. The rent includes all utilities, shared use of library, break room, and conference room. The present tribal occupants are the Finance Office and Trust Office. The monthly rent is \$864. Please contact Bernice Elm at Oneida Division of Land Management at 869-1690 extension 1819 from Monday - Thursday 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Tribal departments must apply before September 1, 2002. If no tribal departments apply, we will take applications from others.

Notice of Availability

Notice of Availability. Project Description: The Oneida Nation is proposing to construct a poultry and vegetable processing facility. This facility is necessary to operate a facility capable of processing organically grown poultry and vegetables. Currently, Tsyuhakwa must utilize outside services to process the poultry and vegetables. The project is proposed in the southwest quarter of Sec 34, Township 24 North, Range 19 East.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared regarding this proposed action in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The draft EA contains project information, affected environment, project alternatives and consultation letters. Comments were requested from the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding possible impacts to threatened and endangered species, and from the Oneida Tribe and State Historical Society of Wisconsin about possible impacts to historic properties. No significant impacts to these resources are anticipated, and recommendations from these sources will be followed.

Need for Project: To further the Oneida Nation goals for sustainable agriculture through organic farming and other sustaining practices.

Project Alternatives: The whole project site was evaluated for alternatives, but were denied due to various constraints of the available parcel. The "No-Action" alternative was also evaluated. It was rejected due to the increasing need and requests by community members for organically grown products. Comments & Availability: Interested parties can obtain copies of these documents from the above address. Comments regarding the proposed action may also be submitted within 30 days of the date of this NOA. Contact Tom Nelson, Oneida Environmental, Healthy & Safety Area (920) 497-5812 for additional information.

Notice of Availability. Anna John Nursing Home of Oneida, Wisconsin, will provide care from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003 uncompensated services to all eligible persons unable to pay who request those services. All services of the facility will be available as uncompensated services. Eligibility for uncompensated services will be limited to the person whose family income is not more than Category C of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services. This notice is published in accordance with 42

CFR 124.504 Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Services. We invite interested parties to comment on this allocation plan.

Oneida Nation Jobs Available

Elder Services Director Position #00067

Salary: Grade 11 \$37,398/annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** **Position Summary:** This position plans, develops, implements and administers the Elderly Services Program for the Oneida community. This position works closely with the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (ONCOA), Tribal administration, Program Directors and elders in the community. Communication, networking, planning, program development and organizational skills are fundamental to the success of this position. This position is required to work with a variety of Tribal programs, boards, supervisors and directors as well as county, state and federal entities. This is an exempt position and reports to the Area Manager of Social Services. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date:
September 30, 2002
Proposed Start Date:
November 25, 2002

Executive Casino Host Position #01765

Salary: Grade 09 (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience + Commission based upon performance). **Position Summary:** This position will provide the highest level of customer service and will be responsible for the recognition and maintaining of players at Oneida Bingo and Casino. The incumbent in this position will assist the Players Development Manager in department event planning, short and long range planning for the Oneida Bingo and Casino to increase revenues and maintain departmental goals. Incumbent will work all shifts that include nights, weekends and holidays. This is an exempt position and reports to the Player Development Area Manager. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date:
October 3, 2002
Proposed Start Date:
November 18, 2002

Budget Manager Position #00923

Salary: Grade 11 \$31,907/annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** **Position Summary:** This position will work with the chief financial advisory and top management of the Oneida Tribe to prepare instructional materials for each department and facilitate training sessions to train and assist tribal departments in budget development. Incumbent will review and analyze the budgets throughout the development process to ensure the development plans of each department are adequately budgeted for. This position will organize the development of Tribal-wide organizational planning that leads to the development of budgets and strive to continuously improve on the techniques of the tribal budget processing and training skills. This is an exempt position and reports to the Chief Financial Advisor. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date:
October 3, 2002
Proposed Start Date:
November 18, 2002

Residential Youth Care Supervisor Position #0244/01083

Salary: Grade 08 \$24,147/annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position is responsible for the direct supervision of the Youth Care Workers. Incumbent will ensure that licenses are current, recruit perspective clients and ensure that billing of services is submitted. This position is responsible to adhere to all Federal, State and Tribal rules and regulations pertaining to Group Homes. This is an exempt position and reports to the Assistant Director-Adolescent Residential Treatment Center. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date:
October 15, 2002
Proposed Start Date:
December 16, 2002

Internal Investigator Position #00285

Salary: Grade 08 \$12.09/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position will conduct investigations of all cases of suspected criminal activity as assigned by the Security Director which includes interviewing witnesses, suspects and offenders. Incumbent will complete and submit to Security Director a written synopsis of the progress of the case. This position will be an "on call" basis for all cash shortages that need immediate investigation. Incumbent will work with outside agencies regarding investigations to include, police departments, district attorney's office, insurance companies and other state and federal agencies. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Security Director. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date:
October 09, 2002
Proposed Start Date:
November 18, 2002

Oneida Language/Culture Trainee I - LTE Position #05090

Salary: Grade 06 \$10.42/hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position will provide an opportunity for individuals to expand the use of the Oneida language in the Child Care and community to support the child care goals and initiatives. Incumbent will learn to speak the Oneida language, develop materials and learn instructional strategies to expand the instruction of Oneida language to the child care staff and children. This is a non-exempt, limited term position and reports to the Child Care Director. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

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

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LPN- Part-time AM, PM and Night Shifts
RN- Part-time AM, PM and Night Shifts
RN-Full-time PM shift
LPN-Full -time PM Shift

Contact Victrietta Hensley at 496-7900 for further information.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

When: Tuesday, October 8, 2002
Where: Ridgeview Plaza, Suite #4
Time: 5:30 P.M.

Public Hearing Process

I. Testimony:

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Higher Education Grant Program criteria modifications which would (1) exclude room and board for Independent non-need based students; (2) exclude room and board for all summer school students (except for year round schools, who have accelerated programs); and (3) impose a semester budget cap on available funds whereby students would be denied funding if funds where not available. Submitted by the Oneida Higher Education Office in response to Task Force recommendations.

When: Tuesday, October 22, 2002
Where: Business Committee Conference Room
Time: 5:30 P.M.

Public Hearing Process

I. Testimony:

A. Oral: There will be a 3 minute limit for all oral testimony. Each participant is encouraged to provide a written transcript of his/her oral testimony, to be submitted while present at the public hearing or within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the below named individuals.

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Atty. Joe Recka
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