



Court rules governor exceeded authority in gaming compact

By Keith Skenandore

Kalihwisaks
The Wisconsin State Supreme Court ruled Thursday that Gov. Jim Doyle exceeded his authority in signing a gaming compact with the Forest County Potawatomi by a split ruling on Thursday.

The court's 4-3 decision wipes out key provisions of the new compact Doyle signed with the Potawatomis last year including Las Vegas-

style games such as craps and roulette. That also includes nullifying a \$34 million payment the Potawatomis are scheduled to make to the state in June.

The minority votes were made by Supreme Court Justices Shirley Abrahamson, Ann Walsh Bradley and Patrick Crooks.

The impact of the decision could have a ripple effect throughout Wisconsin, how-

ever, in Oneida, Tribal Treasurer Mercie Danforth said it is business as usual.

"Despite the Wisconsin Supreme Court's decision announced today," said Danforth, "the Oneida Nation will continue to offer the full scope of games at its facilities."

Danforth said at the May 13 press conference that the

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Ruling



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Oneida Tribal Treasurer Mercie Danforth responds to the Wisconsin State Supreme Courts split 4-3 ruling which stated that Gov. Jim Doyle exceeded his authority in signing a compact with the Forest County Potawatomi. Danforth, along with Senior Staff Attorney Jennifer Carleton, seated right, said the tribe will go on with "business as usual" at a press conference on May 13, 2004.

Cayuga's casino plan recommend by BIA office

By The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The Cayuga Indian Nation of New York has cleared a major hurdle for building a casino in the Catskills.

The federal Bureau of Indian Affairs's eastern regional office in Nashville, Tenn., has recommended

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Cayugas

Bubbling over with excitement



Photos by Phil Wisneski

The Three Sisters Head Start program held a ribbon cutting for their new building on May 6, 2004. The new building has been a work in progress for many years and finally became a reality when the new Business Committee took office and made it a point to upgrade the facility. The new 10,000 square foot building replaces modular buildings that were beginning to become outdated. The Oneida Head Start program has been in existence for 39 years and last year received the highest federal rating for head start programs in the nation with "no deficiencies and no findings".

Wisconsin Ho-Chunk wants Illinois casino

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. - After its proposal for a Madison casino was turned down, the Ho-Chunk Nation is focusing on a Chicago suburb as a potential site for a new gambling hall.

The Wisconsin tribe announced the proposal Monday to build a gambling and entertainment operation in Lynwood, Ill.

The tribe has three other gambling operations in Wisconsin, at Lake Delton, Black River Falls and Nekoosa.

George Lewis, tribal president, said when contacted Monday night in Chicago that the tribe is looking for other business opportunities, especially since it owes Wisconsin a payment of \$30 million a year under a compact signed last year.

"Our Legislature decided that we would look at all the other options we have," Lewis said.

For an Illinois casino to be developed, the land would have to be placed in trust for the tribe by federal officials, and the Illinois governor also would have to approve.

Feds agree to submit possible settlement options

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - The federal government wants to offer "innovative thoughts and ideas" instead of money to settle the Oneida Indian land claim.

Federal officials said they would prepare a report of possible settlement options by June 15, said John Tabner, an Albany lawyer serving as the mediator in the 30-year-old land claim.

Officials declined to discuss any specifics of the negotiations, citing U.S. District Judge Lawrence Kahn's order to keep the talks

confidential. "I don't want to call it a plan," Tabner said. "Maybe a concept would be a better term. Maybe if the concept can be put into place it can ripen into a plan."

The Oneida Indians of New York, Wisconsin and Ontario are suing New York state for the return of 250,000 acres in Madison and Oneida counties that the state purchased from the tribes in the 18th and 19th centuries. The suit was filed in 1974. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1985 that the Oneidas have a valid claim.

Bill Gollnick, general manager for the Oneidas of Wisconsin, said they are aware that the federal government has been supportive of various alternatives.

"Some of which have been our proposals," said Gollnick. He said the Wisconsin Oneidas are now at a point where things are clearly moving in the proper direction in regard to their proposals.

Gollnick said at various land claim community meeting updates, he along with the Oneida Business Committee, have informed the member-

ship that they have recognized for some time that the federal government will not be able to fulfill their payment of a cash settlement, and that the State of New York is currently facing a major budget deficit.

On Oct. 24, 2001, the New York Legislature passed Senate Bill 5828 to alleviate their economic pressures. Gov. Pataki has approved three Seneca casinos in the western part of New York, and that three other casinos to be built in the Catskills.

"We have now for some time been discussing the

prospect of a casino as an alternative to assess the damages portion," said Gollnick.

In February 2002, the New York Oneidas and the state announced a tentative settlement that would pay the three Oneida tribes \$500 million. The state and federal governments were supposed to split the payment, but federal officials said last year that the U.S. government would not be contributing \$250 million, effectively killing the agreement.

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Local

From Page 1/Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling says Governor exceeded authority

Oneida Nation is extremely disappointed and outraged on behalf of the Potawatomi regarding the decision rendered.

"The Oneida stand behind the Potawatomi and Governor Doyle, support them in their battles against the state Republican leadership, and hope that they appeal this issue in the interest of all of Wisconsin's citizens," she said.

Oneida is scheduled to pay \$20 million to the State on or before June 30, 2004, according to Jennifer Carleton, senior staff attorney.

"We believe that our compact amendments are still valid, and we will hold to the terms of the compact," said Carleton.

Doyle spokesman Dan Leistikow said the governor would appeal in federal court.

Wisconsin Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager issued a press statement regarding the ruling.

"In essence, the Court invalidated several provisions of the amendments to the Forest County Potawatomi gaming compact entered last year," read the statement. "Department of Justice attorneys are in the process of reviewing all aspects of the decision and dissent."

"The Department of Justice will not be issuing any further statement in this matter pending further discussions with the Office of the Governor."

The Oneidas say they doubt that the Wisconsin Supreme Court's decision will hold up to federal scrutiny and that the compacts have already been upheld by the federal government as consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

"If this decision stands, there is nothing that either the State legislature or the Governor can offer us that we don't already have," said Oneida Treasurer, Mercie Danforth. "The 2003 amendments that we executed are valid."

The minority dissenting opinion stated the decision threatens more than \$200 million in payments Wisconsin's tribes were expected to make to the state during the current two-year budget. All 11 tribes operating 17 casinos signed compacts similar to the one Doyle negotiated with the Potawatomi.

"The sum total of the majority opinion is to deliver the following bad news to the people of the State: all bets are off. Or at least, all new bets in the 2003 amendments are off," stated the minority opinion.

Unless Doyle can reach new agreements with the tribes that pass constitutional muster, the loss of gaming payments would blow a hole in the state's budget. Wisconsin already is facing a shortfall because expenses have exceeded revenues.

In a press statement by the



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Wisconsin State Assemblyman John Gard (R) speaking at a May 5 "Oneida Means Business" meeting defends his filing of suit against Gov. Jim Doyle and his compact signing with the Forest County Potawatomi.

Oneida tribe, they quoted the minority dissenting opinion.

"Almost \$207 million of direct tribal payments to the State, upon which the legislature relied upon in adopting the budget, are in jeopardy, as is approximately \$100 million annually thereafter," read the statement.

The written dissenting minority opinion said that the majority's opinion ruling against Indian gaming not only will have an enormous effect on the state and local economies, but also "will interfere with federal and state policies promoting the economic welfare of the Indian tribe and Indian education."

Oneida, along with the minority opinion, both noted that the decision also threatens 35,000 jobs associated with those gaming operations, and that the 2003 amendment will add an additional 20,000 more jobs and a billion dollars in new investments.

Assembly Speaker John Gard, who along with Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer sued Doyle, said the decision gives the governor the opportunity to negotiate compacts "that are constitutional, fair to the tribes and an even better deal for the Wisconsin taxpayers."

Danforth said Senator Panzer and Assemblyman Gard issued statements wrapping themselves in the Wisconsin State Constitution ten years too late.

"It is clear to us that the Republican legislators take issue with the party affiliation of the Governor, and not on the terms negotiated," said Danforth.

Republican lawmakers who filed suit seeking to overturn the new Potawatomi compact accused Doyle of illegally substituting his own discretion for state policy by signing the compact.

The court ruled Doyle exceeded his authority by agreeing to compacts that permanently remove Indian gaming from review by legislators because the deals had no expiration date. The court ruled the new games allowed under the compacts such as craps, roulette, variations of blackjack, electronic keno and poker violate the

Wisconsin Constitution.

The court also ruled Doyle exceeded his authority in waiving the state's sovereign immunity as part of the deals. That provision allowed the state and tribes to go to court to resolve disputes over the compacts.

Potawatomi spokesman Ken Walsh said the tribe's officials were still going through the decision Thursday morning and declined comment.

Before the decision came down, the Potawatomi announced Wednesday it wanted to start planning a \$240 million addition to its Milwaukee casino or a whole new casino - but only if challenges to the compacts were unsuccessful in court.

As for the Oneida, they say they will continue to move forward with economic development plans, as well as continue to offer the new games.

Oneida recently opened their new Derby Room in the Irene Moore Activity Center bingo hall which offers off-track betting on horse and dog track races. They are continuing to proceed with the opening of a Poker Room at their West Mason Street casino where they will offer player bank games such as Texas Hold'em and 7 Card Stud. That is expected to open later this summer.

Carleton said there are three key differences between the Oneida compact and that of the Potawatomi. She said the sovereign immunity waiver, scope of games, and compact duration has significantly different language than what is compiled in the Potawatomi compact, and that two of those issues - sovereign immunity waiver and compact duration - are related to the authority of the governor, and the scope of games is a federal question.

"It's very difficult to predict or interpret what a court would possibly say about the Oneida compact," said Carleton. "At this point we don't recognize that this ruling has any impact on the Oneida Tribe or it's ability to conduct Class III gaming," said Carleton.

JR Ross of the Associated Press contributed to this story.

From Page 1/Options to land claim settlement pleasing to Wisconsin Oneidas

"We think these new solutions, new apparently in the eyes of the mediator, simply signal that the proposals we have out there are things that are now being actively considered by the State," said Gollnick.

Gollnick said his conversations with the State is that they are considering a number of alternatives, and the Wisconsin Oneidas dialogue with the Department of Interior (DOI) suggests there are some clear opportunities with the proposals they have offered. The Wisconsin Oneidas do recognize that there are a number of competing tribes.

"We still must be very engaged and very strong in our position," said Gollnick. "It signals that the State is finally beginning to recognize they have some options

and alternatives that they have not been prepared to move on that probably are the best course of action for them as well as us at this point."

A May 3 land claim community meeting served as two-fold: to inform the membership of the latest developments in the Cayuga and the Seneca-Cayuga cases, and to recognize some changes in the DOI relative to assignments. Gollnick said former counsel to the Secretary, Michael Rosetti, has moved onto a private practice, and that Mike Olson, counsel to the assistant secretary, has been elevated to assume his responsibility.

"Olson has not seen our community and is unfamiliar with the way in which we do business," said Gollnick. "In

part we wanted to make sure he was aware of the credibility of the tribe, and the diversity of the tribe."

In doing so, Gollnick said that Olson's attendance at the May 3 meeting provided him an opportunity to see a community update. He said one of the things that marks the Oneidas as different from the other tribes in contention for a casino proposal is that there process has been a very transparent one.

"Our government functions in a way that really does include the membership as opposed to narrow decision making," said Gollnick. "Having him (Olson) have the opportunity to see that was helpful to us."

Keith Skenandore of Kalihwisaks contributed to this story.

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Local

Oneida means business

Oneida - A coalition of local business leaders and government officials gathered to hear the latest updates on tourism dollars and its impact to the local economy.

The Oneida Means Business (OMB) coalition meets to provide a platform for dialogue, a vehicle for action and a forum for information to continue in the shared success of the Oneida Nation.

A steering committee of 5 to 6 individuals serve as liaisons to the Oneida Business Committee and the OMB.

Sandy Orazinski of Wege Research Institute provided the Wisconsin Department of Tourism study which she said is an unbiased study that was not requested by the tribe.

Orazinski said the summary of survey findings showed that travelers spent \$11.68 billion in 2002. \$3.12 billion was spent on recreational



Paul Jadin, President of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, at podium, speaks at the Oneida Means Business meeting on May 5. OMB is a coalition of local business leaders and area government officials. Approximately 100 people were in attendance at the meeting.

activities, with \$755.25 million spent on gaming.

She said that gaming was 23 percent of money spent, and that the economic impact created over 21,000 jobs.

"The fact of the matter is that gaming has an impact on everyone of us," said

Orazinski.

Paul Jadin, president of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke of the amicus brief that he filed on behalf of the chamber in support of the Oneida Nation and their gaming operations prior to the Panzer lawsuit being

heard before the State Supreme Court.

The chamber's brief points out the tribe's input from gaming in assisting with the area economy through job creation, service payments and investment in local businesses.

"We really didn't make much legal argument at all," said Jadin, former Green Bay mayor. "What we did was outline very extensively what is going to happen in Northeastern Wisconsin because we have gaming, and because of the Oneida Tribe.

Passing On

Ninham, Mabel

Mrs. Elmer (Mabel) Ninham, 68, of Green Bay, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at a local hospital. The daughter of the late Alpheus and Minnie (Elm) Christjohn was born March 21, 1936 in Oneida. On September 15, 1963, she married Elmer J. Ninham and he preceded her in death on December 28, 1988. Mabel was a volunteer at Curative Workshop for over twenty years. She was an avid Packer fan, Nascar fan, enjoyed crossword puzzles and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her brother, Al Christjohn, Oneida, and two sisters, Lilly Mae Schuyler, Wisconsin Rapids, and Grace Bear, Seymour and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one sister, Mary Wilbur and two brothers-in-law, Frank Bear and Robert Wilbur.

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If you are not sure if your household meets the income guidelines, please call Lisa Aho at (920) 869-4369. Please have your applications in no later than Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Child Development Days



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Four year-old Victoria Torres assembles blocks as Tanya Lopez-Martin watches closely. The block building exercise was one of many exercises that measured children's development progress during the Child Development Days on May 7.

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Transit driver Jan Matuszak assists Sandi Ori for her dialysis appointment.

Transit does dialysis

The Oneida Transit Department has extended their services to include dialysis patient pick ups and drop offs.

"The service was much needed in the Oneida community," said Transit Director Cliff Webster. "I received numerous requests to offer it."

The Transit Department currently transports ten patients to and from the Green Bay areas dialysis centers.

The cost for the patient is \$5.00. This cost is significantly less than some other medical type van pick ups. Other companies have charged up to \$75 a ride.

Webster also wanted the community to realize that the transports and all other transit routes are not just for tribal members.

"We are a public transit system and anyone can utilize our service," Webster said.

Interviewing history



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above: Cornelius Hill looks through a history book as producer Mik Dirks asks him a few questions about his Korean Conflicts experience.

Wisconsin Public Television is doing a conversational history of the Korean Era and is including Oneida area Veterans. Right: James Begay was also interviewed. Not shown is Valdor John's interview.



\$8.6 million approved to spend on PCB damage

Fish-hatchery renovation among projects

By Peter Rebhahn
Green Bay Press-Gazette

A \$6,000 project to put more bluegills into the bay of Green Bay and \$6 million to fund a fish hatchery renovation are two of 15 proposals given a go-ahead on Tuesday by natural resource trustees for the PCB-contaminated Fox River.

Tuesday's annual meeting of the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resources Trustee Council was the group's second.

"We felt we were lacking in fishery resource projects," said Colette Charbonneau, Fox River restoration coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The trustee council deliberated behind closed doors for nearly two hours on Tuesday before agreeing to allocate a little more than \$8.6 million for projects in 2004-05 from millions already paid or promised by seven area paper companies to settle natural resource damage claims stemming from pollution of the river and bay with polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, in the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Fish and Wildlife is one of

six trustees, all government agencies and Indian tribes, charged with administration of the paper company funds.

The other trustees are the state Department of Natural Resources, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Oneida Tribe of Indians, the Menominee Tribe of Indians and the state of Michigan.

