



GTC denies law students funding request

By Keith Skenandore
Kalihwisaks

A motion to provide a tribal member attending law school \$20,000 for three years fell two votes short of meeting the two-thirds required in what could have set precedence for the membership attending college or technical programs.

After an amendment passed by a vote of 129 to 17, with two abstentions, to provide Michael Debraska of Milwaukee the full \$20,000 allotted by the Higher Education Department over the next three years, the main motion failed to approve his tuition and the approved \$20,000 living allowance.

Debraska petitioned for the meeting requesting General Tribal Council to authorize his tuition to law school completely paid and a monthly living expense of \$1,500 for three years.

The key element to the vote failing is that Debraska's personal request was to authorize funds outside of the previous GTC authorized actions.

By a vote of 92 in favor, 44 opposed, with 5 abstentions, the main motion falling short by two votes didn't end this agenda item quietly.

Members of GTC were

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Funding Denied



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Dealer Craig Heinz awaits the decision of Corey VanCamp of Kimberly in a game of Texas Hold 'Em.

Full house in new poker room

By Phil Wisneski
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The Oneida Mason Street Casino opened their new poker room on August 2 to a full house. All the tables were full within two hours.

"It's all about entertainment," said Oneida Casino General Manager Neil Cornelius. "We were in the position to be able to bring the hottest games in the country to our venue."

The room features eight tables and is smoke free.

Games offered are Texas Hold 'em, Seven Card Stud and Omaha. Wagers start as low as two to four dollars per hand with no limit.

Cornelius also said that the new addition rounds out the complete offering of Vegas style gaming.

The new room is open from noon to 4 A.M. seven days a week.

Previously the only games

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Poker Room**

Kenosha holds meeting over casino

BRISTOL, Wis. (AP) - An \$808 million casino complex at Dairyland Greyhound Park will create more than 3,000 jobs, said Menominee Nation's tribal officials at a public meeting.

But some residents told Kenosha County Board that they don't want a casino in their community.

About 70 of the 250 people who attended Monday night's public hearing spoke about Menominee Nation's casino proposal.

The tribe's vice chairwoman Laurie Boivin and the project developer Dennis Troha did a presentation to outline potential benefits of the project.

"I take Kenosha seriously," Troha said. "I wouldn't be involved with a project that wouldn't be good for Kenosha or the tribe."

But he acknowledged there would be competition from proposed casino developments in the Chicago and Milwaukee areas.

Some audience members were not impressed by the proposal.

"Adult entertainment. That's what we're talking about - adult entertainment," said Kim Jensen of Pleasant Prairie. "Please, Kenosha County, don't sell out to the casino. Let me raise my kids casino-free."

The county supervisors will ultimately cast their votes on an intergovernmental agreement between the tribe, the city and the county. The agreement would allow Menominee Nation to reimburse the local governments for services and lost tax revenues, if the Dairyland property is allowed to be held in tribal trust.

Bill Apgar, the general manager and vice president of operations at the greyhound park, said many of his employees have endured more than a decade of shaky finances at the facility and support the casino.

"With this project we all stand, including the city and the county, to benefit tremendously," he said.

On Aug. 3, the county board is expected to act on a resolution authorizing a referendum on the November ballot. The public can comment on the issue then.

The federal Bureau of Indian Affairs will have an environmental statement the same night at a public hearing.

Election results

By Phil Wisneski
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A total of 203 voters exercised their right to vote for the Oneida elections held on July 24 at the Oneida Health Center.

The Trust/Enrollment Committee three vacant spots

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Tazed and confused

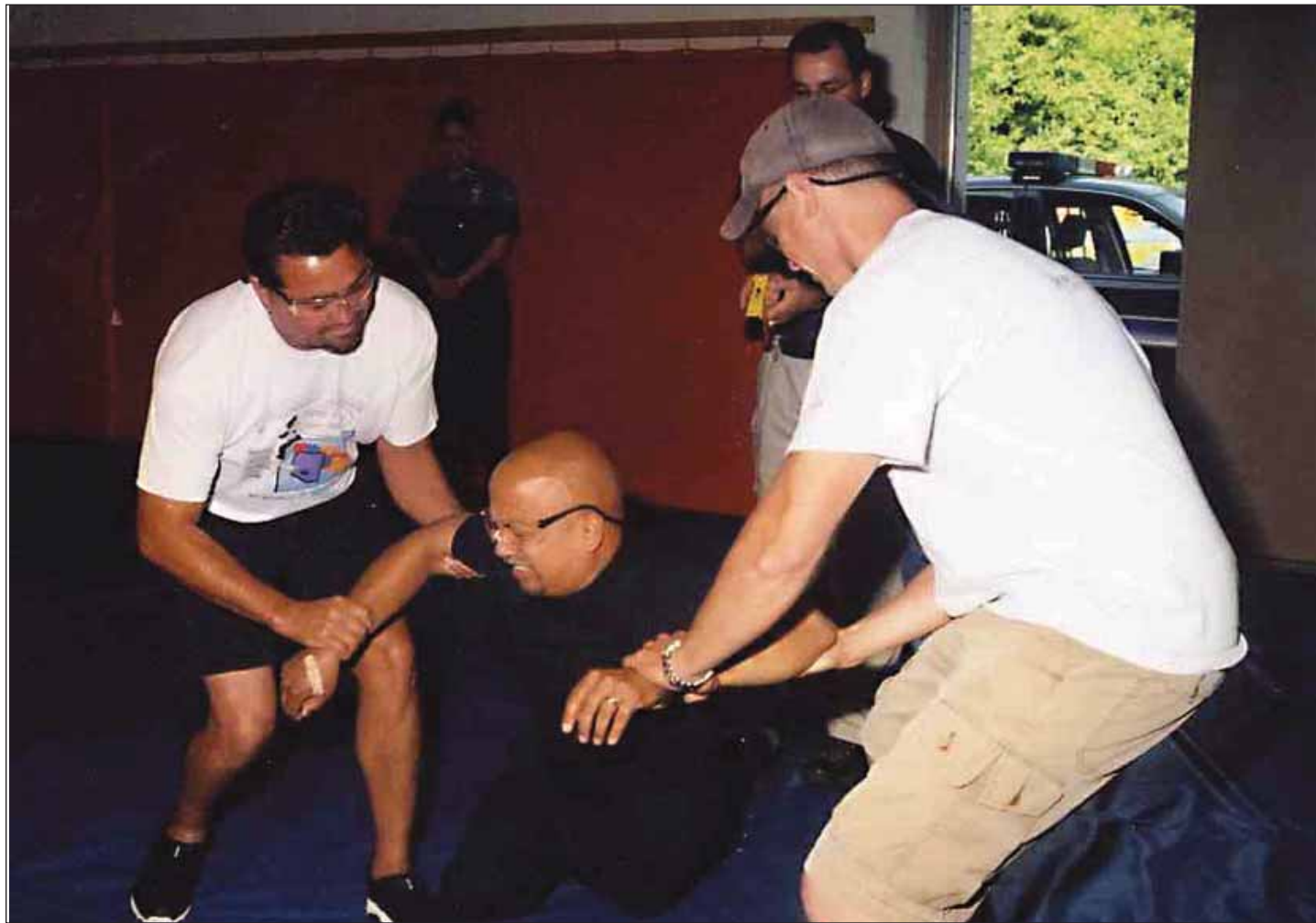


Photo by Keith Skenandore

Oneida Police Officer Dale Metoxen reacts after being shot by the Oneida Police Departments newly acquired weapon, the Taser X26, which renders a person helpless. Sgt. Dan House, left, and Officer Joel Maxam hold Metoxen to break his fall, while Sgt. Van Boxtel, behind, controls the 26 watts of electricity. Waiting her turn for exposure to the taser is Officer Bobbi Delabreau in the background.

New OPD weapon provides safety for officers and suspects

By Keith Skenandore
Kalihwisaks

Officers of the Oneida Police Department utilize chemical agents such as mace when apprehending a criminal. If that doesn't work they can use an impact weapon such as their baton. A new weapon of choice, the Taser X26, is currently being carried by trained

Oneida Police officers. This new device is designed to avoid hands-on contact with violent suspects. The Taser X26 shoots two probes into a violent suspects skin and sends 26 watts of electricity through the body causing elec-

**See Page 2
Tasers**



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Sgt. Dan House yells in pain after feeling the effects of the Taser X26.