The trustees released a plan in 2002 that calls for natural-resource restoration projects in watersheds stretching from Columbia County in Wisconsin north into Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The 17 projects approved by the trustee council last year included a study of the depleted yellow perch population on the bay of Green Bay, but little else directed at improving fish populations.

Trustees did not approve a proposal submitted by Green Bay's Baird Creek Preservation Foundation to the trustee council a year ago.

"I tried to make the point that there aren't any watershed projects," said Paul Abrahams, a representative of the preservation foundation.

A request for \$626,000 by the Door County Land Trust to protect 130 acres of wetland was deferred.

The trustee council also set aside \$1.5 million in reserve funds for as yet unplanned

Projects

Here are the projects approved by the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resources Trustee Council on Tuesday:

- \$50,000 for construction of walleye rearing ponds in Door County.
- \$6,000 to assist the Green Bay Area Great Lakes Sport Fishing Club with bluegill stocking in the bay.
- \$6 million to assist the state with a \$13.8 million renovation of the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery near Wautoma.
- \$222,300 to protect environmentally sensitive land in Northeastern Wisconsin.
- \$145,000 for three projects to enhance waterfowl and shorebird habitat on Little Lake Butte des Morts.
- \$114,500 for two projects to restore native prairie and wetlands in the Brillion and Killsnake Wildlife areas.
- \$22,000 to assist an ongoing project to restore the endangered piping plover on Green Bay.
- \$35,000 to create northern pike spawning habitat in the Sensiba Wildlife Area.
- \$495,000 for two projects to restore wetlands near Rush Lake in Northeastern Wisconsin.
- \$25,000 to replace pumping equipment at Oconto Marsh on Green Bay's west shore.
- \$1.5 million for conservation easements to protect 1,075 acres along the northern shore of Green Bay.

Two laws

Polluters are required to fund restoration of damaged natural resources under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and some state laws. The activities of the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resources Trustee Council and related costs are unrelated to the estimated \$400 million cleanup of the river, which is guided by federal Superfund law.

projects in "high priority" areas — the communities in the 39-mile stretch of river from Little Lake Butte des Morts to the bay of Green Bay.

So far, the trustee council has spent \$10.6 million in

restoration efforts from money collected from the former Appleton Papers and NCR Corp. A settlement with Georgia-Pacific Corp. announced in 2002 will add more than \$10 million to available funding this year.

Federal appeals court rejects Hudson casino lawsuit

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - A federal appeals court rejected a lawsuit Thursday challeng-

ing the governor's ability to block Indian tribes from acquiring a western Wisconsin dog track.

The decision by the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago was the latest ruling to go against three Chippewa tribes in their efforts to open a casino at the St. Croix Meadows Greyhound Racing Park in Hudson.

The Red Cliff, Lac Courte Oreilles and Mole Lake Chippewa bands created a partnership to buy the dog track located about 20 miles east of the Twin Cities.

The Interior Department gave federal approval for the tribes to acquire the land and make it a reservation, but former Gov. Scott McCallum vetoed the idea in 2001 because he opposed any expansion of gambling.

The tribes appealed after U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb in Madison rejected their lawsuit in April 2003. Crabb ruled federal Indian gaming law did nothing more than give "governors an opportunity to be heard on matters that affected the interests of their citizens."

The tribes contended that a

provision of the law requiring governors to approve the acquisition of off-reservation land for gaming purposes gives the state's top executives too much power and is contrary to the federal government's trust responsibilities to the tribes.

But the appeals court said the provision does not transfer control of the execution of federal law to state governors, as the tribes argued. A governor could not, on his own, allow tribes to acquire land for a casino without approval from the Interior Department, the appeals court said.

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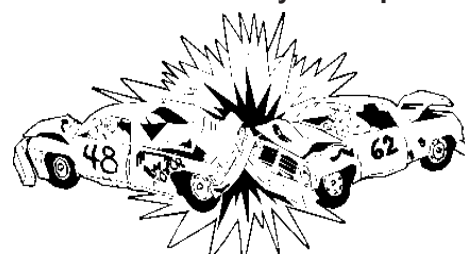
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WPA stories coming to life

Submitted by Michelle Danforth

Wisconsin Public Television

Michelle Danforth and Wisconsin Public Television received a grant to bring a WPA story alive on video. It is the hope that by creating one of the segments more grant money can be found to produce more for both television and for classroom materials. It is really important to tell the stories of the elder because it teaches the public and our tribe who we really were. I am hoping that this piece will air sometime this fall but I will try and do a special showing for any tribal members who would like to see the piece.

WPA stands for Work Progress Administration. WPA was created in 1932 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The purpose was to help the economy grow and get Americans back to work. One of the projects included collecting over 800 stories from our elders in 1939.

The Oneidas that participated in the program could write about anything. They wrote about what life was like, food, hunting, what history they could remember,

animal stories and most wrote their stories in Oneida.

This is a transcription from an interview we did with Loretta Metoxen, "We at the cultural heritage department had a collection of WPA stories that were rather short. Some of them were only one or two paragraphs long and they were translated if they were in Oneida and typed from the writing because it was all written in long hand. They were indexed and then about 5 or 6 years ago a box was inadvertently found in the cellar of the Historical Society in Madison.

"Low and behold, there was an entire second set of the WPA stories. There were note books, complete notebooks, and complete stories written by the participants of the WPA Project. Unbenounced to anyone that they were still there or even existed. I believe they were found by a man from the society named Herb Dewic. They were not catalogued, they were not indexed they were just there. And, I believe now that the originals are in the archives at the University of WI Green Bay and that we have a couple of sets of

copies. That we are in the process of indexing those."

Metoxen said of the importance of the WPA stories, "Every tribal member needs to understand where they came from. They need to be connected and this is one of the greatest connecting kind of things we can do it is right there before us, all we have to do is utilize it."

The story that we decided to recreate was called, "In Deceit" by Levi Baird. It tells the story from his memory about how the Town of Hobart was created and how the Oneidas lost more of their land by not paying and in some cases not understanding taxes.

On May 11th at the Parish Hall, several elders participated as extras to re-create the feeling of a town hall meeting. The Oneida Museum has been kind enough to provide old photos to be used in the piece also. Heritage Hill was also a location to recreate a farm scene with Mark Powless, Simon Decoteau and Hugh Danforth. Hugh Danforth was selected by a panel of television personnel in Madison to do the voice over for the piece.



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Taking a shot at acting for the re-creation of the WPA story, "In Deceit" by Levi Baird were Simon Decoteau, facing camera, Hugh Danforth, and Mark and Chris Powless in the background. These actors served as extras to recreate the scene of a town hall meeting. With a grant provided to Wisconsin Public Television, they are in the process of putting WPA (Works Progress Administration) stories on video.

Simon Decoteau said, "There is a lot that needs to be documented and put into perspective of what we can understand today."

Other elders who were present included Ken Hill, Erv Thompson, Mark Powless and Woody Webster. Other individuals that also helped

out were Frank Figueroa, Chris Powless, Roland Brunette and Carla Vigue.

Swapping rummage in the Oneida community

Oneida, Wis. - Music, food, and rummage will all be a part of a Swap Meet Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 12, 2004.

This event will begin bright and early as the Swap Meet and Rummage Sale opens at 7:00 am and will run until 3:00 pm.

Vendors are invited to participate in this one-of-a-kind event as arts, crafts, rummage, white elephant and more are asked to attend.

Entertainment will be provided by the Wolf River Band from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Space cost is \$20.00. Space size is not restricted, however, vendors are asked to supply their own tables.

Advance registration and space payment is required. Call Kathy Metoxen at 920-869-4364 for registration and for more information.

No food vendors will be allowed. All food for this event will be provided by the Business Committee's Relay for Life Team.

All proceeds will go towards the American Cancer Society-Oneida Relay for Life.

Pennies for your thoughts



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Middle School students from Annette King's class at the Turtle School collected numerous items to help the Bay Area Humane Society and Animal Shelter. The students raised over \$100, collected donations and spoke to younger classes about the need of the shelter. Students are (L-R) Brooke Trepanier, Marcell Batiste, Adrianna Thomas, Kristy King, Martina Redhail, Bronson Schommer, Nick Cantu, Michael Stevens, Dominic Lau and James Cornelius.

What is the Oneida Nation working on? Business Unit Informational Meeting

Monday, May 24, 2004

1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Off Track Betting Parlor - IMAC

AGENDA ITEMS:

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| a. Human Resources Department (HRD) | Systems |
| b. Legislative Affairs | g. March Treasurer's Report |
| c. Management Information Systems (MIS) | h. FY2005 Budget Compilation |
| d. Grants Office | i. Oneida Police Department |
| e. Oneida Health Center - Light The Night Event | j. Department of Public Works |
| f. Oneida Community Integrated Food | k. Oneida Bingo & Casino-Off Track Betting |

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

Joint tribal forces to address financial literacy

Oneida, Wis. - The Oneida Trust Committee has teamed with the Oneida Family Literacy Council and the Oneida Nurturing Network to present information to our Oneida youth and their guardians.

The Trust Committee's intent is to promote financial literacy. The Trust committee encourages our youth to become financially responsible as adults.

The Trust Committee and

Trust Department will be presenting financial planning for younger children on June 24, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Site I. This will be a picnic.

On July 29, at Site II, financial planning for adults will be presented from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. A meal will be offered.

They will be offering a 20 minute presentation at each location, which will be geared toward each age appropriate group.

All Oneida community members are welcome.

The Oneida Trust Committee looks forward to their new partnership with the Oneida Literacy Council and the Oneida Nurturing Network in working with Oneida citizens to be financially informed.

It is the Trust Committee's goal to help the Oneida community be more financially secure.

State/National

Milwaukee SEOTS news and notes

SEOTS Mission

Our mission is to provide for the well-being of On'yote?a.ka in southeastern Wisconsin; preserving our culture and environment for the next seven generations.

SEOTS staff

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to our office yet, we would like you to stop in! Check your Kalihwisaks for SEOTS NEWS once a month for our events. If you don't know the staff, come in and see us. Mark - director, Anne - administrative assistant, Carmen - administrative assistant, and Deb - community education specialist. The office is located on 2778 South 35th Street. Phone - 414.384.7740.

SEOTS extended office hours

Monday - Wednesday:
8am-6:30pm

Thursday & Friday:
8am-4:30pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm

Information around the city

211 Impact - Simply call 211 for help with life - food - shelter - health - crisis intervention, etc.

Pow Wow AA Group - All Welcome - Thursday's - 8:00pm - 1st Baptist Church - 1576 So. 78th

Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center - 383-9526

Domestic Violence - Milwaukee Women's Center - 272-5132 - Ext. 153 - Bagwajikwe Madosh is the Native American Case Manager/Advocate and available to assist any women or family members

Urban Circle of Voices - Milwaukee's Native American Newspaper - 643-5510 - Vicky Rank

Interfaith Program for the Elderly - Meals on Monday

and Friday -11:30am - 631 N. 19th St.- First Friday of the month at 5pm.

Elder month

We would like to thank all the community members that made various crafts for the monthly evening Elder dinner held at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your time, talents and generosity are appreciated. Yaw^ko

Movies and Library

The Seats office has a collection of movies and library books for check-out. A large selection of Native American books fiction and non-fiction.. Books and movies can be checked out free of charge. Also if you have any past due books or movies, please return them so our library can be complete.

Amvets Picnic

The Amvets from Oneida will be hosting a picnic this month on June 30th, from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. They are providing the meat and beverages, and we would like families to bring a dish to pass. Our picnic will be dedicated to our Veterans. The Honor Guard will be present and we will honor our Veterans before the meal. We will also be honoring some of the Oneida Veterans that have been active in the community. This will be an evening of fun! Bring your baseball equipment, basketballs, lawn chairs, and dish to pass! A family softball game will begin the evening, the Honor Guard with supper to follow, and then Bingo to round out the evening. Please come for a great time! Please call if you can attend.

Date: Wednesday, June 30th

Time: 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Place: Zablocki Park Pavilion, 3717 W. Howard Ave. Park location borders 40th and Howard and

35th & Loomis. Please call for directions Please RSVP 384-7740 **Oneida language class - plus a new weekly study group**

Our Oneida language class is taught on a weekly basis. Our teachers are from the area and from Oneida. We are appreciative to all that teach the class, so our language can be carried on to our community. To help those that are taking the group, we will hold an informal language study group on each Tuesday at 10:30 am. The study group will review and practice words and phrases that were learned each week. We should try to learn our language since it is part of our culture. We invite all community members and their families to all classes.

Dates: Saturday, June 5, 12, 19, 26th
Time: 10am-12pm

Trip to Oneida

The Seats office will be taking the van up on Wednesday the 9th at 7:00am. We will get there early enough for those folks that would like to play bingo. The trip is at your leisure to meet with family, go to the casino or do what ever you plan to do. Once you get there transportation, food and any expenses are your responsibility. You can even bring a bag lunch if you would like. We will provide a cooler for the ride up. We will be leaving from Oneida at 3:00pm. There is room for 8 people Sign up early. 384-7740.

Date: Wednesday, June 9th

Time: Van leaves

Milwaukee at 7:00am

Return time in Milwaukee

is 6:00pm

Heart Walk

Time to get ready for the

Annual Heart Walk! There will be an informal meeting to brainstorm and set the pace for raising money for this years heart walk. This will be a way for the community to get involved and help raise money to fight heart disease. You probably know of someone that has been affected by this disease. Now is your time to help! This will be our 4th year involved in raising money for heart disease. I would like to see us raise more money than any group in the city. Is this a challenge, yes, it is! Can we do it? I think so! All ages can participate in the walk!

Craft Class

Wednesday Craft Class is on summer break till September although there will be some classes held on Saturday afternoons. Please check your Kalihwisaks for those classes.

Kids Klub

Kids Klub begins on Monday, June 28th. This is our 4th year! What do kids do at Kids Klub? Crafting, cultural projects, museum trips, science fun, games, hiking, swimming, learn tradition, cook-outs and have just plain fun! Ages are from 7 to 12. Come and sign up anytime before the 28th or just show up on the first day and bring a bag lunch. Kids Klub will be each Monday, 10am to 3pm. Come and join in!

Date: Monday, June 28th

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Cultural heritage class

Cultural heritage class will be held on a once a month basis until further notice. Cultural heritage class is a very important class that teaches tradition and culture. The topics cover the clan system, yearly festivals, cere-

monies, the Great Law and many other traditions carried on within the Oneida Nation.

Date: Tuesday, June 1

Time: 6:30-8pm

Oneida singers

Oneida singers meet every Monday at 6:30pm at the SEOTS office. They are available for events and services. Please contact Mamie at 643-8972.

The Oneida Hymn Singers of Milwaukee CD is available for purchase at the SEOTS office.

Tsyunhehkwa

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

Seats Board meetings

The board meets on a regular basis every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The public is invited.

Date: Tuesday,

June 8th and June 21st

Time: 6:00pm

Van trip

Date: Wednesday, June 16th

Time: Van leaves at 8:00am

sharp and returns

approximately at 5:30pm

SEOTS van trip and script pick-up

Script pick-up:

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Wednesday, Van trip, June 16

Last call in dates are the

Friday before pick-up

National News

Seneca Indian Nation's second casino open for business

SALAMANCA, N.Y. (AP) - The Seneca Indian Nation's second casino has opened for business in a scene that included traditional American Indian dancers, music and fireworks.

The Senecas already operate the profitable Niagara Falls casino, which opened New Year's Eve 2002.

The \$71 million Seneca Allegany Casino, which made its debut Saturday night, is the first full-fledged casino in the Southern Tier, and is expected to attract gamblers from western New York and Pennsylvania.

The new gambling hall features 1,700 slot machines and 22 gambling tables including blackjack, craps and roulette. There's also a bingo hall, buffet room, diner and snack bar.

In Maine, voters last fall rejected two Maine Indian tribes' referendum proposal to build a \$650 million casino in the Sanford area.

Since then, the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes have asked for the Legislature's backing to run a slot-machine operation at Bangor's harness racing track, which is being bought by Penn National Gaming Inc. Lawmakers turned them down.