Oneida youth drowns at Pamperin Park

By Phil Wisneski
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David L. Doxtator, 12, drowned at the Pamperin Park quarry on July 25. Doxtator along with a 14 year-old girl were on a bike ride and stopped at Pamperin Park. While at the park the two decided to go for a swim in the park's quarry. Doxtator jumped in the water with his clothes on and immediately started to call for help. Two

park employees responded to his calls for help, but could not rescue the boy. They were able to get close to the boy, but wearing heavy-steel toe boots, the workers were limit-



Doxtator

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Drowning**



Photo by Phil Wisneski

The quarry where David Doxtator drowned is nearly 30 feet deep and has a very steep drop-off just on the opposite side of the fence shown above.

Culture

Cultural Center Update

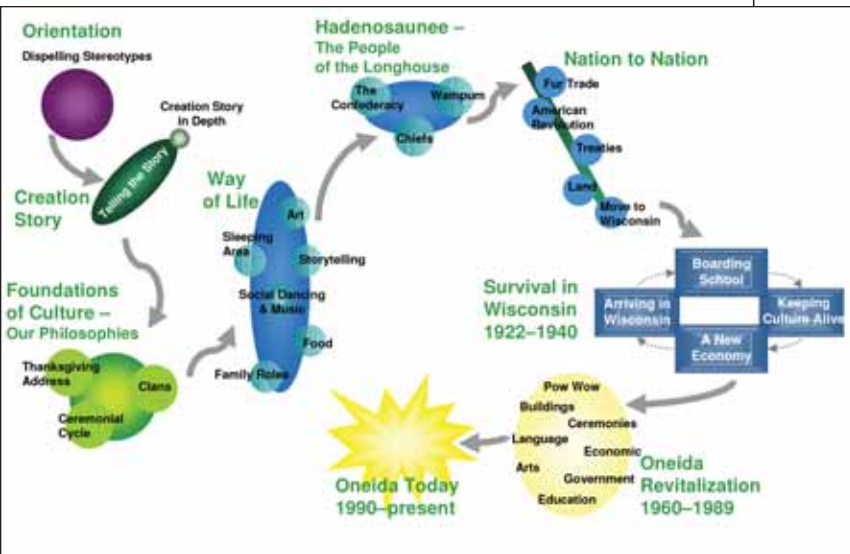
Based on GTC Resolution 4-22-96, the Decaster property at the corner of FF and 54 will be used for the programming of an Oneida Cultural Center.

With the information gathered from the two community meetings held at the Radisson (On January 29, 2004 & April 22, 2004) and two information booth sessions, (one held at the 2003 powwow and the one held at the 2004 Museum cultural festival) the project team has established project design goals and parameters which included cultural planning and building science.

Space needs, room sizes, adjacency requirements, public and non-public areas, as well as community space for use after hours have also been established.

Another aspect of the cultural center was creating the framework for the museum exhibition plan, which also included input from the community.

The following diagram shows the sequence and arrangement of main themes of what will be explored in the museum.



The methods of communication used in the museum will be artifacts, video/movie, audio/oral history, multimedia, integrated environment, hands on/ interactive, graphics-images / maps, and text.

So as you may be aware, the Cultural Center programming project is well under way and will be complete and ready for presentation to the Oneida community this fall. No other community sessions are scheduled at this time.

Any questions, comments or concerns can be addressed to Wayne Metoxen at WMetoxen@Oneidanation.org

Timeline Schedule...

- July 28-31** Conduct preliminary soil investigations
- August 1-11** Mechanical, structural & electrical reports
- August 12-19** Revise preferred option to align with engineering reports
- August 20-27** Prepare preliminary cost model
- August 28-30** Issue operation & maintenance cost projection
- August 31** Present developed schematic design (possible community update session)
- Sept. 1-14** Project team review and comment period & Architect final incorporation
- Sept. 15-21** Publish draft facility program document
- Sept. 22-28** Project team review & comment period of draft facility program document
- Sept. 29-Oct. 6** Architect incorporates input from project team
- October 7** Issue final report
- October 8** Project closeout meeting

ONEIDA Language Lesson



On<yote>a-k@ Phrases

Wake>nisko>uh@ti Wa-ke>-ni-sko>-u-h@-ti	<i>I am getting here late</i>
Tekale-l&he> Te-ka-le=l&-he>	<i>I am a racer</i>
Tehale-l&he> Te-ha-le=l&-he>	<i>he is a racer</i>
Eth nok	<i>a while ago</i>
Eth nok ast#htsi> Eth nok a-st#h-tsi>	<i>while ago this morning</i>
Kahsakayu-t#-se> wehn#-tahle> Kah-sa-ka-yu=-t#=-se> weh-n#=-tahle>	<i>thunder moon</i>
Tekawelata-s#s Te-ka-we-la-ta=s#s	<i>tornado</i>
Tewatluhyayel&nyu Te-wa-tluh-ya-ye-l&-nyu	<i>northern lights</i>
Watyesl<-ty#slu> Wa-tye-sl<-ty#slu>	<i>lightening</i>
Kaluhye@ke Ka-luh-y@=ke	<i>in the sky world</i>
Ut&nhet U-t&n-het	<i>born</i>
Othute> Ot-hu-te>	<i>sapling</i>
Kah<-t@ke Ka-h<-t@=ke	<i>field</i>
Kan&hsote> Ka-n&h-so-te>	<i>house</i>

See the Cultural website

We encourage everyone to become involved in the Oneida Language. Remember that every word you learn and speak becomes a part of keeping the Oneida Language alive. Please visit our website at: <http://language.oneidanation.org/about/history>

Agenda 2004
UNITY Ride and Run
August 4 - 6, 2004

This agenda is in its preliminary stages. Contact with both groups has been minimal. As their arrival date gets closer, we anticipate increased communication. Please keep in mind that they will be spending the most time here during their journey (2 days). Also, they have designated the Oneida stop as a resting period. **All scheduled events will take place at the Norbert Hill Center (NHC) unless otherwise stated.**

Wednesday, August 4

- 10:00AM Edge of the woods ceremony—performed by Bob Brown
Location: Norbert Hill Center (NHC)
- 11:30AM Feast sponsored by the longhouse
location: NHC
- ** Welcome by the Oneida Business Committee – Chairwoman (if her schedule permits) Attendance of the Business Committee members is encouraged
- 1:00-5:00PM Rest period
- 5:00-6:00PM Dinner sponsored by the Appeals Commission (NHC)
- 6:00-9:00PM Social Dance (NHC)
- 7:00-9:00PM Sweat lodge sponsored by Dale Powless/Ed King
Location: N5384 Bear Ct. DePere (Ed King's house)

Thursday, August 5

- 7:00-8:00AM Continental breakfast sponsored by the family of Babe Doxtator (NHC)
- 8:00-9:00AM Buffet breakfast sponsored by the family of Babe Doxtator (NHC)
- 9:00-12:00PM Lacrosse and/or basketball games/ tour of reservation (NHC)
- 12-1:30PM Lunch sponsored by VFW Post 7784 (NHC)
- 1:30-5:00PM To Be Determined
- 5:00-6:30PM Dinner sponsored by Gaming (NHC)
- 7:00-10:00PM Community and youth presentations from our guests (NHC) Co-ed Sweat lodge sponsored by Red Hail Family (feast to follow)
Location: N5772 Cty Rd. E Oneida
Social Dance/storytelling (NHC)

Friday, August 6

- 7:00-9:00AM Breakfast sponsored by Native American Church (NHC)
- 9:00-12:00PM Recreational activities (NHC)
- 12:00-1:30PM Lunch sponsored by the Radisson (NHC)
- 1:30-5:00PM Rest period
- 5:00-6:30PM Pot Luck Community Dinner (NHC)
- 7:00PM Prayer for their travel and those participating

** Send off by Business Committee—The whole Committee should participate

UNITY Ride & Run

August 4-6, 2004
Norbert Hill Center • Oneida, WI

What is the Unity Ride and Run?

The Unity Ride was initiated in 1986 by the Lakota Elders of North and South Dakota who heeded Black Elk's Vision of the Sacred Hoop; a vision that their Nation had been broken after the Wounded Knee massacre of 1890. Their visions showed them that they must retrace the path of their ancestors and wipe away their tears for the seventh generation to have a better life.

Since 1986, hundreds of men, women, and children have journeyed on horseback and ran thousands of miles to retrace their ancestor's footsteps and pray for the healing of our Nations. This year, it has been determined to ride and run toward Iroquoian Territory and honor the Hadenosaunee, The Great Tree of Peace. This ride and run will also honor the grandmother spirit and women, in the desire to restore balance within our Nations. They will visit dozens of communities with a message of Unity.

Oneida is the meeting point for the two groups...

One traveling from Sioux Valley, Manitoba, the other traveling from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Their ride and run will begin on June 24 and end in Pine Nation, Ontario for the Indigenous Elders Summit on August 27, 2004. Tribal members are encouraged to join them on this journey.

When will they be arriving?

The riders and runners of the two groups will be meeting in **Oneida on August 4 and departing August 6.** They have followed traditional protocol and have asked the Oneida people for permission to enter Oneida territory. They will be spending two nights here and we have offered them shelter, food, water, and care for the horses during their stay.

If anyone would like to help with the food, shelter, and horse preparations or for more information, please contact Dionne Jacobs at 920-869-4450.



Birgit Kills Straight, *Lakota Nation*, Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 1989



"Sliver", *Cree Nation*, and Jill Bedard, *Anishinabe Nation*, Manitoba, 1997



Joan White Lightening, *Lakota Nation*, North Dakota, 1997



Buck Bear Heart, *Lakota Nation*, South Dakota, 1998

At left, Grey Horn Butte, Lakota Unity Ride, 1996
Top photo, Following the Spirit Trail, Chief Big Foot Memorial ride, South Dakota, 1990

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Board Vacancies

Oneida Hall of Fame Selection Committee (9) Nine Vacancies: Qualifications: Shall be Oneida Enrolled member. Term of the Selection Committee members shall expire thirty (30) days after the induction ceremony which will be held at eh Oneida Tribe's Pow wow in July. Shall meet within thirty (30) days of being appointed. The Selection Committee shall abide by their own by-laws as ratified by the Oneida Business Committee. **Deadline date of application is August 20, 2004.**

Southeast Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board (SEOTS) (1) One Vacancy: Qualifications: Shall be Oneida Enrolled member. The board shall consist of seven (7) members. Shall reside in the Southeastern Wisconsin area for their term of three (3) years. Applicants must agree to firm commitments for attending training, Board and General Tribal Council meetings, functions and other events as establishing by the Board, SEOTS Advisory Board office or the Oneida Nation. Purpose: It shall be the purpose of the SEOTS Advisory Board to set missions and goals for the delivery of services; to act as liaison between the Oneida Social Services Program serving administration; provide guidance in all the functions of the SEOTS Board; and to adhere to the appropriate chain of command in any and all relative communications. **Deadline date of application is September 3, 2004.**

Oneida Personnel Commission (1) One Vacancy: Qualifications: Shall be Oneida Enrolled member. The entire combined membership may not consist of more than two (2) members from any one division of the Oneida Tribe; nor less than seven (7) community members. Shall serve a three (3) year term. The membership may not be such that a conflict of interest or nepotism is created as defined in these by-laws: A. Nepotism is created by the following relationships: father, mother, husband, wife, brother, sister, daughter, son, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-children, step-parents or significant other. B. Conflict of interest is a conflict between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. A member may not be an employee of the Human Resource Department, any advocacy group (department) or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe. **Deadline date of application is September 3, 2004.**

Notice of Availability

Introduction: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to approve a Fire Management Plan (FMP) for Oneida Nation trust lands in Wisconsin. The Oneida Nation FMP specifically addresses fire suppression, wildland fire use, prescribed fire, non-fire fuel applications, and emergency rehabilitation and restoration. Federal actions, including fire management planning and activities, must comply with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Therefore, an Environmental Assessment

(EA) and preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for the FMP, and are available for public review and comment. The FMP provides the framework for pre-fire suppression activities, fire prevention measures and fuel modification treatment on Oneida Nation trust lands. This type of planning is needed to protect life and property, while also identifying, protecting, and enhancing other related values such as water and air quality, cultural resources, wildlife and fisheries, endangered species, soil stability, and local socioeconomic conditions. The EA analyzes the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of implementing the FMP on the overall quality of the human environment.

Brief Description of Proposed Action: The United States Department of the Interior (DOI) Department Manual (DM) Part 620, Wildland Fire Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Indian Affairs Manual (IAM) Part 90, Wildland Fire Management provide the direction for FMPs. The Federal Wildland Fire and Prescribed Fire Policy, of which BIA is a signatory, states that: "Every area with burnable vegetation must have an approved FMP that is consistent with firefighter and public safety, values to be protected, land and resource management plans, and must address public health issues." The purpose of the FMP is further identified as to "Address tribal goals and objectives, the ecological role of wildland fire, values to be protected, preparedness, preservation, interagency mobilization, strategies for appropriate management responses to wildland fire, hazardous fuels management and prescribed fire use, and emergency rehabilitation of burned areas." The EA addresses protection of life and property, cultural resources, timber resources, air quality, geology and soils, water quality, wildlife and fisheries, outdoor recreation and visual resources, endangered species, and socio-economics. The Oneida Nation and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer were consulted with regard to cultural and historic properties. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was consulted with regard to threatened and endangered species. Availability and Comments: The EA supports the preliminary FONSI and includes the above mentioned project information including an introduction, purpose and need for the action, goals, alternatives considered, and consultation letters with the Tribe and the Tribal

Historic Preservation Officer, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. Interested parties can obtain copies of these environmental documents from the above address in care of the Branch of Natural Resources. Comments regarding the proposed action may also be submitted within 30 days of the date of this publication. Contact Fred Vande Venter, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (715) 682-4527 for additional information. **Dated August 4, 2004.**

Legal Notice

Oneida Appeals Commission Original hearing body. Notice of judgements granted. Re: Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin vs Various Individuals A diligent attempt was made to notify the following individuals of claim(s) filed by the Oneida Tribe for judgement against them. Notices were returned by U.S. Post Office as unclaimed, unknown or no forwarding address. 7-28-04: Cornelius, Merlin; Johnson, Denise; John, Carlton; Jordan, Aloyis Sr.; Powless-Rivera, Kim; Peters, Richard. Hearings were held on the date stated, for all parties listed, at the Commission office; located at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 1; 3759 W. Mason St.; Oneida WI 54155 For specific questions about this judgement, settlement or payment arrangements, please contact Diana Westcott, Accounting Department at (920) 490-3556. If you have questions on the process, feel free to contact the Clerk or Administrator, Oneida Appeals Commission office at (920) 497-5800.

Oneida Nation Jobs

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

Childcare Van Driver Position #1361
Salary: G-03 \$9.92/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) **Position Summary:** This position operates a van to pick up and deliver children to and from the Airport Road Child Care Center. Hours may vary from 32 to 40 hours per week. Schedule will be determined based upon enrollment. Incumbent will assist the Childcare teachers in the classroom as assigned by the Childcare Supervisor. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Supervisors of the Airport Road Child Care Center. Continuation of position is contin-

gent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
August 11, 2004
Proposed Start Date:
October 11, 2004

Assistant Director - Internal Security Position #00056

Salary: G-11 (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) ** Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** **Position Summary:** This position is responsible for assisting the Security Director in the daily operation of the Internal Security Department. The Assistant Director's position is expected to assume the responsibilities of the Director in his/her absence. This is a designated key, exempt position and reports to the Director of Internal Security. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
August 13, 2004
Proposed Start Date:
October 18, 2004

Customer Service Director Position #09061

Salary: G-15 (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) ** Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** **Position Summary:** This position is responsible for the delivery of excellent customer service at all Oneida gaming operations locations. Provide leadership direction and management focus for all customer service initiatives. This director will initiate and coordinate all customer service satisfaction survey/research activities, employee and management customer service training, performance measurement development and implementation, performance monitoring and recognition processes. This person must be energetic, assertive and have excellent communication skills. This is a exempt position and reports to the gaming General Manger. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
August 17, 2004
Proposed Start Date:
October 18, 2004

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Small Business Project 2000 Amendment: Adds option for grants for existing and new Oneida businesses for marketing, accounting and legal services under the Oneida Small Business Project 2000.

When: August 10, 2004
Where: Business Committee Conference Room
Time: 11:30 A.M.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposal 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. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this proposal are also available on the LOC website: www.on-loc.org/.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Sovereign Immunity Law: The purpose of this law is to protect and preserve the sovereign immunity of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, to define the entities and individuals entitled to the protection of such immunity, and to specify the manner in which such immunity may be waived.

When: August 10, 2004
Where: Business Committee Conference Room
Time: 11:30 A.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Sanitary District Ordinance Amendments: Amendments to the Oneida Tribal Sanitary District Ordinance which, among other changes, re-titles the ordinance as the Sanitation Ordinance, replaces the Oneida Utilities Commission with the Oneida Utilities Department, transferring duties and responsibilities from the Commission to the Tribe, and effects grammatical and technical improvements in the Ordinance.

When: August 10, 2004
Where: Business Committee Conference Room
Time: 11:30 A.M.


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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Open Records and Open Meetings law: In recognition of the fact that good government is dependent upon an informed electorate, this law would provide that Tribal members are entitled to information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. This law would be construed with a presumption of public access, subject to specific limitations (i.e., personnel, medical or juvenile records.)

When: August 10, 2004
Where: Business Committee Conference Room
Time: 11:30 A.M.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposal 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. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this proposal are also available on the LOC website: www.on-loc.org/.