On opening night at the Seneca Allegany Casino, Victor Morley, 38, of Dayton, won \$214,000 after shoving 75 cents into a slot machine called Wheel of Fortune. He said the experience was "numbifying" and plans to donate some of his winnings to charity.

Seneca leaders hailed the casino's opening as a major step toward the revival of the local economy and the nation's quest for financial independence.

"I'd like all Senecas to pat themselves on the back," said Seneca President Rickey L. Armstrong. "This whole thing is for you."

Hundreds of gamblers waited for hours outside the casino before the doors opened. Some patrons were surprised by the outside appearance of the boxy metal building that houses the casino and noted that it was smaller than its sister casino in Niagara Falls. Seneca officials pointed out that the temporary facility will eventually be replaced by a bigger, more fashionable resort.

"I think this casino will do real well with people from Pennsylvania and Ohio," said David Clement, 46, a truck driver from Erie, Pa. "We have no casinos in our state. This is a lot closer than Niagara Falls."

Meanwhile, the Senecas have reached tentative agreements to open a third casino near Buffalo Niagara International Airport in Cheektowaga.

The Senecas hope that casino will attract primarily Buffalo-area gamblers rather than tourists, which may put the Senecas at odds with Mayor Anthony Masiello, the Buffalo News reported Sunday. According to documents obtained by the newspaper, the Seneca Erie Casino "will cater primarily to the local market in Buffalo and its suburbs," the bond offering said.

For the Record

In the April 30 publication of Kalihwisaks, "Friends of the Nation," with Senator Dave Hansen, Sherrole Benton of the Oneida Nation Arts Program was incorrectly identified as a member of the Oneida Nation Arts Board.

From Page 1/BIA recommends Cayuga casino

approval of the nation's plan to build a \$500 million casino at Monticello Raceway in Monticello, about 90 miles northwest of New York City. The regional office deter-

mined the casino would be good economically for both the tribe and Monticello area, said Nedra Darling, a BIA spokeswoman in Washington, D.C. The casino plan still

needs approval from the full BIA, the National Indian Gaming Commission and Gov. George Pataki, Darling said.

Robert Berman, the Monticello developer whose company, Empire Resorts Inc., has a seven-year deal to manage the casino, told the Post-Standard of Syracuse he was cautiously optimistic of winning federal and state approval for the venture.

"From a construction perspective, we're ready to go. It could definitely be in the ground this summer if the principals work it out, and I think they will," he said.

The Cayugas are one of several tribes vying to land a compact to build and operate a casino in the Catskills. Others include the St. Regis Mohawks, the New York Oneidas and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Wisconsin.

Last fall, the Cayuga nation offered to settle its share of a land claim to some 64,000 acres of former reservation land in Cayuga and Seneca counties for a casino compact with the state. Under the proposal, the state would drop its appeal to the claim, making final the \$247.9 million judgment jointly awarded to the Cayugas and to the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma.

Both sides in the dispute are appealing the claim. The Cayugas are seeking \$1.5 billion and the state is seeking a greatly reduced award. A decision by the 2nd Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals is pending.

Mark your calendars, tighten your suspenders, and dust off those walking shoes...

ONEIDA Senior**Olympics**

is back!

Wednesday, May 26th

10:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Townhall of Oneida on Hwy. H.

Join us for a fun day of exercise, games, lunch, prizes, magic and bingo!



National

Bureau of Indian Affairs head says he won't resign

By James MacPherson

Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - The head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs said Friday he will not resign, despite a call from a Connecticut senator to do so.

"I will not step down," Dave Anderson told The Associated Press in an interview.

Anderson was the keynote speaker at the United Tribes Technical College commencement ceremony in Bismarck. The founder of Famous Dave's restaurants took over Feb. 2 as the Interior Department's assistant secretary for Indian affairs.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., called for Anderson's resignation earlier this week, saying Anderson no longer is making critical decisions on tribal recognition.

A congressional committee has stepped up its efforts to investigate the effect of gambling on the federal tribal recognition process.

Anderson, who co-founded a company that runs tribal casinos, said he has recused himself from tribal recognition and gambling-related decisions to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. He said he also has stepped down as chairman of his Famous Dave's barbecue chain, which opened a restaurant in Bismarck last month.

Anderson was introduced at Friday's ceremony by Tex Hall, president of the National Congress of American Indians and chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes in North Dakota. Hall said he had been contacted by officials in Connecticut to help oust Anderson.

"I told them I would not, because he's a fellow American Indian," Hall said. "I told them it's their issue."

Hall urged graduates and others at the United Tribes' commencement to stand behind Anderson.

"(He) is an Indian man committed to Indian country," Hall said.

Anderson said he would make no apologies for promoting casinos in the past.

"Gaming opportunities for our Indian people have often helped tribal infrastructure and created meaningful jobs," he said.

Anderson, who is a Choctaw and Chippewa and an enrolled member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Lake Superior Band of Ojibwa, told United Tribes graduates to be passionate about their goals.

"(American Indians) are victims of change," Anderson said. "We must be architects of our destiny rather than victims of change."

United Tribes officials said this year's graduating class was the largest in the school's 35-year history. Eighty-nine students received degrees Friday.

"Find something you love to do and be passionate about it," Anderson told them.

Anderson also told the students that he has been sober for nine years, and urged



Photo courtesy of the Department of Interior

Dave Anderson is administered the oath of office as Assistant Secretary -- Indian Affairs back on February 2, 2004. Participating in the ceremony were Aurene Martin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, center, and Secretary Gale Norton. Anderson has said he will not resign from his position within the Interior.

them not to let alcohol ruin their lives.

"We need you as leaders," Anderson said, "as sober people that are clear in mind,

clear in spirit and in heart."

Anderson was scheduled to speak Saturday at commencement ceremonies at Sitting Bull College on the

Standing Rock reservation, which straddles the border of North Dakota and South Dakota.

Judge rejects request for Looking Cloud evaluation

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota (AP) - A federal judge in South Dakota has rejected a request for a mental evaluation on a man serving life in prison for the slaying of an American Indian Movement activist.

The lawyer for Arlo Looking Cloud renewed the request at sentencing last month.

But Judge Lawrence Piersol said he no longer has jurisdiction over the case because the final judgment has already been entered.

Looking Cloud and John Graham were charged with the 1975 killing of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Looking Cloud was convicted in February. Graham has pleaded innocent and plans to fight extradition from Canada.

Dispute over armed deputies on tribal land leads to ban

QUAPAW, Okla. (AP) - A dispute over whether Ottawa County sheriff's deputies can bring guns into the Quapaw Tribe's casino has left three cities without protection from county law enforcement officials.

J.R. Matthews, vice chairman of the Quapaw Tribe's business committee, informed the Ottawa County sheriff's department and district attorney's office last week that deputies would not be allowed on tribal land without permission.

The ban keeps sheriff's deputies from responding to calls in Quapaw, where they are the only law enforcement service, and in parts of Picher and Cardin. The ban has left one-third of Quapaw without law enforcement.

The tribe does not have a police force.

Quapaw Mayor Neal

Watson said he wants to meet with the leader of the Quapaw Tribe and the chairman of the tribe's business committee to resolve the issue.

"We need to sit down and talk about this and try to work something out," Watson said. "I don't think anyone wants any of our citizens to be without law enforcement."

Ottawa County Undersheriff Terry Durborow said the argument started with two visits by sheriff's deputies to the tribe's casino near Miami.

On the first visit, Durborow said, an armed and uniformed deputy was allowed to walk through the casino to look for a man who allegedly burglarized a nearby home and was believed to be armed.

On the second visit, he said, an armed and uniformed deputy went to the casino to exchange information with a

federal Bureau of Indian Affairs officer about an ongoing investigation and was told he would have to surrender his weapon to enter the casino. The deputy refused and left, Durborow said.

He said Matthews might not have realized the impact of the ban on the three cities.

"I think he just doesn't want us in the casino with guns, but that he didn't realize we also provide law enforcement services in Picher and Quapaw, where the tribe has a lot of land," Durborow said.

District Attorney Eddie Wyant said Matthews threatened legal action against the sheriff's department before sending his memo issuing the ban.

A 1986 federal court ruling prevents the sheriff's department from interfering with the Quapaw's gambling operations.

"That's what they are basing this on," Wyant said. "They are saying the injunction prevents us from coming

onto their land without their permission and we don't agree.

"We're out there and we want to help them, and we respect them and their rights, but their land is part of Ottawa County. We haven't done anything wrong. We went out there looking for a non-Indian suspect and we're allowed to do that."

Wyant said he doubted negotiations would provide a solution.

"I'm never going to tell an officer and the sheriff is never going to tell an officer to go to their job without their weapon," Wyant said. "The deputies have a right to go on tribal property as law enforcement officer with their duty weapon."

Two officers with the Bureau of Indian Affairs turned in their deputy commissions with the Ottawa County sheriff's office so they could continue to respond to calls on tribal land.

Online retailer's group withdraws challenge to Internet cigarette ban

By Carolyn Thompson

Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - An online retailers' group will withdraw its federal court challenge of New York's ban on Internet and mail-order tobacco sales while awaiting the outcome of a lawsuit pending in state court, the group's attorney said Tuesday.

The Online Tobacco Retailers Association, or OLTRA, becomes the second group to drop legal action against the state over the ban. The Seneca Indian Nation, which sells large quantities of untaxed cigarettes at reduced prices over the Internet, withdrew its federal lawsuit last month.

Joe Crangle, attorney for OLTRA, said the group is awaiting the outcome of a state Supreme Court action which claims the law was improperly passed by the Legislature in 2000.

The federal lawsuits by OLTRA and the Senecas argued more broadly that the law was unconstitutional. The Senecas also claimed the statute violated their sovereignty rights under Indian treaties.

"This is a very clean thing,"

Crangle said of the state case, filed on behalf of Scott Maybee, owner of SmokeSignals.com. "We're not putting on the table at this time any of the treaty rights. This is strictly saying that New York State law wasn't observed (when the statute was passed.) If it wasn't observed you don't even have to raise the treaty rights."

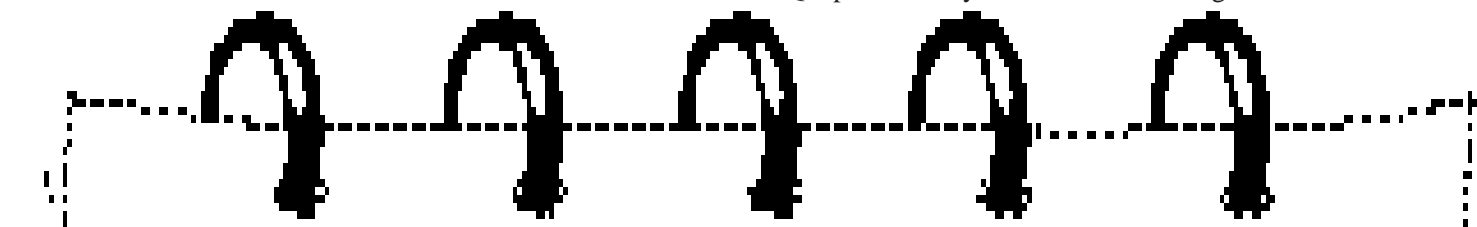
The law, passed in 2000 but not enforced until last year, prohibits Internet and mail-order sales of cigarettes to private individuals in New York state who are not licensed by the state to receive them.

In dropping the Senecas' legal challenge last month, Seneca President Rickey Armstrong said only that the tribe had changed its strategy on the issue and would address it in a different way.

The decision came after the Pataki administration announced it would hold off on efforts to collect state taxes on tobacco and gasoline sales from Indians to non-Indians at reservation businesses.

A hearing on the Maybee case was scheduled for May 19.

Oneida Housing Authority... Will be having a PUBLIC HEARING regarding the Indian Housing Plan on May 25, 2004 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm @ Oneida Housing Authority conference room. The second hearing will be on May 27, 2004 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm @ Oneida Housing Authority conference room. Any questions, please contact Jason Johnson at 869-2227.



What's Happening!

Oneida Business Committee Bi-Weekly Mtgs.

- WHEN: MAY 19, 2004
- JUNE 2, 2004
- JUNE 16, 2004
- JULY 7, 2004
- JULY 21, 2004

May 19 & 20, 2004

LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

7th & Grade Tourney
WHERE: Franklin, Wis.
Games begin @ 8:00 am

Thursday, May 27, 2004

NURTURING NETWORK PARENTING SESSION #5

TIME: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
WHERE: Three Sisters Head Start Center
TOPIC: Allowance & Mealtime with the Barbara Coloroso videotape, facilitated by Edi-Cornelius Grosskopf.
A meal will be provided and but NO childcare will be available.
Please call Connie @ 920-496-7860 or 1-800-416-6017 to pre-register.

Saturday, May 29, 2004

LACROSSE MATCH AGAINST APPLETON HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE CLUB

TIME: Noon
WHERE: ONHS Football Field

Monday, May 31, 2004

AMVETS MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION DINNER

TIME: 6:00 pm
WHERE: Doxbees Supper Club, Seymour, Wis.
COST: Individual tickets/\$15.00 Must be purchased by Thursday, May 27, 2004 at the Oneida Veterans Dept
WHY: The Memorial Day Holiday is a great opportunity for all Americans to recognize and salute our Veterans for their devoted service to our Nation On this day we will be recognizing five (5) Oneida Veterans who served in the Civil war by presenting certificates of appreciation to the descendants. Call Carolyn Miller for ticket information at 490-3920.

June 1 - 4, 2004

FINAL WEEK FOR "GARDENING FOR SUSTENANCE"

Don't forget to pick up your seeds, bedding plants and fertilizer from Tshenkwa.
Distribution Hours: M-F/Noon til 6:00 pm
Saturday, May 15 & 22/10 am - 2pm
June 1-4 (final week)
Call Ted, Lou J r., Gerry or Jill @ 869-2718.

Saturday, June 12, 2004

LACROSSE MATCH AGAINST MILWAUKEE ELEMENTARY

5th & 6th Grade/7th & 8th Grade
WHERE: ONHS Football Field
Games begin @ Noon

Please call the **Kalilwisaks**

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

Legislative Review/Letters & Opinions

Legislative Update

Oneida Business Committee

I hope you will be pleased with the changes that will be coming forth in the Semi-annual Report. The change intended to give a snapshot of our status over a ten year period. I would like to thank Councilman Doxtator and his staff for their diligence in acquiring this information and placing it in a simple and understandable report.

Legislative Operating Committee

The Legislative Operating Committee has met with the Oneida Gaming Commission, Gaming Management, and Attorneys to review and redraft the Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance (ONGO). We were able to come to agreement on all changes through three consecutive meetings with the help of Facilitator Jackie Boyle. The main issue we felt needing to be addressed was the language regarding appointment vs. elected for the Oneida Gaming Commissioners. The group worked out compromises to the structure of the Gaming Commission that we feel will address everybody's concerns. We also addressed several issues raised at the GTC meeting of February 28, 2004 and believe most issues just needed better language to clarify intent. I want to thank the Gaming Commission, Staff, Jackie Boyle and members of the

Business Committee for making this a priority, committing their time, and working together to create a unified and clearly written ordinance.

The new ONGO will be placed on the Semi-Annual general Tribal Council Meeting agenda of July 5, 2004. The work group also agreed to holding a community meeting to educate the citizens on the final changes prior to the GTC Semi-annual, and will ensure a date and time are noticed as soon as possible.

Another item that is on the LOC priority list is the development of a Labor Code. The Legislative Reference Office has been assigned to work on this code and prepare for presentation to the LOC for consideration by September 6, 2004. Prior to the LOC taking any action on this item however, we wish to present a draft code through community meetings during the summer to update and acquire tribal input.

A large portion of the Labor Code will likely consist of a codified Personnel Policies and Procedures, including the stand alone



Councilwoman Trish King

polices (which will no longer be considered stand alone, but rather part of a new comprehensive code) and develop rule making authority for HRD.

The Commerce Code draft is currently being reviewed by the Commerce Charter Team. After their initial reviews, the draft will be introduced to the Legislative Operating Committee for process. A Project Manager will be hired (in mid-May, 2004) to assist the Commerce Charter Team with design, time lines, strategies, and transition plans for the establishment of a Commerce Department by October 1, 2004.

The LOC will be ending their second Legislative Session on June 7, 2004. However, some items will carry over through the summer. A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 15 regarding the Housing Development Policy and the Endowment Act.

My Office

My office has been participating in the development of the Commerce and Corporations codes as well as with participating on the Charter Teams. Land

Claims of course is a priority and takes considerable time and attention.

A core team of the Oneida Business Committee and Senior management have spent considerable time dialoging the restructuring of tribal operations into "like" functions. The core team, senior management and technical staff have reviewed and proposed changes for the betterment of the Nation. I believe we have done something to be proud of through a Charter team called "P.R.O.U.D" - Project to Redesign Oneida Uniquely and Dynamically. PROUD is still in its design phase, however, we will be presenting PROUD to Oneida Tribal Directors, Assistant Division Directors and Division Directors on May 17, 2004. The next phase is communication to the employee base, members of the Oneida community and citizens of the Oneida Nation.

Community News

Congratulations to the Class of 2004! This is an encouraging time of year for new beginnings, growth, and development. Follow your heart to become what you aspire to be.

It is that time of year again...Oneida Community Little League has begun their season with the help of the volunteer coaches. Come on out and support our youth! Family and community involvement is the key to a successful season.

Letters to the Editor

A better way

I'm glad we have someone like the Oneida Business Committee taking care of business. You hear many accusation against the BC that aren't really clear. Then of course, the BC just didn't happen; they were elected by the people of the Oneida Nation, the G.T.C. All I can think of is a comment made awhile back from a friend. He said, "there are those who build and there are those who tear down." I feel that the BC is building.

It seems to me, that when one is elected to the BC, they're branded as wasteful, deceitful and other things. When I said something good about the BC to a friend of mine, his answer was, "look at the waste, they're over paid, they go on too many trips and do nothing." Interesting. So, I followed up with a statement that if you take all the BC member's salaries, all their aid's salaries and all their travel expenses, it comes up to about \$1.5 million, that's about 1.8% of the Oneida Nation's total budget. Now, that sound's like a lot to you and me. If you look at the big picture, last year's per cap payment came to \$11.25 million, \$3.9 million of that per cap payment went to the federal and state governments. That comes to 4.8% of the budget. And for the last six years, \$23.8 million from the per cap payments went to the federal and state governments. Waste? A lot of money? Hmmm...!

This year's total budget for the Oneida Nation came to \$134 million, \$80 million came from the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, the rest of the budget was grant money to the tune of \$54 million. I would say that the BC did a good job of bringing in money to the nation. So where is the real waste coming from...the BC?

Our Health Center is great. However, at the Oneida Health Center, if you make an appointment to see Dr. Tim, our diabetic specialist, you have to wait four months to see him. I am writing this article on May 5, 2004. If you want to see an optometrist to get your eyes checked, you have to wait until May 10th, just to make an appointment to see an eye doctor ... in July. If you asked the Health Center, what's going on, you'd maybe get an answer, "Well we're doing the best with what we have," and I believe it. However, the real issue, the gut issue, is lack of money, lack of people, lack of space and lack of equipment. If there were no per cap payment, we could help our employees with better pay, better health care coverage, better day care and we would have better benefits and better services to the community and ... more jobs.

Allocating \$23.8 million to the federal and state governments through a per cap payment? There must be a better way.

Hugh Danforth
Citizen of the Oneida Nation

Guest Column

Seniors Target of Ongoing Telephone Scam

By Bruce W. Schultz

We have over 40 confirmed cases of Senior's in Wisconsin being targets of this telephone scam. Last month the Social Security Administration warned the public to a telephone scam involving callers posing as Social Security employees and attempting to get victim's bank account information.

The number of newly reported cases in not diminishing. We are receiving reports from around the State, at a rate of about 10 per week, from elderly individuals and couples that have been targeted. The

scam is being investigated by our Office of Inspector General (OIG) and they have determined the bogus calls are originating in Canada. OIG has been in contact with Canadian Officials but prosecution seems unlikely.

If you receive a call from an individual that identifies themselves as a Social Security employee and they

want information about your bank account number, get the individual's name and call back number and then contact your local Social Security Office immediately, don't give them any information.

If you have received such a call or know someone who has, Social Security is requesting you to report the event to your local office.

We need to find out how these thieves are targeting our elderly in Wisconsin. The only way we can accomplish this is to find the common link our victims have in common.

The phone number of your local Social Security office can be found in the white pages of your phone book, under "Social Security Administration."

Bruce W. Schultz is a social security public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration in Wausau. He can be reached at 715-849-8244 ext 1223.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Oneida Housing Authority will be having a public hearing regarding the Indian Housing Plan on May 25, 2004 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm @ Oneida Housing Authority conference room. The second hearing will be on May 27, 2004 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm @ Oneida Housing Authority conference room. Any questions, please contact Jason Johnson @ 869-2227.



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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Repeal of the Housing Development Policy which is being proposed as part of the dissolution of the Housing Development Review Board.

When: June 15, 2004 @ 5:00 pm

Where: Business Committee Conference Room

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

I. Testimony:

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* If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed policy or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office via GroupWise phuff@oneidanation.org or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Adoption of Endowment Law to provide the process for the establishment and maintenance of all endowment fund accounts established by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

When: June 15, 2004 @ 5:00 pm

Where: Business Committee Conference Room

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May 6, 2004	May 11, 2004	May 19, 2004
May 20, 2004	May 25, 2004	June 2, 2004
June 3, 2004	June 8, 2004	June 16, 2004
June 17, 2004	June 22, 2004	June 30, 2004
July 1, 2004	July 6, 2004	July 14, 2004
July 15, 2004	July 20, 2004	July 28, 2004

Sports & Recreation

Local artist make a great showing

A Special Thanks goes out to all Artists who displayed their artwork in the First Annual Oneida Community Fine Arts Exhibition held April 12th & 13th at the Oneida Family Recreation Center on Highway County H.

The following artists were given an award of excellence in their medium of choice: Mike King - Photography, Linwood White - Photographic Computer Art, Jennifer Stevens - Painting, Tom Kreuger - Pottery, Karen Thomas - Miniatures, David Bischoff - Fibers, Pogi King Dessart - Scrap booking, Tiffany Balza - Mixed Medium, Jennifer Stevens - Sculpture, Brickman House 7-10 age group, Tamara Elm 14-18 age group, and Janelle R. Vanderkelen 11-13 age group. Congratulations to all award winning participants.

The art exhibit was an eclectic display of fabulous artwork, it was hard to see it come down so soon. Next year's exhibit will show for one week. Our staff would also like to see more youth participants and local artists display their work. We also plan to once again have an artist reception, which is a great way to see old friends and meet local artists.

Athletes... We'd like to hear from you

Attention Oneida athletes! The Kalihsaks wants to hear from you about your accomplishments in VARSITY sports this season.

Give us a call at 869-4279 to give us the scoop on all area Oneida athletes at the surrounding schools. Parents and coaches are encouraged to call.

We hope to hear from all the area varsity athletes and feature them in future editions of the Kalihsaks.

Tae Kwon Do program shines

Saturday, May 1st was the 16th annual American Black Belt Academy Tae Kwon Do Tournament.

The Tournament was held at Oshkosh North High School. There were 175 competitors competing for a trophy in Form, Board Breaking, or Sparring competition. Oneida Family Fitness

Organized lacrosse all about learning

By Keith Skenandore

Kalihsaks

A person that has been playing lacrosse for over 20 years, Ken Metoxen felt that the inevitable would happen, and it did, as the fastest game on two feet took center stage.

On May 5, the Oneida Nation High School's lacrosse club team took the field in their first-ever competition against Bay Port's club team.

Although Oneida didn't fair very well, a 12 to 3 loss, Coach Ken Metoxen said it was the experience that mattered.

"It's not about the score, the won-loss," said Metoxen. "It's about something that has come back."

He felt the responsibility to carry on a tradition of lacrosse from within his family. He said he talked to other people who didn't have that longevity.

Metoxen told his team at the end of the first half, down 7 to 2, to take back what they lost a long time ago.

"That's not talking about winning," he said. "Let's take back what we can now say is ours, and we're taking lacrosse."

For the Oneida Warriors, a club team consisting of one 7th grader, four 8th graders, high school students, and add in a few adults, their first match was a learning experience.

Bay Port, with approximate 3 years of lacrosse experience, took a 4 to 0 lead in the first period. Bay Port's dominance continued as their goalkeeper was blocking Oneida's shot attempts. Another Bay Port goal upped the score to 5 to 0.

The Warriors made a brief surge as Josh Christjohn scored the first-ever goal for Oneida. One minute later attack man Joe Mehojah scored bring the Warriors to within 3.

However, the end of the second period proved to be fatal as Bay Port scored two more goals, the last coming with two seconds on the clock.

"The first half was a self reflection at halftime," said Metoxen, who asked his team, "what did you see?"

"There first response was, 'We weren't catching, we weren't passing, we weren't scooping, and we weren't playing good defense.'"

Metoxen said the first half was an opportunity to learn, but as the second half played out, he could see his squad was pretty well tired. He said his squad also admitted that they forgot the fundamentals.

Overall, Metoxen said his squad was definitely nervous. "A combination of nerves and excitement, and after their first 3 to 4 goals, intimidated, and a little bit of frustration."

Metoxen himself was a little frustrated as the Warriors had to supply Bay Port's club team, who was short on players, with two men players and their best defensive player.

"That's part of the little frustration," said Metoxen. "I really wanted to give our guys an opportunity to play."

As for the fans, Metoxen hopes they weren't disappointed. "I think the fans still had fun."

The Warriors can now take this learning experience and apply it as they prepare to face future opponents.

"I really think they were wholistically awestruck by what a commitment of a game is," said Metoxen. "You could go 10 minutes of running time. You don't stop when you're tired. The ball could go for another 5 minutes."

A friendship between the Warriors and Bay Port was noticeable. As they battled each other on the field, compliments and suggestions were exchanged amongst one another.

"I think there is a camaraderie amongst lacrosse players that is different when it's approached in other athletic events," said Metoxen. "That comes from the appreciation of a good athlete. As you compliment there is a relationship that builds."

He tells his team lacrosse is the Creator's game, and as Haudenosaunee people, there is a pride, dignity and integrity that comes out when the game is played.

"It's not so serious that you have to win," said Metoxen, "but that you play with good sportsmanship."



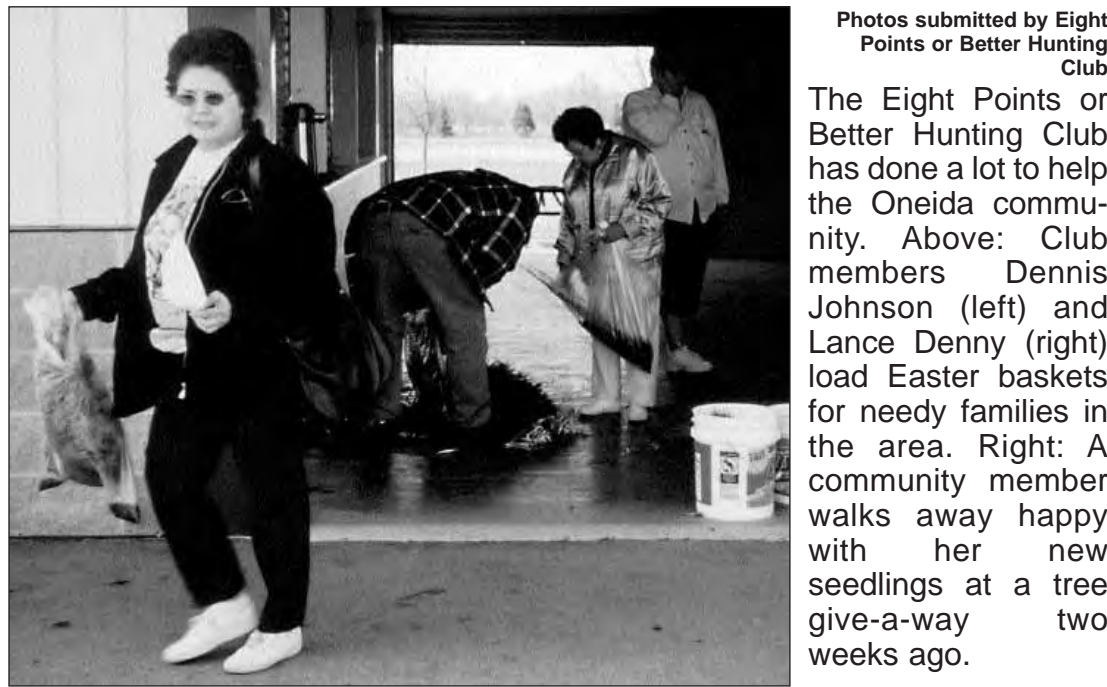
Photo by Keith Skenandore

Josh Christjohn, #81, scores the first-ever goal for the Oneida Warriors in a match against the Bay Port club team.

Eight Points or Better Hunting Club gives back to the community



Photos submitted by Eight Points or Better Hunting Club



The Eight Points or Better Hunting Club has done a lot to help the Oneida community. Above: Club members Dennis Johnson (left) and Lance Denny (right) load Easter baskets for needy families in the area. Right: A community member walks away happy with her new seedlings at a tree give-away two weeks ago.

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihsaks

The Eight Points or Better Hunting Club has been in existence since 1999, and ever since then the club has been giving back to the community. The club not only promotes quality deer management, but any money that is raised by the club through food sales, raffles and outings is put directly back to the community.

Last month the club held an Indian taco and bake sale at the Oneida Methodist Church and sold over 200 tacos. All the money raised went to the church.

"We (the club) give our time and effort to make the fund raisers successful and the church, in this case, gets the benefits," said club treasurer Dennis Johnson.

The club also works closely with other tribal departments to encourage community events. Last fall the club in conjunction with the Conservation Department released 200 adult pheasants in the Oneida community.

The club also has made monetary donations to the Elder and Youth Fishing Day and has also donated money to the Environmental Department for Earth Day. Every year the club also gives away tree seedlings. This year the club gave away 2,000 seedlings to the Oneida community.

"We want to get out in the community and let them know that we are here to help them in any way we can," said president Lance Denny.

The club is comprised of 21 current members. The annual fee to be a member in the club is \$50. The membership includes the banquet and discounts on all the outings/tournaments. Some upcoming outings the club has set are a fishing tournament on the Michickauee Flowage near Stiles, Wisconsin on May 8. The contest is 100 percent payout and is based on the longest fish. Other outings planned are a bass contest on Shawano Lake on June 5 and a panfish contest on June 12. The panfish can be caught from any-

where in the area, but must be brought to the Oneida Town Hall for weigh in and frying. All the panfish will be fried and eaten picnic style. Contest and other fun stuff will also be conducted throughout the day. All outings are open to the public and for more information please call either Dennis at 788-9477 or Lance at 687-2044.

The money that is raised from the outings is all put to good use. In previous years the club has adopted some less fortunate children and purchased Easter baskets for them. They also included a Easter meal for the family. They also plan to adopt families this year for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Eight Points or Better Sportsman's Club would like to thank all the community members that have participated in the clubs outings or have donated to the club in the past. They would encourage any group that needs help raising funds to contact them at their office at 788-9477.



Photo submitted by Oneida Family Fitness

The Oneida Family Fitness Tae Kwon Do program participated in the Black Belt Academy tournament in Oshkosh on May 1, 2004. The program kicked their way to 18 trophies and six medals.

12TH ANNUAL FAMILY CARNIVAL

Friday & Saturday, June 4 & 5, 2004 Oneida Norbert Hill Center

Friday, June 4, 2004

Saturday, June 5, 2004

Oneida Bingo & Casino Stage

5:00 - 6:15 P.M.

Barbie and the Earth Shakers / Rock'n Blues

6:45 - 8:00 P.M.