Job Opportunities

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Open Position	Shifts Available	Pay Rates Are Per Hr.	Job Duties
Dishwashers	Full & Part Time	\$7.50	Wash, sort & put away dishes, assist in restaurants as needed.
Line Cooks All Outlets	Full & Part Time	\$8.00 - \$9.50 Dep. on Exp.	Prepare food for guest events and restaurants.
Buffet Runner Standing Stone	Part Time	\$7.25	Maintain food presentation on the buffet, stock & refill food supply from the kitchen to the buffet
Banquet Server Captain	Part Time	\$5.00 plus tips	Leads serving staff at special events.
Banquet Servers	Part Time	\$3.00 plus tips	Wait on guests, deliver food & drinks, clear tables & provide superior customer service.
Housekeepers	Part Time	\$7.50 (\$1.25/hr., Sat/Sun.)	Clean guest rooms & public areas.
Sales & Catering Coordinator	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, changing & team environment.
Utility Supervisor	Full Time	Dep. on Experience	Responsibilities include overseeing dishwashers/utility & night porter team.
Cocktail Servers	Part Time	\$4.00 + tips	Service of beverage and/or food to the guests in a friendly, courteous, and timely manner, resulting in guest satisfaction.
Bartenders	Part Time	\$6.00	To service beverages and/or food to the guests in a friendly, courteous and timely manner, resulting in guest satisfaction. Also, to prepare beverages for other servers to supply to the guest, and act as a cashier for the lounge.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Purpose: Amendments to the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions: Amendments which include the classifying of all boards, committees and commissions as either program entities, administrative entities or advisory entities and different levels of stipends.
When: August 31, 2004
Where: Business Committee Conference Room
Time: 11:30 A.M.
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. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this proposal are also available on the LOC Website: www.on-loc.org

Local

Photo by Keith Skenandore (L-R), Oneida Housing Authority Interim Executive Director Jason Johnson, and OHA Chair Linda Torres present a \$20,000 check to Arlene Danforth, police commissioner, Sgt. Rich Van Boxtel and Chief of Police Rick Cornelius for the purchase of the new Taser X26 weapons.



From Page 1/Taser weapon all about safety

muscular disruption - rendering the suspect helpless.

Four tasers were purchased through the country/tribe law enforcement grant with the State. When it came to needing tasers for all OPD officers, the Oneida Housing Authority stepped forward and donated \$20,000. A total of 27 tasers are being carried by certified personnel.

Rick Cornelius, police chief, said if it wasn't for the funds they would not have been able to obtain the tasers.

"This gives us another option other than maybe having to shoot someone," he said.

Sgt. Rich Van Boxtel expressed the Taser X26 is for the safety of the Oneida community, however, is not a substitute for lethal force.

"Focused people, people who can fight through pain," Van Boxtel said would be exposed to the taser.

Focused or combative individuals, emotionally disturbed persons or individuals on drugs and/or alcohol fall under the mind-body disconnect categories. What the taser does, according to Van Boxtel, is not rely on pain to achieve compliance.

"The Taser X26 overrides the central nervous system and achieves incapacitation," he said. "Ninety-nine percent instant incapacitation."

He said the taser has the greatest impact on officer safety when deployed with patrol level first responding officers.

One main point that Van Boxtel stressed in regards to the safety and injuries, is that once the trigger of the taser is released, the pain is gone.

"The residual affects after the pain are none," said Van Boxtel.

He said if a baton or mace was used, pain would continue after the initial use, along with other possible injuries. Not with the taser.

Van Boxtel said the effectiveness of the new safety device reduces injuries not only with the police force, but the suspects as well.

As of January 1, 2004, the taser was tested on 50,000 human volunteers. Prior to that extensive animal testing has shown no effect on heart rhythms or blood pressure. Using "worst case" scenarios, two cardiac safety experts found no interference by the taser weapon with heart rhythms.

Subjects may experience

minor skin irritation, temporary blisters, redness or minor bleeding if the probes puncture the skin. Secondary injuries from a persons fall may also occur.

"The subject's muscles contract involuntarily, so their fall may cause an injury," said Van Boxtel.

All officers of OPD are carrying a taser, but before they are provided one, a four hour training takes place which includes the proper firing of the taser. Once a test is passed, the officers must comply with one more element of the training - exposure.

Each officer has a choice of being shot by the Taser X26 or by placing clips to their clothing - either option rendering 26 watts of electricity through their body.

Officer Dale Metoxen chose the full effect. Sgt. Van Boxtel aimed the taser at Metoxen and when fired, released the two probes into Metoxen's back, sending the electricity to his body for five seconds.

Immediately Metoxen yelled out in pain, and in a matter of seconds, was rendered helpless.

"I heard from others and knew it does work," said Metoxen, "but I went for it."

"It was one big surge of electricity going through you. You can't move. I could see everyone, but I couldn't move."

Sgt. Dan House chose the clip option but the results were still the same.

"Once you get hit you can't do anything," said House. "Once the charge is over, you feel fine."

As for the effectiveness, House said the tasers definitely will work.

"It's better than hands-on fighting or shooting. You will drop to the ground without a struggle"

Other officers feeling the effects were Officers Lyle Metoxen and Bobbi Delabreau. All Metoxen said was "it hurt," and although Delabreau felt the pain, she explained how the pain rendered her helpless.

"Your mind is concentrated on the pain and nothing else," said Delabreau. "It pretty much did what I thought it was going to do."

So what does the Taser X26 do.

The two probes with barbs on the end are released when the trigger is squeezed. Once

penetrated into the skin, the two probes are connected with wires to the Taser X26. As the trigger is held down the first two seconds of deployment is intense as 26 watts of electricity is dispersed at 19 pulses per second. The dispersement drops to 15 pulses per second for the final three seconds.

"It will knock you down and keep you down," said Van Boxtel.

After the initial deployment, the trigger than can be held for longer periods of time if a suspect continues to become violent.

For those suspects thinking of wearing heavy clothing better think again. One probe can arc through two cumulative inches of clothing or one inch per probe.

Some common effects of the electro muscular disruption are that the subject can fall immediately to the ground, yell or scream, involuntary muscle contractions, subject may freeze in place with legs locked, subject may feel dazed for several seconds or minutes, potential vertigo, temporary tingling sensation, may experience critical stress amnesia and may not remember any pain.

The safety of the taser is reiterated by Taser International. They claim there have been no reports of death caused by the weapon, does not damage nervous tissue, does not cause serious burns and does not cause "electrocution" in a wet environment.

Once the taser is deployed the air cartridge cannot be reused. The taser is charged by a digital powered battery that can deploy up to 300 firings each with the same amount of watts.

After firing, Van Boxtel said information from the taser can be downloaded to record the number of firings, time, date, duration, temperature of unit and the battery life left in the unit.

"It is all worth it if the taser provides safety to the Oneida community and reduces injuries," said Van Boxtel.

The Kalihwisaks office will be CLOSED August 4, 5 & 6, 2004 due to staff attending the UNITY Conference in Washington, DC

From Page 1/ Election results

were filled by Ervin Simpson Thompson (91), Charlene Elsie Cornelius (83) and Thelma McLester (62).

The Oneida Commission on Aging (ONCOA) also had three open positions. They were filled by Arlie Doxtator (121), Clifford Jr. Cornelius (107) and Charlene Elsie Cornelius (70).

The Oneida Land Commission had two vacancies. They were filled by Amelia Cornelius (98) and Charlene Elsie Cornelius (93).

All three candidates that ran for the three open parent positions on the Oneida School Board were selected. They were Carolyn Miller (142), Raeann Skenandore (142) and Candi Jo Cornelius (136).

Election results are tentative until the final election results are forwarded to the Oneida Business Committee from the Election Board via a final report.

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Local

Passing On

Doxtator, David L.

David L. Doxtator, Green Bay, age 12, passed away Sunday July 25, 2004 of accidental drowning.



He was born September 6, 1991 to James & Laurie (Elm) Doxtator. David had just graduated the 6th grade at Green Bay Day Treatment. He was fascinated with cars and could tell you the make and model of any car he saw. He dreamt of one day opening his own car shop called "Hoppin Dave's" where he would design cars with specialized hydraulics. He liked listening to music and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

His parents survive him, his brother James, his grandmother Kathy Elm with whom he resided, his aunt Lorna, his uncle Jeff, his cousins Nathan and Jesse, his uncles Earl, Duane, and Robert, and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

His grandfathers Earl Elm and James Doxtator and his grandmother Francis Lawe preceded him in death. His great grandparents Vernon and Katherine Jourdan further preceded David in death.