Groove Hogs / R&B

8:30 - 10:00 P.M.

The Jim Liban Blues Trio

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Oneida Bingo & Casino Stage

12:30 - 2:00 P.M.

Wade Fernandez & The Black Wolf Band
Blues, Cultural Variety

2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Shy Guys
Variety Show Band

4:30 - 6:00 P.M.

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12:00, 2:15 & 4:30 P.M.
Cokee / Folk & Fun

12:45, 3:00 & 5:15 P.M.
Nick's Kid Show
Family Variety

1:30, 3:45 & 6:00 P.M.
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The Ultimate Kid Show

FEATURING

Rushlow

Fox 11 Family Stage

5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Age 15 & Under
Karaoke Contest
Prize for all participants

7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

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Karaoke Contest
1st, 2nd & 3rd prize winners

6:30 - 7:45 P.M.

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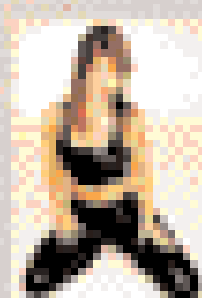
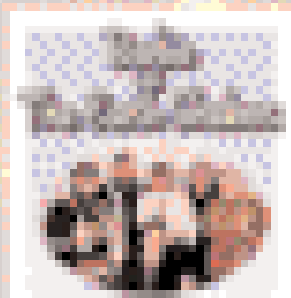
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Artist Tim Rushlow former front man of the band Little Texas

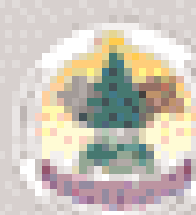
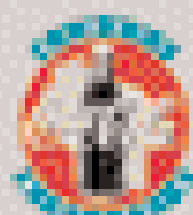


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Lifestyles

What a Rush...12 Annual Family Carnival to be held June 4 & 5

ONEIDA, WI – International recording artist Rushlow, brings their country rocking – foot stomping show to the Family Carnival on Saturday, June 5, 2004. Tim Rushlow, fronted one of the most successful country bands of the 1990's, Little Texas, and now he and his new band Rushlow, are on the

road again and features some of the finest musicians Nashville has to offer. Also on Saturday, the Oneida Bingo & Casino main stage will host other acts such as, Shania's Twin, Abraxas, The Shy Guys and Wade Fernandez. Friday night's headline entertainer will be Wisconsin blues legend Jim Liben. Other

acts on Friday include; The Groove Hogs, and Barbie & the Earth Shakers. Local favorites Mr. Billy, Cooke and Nick's Kids show are part of our schedule for Saturday on the Fox 11 Family Stage as well as the all age's Karaoke contest on Friday night. Oh, and don't forget about the 95.9 MIX

FM 3-D fireworks show at dusk on Saturday.

Adult and kiddie rides will be at the carnival starting on Friday, along with an array of interactive attractions. Tickets are .25¢ each for all carnival games and rides and \$1.00 for all interactive games.

Ethnic foods, children games, prizes, rides and

attractions will be on hand, so mark your calendar and we'll see you at the FAMILY CARNIVAL, June 4 & 5, 2004 and

don't forget to bring your lawn chair.

All shows are free and open to the public.

Contest Creativity winners

By Beth Bashara
ONAP Director

With the robins returning to the area, the Oneida Nation Arts Program has completed "Contest Creativity," a winter long creative writing program.

More than 150 people participated in the classes and the "Open Mic Nights," series. As an incentive, prizes were awarded based on the number of points accumulated by each participant. Seventy-five to 85 total points were possible. First Place was 40 points or higher; second place was 30 points or higher; and 3rd place

was 25 points or higher.

Winners of the contest included: Jennifer Stevens (1st Place); and Lucy Johns (3rd Place) for the over 30 category. And in the under 30 category, Shadow Webster (3rd Place). Winners should contact Beth Bashara at 490-3833.

The following poem was written collectively by: Beverly DeCoteau, Lucy Johns, Richie Plass, Jennifer Stevens, Marie Tonnon, and Shadow Webster in the "Poetry Workshop," facilitated by Ellen Kort and Jim Stevens on December 6, 2003:

*The sun is so high and strong
and our journey becomes our song.
The story of how we became to be here
Sometimes we need a story more than food.
We seek to warm the children
the ones that were young and weak were eaten by the wolves
We need to hold them close
We forget our memories with a full stomach
Speak with the eagle and follow signs
The sun is so high and strong
and our journey becomes our song.
The staff is bending again
The ice has frozen the winged and four legged
Another ice age chills hearts and all of creation.
We killed the wolf with indifference
We starved the bear with the separateness
We stopped singing the song of the turtle
We closed our minds to the wisdom of the eagle.
The sun is so high and strong
and our journey becomes our song.
Holding the staff with reverence for all nations to see
The compass who guides us through life's journey
A symbol of the sacredness of life were told.
Questions still need to be asked
The staff is our answer
Passing our elders wisdom for generations to follow.
If the staff falls our hearts fall with it.
Diligent Mother helps us hold the staff tall
With careful hands we keep our sacredness
The sun is so high and strong
our journey becomes our song.*

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Student Spotlight... Shines on Stevens



Lois Stevens

By Marvin Spruce
ONHS Senior

Lois Stevens is an ONHS freshman who plays sports. Lots of them. Her reason? "I feel proud to be a Native American athlete and play sports for my people," she said. Lois likes our school

Student Council in retrospect

Productivity down due to lack of meetings

By Lenita Cornelius
ONHS Freshmen

The student council for this school year of 2003-2004 has accomplished quite a bit, despite school hall rumor. In the beginning of the year they were working on getting the mural finished and paid for. Scott Hill was the artist of the school mural. The mural was paid off by the fund raising they did.

The sucker pull, which earned student council \$125.00, was a fund raiser this year. They sold some brooches and that is one of the projects still not complete. They are raffling off one more brooch and a tobacco pouch.

Student council has worked

because it is sometimes easy and she "knows everybody at ONHS."

Lois also follows professional sports. Her favorite basketball team is the Los Angeles Lakers and her favorite player is Shaquille O'Neal. She likes Shaq because he can "dunk the ball over other players like nothing."

For fun, Lois likes to play basketball and hang out with friends like Stephanie, Lenita and Yoklot, also freshmen. She has three sisters and two brothers who also play basketball. She feels "young" as a freshman and says some of her schoolwork is hard and some is easy.

on concerns over the year of 2003-2004, but none of those concerns have been completely addressed. One of the things they look towards is having a more productive year next year.

What has really held the student council back this year is the lack of class meetings. Members of the council would like to have these class meetings every first Wednesday of the month and there hasn't been one since about November.

Our officers for student council this year, were: Seniors Katrina Paproki and Latsi Hill; Junior officers were Rhianon Boyd and Forest Pelky; Sophmores were Rollie Christjohn and Konrad Krenske; and the Freshman representatives were Lenita Cornelius and Freddy Hernandez.

Don't Forget the Ladies!

By Denis Gullickson

Thunderhawk Times Advisor

How about women's rights? Aren't women just as good as men? Yes, they are! (If my wife and daughter thought I didn't believe that...well, the consequences would be too awful to mention).

Yet those questions hang over the horse world as much as they do the human realm. Take, for instance, horse racing. Everybody knows about the Kentucky Derby, run the first Saturday in May and dominated by stallions; after all, it's the most popular race in the entire world. Heck, around here they even cut away from golf or bowling or lawn mowing to give you a few quick glimpses of the horses before the track announcer shouts "And they're offfff!"

This year's Run for the Roses - played out on a sea of mud and won in classic fash-

ion by Smarty Jones - was great stuff. It looks like he has a real shot at the Triple Crown if he keeps tearing up the track like he did on May 1.

But what a lot of people don't know, is that the day before the Derby, every single year, there's a race just for the girls (three year-old fillies) called the Kentucky Oaks. This year, Ashado crossed the finish line first, ahead of ten other fillies. Island Sand hung on for second and Madcap Escapade broke the wire right after that. If you ask me, it was just as exciting as the next day's Derby.

Actually, there's a bit of a "cult following" of free thinkers who actually favor the Oaks over the Derby. I once heard a thoroughbred owner say, "getting a horse into the Derby isn't anywhere near as big a thrill as having a filly win the Oaks. A lot of horses in the Derby are just

there for the 'prestige thing' anyway." Sure the person talking was a woman. Women own race horses too, just like men.

A part of this "counter-culture" angle to the Oaks exists precisely because it doesn't get the hype given the Derby, despite the fact that it's been run just as often, 130 times. It's one of those "best-kept secret" things. Of course, there's also the fact that it's all about the girls. You know, that "girl power" thing.

There's still time to catch Triple Crown fever this year, with the Preakness and the Belmont spread over the next month. But next year, do yourself a favor and tune into the Oaks the day before the Derby. Or, better yet, check out the Oaks and the Acorn stakes the day before those next two races. Who knows? Lady Luck my just be on your side.

ONHS lacrosse team

By Josh House & Marvin Spruce

ONHS Junior and ONHS Senior

Well, it's not exactly a high school lacrosse team, but several guys on the team do go to ONHS. They played their first game on Friday April 30th against the "old school" players, thirty years and over. The ONHS guys won by forfeit when the oldsters couldn't find enough guys to play. The game was held on the Oneida High School football field at 8:00 p.m.

The team's first home game will be against Bay Port High School on Wednesday, May 5. This game will also be at the

high school football field at 7:00 PM and will be a fundraiser to buy the team jerseys.

The lacrosse team only get's two days of practice and, a couple of hours to work on plays, strategy, and technique. Nonetheless, the players seem to be excited to be playing a sport that is traditional to the Oneida culture.

The team is coached by Kilabrew Vandike who is assisted by Lahnetaha'.

Loli Hill, one team member, said, "the team is good, but we need more players."

The admission for the first

home game will be \$1.00 and for the Oneida old school players to please help and come on down to field and proudly support our Oneida players.

A flyer recently posted at the school said that the sport was "supported by players, parents and coaches." Hopefully, the team will also see support from a large crowd that turns out for these two matches.

Other ONHS students on the team include Dexter Baxter and Jermaine Delgado.

The Passion

By John Hensley

ONHS Senior

The Passion of the Christ has been playing for a couple of months now and, according to reports, there have been people uplifted by the hand of God after they've seen the movie. They have seen their sins and have repented to the judicial system for their crimes. Act of God? No not really.

The Passion of the Christ isn't that good a movie at all. In a sense it was alright, the brutality of it is just about the same as a regular Friday the 13th movie, or any other horror-slasher flick. The difference that makes people "repent for their sins" is the fact that it's about Jesus.

The Passion has in itself many different aspects of the supernatural. The devil is within the film trying to get Jesus to doubt God. As well, the death of Christ brings God's wrath on the town and the movie ends with the return of Christ.

In my own opinion, The Passion... isn't something that should be defied, nor is it something that should generate anger or feelings of resentment. It's a movie that should just be, in a sense, enjoyed and just thought over. If it makes you believe more in your religion, good, if not, that's your own opinion and you have a right to it.

Sports Round up

NBA Rookie Watch

By Joe Sotelo

ONHS Junior

On April 24, in NY, Cleveland Cavalier rookie LeBron James received the Eddie Gottlieb Trophy as the 2003-04 Got Milk? Rookie of the Year, announced the NBA.

James received a total of 508 points, including 78 first place votes out of a possible 118, from a panel of sports-writers and broadcasters throughout the U. S. and Canada. All players were awarded five points for each first place vote, three points for each second place vote, and one point for each third place vote they received. The Denver Nugget's Carmelo Anthony finished a close second place with 430 points and the Miami Heat's Dwayne Wade was third with 117 points.

James was the first overall pick in the 2003 NBA Draft and was in the top five rookies in all major statistical categories. He led all other rookies in steals, averaging 1.65 per game, and fifth in rebounding with 5.5 grabs per game. He joins NBA legends Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan as the only players in NBA history to average more

than twenty points, five rebounds and five assists per game in their first season. The nineteen year-old James became the youngest player in NBA history to score forty or more points when he recorded forty-one on March 27 against the New Jersey Nets. He helped Cleveland to a 35-47 record, more than doubling last season's total of seventeen wins.

James is the only player in Cavaliers' history to be named the Got Milk? Rookie of the Year and is the youngest player in NBA history to receive the award. James and Anthony became only the third and fourth rookies ever to get the Got Milk? Rookie of the Month honors every month of their first regular season, joining David Robinson and Tim Duncan.

The Eddie Gottlieb Trophy is named in honor of Eddie Gottlieb who was one of the founders of the NBA and coached the Philadelphia Warriors from the 1946-47 NBA championship.

Packers #1 Pick

By Darrell Skenandore

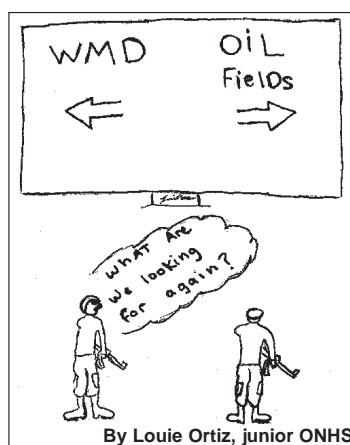
ONHS freshmen

Ahmad Carroll was the Packers' number 1 pick. A 5'10 193lb cornerback from

Arkansas, Carroll was born in Atlanta, Ga. He is known as one of the finest athletes in the history of the Razorback's athletic programs. He has excellent recovery speed, so he can rebound very easily. He was also on the track team as a sprinter. During his best season with the Razorbacks he had 140 tackles (98 solos) with a 3-yard sack, seven stops for losses of 18 yards, 25 deflected passes, four interceptions, two fumble recoveries, a pair of forced fumbles, two kickoff returns for 27 yards and 12 quarterback pressures.

The experts say he has many positives: Mostly, they speak to his work ethic, his tight-cover ability, his dedication to staying in shape, his speed, his ability to recover and catch-up if he's beaten and his leaping ability. Other positives include his personality and his willingness to learn the pro game. He's also known as a determined player and a hard hitter.

Carroll also comes with some negatives: These include, some rough edges in his tackling form and his ability to stay in control when in he accelerates. They also suggest that he must demonstrate better discipline handling combo routes when he's in zone coverage.



An Earth Day Rant...

By Eliza Pelky,

ONHS Sophomore

04/22/04 It is Earth Day today. The one day people think they have to pick up garbage. Didn't they ever think if they picked up garbage everyday, they wouldn't have to have an Earth Day? If they put their garbage in the garbage bins, there would be no need for an Earth Day. If they made a mess and just picked it up, they would not need an Earth Day. If they just waited for the next gas station to throw their stuff away, there would be no need for an Earth Day. If they put their smokes in the ash tray, there would be no need for an Earth Day.

And you know what? If everyone did those things, we could have an Earth Day with a better meaning: An Earth Day to celebrate how clean our Earth is.



Where are the Native American Musicians at OUR Casino?

By Lois Stevens

ONHS freshman

The number of Native American musicians is growing each year, but as many as there are, we have not seen a whole lot at our own casino! There are a lot more non-natives performing at the casino than our own natives.

The tribe pays these performers (most of whom nobody has ever heard of) a large amount of money, when they could be paying these talented Native performers to come to our tribe and share what they have to offer.

Why does the casino not help out the Native American people by giving them more publicity so that their voices and talent can be heard throughout Indian country? And this might just get the community

more involve with the casino and all that it has to offer besides just gambling! (Call me crazy!)

By getting Native Americans to perform, our tribe might set an example to all other tribes and casinos and give these performers what they really deserve: A Chance! A chance to show all these younger, talented children around Indian country that they too can show their talent and be heard and recognized all around the country. By bringing in more Native American musicians, they would be showing the tribe that Indians are not just stereotypical drunks, and that there are many out there who are doing something with their lives and that they, the youth, can too!

Education

Exchanging cultural knowledge thru art

Students learn it's better to give than to receive

Cornelius requested staff member Kal-na-kehtskwas Brooks to assist with the sewing and completion of the quilts.

working on together!", said Antoinette Lester (RN).

Upon completion, the After School Program invited St. Mary's Family Birthing Center to come visit the students. At this time, the Program presented the four baby quilts to nurse,

There was a great lesson learned by each and every student who took part in this project.

It felt good to give back to the community. The students were taught that it's better to give than to receive.

It was a lesson learned. The community service project was offered to students - grades K-7th - in the Oneida Nation Elementary School After School Program.

Janice Cornelius, program supervisor, established the program in January 2002.

The average population of student body is 45 to 60 students per year

Cornelius suggested the students design four baby quilts with fabric markers. Students ranging from kindergarten to seventh grade assisted in the project.

The students were asked to draw designs that represented the Oneida culture. They were informed the blankets would be donated to the St. Mary's Family Birthing Center.

"We discussed the new lives that enter this world on a daily basis," said Cornelius.

Students were instructed to have a good mind while working creating their personal picture on each quilt.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Wos

Oneida Nation Elementary School students ranging from Kindergarten to 7th grade participated in the After School Program where they drew designs and helped create four baby quilts. The quilts were donated to the St. Mary's Family Birthing Center upon completion.

Education and Training to sponsor Open House

The Education and Training department and their programs will be holding an open house during Oneida Days. The open house will take place on Friday, June 25th, starting at 11:00 am until approximately 2:00 pm. Departments within Education and Training that

will be participating will be: Job Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Higher Education, Child care and Youth Enrichment Services. The Open House will be held on the northwest side of the Norbert Hill Center and will take place, rain or shine.

door prizes will be given out; in addition, we will be raffling two grand prizes so you don't want to miss it! Come and take a tour of the offices that house Youth Enrichment Services, Higher Education and Education and Training

Administration. More details will be coming out in further issues of the Kalihwisaks.

For further information, please feel free to contact Lois Domencich at 869-4396; Danielle Tubby at 869-4331, or Pat Gutierrez at 869-4436.

Kids with asthma can go to camp

Brookfield, WI - Registration is underway for Camp WIKIDAS (Wisconsin's only camp for KIDs with Asthma) held near Wisconsin Dells. This year, camp runs from Sunday, June 20-Friday, June 25, 2004. Camp WIKIDAS is designed for children, ages eight to 13, who take daily asthma medication.

staff is comprised if medical personnel, including physician allergists, registered nurses, pharmacists and respiratory therapists.

The fee for Camp WIKIDAS is \$250 per child. However, there are a limited number of "camperships" available for those in financial need.

For the 23rd year in a row, boys and girls with asthma will have a full summer camp experience. Participants can enjoy swimming, wall climbing, canoeing, hiking and many other self-esteem building exercises.

For more information about camp registration or volunteer opportunities for medical professionals, please call the American Lung Association of Wisconsin at (800) LUNG-USA (586-4872) or visit the Camp WIKIDAS website at www.lungusa.org/wisconsin.

Camp allows children with asthma to have fun and engage in challenging activities in a safe, medically supervised environment. Camp

Applications must be received no later than Friday, May 28, 2004, and space is limited.

Pre-College Programs

Taking the guess work out of course offerings

UW HELP, an educational advising service for the University of Wisconsin system, has collected precollege information for this summer's and next academic year's programs for youth in grades PK-12. Program topics include english, math, science, arts, athletics and more. The searchable Precollege Program Directory available through UW HELP On-Line, www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/precollege, will help students, parents and counselors find a program that is a good fit. You can search for programs based on campus, key-

word, date, age, gender and scholarship availability. UW HELP advisors are available toll-free (1-800-442-6459) to speak with interested parents and students. This year, through a cooperative effort between UW HELP, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and the Multicultural Center for Educational Excellence, information from all of Wisconsin public and private institutions is available. Also, as a result of that partnership, a limited number of hard copy Precollege Program Directories were made available in April. Copies of this directory will be provided to every elementary, middle and high school in the state of Wisconsin.

Career Assessment, Resume' Writing, and Interviewing Skills Workshop

Thursday, May 27th 2004 • 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Located at the Oneida Community Education Center

PRESENTERS: Wendy Dickinson, Theresa Butori, and Joan Neville

OUTLINE: (A major portion of the day is on the computer. No computer skills necessary, presenters are there to assist you.)

1. Career Assessment: Take an internet assessment to find out what would be the perfect job for you!
2. Write your Resume': You will need work history and dates plus education history and dates on the day of class
3. Create a cover letter for your resume' plus How to fill out job applications right
4. Interviewing Skills: We will take you through the interviewing process.
 - a. Telephone Interview
 - b. Physical Interview (How to dress for success)

Oneida CEC ** 2632 S. Packerland Dr. ** Green Bay, WI 54313 ** (920)496-7860

Oneida Nation Arts Program 2004 ART APPRENTICESHIPS FOR TEENS June 7 thru June 25

The Oneida Nation Arts Program is sponsoring an arts apprenticeship program this summer for teens. The teens, ages 14 thru 17 years, will work with resident artist Robert Posschl in creating a outdoor labyrinth designed to increase cultural, community and environmental awareness. The apprentices will work Monday thru Friday, 12:30 - 4:30 pm for 3 weeks starting June 7. Teen apprentices will be paid \$6.00 per hour. Parents/guardian must provide transportation for their teens.

Apprenticeship

The teens selected to work with the resident artist should have demonstrated an interest and aptitude in the arts, a desire to work on a community project and a willingness to provide written documentation of the process. Teens selected for this apprenticeship will be involved in physical activities and should be able to bend, stoop, shovel, rake, carry and lift up to 20 pounds. The teens will participate in the design and structure of the outdoor labyrinth incorporating culturally relevant symbols and environmentally friendly materials. Since the labyrinth is not a permanent structure (it will be on display for approximately 2 years), the apprentices will be documenting the process.

Artist Biography

This is Robert Posschl's first artistic endeavor in the Oneida community. Since 1988 he has conducted over sixty book arts and artist residencies for elementary and high school students and participated in numerous photo exhibits. His labyrinths or "drawings to walk in" have been featured at schools, on playgrounds and at festivals throughout the Midwest and Oklahoma including the Lake Mille Lacs Reservation in Minnesota. In addition to being selected as one of MidAtlantic Arts Foundation's Millennium Artists, Robert has also been included in the Wisconsin Arts Board's Artist in Education Directory and the Minnesota State Arts Board's Artists in Education.

For more information or to receive an application for the teen apprenticeship, contact Christine Klimmek via e-mail cklimmek@oneidation.org or call 920-490-3831.

Open Meeting Public Hearing

Freedom Parent Committee Title VII Grant Application Monday, May 24 at 6:00 P.M. Freedom Elementary School Cafeteria Gather with us for the Title VII / Y.E.S Parent Committee Meeting and Public Hearing!

Your input and support is very important to your students program. Your ideas can help us help your students succeed! We encourage all parents, grandparents and family members to attend. Thank you for your support!

Freedom Title VII Parent Committee

Oneida Nation 4th of July Parade Sat., July 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. (Rain Date: Sunday, July 4, 2004)

Theme: "The '70's" \$3,200 in Prize Money! Prize money awarded in the following categories: Individual Character-Vehicle-Float

In order to be eligible for prize money, entries must be received no later than 4:30 P.M. on June 18, 2004. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please mail entry form to the Oneida Powwow Committee, ATTN: Tami or Tonya, C/O Oneida Compliance Division, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155, FAX to (920) 496-7893, or Drop off forms at the compliance Division, Suite 7, Ridge View Plaza.

Confirmation letters of entry, along with additional information, will be mailed to those who submit timely forms.

Any questions, please contact Tami or Tonya at (920) 496-7897.

4th of July Parade Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

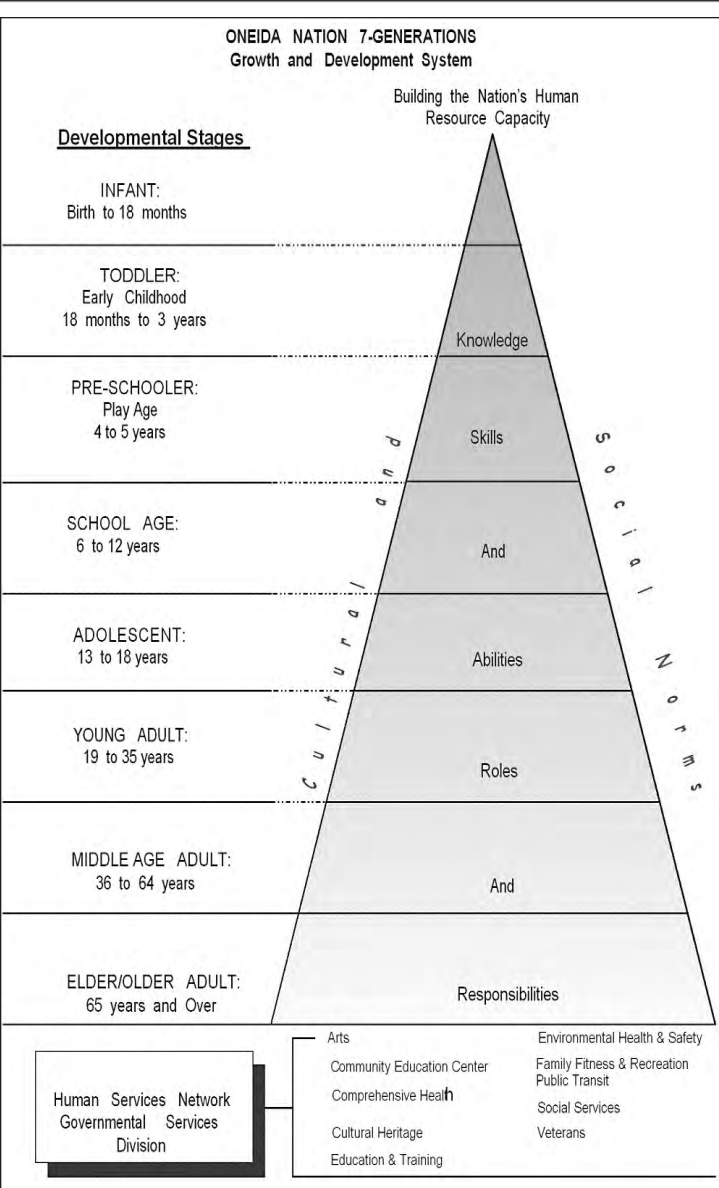
Entry: Individual Character Vehicle Float

Name of Entry: _____

***** DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE *****

ENTRY NUMBER

Your Health



Pathway to success

Governmental services introduces new human services growth and development system

By Don White

Area Manager, Governmental Services

The Governmental Services Division has unveiled a systematic formal process for human development throughout the Oneida Nation. The system acknowledges most, if not all of the science associated with how and in what way people, communities and Nations evolve and become.

In addition, this system will be inclusive of Oneida Cultural and Social Norms. The system works to identify what knowledge, skills and abilities are required to be successful at various stages of development. A dynamic part of the development system is the identification and preparation for "roles and responsibilities" associated with each stage of development and in what context.

For example what are the role and responsibilities of an Elder and what knowledge, skills and abilities must an Elder have for Oneida to be a strong and healthy Nation. We can also consider the role and responsibilities of parents. What knowledge, skills and abilities must parents have for today's demanding lifestyle and challenges in the development of our children.

The system provides a common focus and framework for all the human development areas to align and collaborate their present services. The system also encourages opportunities for service improvement and new service development.

The system has many beneficial outcomes. Here are some of the major outcomes:

a. The system is designed to reduce, minimize and eliminate negative and destructive forces/influences throughout ones life.

b. The system identifies, supports and reinforces "social and cultural norms" and expectations in every aspect of ones life and at all stages of development.

c. The system provides a "road map" for the planned and intentional evolution of the Oneida People and Community.

d. The system provides opportunities to visualize a profile of the entire Oneida Community in terms of the requirements for each person at each stage of life.

e. The system defines and prepares people for the various roles and responsibilities.

f. The system provides direction, intent and purpose for the development and delivery of services.

g. The system provides clarity for networking and identifying inter-dependent factors requiring collaboration by human service programs.

h. The system provides direction for consistent and continuous development of a strong and healthy Cultural and Social System.

i. The system provides opportunities for analysis of the Oneida Population to see where areas of developmental emphasis might be (greatest need), when needs change and where changes in resources and services may be required.

j. Last, but not all of the benefits is that the system will lead to greater Cultural, Social and Economic prosperity for the Oneida Citizens and the Oneida Nation.

The "core team" members of the Growth and Development System are; Education and Training, Cultural Heritage, Social Services, Recreation and Governmental Services Administration. For questions about the System, please contact the Governmental Services Division Office at 920/490-3901.

Prevent Injuries in Oneida

As recent as November 2003 the Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Area was awarded an Injury Prevention Grant funded by Indian Health Services to support the prevention of injuries in Oneida. Patricia Archquette was hired in March, 2004 as the Injury Prevention Coordinator for this two-year program and attended Introductory to Injury Prevention Course presented by IHS in April. The IHS program's focus was to assist tribes in the development, implementation, and evaluation of effective community-based injury prevention programs and projects. Tribal employees from the Oneida Health Center and Oneida Police Department

participated along with tribal injury specialists and coordinators from various states including Wisconsin.

In recent years the Oneida Tribe has been successful in implementing several injury prevention projects. These projects are the result of cooperation among several tribal and non-tribal programs including: Community Health, Environmental, Health & Safety, Oneida Police Department, Oneida Housing Authority, SafeKids of Green Bay, Risk Management, Social Services, and Gaming Safety.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the different people in the community and employees throughout the Tribe who are striving for similar prevention and inter-

vention goals. Some topics of injury prevention are Seat Belt Use and Child Restraint, Motor Vehicle/Traffic Safety, Bicycle Safety, Fire Protection, SafeKids Campaign, and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions/Students Against Driving Drunk).

By coming together, sharing ideas, collecting data, addressing problems, planning projects, educating people, and carrying through action plans, we can reduce injuries in our community.

There were 36 people killed in car crashes in Brown and Outagamie Counties in 2002.

What can you do to protect your family from injury?

May is Asthma Awareness Month

Clearing the air of Asthma Triggers

10 Steps to Making Your Home Asthma-Friendly

1. Take it outside. One of the most common asthma triggers in the home is secondhand smoke. Until you quit, do it outside, not in your home or car.

2. Good night, little mite! Dust mites are also triggers for asthma. For mite population control, cover mattresses and pillows with dust-proof (allergen impermeable) zippered covers. Wash sheets and blankets once a week in hot water.

3. Play it Safe. Ozone and particle pollution can cause asthma attacks. Watch for the Air Quality Index (AQI) during your local weather report. When AQI reports unhealthy levels, limit outdoor activities.

4. A little goes a long way. Reduce everyday dust build-up, by regularly dusting with a damp cloth and vacuuming carpet and fabric-covered fur-

niture.

5. Stake your claim. Household pets can trigger asthma with skin flakes, urine, and saliva. Keep pets outdoors, if possible.

6. Uninvite unwelcome guests. Cockroaches can trigger asthma. Don't invite them into your home by leaving food or garbage out. Always clean up messes and spills and store food in airtight containers.

7. Think before you spray. Instead of pesticide sprays, control pests by using baits or traps. If sprays are necessary, always circulate fresh air into the room being treated and keep asthma sufferers out of that room for several hours after any spraying.

8. Break the mold. Mold is another asthma trigger. The key to controlling mold is controlling moisture. Wash and dry hard surfaces to prevent and remove mold. Replace moldy ceiling tiles and carpet.

9. Air it out. Reducing the moisture will control asthma triggers like mold, cockroaches, and dust mites. Use exhaust fans or open windows

when cooking and showering. Fix leaky plumbing or other unwanted sources of water.

10. Plan before the attack. Work with your doctor or health care provider to develop a written asthma management plan for your child that includes information on your child's triggers and how to manage them.

Post a note. Post this plan on your refrigerator to help control asthma triggers and reduce asthma attacks in your home. Share it with those who spend time with your child like teachers, baby sitters and coaches.



Nike treads into Indian health issues

The Associated Press

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) - As an American Indian who lost his mother to diabetes, Sam McCracken is using his role as a Nike Inc. executive to combat the illness - and help Nike boost its reputation for social responsibility.