John, Ronnie

Ronald G. John, 62 of Oneida died July 30, 2004 at his home surrounded



by his family.

He was born July 9, 1942 in Green Bay the son of the late Leonard and Margaret (House) John. Ron married the former E. Betsy Parkhurst at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in Oneida on February 29, 1962. Ron was an avid sports fan. In his younger days he was a very talented multi sport athlete. Sports remained important to him even in his later years. He enjoyed coaching basketball, legion and little league baseball, his daughters softball and basketball teams. He was often a spectator at an area sporting event, whether he knew the participants or not. Ron was also an active member of his church serving as Senior Warden at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church. He served on the Oneida Housing Board of Commissioners, and was a member of the W.I.G.A. Wisconsin Indian Golf Association.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Bridget John (special friend Bill Webster) of De Pere; two sons, Fran John (special friend Melinda Danforth) of Green Bay, and Shane John (special friend Lisa Huff) of Oneida; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Carol (Norman) Elm of De Pere and Judy (Tony) Skenandore of Seymour; special niece Karen (David) Powless of Oneida; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Patrick and Shawn; one brother Donald and two sisters, Bev Silas and Mary Hill.

**From Page 1/
Pamperin
Park
drowning**

ed in their swimming ability.

Doxtator's body was found at 6:20 p.m., about an hour after the emergency call was placed. The body was found in one of the deepest parts of the quarry which measured nearly 30 feet deep. The quarry is marked with two no swimming signs and is very dangerous due to the steep drop-offs that are common in rock quarries.

The death has been ruled an accidental drowning by Interim Brown County Medical Examiner Al Klimek. According to authorities this is the first known drowning at Pamperin Park's quarry.

Doxtator is the son of Laurie Ann and James Doxtator and grandson of Kathy Elm.

**From Page 1/
Poker room up
and running**

offered at the West Mason Casino was reel slots and video slots.

Cornelius said the Mason Street site has no immediate plans to offer any other table games, but it remains a possibility.

Expansion of the overall gaming operation is definitely in the works. The stability of the gaming compact allows the tribe to look beyond a five year window.

From Page 1/Funding request denied

upset stating that Debraska's request didn't need two-thirds vote and that previous decisions by the Business Committee set precedence.

Linda Danforth appealed Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes ruling on the two-third vote requirement. Some of the voting members said they were not apprised of the two-third votes needed for approval.

Hughes, acting chair for the July 31 meeting, ruled otherwise.

Hughes stated the mailed meeting notice and information packed stated clearly that

two-third votes were needed. She said any change to previous GTC action needs two-third votes.

Tribal member Joanne House said, "There is no question policy has been changed, therefore, no appeal."

As for the previous approved Higher Education policy by GTC, Hughes referred to Carl Artman, chief counsel for the tribe.

Artman said processes need to be followed according to the policy which Debraska's request did not adhere to thus requiring two-third votes.

"Debraska's request is for three consecutive years," said Artman. "The Higher Education Department acts on one year with milestones."

Milestones such as maintaining a minimum grade point average, submission of progress reports to Oneida Higher Education were not included in Debraska's request. Artman said, according to the Oneida GTC Ten Day Notice, Debraska's request overrules previous motions or resolutions such as the aforementioned milestones. Ten Day Notice, III(1)(a)(3)) states, "While Mr. Debraska may apply (or has applied) for funds throughout the Oneida Higher Education process, by asking the GTC to fund his tuition and living expenses outside of determined procedures he circumvents the process mandated by the GTC."

The second petitioned item authored by Anton Williams of Milwaukee requested the Oneida Land Office to purchase a building for the SEOTS program in Milwaukee at a cost not to exceed \$320,000.

The motion that carried directed the Business Committee to provide assistance to SEOTS program to locate long term facilities either through rental or purchase.

One Stop Wonders!

Photos by Keith Skenandore

The Oneida Police Department once again provided full service to customers stopping at the Oneida One-Stop-WestWind in Green Bay on July 23. At right, Jodie Podobnik of Green Bay gets her window cleaned by Officer Ron King, Jr and gas pumped by Officer Eric Boulanger. Below, Chris and Veronica Jordan of Prior Lake, Minn. get the full service treatment on their way to Door County. Lt. Ron King cleans the windshield while Boulanger pumps gas.



Music on the march

The Oneida community was treated to a special event on Saturday evening, July 24, when seven Drum & Bugle corps from across the United States and Canada landed on the reservation for the 1st annual competition at the High School football field. "Music On The March" was the kick off contest for a two week tour that would lead these talented musicians to the Drum Corps International (DCI) World Championships, in Denver Colorado.

Corps in competition included The Raiders, from Wayne, NJ; Dutch Boy Cadets, from Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; Blue Saints, from Sudbury, Ont.; Capital Sound, from Madison; The Americanos, from Menasha, Wisconsin, the Colt Cadets, from Dubuque, Iowa, and the Racine Scouts from Racine. The Americanos of Menasha, WI won 1st place in Division III, while the Colt Cadets won

1st place in Division II.

Brian Doxtator served as the emcee for this event and did a marvelous job of explaining several Oneida customs throughout the evening. The contest began promptly at 7:00 with the presentation of the colors by the local AMVETS. From that point on, the crowd of some 400 people was treated to a musical evening of music, marching and precision. The contest culminated with a grand finale as all corps tramped the audience, led by Oneida student RaeAnne

Funmaker, carrying the flag of the Oneida Nation. Once assembled on the field, all corps played a stirring rendition of "Oh Canada/America the Beautiful"

Oneida students involved with the Racine corps include first year members Catrina Powless and Kayla Thomas; second year members LuAnne and RaeAnne Funmaker, and third year veteran, Lauren Mills.

This event was made possible by a generous grant from Coca Cola Corporation. Plans are already underway to run



Photos by Scott Elm
Oneida students RaeAnne Funmaker, Luanne Funmaker, Catrina Powless, Kayla Thomas and Lauren Mills competed with the Racine Scouts at a competition held at the Norbert Hill Center.

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Teens express heritage through environmental art



Photos courtesy of ONAP

Dylan Benton, above, compacts the stone for preparation of the labyrinth. Inset, Brandon Cornelius and Vanessa Jagodinsky lay down stone design.

labyrinth. This unique form of public art was created on the beautiful grass lands behind the Oneida Cultural Heritage barn on Goose Road. The high quality visual art project involved the skills of resident artist Robert Possehl and area teens, ranging in age from 13 through 16 years. The teens were inspired by the Oneida creation story, history, architecture, and art currently dis-

played throughout the reservation. The base of the labyrinth is a sphere of compacted stone sheeting with layers of purple diamond decorative stone laid in an intertwining path of overlapping and merging symbols representing sky world, the seven generations, long houses, the path of life from birth through old age, and the clans. The legs of bear and wolf overlap and creating working hands.

Robert Possehl worked with a group of Oneida teen apprentices and volunteers in an intense 3 week outdoor public art project through weather ranging from rain to record highs. The teens included Joseph Christjohn, Brandon Cornelius, Vanessa Jagodinsky, Jacob Moga, Marquita Tebeau, Raymond Denny, Dylan Benton, Jesus Escamea, John Callahan and Ashley Callahan, Adult volunteers included Patricia Powless and Anton Hawk Williams. The project was funded in part by a Wisconsin Art Board Artist & Community Collaborations Grant and the Oneida Nation Arts Program Summer Apprenticeship Program with significant assistance from Clyde Skenandore and the Oneida Department of Public Works, Dan Brooks and the Oneida Conservation Department, and Lou Williams Jr and Ted Skenandore at Tsyunhekwa, Suggestions and assistance were also provided by the following tribal departments, Environmental, Human Resources, Zoning, Oneida Nation High School, and Geographic Land Information Systems. The program also

received a small donation for Wal Mart for purchasing supplies. We would also like to extend our thanks to Dr Carol Cornelius, Ron Hill and

Cultural Heritage for the use of their space and their continued support of the arts and the youth in our community.

Submitted by Christine Klimmek

Program Coordinator, Oneida Nation Arts Program

The graceful slope of the stone sphere is barely visible from the road. The meditative path encrusted with purple diamond stone guides you through images of sky domes, long houses and symbols representing the clans and the seven generations.

This year, the Oneida Nation Arts Program Summer Teen Residency project involved the creation of a

Reminder from the Enrollment Department Per Capita Update

Per Capita payments for the year 2004 are scheduled to be processed and mailed out by September 30, 2004, for those that we reflect having received a payment form by the deadline. The following recaps the schedule/deadlines for the 2004 Per Capita Payment.

- Tribal members that were enrolled as of March 3, 2004 and are age 18 before September 1, 2004 are eligible for the 2004 Per Capita Payment. (Note: Eligible minor's will have their payment placed in a Trust Account)
- The 2004 Address Update/Per Capita Payment forms were mailed to each eligible member address on April 22, 2004. (Please

remember it is the responsibility of the member or their assigned Power of Attorney / Guardian to keep their address current. Please remember that an address update WILL NOT change your payment address. It is the responsibility of each member to request for a new payment form and have it in the Enrollment Department by September 1, 2004, if they want to change the address which their payment is to be sent.)

- If you want to receive the 2004 Per Capita payment(s) you **MUST** complete Sections 2 & 3 of the form. Section 4 is if you wish to have 20% VOLUNTARY Federal

tax withheld.

- If you **DO NOT** want to receive the 2004 Per Capita payment(s) complete Sections 1 & 2 and be sure to sign in section 1 only. Return the form and a Payment Refusal form will be sent to you.
- Deadline for receipt of the Address Update/Per Capita Payment Form is September 1, 2004. (Form must be completely filled out, signed, notarized and date stamped received by the Oneida Enrollment Department)
- Deadline for the Voluntary Tax Form is September 1, 2004. (Form must be date stamped received by the Oneida Enrollment Department)
- Tentative date for mailing out Per Capita payments

is September 30, 2004.

• **NO FAXED FORMS WILL BE HONORED. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you turned in your payment form please watch for your receipt post card. Review it carefully for name and address information. Any changes need to be reported immediately to the Enrollment Department at (920) 869-2083, 869-1122, 869-1555 or 1-800-571-9902.

Deadline to claim 2003 payout is drawing near

The Oneida Enrollment Department is still looking for a number of members that **have not claimed their 2003 payment(s)**. The deadline for claiming these monies is September 1, 2004. Many of these people include persons that have not remained in contact with our office. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to locate these members.

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Tattoo Show Cancelled

The Oneida Nation Museum would like to let everyone know that the 1st Annual Native American Tattoo Show has been cancelled.

The event, scheduled to be held on August 28, 2004, was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. You may call the museum at 869-2768 if you have any questions.

Also, the museum will be **CLOSED on September 30** for year end inventory.

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Sunday, August 9, 2004

RELAY FOR LIFE GOLF OUTING

At Village Greens. Cost is \$40.00/person or \$120.00/team. Limit to 25 teams. Cost includes golf, cart and foot. Door prizes and 50/50 Raffle. Call Lisa at 869-1690, x1801 or Kurt at 713-8220.

Tuesday, August 24-Thursday, September 2

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Noon - 3 P.M. with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center.

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Post Office issuing stamps featuring American Indian art



AP Photo/East Valley Tribune, Paul O'Neill

A proof of stamps to be issued soon designed by Richard Sheaff is seen June 3, 2004 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Sheaff is a stamp design coordinator for the U.S. Postal Service

WASHINGTON (AP) - A series of stamps and postal cards featuring American Indian artwork will be issued next month by the Postal Service.

The stamps and cards will come with 10 different images, the post office said Wednesday. The 37-cent, self-adhesive stamps and 23-cent postal cards will be issued Aug. 21 in Santa Fe, N.M., and will go on sale nationwide the following Monday.

"These stamps represent a small sampling of the diverse ways that Native Americans created objects used in their everyday lives that were also extraordinary expressions of beauty," said Anita Bizzotto, Postal Service chief market-

ing officer and senior vice president.

Art featured on the stamps includes:

-A Mimbres bowl, a black-on-white style pottery produced about 1100 B.C. by the Mimbres people in what is now New Mexico. From the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, the University of New Mexico.

-A Kutenai parfleche - a rawhide container - collected around 1900, probably in Idaho. From the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

-Two Tlingit sculptures from the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Museum of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley. The wood sculptures were a fundamental form of artistic expression among the men of the Northwest Coast tribes.

-A detail from a Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) bag, from the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

-A Miccosukee-Seminole doll from the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, made in the early years of the 20th century in Florida.

-A Mississippian sandstone effigy from the Frank H. McClung Museum, the University of Tennessee.

-An Acoma pot made by Lucy Martin Lewis, from the National Museum of the American Indian.

-A Navajo weaving by Daisy Taugelchee, from the Denver Art Museum.

-A detail of a Seneca ladle from the New York State Museum, Albany, N.Y., currently on loan to the Akwesasne Museum, Hogsburg, N.Y.

-A Luiseno coiled basket from the Riverside Municipal Museum, Riverside, Calif.

News Around Indian Country

Getting out Indian vote a task

Boston (AP) - With the prospect of a tight presidential race in November, Democrats are courting Indian country with vigor.

It's a daunting prospect, given that Indian voters are, literally, few and far between.

The land occupied by the 250,000-member Navajo Nation, the largest tribe in the United States, covers more than 27,000 square miles in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. Many of the farmers, sheep herders and others who live scattered across the reservation - an area larger than West Virginia - don't have telephones or televisions and rely largely on local Navajo-language radio stations for news.

Some must travel up to 35 miles over bumpy roads to vote.

"In some ways, our Indian reservations are more akin to a Third World situation in terms of communication and accessibility," said Duane "Chili" Yazzie, president of the Navajo tribe's Shiprock chapter and an alternate delegate from New Mexico.

Still, Democrats say, Indian voters are worth courting. Although Indians make up about 1.5 percent of the U.S. population, they are sufficiently concentrated in certain states to flex voting clout.

"In a close election, they're critical. In New Mexico, they're critical," said New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

Such was the case in 2000, when Democrat Al Gore squeaked past George W. Bush by a margin of 366 votes in New Mexico, which has the largest total Indian population - 10.5 percent - of any of this year's battleground states.

Oneida citizen running for state legislature

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Matt Metoxen (R) of Markesan, Wis. is currently campaigning to become a member of the state legislature in the 41st Assembly District. Metoxen, 26, hopes to instill a new perspective in the state legislature by being Oneida.

"I think it's important that we get somebody, especially in the Republican party, into the state legislature that can add a different perspective," Metoxen said. "There are a lot of concerns with the Republican party by the Oneida people."

Metoxen feels he can help give the state government a new and refreshing outlook about the Oneida people.

"We have become prosperous," Metoxen said of the Oneida people. "The state government needs to leave us alone."

He is against increased regulation of the tribe and believes many policies do not apply to the tribe, as it has outgrown many outdated policies.

"The Oneida Nation, above any other tribe in the state of Wisconsin has done the most for their people," Metoxen said. "We are on the right track and I'm going to make sure nobody infringes on that track."

Metoxen also said that the tribe has done an incredible service to the surrounding communities and to the state of Wisconsin by having the

casino.

"The money that the casino generates goes back into the community, not just to the reservation, but to the city of Green Bay and the state of Wisconsin and everywhere," Metoxen added. "People need to realize that."

Metoxen was previously a Policy Advisor for the White House on Tribal Colleges and Universities for President George W. Bush's Administration. Upon learning that President Bush was running for office another term, Metoxen decided that he would leave his post and run for office at home and help family, friends and people that were close to him.

"I have a passion for this," Metoxen said. "I've worked hard and I truly expect to win this race."

Metoxen will be facing nine others in the primary, but is not scared by the competition. He said he has more experience than most candidates out there and that he is going to under-promise, yet over-deliver.

"I wouldn't feel truthful if I promised people I would do this or that," Metoxen said.

He knows that he is only one of 99 other people and that he can't do things alone.



Metoxen



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Education

Scholarship Opportunities

Teacher Training Grant

The College of Menominee Nation has been named a recipient of a U.S. Dept of Education grant to fund a Professional Development American Indian Teacher Training project. The grant will help participants obtain their state of Wisconsin teacher certification for grades 1-8. Project participants will receive a monthly stipend of \$1250 plus a dependent allowance for up to 2 dependents. Funding for books and tuition will be provided as well. Applicants must have a minimum of an Associate Degree (60+ college credits equivalent to junior or senior level) or have completed a Bachelor's Degree without teacher certification. Must be a tribal member from one of the following communities: Oneida, Menominee, Stockbridge-Munsee, Sokoagon, Chippewa, or Forest Co. Potawatomi. Must have a 2.75 grade point average for college courses completed. Participants in the project must agree to teach in a school with a significant American Indian population for 3 years. For more information contact Alan Caldwell, project director, at 715-799-5600 X 3016 or Bob Kurkiewicz, site coordinator at X 3098

Jeannette Elmer Scholarship

The Wisconsin Indian Education Association is pleased to provide the Jeanette Elmer Scholarship to Native American Indian students who attend an institution of higher education and who demonstrate financial need. Scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to new or continuing full time undergraduate students attending a vocational/technical/tribal

college or 4 year institution, and who are members of Wisconsin, Arizona or New Mexico Tribes. For more information contact Virginia Nuske, Scholarship Coordinator, Menominee Tribal Education Office, PO Box 910, Keshena, WI 54135 (715-799-5110). **Deadline for applications is 4 p.m. on August 13, 2004. NO FAXED INFORMATION WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Student Development Program

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, in partnership with multiple groups interested in the health of American Indian people, has designed a student development program to support students who are interested in health care research and occupations. From high school through a Bachelor's Degree, students will be given opportunities for hands-on learning experiences, academic support and career guidance. Phase One is for students 14-17 years old. They will be prepared to pursue a college track during their high school course work. In Phase Two, college bound students will be eligible to apply for a research fellowship which will be scheduled for one week during the summer. Phase Three is a time of academic mentoring for college sophomores, juniors and seniors. Eligible students will work in paid research internships at selected colleges and universities. By Phase Four, students will have successfully completed a Bachelor's Degree and will begin their inquiry to post-baccalaureate programs and internships. For more information about this program contact Karen Goulet, Student Development Coordinator at 800-472-7207, or 715-588-3324 X 133. Fax Karen at 715-588-3607 or Email: kgoulet@glitc.org.