"Somehow, some way, my path as an individual took me here and allowed me to get my feet on the ground here at Nike, and it gave me a good understanding of what Nike could do for our population," said McCracken, who is from the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana.

McCracken, Nike's manager of American Indian business, helped the athletic footwear and apparel company start a program with the federal Indian Health Service to address health and fitness on reservations. The project is one of several Nike has undertaken to improve its image after being criticized for conditions at its foreign manufacturing plants during the 1990s.

Nike has also launched programs that encourage exercise among young people, raised money for victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks, funded loans for rural women in Asia and organized the recycling of millions of shoes.

Marketing experts say it's a good move.

"There's an argument to be

made that it (Nike's philanthropy) does end up selling shoes," said Paul Swangard, managing director for the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center at the University of Oregon.

But, said Swangard, "what I've liked about Nike is that one of their maxims has always been 'Do the right thing.'"

According to the IHS, diabetes levels among American Indians and Alaskan natives are 2.6 times greater than those in the general U.S. population. Of particular focus is Type 2 diabetes, also known as adult-onset diabetes, which can be controlled with diet and exercise.

Under the agreement between the IHS and Nike, the company is holding workshops to teach tribal representatives health and wellness techniques they can take back to their tribes. The stated goal: "To help those communities gain a better understanding of the importance of exercise at any age, particularly for those individuals with diabetes."

In February, representatives of some 48 tribes, mostly in the Pacific Northwest, took part in workshops on Nike's Beaverton campus. The first day was devoted to practical lessons in cardiovascular, weight and flexibility training.

Vernon Kennedy, a preven-

tion education specialist for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, of Grand Ronde, Ore., attended the workshop. He works with tribal children, teaching them the dangers of tobacco and alcohol use, as well as the benefits of physical fitness.

Although the Grand Ronde runs the profitable Spirit Mountain Casino, its people are not immune to the problems facing many reservations, Kennedy said. "We have little mini markets that sell junk food. I think that's why we have health problems," he said.

He said Nike can help, because its name is so recognized and respected among children.

The Indian Health Service is happy to get any help it can in promoting wellness on reservations, said Leo Nolan, IHS senior policy analyst for external affairs. The project does not mean the federal agency endorses Nike products, he added.

McCracken works for a Nike program that works to promote diversity within the company, and to strengthen ties outside the company with American Indians, Hispanics, gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders, disabled people, Asia-Pacific Islanders and blacks.

The IHS project - known as the Native American Diabetes Prevention Program - began

OHIO (Oral Health Isn't Optional) in Oneida

Submitted by Jennifer Jordan

Dental Records Clerk

What's this you might ask. Well, we at the Oneida Community Health Center Dental department are taking the initiative to start some oral health education within the Oneida community. There will be a series of oral health-related articles that will be published in the Kalihwisaks relating from oral health care to introductions of dental staff.

This month's article is about the Streptococcus mutans bacteria and how it can affect oral health. The majority of the population have a bacterium in their mouth called Streptococcus mutans (Strep. mutans for short). This bacteria is the primary causative agent of tooth decay and are usually passed from the mother to her child in their first one to two years of life. For this reason, tooth decay can be a significant problem in infants and toddlers. Although the incidence of tooth decay is significantly higher in younger children, we need to remember that tooth decay is not just a childhood disease - it can continue to be a health problem throughout life.

So, what can Oneida community members do to reduce the incidence of tooth decay in children and adults?

CHILDREN: 1.) Lower the amount of soda you drink; 2.) Brush and floss twice daily; 3.) Annual dental checkups and cleanings.

ADULTS: 1.) Parents, be aware of early signs of tooth decay, such as white or brown spots on teeth; 2.) Lower the amount of soda your child drinks during the day; 3.) Make sure your child brushes and flosses daily; 4.) Annual dental checkups beginning at age three.

after McCracken got a call from the diabetes coordinator for his tribe in Montana in 2000. The coordinator had an idea for encouraging tribal members to get checked for diabetes, giving them Nike-donated sneakers if they came into the clinic to get blood work done.

At that moment, as McCracken put it: "the light goes on for me."

Last fall, Nike and the IHS held Native American Health and Fitness Day in Albuquerque, N.M., highlighted by a walk led by Indian professional golfer Notah Begay. Then came the workshops at Nike's campus. Nike is exploring ways to hold similar workshops across the country.

Through the alliance with the IHS, the diabetes prevention program and other efforts, Nike works with more than 60 tribes in the United States.

Jillene Joseph is associate director of the Native Wellness Institute, which collaborated in the workshops.

"Sure Nike is a huge corporation, and money is the bottom line," Joseph said. "But just like their slogan - 'Just Do It' - the idea is getting people up and moving, which is what we want them to do, too. Hopefully they'll be a role model for the rest of corporate America when it comes to native people."

Eye on Environment

Earth Day harmony



Photo courtesy of the Environmental, Health & Safety Area

The Iris Versicolor is one of many plant species grown in the cultural heritage garden. It is found naturally in wet habitats like low lying meadows, marshes and along stream banks.

What else is growing in the cultural heritage garden

Submitted by the Environmental, Health & Safety Area

What else is up in the Kanukwathlakelu garden? Taking a walk through the garden, or any wet area, you may see some plants that look almost like a larger than normal blade of grass right now. The plants may be Blue Flag Iris, also commonly known as Northern Blue Flag or Blue Flag. The Oneida name is aw^>keha, which translates as "in the water". To find out more read on!

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

Iris versicolor
Iris: After the Greek Goddess of the rainbow.
Versicolor: meaning variously colored.

DESCRIPTION:

This is a native plant that grows to 2-3 feet tall. The plant is similar to garden Irises. The leaves are flat, swordlike with a purple tint at the bottom. The flowers are distinct with three large downward curving petals and three smaller upright petals. Flowers are dark blue to purple in color, with white and yellow markings. Flowers begin blooming mid spring to

early summer.

HABITAT:

Naturally found in wet places; wet meadows, marshes or along streambanks.

USES:

A poultice is made from dried or powdered plant and mixed with hot water, and sometimes oatmeal or flour to make a paste. Recorded Oneida uses are as a poultice made from the root for wounds or burns. The paste is put directly on the skin and covered with a warm cloth. This plant is considered poisonous if eaten.

Northern Blue Flag can also be seen along the nature trail behind the Oneida Museum, they are beautiful when in bloom and definitely worth a short walk. The Kanukwathlakelu garden is located just off Brown County Park access road on Kahuk Drive. For further information on this project contact Sylvia at 497-5812 ext.165.

For information on plant medicinal uses contact the Oneida Cultural Heritage Department at 490-2096 ext 1986.



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Participants of the Earth Day celebration on May 8 were treated to an exotic animal display by Dino Tlachac. Tlachac showed numerous exotic species ranging from snakes to lizards to birds.

Participants were also given six trees or shrubs to help beautify the Oneida community. Many community members were able to take many more. A total of 1,200 plants were given away.



Granholm, Indian leaders pledge to protect Michigan waters

LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Gov. Jennifer Granholm and leaders of Michigan's 12 federally acknowledged Indian tribes have pledged to work together to protect Michigan waters.

The intergovernmental accord, announced Wednesday, requires state officials to meet with representatives of the Indian tribes twice a year. They will work to clean up pollution and eliminate nonnative species in Michigan lakes and waterways, Granholm's office said.

The government representatives also said they would

preserve and restore the Great Lakes ecosystem in a variety of other ways.

"Native Americans in Michigan are the state's original environmentalists, and collectively, they have an unparalleled appreciation for our natural resources," Granholm said in a statement.

"There is no single resource more important to the future of our state than the water that defines it, and I am pleased that the 12 Indian tribes in Michigan are working with us to ensure that our water remains a valuable resource for generations to

come."

The tribal summit fulfills a commitment required in an accord signed with the state in December 2002, the month before she took office, Granholm said.

Granholm also issued an executive directive that she says outlines fundamental principles regarding the Indian tribes, including their status as sovereign governmental entities.

The 12 tribes whose leaders signed the accord are the Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa

Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribe of Michigan and the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians.

From your friends at... Tsyunh#hkw< Upcoming Events & Services

Community Garden Site:

- ☑ Each plot will cost ten dollars for the season.
- ☑ Tsyunh#hkw< will till and prepare plots using organic compost fertilizer.
- ☑ Water will be made available on site.
- ☑ Tsyunh#hkw< will mow around sites to discourage bugs and weeds.

Seed and Plant Distribution:

- ☑ Will start May 8th and end June 5th.
- ☑ Open from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm Mon-Fri., 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday
- ☑ Seed packets will be five dollars this year.
- ☑ Each seed packet includes a large variety of seeds.

Rotovating and tilling services:

- ☑ Each garden under one-quarter acre will cost twenty dollars to rotovate.
- ☑ For sign-up payments need to be made in advance to Tsyunh#hkw< farm or retail store.
- ☑ Rotovating will start last week of April and end last week of May (depending on seasonality).
- ☑ Site boundaries need to be staked out; free of tools, wire, string, cages, etc.
- ☑ Please stake out all perennials such as berries, chives, rubarb, etc.

Tsyunh#hkw< Agriculture (farm)
139 Riverdale Drive (Hwy. J)
Oneida, WI 54155

Tsyunh#hkw< Retail (store)
3759 West Mason, Suite 8 (Ridgeview Plaza)
Oneida, WI 54155

If there are any questions or comments please feel free to call Tsyunh#hkw< at (920) 869-2718 (farm) or (920) 497-5821 (retail store) or email: tsyunheh@oneidation.org

"Pathways to better health"

3 SISTERS

Saturday • May 22 • 10 AM
3 Sisters Planting
Part 3 of 7

MID AUGUST
Green Corn Harvest & Soup Making
Part 4 of 7

EARLY OCTOBER
Seed Selection, Drying, Braiding HUSKING BEE
Part 5 of 7

Thursday • November 4 • 5 pm
Corn Soup Making from dry white corn, hulling w/ wood ash
Part 6 of 7

Thursday • December 9 • 5 pm
KanvstOhale (bread) Making
~NHC~
Part 7 of 7

VEGETABLE GARDENING

Thursday • June 3 • 5PM
Garden Harvest, Post Handling and Pricing for Market
Part 4 of 6

LATE JULY
Canning Produce, Pickles
~NHC~
Part 5 of 6

MID SEPTEMBER
Canning Produce, Salsa Making
~NHC~
Part 6 of 6

HERB GARDENING

Thursday • June 24 • 5 PM
Harvest & Drying, Uses, Benefits Herb ID Walk
Part 4 of 6

Saturday • June 26 • 10AM
Salve & Tincture Making
Part 5 of 6

Saturday • July 17 • 10 AM
Tea Blending
Part 6 of 6

BERRIES

EARLY JULY
Leaf Harvesting
Part 1 of 3

AUGUST
Fruit Harvest, Health Benefits, Recipes, Substitutes
Part 2 of 3

MID AUGUST
~NHC~
Fruit Harvest, jam, jellies, freezing, drying, substitutes
Part 3 of 3

All workshops are at 139 Riverdale Dr. unless otherwise noted. Please phone 869-2718 for those locations.

Blessing of the land



The Tsyunhekw[^] agricultural grounds on Riverdale Drive was the site of a workshop entitled "Planting/Seed Prep, Tobacco Burning" on Thursday evening, May 6th. The event kicked off the growing season. It was also a great opportunity to thank the Creator for all of the delicious foods that make it possible for us to live everyday. Bob Brown (right forefront) performed the burning of the tobacco and offered the prayers while participants gathered around.

Above and Beyond the Call ONEIDA NATION FARM

By OCIFS Coordinator

The Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS) Members have always been community orientated and they continue to do so by agreeing to assist the community owned grocery store known as Tower Foods. The OCIFS Members have agreed to dedicate their time and knowledge in an attempt to give Tower Foods the direction it needs to become self sufficient.

There is one OCIFS entity that has gone above and beyond the call of duty and that is the Oneida Nation Farm. The Farm has exceeded budgeted revenue projections due to bumper crop produc-

tion last year, and in their strong financial position have agreed to transfer \$15,000 to Tower Foods to assist with its costs. So the next time you see Pat Cornelius, or anyone

else from the Oneida Nation Farm, be sure to thank them for going above and beyond the call to the community needs.

Come join us... 7th Annual Wellness Workshop

**Blood Pressure Screening, Blood Sugar
Screening and much more!**

FRIDAY, MAY 14th FROM 3-7 P.M.

Washington Commons
320 N. Adam's St.

For more information, contact Tara at:
436-6630, Ext. 105

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Gardening for sustenance...

Dont' forget to pick up your seeds, bedding plants and fertilizer from Tsyunhekw[^] before Oneida Day/Memorial Day weekend!

DISTRIBUTION HOURS: Monday-Friday, Noon until 6 PM

Saturday, May 15th & 22nd, 10AM - 2PM

June 1-4 FINAL WEEK! Call Ted, Lou, Jr., Gerry or Jill at 869-2718

Preparing for the gardening season...



Submitted Photo
David and Buddy DeLeon stand poised, ready to begin sowing seeds at the Tsyunhekw[^] workshop entitled "Seed Starts/Green House Access" on April 24.

ONEIDA Language Lesson



This is
Spring Time

Kukwit#-ne ka>i-k< This is Springtime
goog kwe day ne guy eack

ot niw<chnis!%> What kind of day is it?
oat knee wah niece slow tah

latihsakayut#hse w<hni-tale> Thunder moon
law dee saw guy un days wah knee doll

w<chnisli>yo It's a good day
wah nis slee yo

teyotsha-tehy< It's foggy
day goat saw die

-awel - spill, pour, spill out

ƒ-wak@-welu> I spilt it
ee wug gah weigh lou

i-se k< w@hsawelu> Did you spill it?
ee zay gah wa saw weigh lou?

Wa>&-welu> She spilt it
wa oon weigh lou

wa>&-welu> k< Did she spill it?
wa oon weigh lou gah?

wah@-welu> He spilt it
wa hah weigh lou

wah@-welu> k< Did he spill it?
Wa hah weigh lou gah?

Unka n@hte> wa@-welu> tik Who spilt this?
ohh gah not day wah yoon weigh lou teak?

on@-ta> Milk

ohne-k@nus Water

Tsyunhekw[^]ne The place of our life sustenance

(dyoon hey kwa nay)

869-2718

Program of the Oneida Nation

Grass Fed Beef

At Tsyunhekw[^]ne, our cattle are grass fed which means that our beef tastes good and is good for you!

Intensive Rotational Grazing done correctly, actually improves our pastures, reducing runoff. So the wildlife, community and Duck Creek benefit as well.

Our cows don't use drugs! On pasture they have free access to a variety of plants - a cow salad bar, if you will, sunshine, fresh air and exercise.

Cattle are supposed to eat grass, not grains! Feeding them a diet high in grains allows for quick weight gain, including plenty of fat, but compromises the health of the animal and not surprisingly, our health.

Grass Fed Beef Facts:

- 1/3 less fat than corn-fed beef.
- The fat it does have is

much better for you as well because it is much **higher in Omega-3's**; essential fatty acids (the good stuff) than cornfed beef. Thus, fish are not the only source of these important fatty acids.

- Significantly **higher levels of vitamins A and E**, which means it is better for you and it actually stays fresh longer than cornfed beef!
- Contains high levels of **Conjugated Linoleic Acid (CLA)**. CLA is one of the most potent cancer fighting compounds known. Cornfed beef does not contain significant levels of CLA.

- To date, there are **no cases of Mad Cow Disease from grass based beef farms.**

For more information on grass-fed beef and other products such as: chicken, eggs, milk, and lamb, go to: www.eatwild.com

Email us at Tsyunh#hkw<tsyunheh@oneidanation.org

Pasture-raised Chickens & Turkeys

Tsyunhekw[^]ne pastured poultry offers superior flavor. Tsyunhekw[^]ne chickens and turkeys are raised in a healthy, humane and environmentally responsible manner.