Higher Education Reminders...

- Congratulations to all of our graduating students!! Don't forget to submit a copy of your final grades, and a copy of your certificate or diploma when available.
- If you plan to attend school for the 2004 fall term, you should be completing your application materials now. Students who take 6 credits or more must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. All students seeking funding through Oneida Higher Education are required to complete a higher ed application and participant agreement on a yearly basis. Call the higher ed office if you would like help with any of these forms.
- New students, or students changing schools, or stu-

- dents going on to a higher level degree, must submit a copy of acceptance letter to their school/program.
- All students must submit an official Oneida Higher Education academic plan for each semester/term. The academic advisor/counselor from school must sign the plan, as well as the student. Any unsigned plans or format variations will be returned to the student, which may result in a delay of funds.
- Progress reports may be sent as temporary grade verification to ensure that each term's award is processed in a timely fashion. Progress reports must be submitted on official school letterhead and signed by the course instructor. Students must

Community Education Center

Productivity and Quality Improvement course

Consumers enjoy getting more than even the "advertiser" promised! Factory managers show real elation when plant productivity rises! Quality Control supervisors quickly report data collected measuring improvement in quality testing! But, how do "service providers" accurately measure their quality or productivity?

The Oneida Nation Community Education Center proudly announces the next course in Certified Management Training with the series topic, "Productivity and Quality Improvement." This course will be held Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center - Green Bay. This class will be presented in the Grand Council Ballroom starting at 8:30 am. Mr. Guy VanRensselaer, CPM and organizational improvement specialist for the City of Madison, WI, is our featured presenter. His specialty, organizational productivity and quality measurement, plus his ten years of teaching classes in productivity and quality management for the Wisconsin Certified Public Manager Program make him uniquely qualified to present this challenging topic.

Participants will learn how to cope with doing "more" with "less" funding, doing jobs better, and how to bring maximum efficiency to the workplace. Managers will view productivity and quality improvement in both technical and working terms. Supervisors will also learn how their role and responsibility can drive productivity and quality improvements in an organization. Finally, our participants will discover how to measure productivity and quality when our "product" is service.

"Productivity and Quality Improvement" is a required six credit hour course in the Wisconsin CPM Curriculum. Participants **DO NOT** need to

be registered for the CPM Program to take this class. Cost for the six credit hour class, continental breakfast, snacks, and The Standing Stone buffet lunch is only \$85.00 per person. Class size is limited to 35 participants, so sign up **soon!**

To register for "Productivity and Quality

Improvement" scheduled on Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center - Green Bay, call the Oneida Nation Community Education Center at (920) 496 - 7860 and ask Connie Christjohn, Administrative Assistant, to send a registration packet.

The CPM Program is spon-

sored by the Oneida Nation in Northeast Wisconsin as a management training tool, and is open to local city and government officials who are welcome and encouraged to participate. We are happy to assist local communities in their management training program.

Résumé Writing, Interviewing Skills and Career Assessment

Location: Oneida Community Education Center-2632 S. Packerland Dr.

Phone: 496-7860

Class Date: Friday, August 27, 2004

9:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Instructors: Theresa Butori and Wendy Dickinson

WORKSHOP OUTLINE:

- 1. Interviewing Skills:**
 - a. Telephone Interview*
 - Have copies of all jobs applied for by your phone
 - Do not have cute messages on answering machine
 - Know something about the businesses you have applied at
 - Phone interview is a mental evaluation done by employer
 - Don't ask about money or benefits
 - b. Physical Interview*
 - Bring pad and pen to take notes
 - Have questions ready to ask interviewer
 - Don't ask about money or benefits on first interview
 - Watch body language of interviewer and know how to convince a skeptic
 - Watch what your body language is saying to interviewer
 - How to dress for success
- 2. How to fill out applications presentation by HRD representative**
 - Always take two applications
 - Ask for job description sheet
- 3. A. Resume Writing: Paper resume and fax or internet resume**
 - Will need on day of class
 - Work history and dates
 - Education history and dates

B. Create cover letter for paper resume and fax or internet resume

 - How cover letter is written for different types of resume
 - How cover letter takes the job description and matches it to your resume
- 4. Career Assessment: WOWI**
- 5. Internet Job Search:**
 - How to use the internet to search for jobs.

ATTENTION... ONEIDA Community Parents

Need to work on your HSED/GED or take a computer class at the Oneida Community Education Center, but don't have a babysitter?

The Oneida Family Literacy Even Start Program is offering FREE childcare for children ages 3 months to 8 yrs old whose parents are working on their educational/literacy goals through August 13, 2004 on the following days:

Monday: 8:30AM to Noon & 4:30PM to 8:30PM

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30AM to Noon

(Parents MUST stay on premises working in the Community Ed. Center while their child is in childcare.)

Now you can get **Your** High School diploma before the children start back to school this fall!

Check us out at...2326 S. Packerland Dr. Green Bay, WI

or call 920-496-7860

Josephine Lobdell-Jordan, Oneida Family Literacy Even Start Director

Open House Thanks

From Education and Training Administration

The Education and Training department held a very successful open house on June 25th. Program departments participating were: Higher Education, Youth Enrichment

Oneida Printing
Oneida Bingo and Casino
Oneida YES program
Oneida Museum
Oneida Tsyunhehkwia Retail
Crystal Springs Golf Course
Oneida Family Fitness Center
Gramma's Diner
Oneida Farms
Oneida Silversmith-Ralph Cornelius
Oneida Higher Education
Settle Inn Hotel
Oneida Vocational Rehabilitation
Players Bar and Grill
Menominee Casino Hotel
Oneida Education/Training Admin.
Stadium View Bar and Grill

Services, Childcare and Job Training/Vocational Rehabilitation.

We would like to thank the following donators for their generous help for door prizes or raffle:

Fox Hills Resort
Oneida Center for Self-Sufficiency
Green Bay Packers
Village Green Golf Course
Los Banditos Supper Club-West
Max and Erma's Restaurant
Ledgeview Golf Course
Rock Gardens Supper Club
Hill-top-BP gas station
WaMart West
Margarita's Bar and Grill
Busters Bar and Grill
Bear Paw Keepsakes
Radisson Hotel & Convention Center
Coca-Cola Company
Prime Quarter Steakhouse
Green Bay Gamblers

Also, a huge thank you to all the department staff, maintenance, and custodial, who helped set up and take down, did the cooking, and all the running.

Gaming Supervisor Certificate Training Program (SCERT) Schedule Change

The Gaming Training & Development Department's SCERT program is being offered again this fall. The new starting date is on September 9, 2004, and classes are offered from 1:00pm - 5:00pm & 5:30pm - 9:30pm.

SCERT is offered to gaming as well as non-gaming personnel. The mission of the

SCERT program is to provide all current and future supervisors with the tools necessary to be effective in their positions. Through the subjects offered, participants gain knowledge and skills that are applicable to their jobs now, and any position they may have in the future.

Please direct any questions

to Gaming Trainer John Leski at 429-3059, or via groupwise at jleski@oneidanation.org. You can also stop in at the Airview and pick up the application materials.

Classes are filling up fast, so those interested should apply quickly!!!

Stevens signs with Haskell University

By Phil Wisneski

Oneida Nation High School girls basketball all-time leading scorer, Maria Stevens signed a national letter of intent to attend the Haskell Indian Nations University.

Stevens signed the letter of intent at the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) tournament in Phoenix, Arizona.

Haskell coach Phil Homeratha is pleased and excited to get a player of Stevens' character and ability. "She is one of the highest profile freshman that I have ever landed," Homeratha said. "Maria has great range, great hands and she is a difference maker."