POULTRY IN MOTION:

Tsyunhekw[^]ne birds thrive on our Certified Organic pastures for maximum quality forage.

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Tsyunhekw[^]ne methods of raising and processing poultry are more difficult than the large scale industrial methods of raising birds. You will appreciate the difference.

Tsyunhekw[^]ne Free Range Turkey & Chicken provide health advantages:

- Higher vitamin E and A content

- More Omega 3's
- Higher in "good" Fat - Lower in "bad" fat.
- No antibiotics
- No hormones
- No meat by-products in the feed.

Delight your family with golden roasted turkey or home-made chicken soup.

To Order:

1. Harvest dates are set for **June 30, August 11 & Turkeys for November 10, 2004.** There may be some variation due to weather.
2. We will call you a week ahead to confirm harvest date and arrange pick up dat/time.
3. Prices are \$2.25/lb. currently and are subject to change/season.
4. Send in completed order form and a \$3.00 deposit / bird.

ORDER FORM

Pasture-raised Chickens & Turkeys

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

HARVEST DATE: # OF BIRDS

June 30, 2004

August 11, 2004

TURKEY (LIMITED #) #/DESIRED WT.

November 10, 2004

Order Total: _____

Total Deposit: _____

To place your Grass Fed Beef order:

1. In order to keep prices low, we offer beef in quantity only.
2. The prices are based on hanging weight (HW). HW is the weight of the meat and the bones. Thus, the actual weight of the meat will be about 25-30% less.
3. You will be notified when we take your beef to Otto's Meats for processing. Otto's will help you select the cuts & processing.
4. Butchering, processing, cutting, and wrapping additional.
5. Payroll deduction is available for Oneida employees. Call for details.
6. A \$75.00 deposit is required on all orders.
7. Prices are subject to change/season.

Hand deliver order form to: 139 Riverdale Drive, Oneida or send to: Tsyunhekw[^] P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155

Good News

New Arrivals

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



Kohlton Running Brave Stevens-Nechipor

Kohlton Running Brave Stevens-Nechipor, newborn son to Paul Louis Nechipor and Kim Marie Stevens, was born on Friday, April 16, 2004 at 8:34 a.m. at Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Kohlton weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and measured 22 inches in length. Paternal grandparents are the late Peter and Gloria Nechipor. The proud maternal grandparents are Beas & Herb Daniels of Crandon, WI. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Clarence "Buck" and Geraldine Stevens of Oneida. Kohlton has two sisters at home, Sha'knei Little Flower Stevens and Hailey Fawn Nechipor.

Kailyn Olivia Rutherford

Kailyn Olivia Rutherford, newborn daughter to Shayne Dickenson and George Rutherford, was born on Thursday, April 22, 2004 at 5:22 p.m. weighing 8 lbs., and measured 21 inches in length. The paternal grandparents are Richard and Elizabeth Rutherford of Browning, Montana. The maternal grandparents are Richard Dickenson of Oneida, Wisconsin and Olivia Hall of Browning, Montana. Kailyn has one brother, Kobe Jay Rutherford.

Happy Birthday

Happy 4th Birthday
Baby Eli!
on May 18th 2004



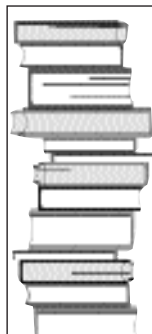
*Love You...Dad, RC, Baby sister Jossalyn, Grandpa Metoxen, Yvonne, Mercy, Schuyler, Trevor & Liana

Engagement Announcement



Choate • Charles

Shirley and Charles Hall, Denmark, Wisconsin announce the engagement of their daughter Charlotte Mae Charles of Springfield, MO. to Benjamin Leonard Choate of Ozark, MO, son of Orville and Sue Choate, Nixa, MO. Wedding plans are for January 22, 2005 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO.



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Please return late books & videos to
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Boston Pops looking for a soloist 'American Idol'-style

The Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) - Searching for someone with a voice somewhere between Brunnhilde and Beyonce, the Boston Pops is following the lead of "American Idol" and holding a contest to pick an unknown singer for its annual Fourth of July concert.

"If we have a rapper, it probably wouldn't work," conductor Keith Lockhart said in a telephone interview.

Singers must be U.S. residents 18 or older, and may not have agents or recording contracts.

Open auditions will be held June 3-4 at Boston's Symphony Hall, and Lockhart will help narrow the field to nine semifinalists June 9 during outdoor auditions on Copley Square Plaza.

"There'll be celebrity judges, myself and the orchestra," he said. "The repertoire will factor into the decision."

Like Simon Cowell, the acerbic judge on "American Idol," Lockhart wore a black T-shirt to Tuesday's news

conference to announce the contest.

"The Simon Cowell part is the fun part, but I really don't think it would do my image any good," he joked.

The Pops, part of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will play behind the semifinalists on June 15, 19 and 24, with three finalists competing on June 29, when the winner will be picked.

The rest of Lockhart's year is a little different. He is music director of the Utah Symphony and guest-conducts many of the top U.S. orchestras. But when the weather turns warm, he puts aside the Mahler and the Mozart and picks up the Jagger and Joel.

The start of Lockhart's 10th season as Boston Pops conductor Tuesday night featured Art Garfunkel. Among the pieces scheduled this season: "A Billy Joel Triptych" and a Spy Night medley with music from James Bond movies, "The Pink Panther" and "Get Smart."

"The Boston Pops have

been doing this for a long time, long before the term crossover was invented," Lockhart said. "The great thing about the Pops is it's the orchestra for all sorts of people who don't know they like orchestras.

"I really think we're the great populist weapon in the classical music industry. In a field that is often viewed as elitist and somewhat limited in the scope it attracts, here's an orchestra that goes out and plays for the masses."

Born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., the 44-year-old Lockhart was assistant conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony and Cincinnati Pops when he was hired by Boston in 1995 to succeed John Williams, who followed the 50-year tenure of Arthur Fiedler that began in 1930.

While many in the classical music world look down at popular music, the Boston Pops celebrates it - performing, for example, "Satisfaction" and "Proud Mary" during a recent season.

Girl Scouts set open house for camps

An open house session will be held for Girl Scout families and the community at both Girl Scout resident and day camps. Camp Birch Trails resident camp, located at W5860 Olivotti Lake Road, Irma, will host an open house on Saturday, June 5 from 1 - 4 p.m. Camp Winnecomac day camp, located at 1726 Hillcrest Drive, Kaukauna, will host an open house on Thursday, June 3 from 6 - 7 p.m.

There will be presentations on what the camps have to offer, with questions and answers session. Camp counselors will be available to entertain the youngsters with camp songs, games, tours, and fun. There will be door prizes and snacks. Registration is not required. Parents are encouraged to invite friends and non-Girl

Scouts. Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. is once again offering many exciting camp sessions for Girl Scouts, their families and the community. Registration is now being accepted for the following programs:

Long Weekend Fourth of July Family Camp

July 2 - July 5, Camp Birch Trails. Age two and under are free. Cost is \$50/participant.

Fall Family Camp

Aug. 27 - 29, Camp Birch Trails. Age two and under are free. Cost is \$35/participant.

These camp session includes activities planned for kids and adults (together and separate), delicious home-cooked meals, swimming, boating, canoeing, campfires, fishing, games, and projects.

Accommodations are in platform tents or rustic cabins. Staff, food, program, and supplies are provided.

The public is invited to attend. For non-members, there is a \$10 membership fee that is due when registering. This \$10 membership fee allows you to participate in all Girl Scout programs offered throughout the year, in addition to the actual event fee.

Camp Birch Trails and day camp programs are accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA). Camp Birch Trails is operated in collaboration with Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. and the Birch Trails Girl Scout Council.

Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. has been providing Girl Scouting in the area for 84 years. The council serves over 8,000 girl and adult members in the counties of Menominee, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Winnebago, and a portion of Calumet. Detailed camp brochures are available by calling Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. at (920) 734-4559 or (800) 924-1211 or visit www.girlscoutsfoxriver-area.org.

Kalihwisaks
NEXT DEADLINE is...
Wednesday, May 19th, 2004 @ NOON
with a **PUBLISH DATE** of...
Thursday, May 27th, 2004
Questions, please call: **920-869-4280** or
Toll Free: 1.800.236.2214 ext. 4280

Volunteers Needed
We are once again seeking volunteers to assist with the Family Carnival on the following dates:
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 4, 5 & 6, 2004
Please call 869-4275 to sign up!

To our readers...
"Good News" submissions mailed in without payment will **NOT** be published. **Payment** for "Good News" wishes **MUST BE** made at time of submission. Please review the following price options:
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Questions?
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Board Vacancies

Miss Oneida Committee. Two (2) Vacancies. Qualifications: Shall serve a three (3) year term. Shall be Native American. Shall have a high school diploma, GED or HSED. Shall have one (1) year experience with pageants or former crown holder. Deadline for application is **June 1, 2004.**

Environmental Resource Board. One (1) Vacancy. Qualifications: Shall be Oneida enrolled member. Shall serve a three (3) year term. Shall participate in all required training within one hundred eighty (180) days of appointment. No ERB member may be employed within the Environmental Health and Safety Department of the Oneida Tribe. Deadline for application is **June 1, 2004.**

Arts Board. One (1) Vacancy. Qualifications: The board shall consist of seven (7) members. Four (4) of the board members must be enrolled tribal members, the term of office for a board member will be three (3) years. Please note: No stipend is paid for this position. This is a volunteer position.

Purpose: To nurture, celebrate and affirm Native American artistic expression, the board shall further strive to bring the arts to the Oneida community: visual, literary, performing, musical (to include the Oneida language) in educational, informative and appealing manner. Deadline for application is **June 11, 2004.**

Oneida Child Protective Board. Four (4) Vacancies. Qualifications: Any tribal member who is enrolled with the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Must be eligible to vote in the elections of the Oneida Nation. Must reside in either Brown or Outagamie County. Shall serve a four (4) year term. Must have experience or education in one of the following areas: Employment related to child protection matters; Foster parenting experiences; Guardian Ad Litem experiences; High School diploma/GED. An individual over the age of 50 is exempt from this requirement; Kinship/family care experience i.e., grandchildren, nieces, nephews and elders; previous Oneida Child Protective Board experience or post secondary training preferred. All individuals must obtain and file a complete application with the Tribal Secretary's office. The Tribal Secretary's office shall forward copies of all applications under consideration to the Oneida Protective Board. Within 15 days, the Oneida Child Protective Board shall return all applications and sub it the name of a candidate whom they recommend. The candidate's name will be submitted, along with all other names of qualified applicants, to the Oneida Business Committee for final selection and approval in accordance with the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions. Must sign an Acknowledgement Notice and Consent to Release Form.

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

cerning the following proceedings: foster care placement, termination of parental rights, pre-adoptive placement. Deadline for application is **June 11, 2004.**

Homes for Sale

Beautiful two story home with 4 bedrooms in a great Green Bay location. Private culdusac. For more details call 920-592-0869.

Nineteen year old raised ranch home with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths and attached two stall garage. Home is on .39 acres of land on a cul de sac. Land is included in the sale. Asking price of \$174,900. For more information call Debbie Thundercloud at 490-9061.

Dream Home for Sale

W410 Alpine Drive De Pere
Application deadline:
May 17, 2004.

3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Selling price - \$83,000; Minimum down payment - \$4,150; Estimated monthly Real Estate tax payment - \$133.78. Estimated monthly mortgage payment - \$508.03.

Open house flyer's will be on site. Please contact Loan Department at 490-2090 for further information.

Oneida Nation Jobs

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

Slot Supervisor Position #00941/6010
Salary: G-07 \$16.45/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) **Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin**
Position Summary: The primary focus of this position is to ensure excellent guest services. This position is to assist the Director and Assistant

Director of Slots in overseeing the day to day operations of the Slot Department for all designated areas to include Gaming outlets. The incumbent will have thorough knowledge of tribal, gaming and departmental policies and procedures. This position will serve as a motivator and role model while encouraging and supporting employees in the Slot Department. This includes, but not limited to, assisting in training of new employees, scheduling of the Slot Service Representatives, completing annual and/or probationary evaluations and completing daily paperwork in a timely manner. Scheduled hours may vary and will be based on operational need. This position is a designated key, non-exempt position and reports to Assistant Director of Slots. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
May 14, 2004
Proposed Start Date:
July 19, 2004

Behavioral Health Social Worker Position #01886

Salary: G-10 \$48,068/Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.)
Position Summary: This position is responsible for case management, coordination and planning of appropriate internal and external care, program direction i.e. counseling, or therapy for geriatric, child adolescent, or chronic mentally ill patient, etc... Incumbent will also function as a member of the Triage/Rapid Response Team. This is an exempt position and reports to the (OCHC) Medical Director. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
May 20, 2004
Proposed Start Date:
June 21, 2004

Special Education Teacher Aide Position #07093

Salary: G-00 (Determined by the Administrative Salary Schedule)
Position Summary: This position assists the teacher in planning and implementing educational programs. Incumbent is required to have patience and be sensitive to the unique needs of the students in a positive manner. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Special Education Coordinator. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
May 21, 2004
Proposed Start Date:
August, 2004

K - 12 Media Specialist Position #07080

Salary: G-00 (Determined by the School Teachers Salary Schedule)
Position Summary: The media specialist has responsibilities in the administrative, educational, technical and professional areas of library media programming for K - 12. The media specialist will help users locate, evaluate and effectively use the information. The media specialist will achieve goals by providing assistance in accessing materials in all forms, and by providing guidance and instruction to further stimulate interests and acquire competency for both students and staff. This is an exempt position and reports to the K - 12 School Principal. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
May 20, 2004
Proposed Start Date:
August, 2004

Child Care Supervisor Position #00107

Salary: G-07 \$34,216/Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.)
Position Summary: This position will supervise the Airport Road Child Care Center staff and ensure children are in a safe, healthy and nurturing learning environment. Incumbent must be able to work a flexible hours from 5:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. This is an exempt position and reports to the Child Care Director. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
May 18, 2004
Proposed Start Date:
July 19, 2004

For a complete listing of Oneida Nation jobs check out the Oneida website at www.oneidationation.org Or call 1-800-236-7050.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendments to the Hunting, Fishing Trapping Law which would change licensing fees, permit rates and other regulatory changes. Submitted by the Environmental resources Board (ERB).

When: June 1, 2004
Where: Business Committee Conference Room.
Time: 5:00 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 Peril Huff, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center.

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendment to the Employee Protection Policy which would add the Oneida Police Commission as an "appropriate agency" with the ability to grant employee protection. Submitted by the Oneida Police Commission.

When: June 1, 2004
Where: Business Committee Conference Room.
Time: 5:00 P.M.

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Supervisor - Shenandoah Restaurant	Full Time	Dep. on Exp.	Oversee daily operations of the restaurant, supervise and direct staff, guest relations..
Sous Chef	Full Time	Dep. on Exp.	To assist in the effective management and direction of restaurant operations in reference to quality service. Help monitor quality and consistency of food food production, cost control and inventory.
Line Cooks All Outlets	Full & Part Time	\$8.00 - \$9.50 Dep. on Exp.	Prepare food for guest events and restaurants.
Buffet Runner-Three Sisters Restaurant	Part Time	\$7.25	Maintain food presentation on the buffet, Stock and refill food supply from the kitchen to the buffet.
Servers-Shenandoah Restaurant	Part Time A.M. & P.M.	\$2.73 plus tips	Wait on guests, take and place orders, provide superior customer service
Banquet Server	Part Time	\$5.00 plus tips	Leads serving staff at special events.
Banquet Servers	Part Time	\$3.00 plus tips (Experience pref.)	Wait on guests, deliver food & drinks, clear tables & provide superior customer service
Housekeepers	Full & Part Time	\$7.50 plus tips +\$1.25 on Sat/Sun	Clean guest rooms & public areas
Sales & Catering	Full Time	\$10.00 - \$12.00	Strong customer service & administrative skills, proficient knowledge of Microsoft office products, working knowledge of databases, ability to work in fast paced
Dishwashers	Full & Part Time	\$7.50	Wash, sort and put away dishes, assist in restaurant as needed.