Homeratha plans to ease Stevens into the mix. Haskell recently switched from a two year school to a four year school and that has changed the way Homeratha recruits players. He used to strictly go the junior college route, but now has changed his strategy to focus on incoming freshman and develop them.

"She won't be expected to carry the team right away, but



Photo submitted Cheryl Stevens
Maria Stevens (front right) signed with Coach Phil Homeratha (front left) while (l-r) her sister Margaret, father Ernie Jr. and NABI Chairman Tex Hall Look on.

she will be a part of Haskell's success and take us to the next level," Homeratha added.

Stevens, a 6 foot center,

averaged nearly 23 points per game for the Thunderhawks last season. According to the wishoops.net website, she

was the third leading scorer in the state.

During her senior season, Stevens became the first

Oneida players represent community at All-star game



Photo submitted by Tsyoslake House

Oneida football players (l-r) Latsi Hill, Kayukwaliyo Danforth, Tsyoslake House and Roberto Hill were selected to the East team for the Native American All-Star game held at Haskell Indian Nations University on July 10. The East team was victorious 34-7. House scored a touchdown for the East team on a 22-yard catch in the fourth quarter.

Four Oneida Nation High School football players, Latsi Hill, Kayukwaliyo Danforth, Tsyoslake House Roberto Hill were selected to the fourth annual Native American All-Star football game held at Haskell Indian Nations University on July 10. The game was the conclusion of a long week of prac-

tice and hard work to showcase their skills among other top Native American football players from all across the country. The group was selected to represent the East squad.

All four players played extremely well for the East team and helped the team win 34-7. Tsyoslake House scored

a touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 22-yard pass from Kaleb Harris. Roberto Hill played nearly the entire game and had a fumble recovery. Latsi Hill played great on the defensive side of the ball and Danforth had a great catch that lead to another fourth quarter touchdown for the East.

Cornette wins two matches at nationals

Oneida, Wis - Les Cornette won two matches at the Cadet Greco-Roman National Championships at the FargoDome in Fargo, North Dakota. Cornette had 108 wrestlers in his bracket and he finished 2-2 in the tournament and did not place.

Cornette started the tournament off on a good note as he won his first match in a nail biter, 6-5 over Jonathan Drendal from Illinois. Cornette then lost his next match 2-9 against Jesse Snider of Colorado. He then showed his resiliency in bouncing back after a tough match to defeat Michael Davis from Minnesota 4-3. In Cornette's last match he lost 4-6 to Brandon Gould of New York.

Cornette was disappointed in his performance. He knew he could have wrestled better, but things just didn't work out for him.

Cornette will be just a

junior at Seymour High School next year and has set some pretty lofty goals for next season. Cornette placed at the WIAA state tournament as a freshman, but an illness limited his ability in sectionals last season and foiled his return trip to Madison. Next year Cornette wants to get back to Madison and get back on the medal stand.

Cornette plans to move up a few weight classes next season and wrestle at 130 lb. Last season he wrestled at 119 lbs. He has put on the weight by hitting the weight room and eating better.

Oneida basketball player to score 1,000 points. She reached the 1,000 point plateau in only three seasons. During Stevens senior season she scored 478 points while facing constant double teams. Some teams even triple teamed her.

Local media took notice of her great season and selected her to the Green Bay News Chronicle all-area third team and was selected to the Green Bay Press Gazette all-area honorable mention team. Both of these accomplishments were first for the Oneida Nation girls basketball program.

Haskell University will also be having the services of Maria's sister Margaret after the Fall semester. Margaret played two seasons sixth United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) in Bismarck, North Dakota. and will graduate at the semester. She averaged nearly 13 points per game last season and leaves UTTC as the all time leader in rebounds. Margaret was also ninth in the Mon-Dak conference in assists last year.

ONHS Fall sports updates

Football Info:

Starts Monday August 9th, 3:00 p.m. (Equipment handed out). Practices from 3:00-5:30, Monday-Friday. Call Nathan King @ 869-4573.

Volleyball Info:

Starts August 16, 3:30 at Turtle school gym. Call Melinda Danforth for more info, 869-4461.

Mandatory Parent Meeting: Fall sports, Tuesday, August 17, 6p.m. Cafeteria.

Muskie Fishing tournament

The Oneida Sportsman Club is sponsoring a muskie fishing tournament that will be held at Lac Vieux Desert Lake at the North Shore Campground on August 28 and 29. The tournament cost is \$25 per person and there is no limit on the number of people per boat. Hours for the tournament are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, August 28 and 6 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, August 29.

First place will receive \$500, while second place will take home \$300 and third place will hook a \$200 pay day.

The tournament is limited Lac Vieux Desert Lake. Eligibility for prizes requires that all fish be registered at the official weigh-in site located at North Shore Campground. Once the weigh-in is complete no changes can be made. All anglers must be pre-registered by 6 a.m. on Saturday, August 28. Reservations for North Shore Campground can be made by calling (906) 544-2188. For more information on the tournament contact Jerry Jordan at 336-3737 or Jim Green at 833-7786.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendments to the Oneida Election Law which make comprehensive changes to the law, including: primaries for the Oneida Business Committee positions, reduction of Election Board to seven (7) members and streamlined election contest provisions.

When: September 7, 2004

Where: Business Committee Conference Room

Time: 11:30 A.M.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposal or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise phuff@oneidation.org or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this proposal are also available on the LOC website: www.on-loc.org/.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendment to the Administrative Procedures Act which would, in order to expedite the completion of the election process, exempt from the appeal process decisions made by the Trial Court of the Oneida Appeals Commission regarding challenges to election results.

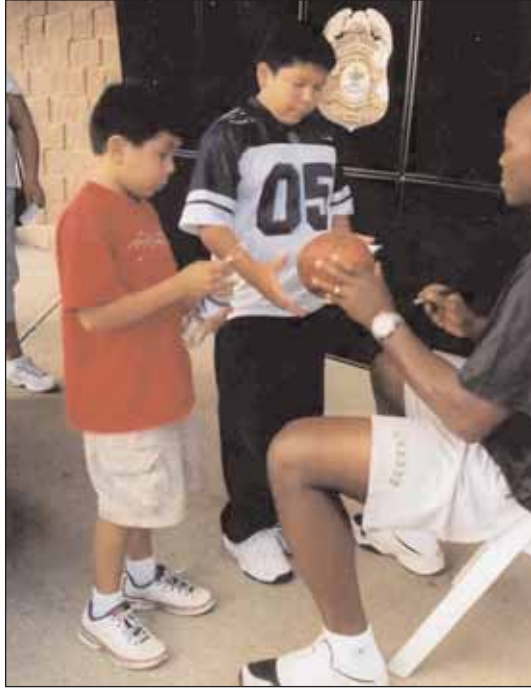
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KGB meets One-Stop customers



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Green Bay Packer Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (KGB) was at the West Mason Street Oneida One-Stop in conjunction with the Oneida Police Department on July 23. KGB signed autographs and talked with customers about the upcoming season.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendments to the Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance (ONGO) which corrects typographical errors which mistakenly required qualifications and background checks when appointed Gaming Commissioners without extending those same requirements when electing Commissioners.

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Legislative Review

Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...

It must be something in the air. How else can I explain how hectic it is right now. Along with juggling our normal governmental needs, we must include time to address the various 2004 election issues.

This election year is very important for Oneida and Indian Country overall. The present administration has continued its harmful philosophy to Native Americans. That has been made more evident on the local level with what we have had to deal with in Madison from our State Legislators but Washington DC hasn't been any different.

Across this Country it has been demonstrated time and again that the Native American Vote can make a difference. We can be bi-partisan and vote for the person and not the party. The most important thing is that we vote. Your government is get-

ting very involved with this election, looking to promote the individuals of our choice but offering more encouragement for you to simply vote. As a government we recognize the diverse philosophies of the people we are elected to represent and therefore will not take a stand to promote any one party. Instead we encourage the participation with both the Republican and Democratic Party, to obtain as much information and give as much input as we can. From now until the November elections you will continue to hear more about this activity and what it may mean for Oneida.

The Gaming Compact is still an ongoing issue. The payment has been made and the statement has been made that we have a valid compact. But the Tribes continue to hold discussions because we realize there is still a concern

about further litigation. Clearly the State Supreme Court does not have the jurisdiction it would need to oversee Indian Gaming. That jurisdiction is retained on the Federal level through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Because of the follow up, meetings still take place and I will be attending one of those discussions in Milwaukee at the invitation of the Potawatomi Chairman. Oneida will remain active in these discussions until such time as litigation is no longer a threat or an actual suit is filed, at which time I would expect us to be participating.

On a local level, we are dis-



**Vice-Chairwoman
Kathy Hughes**

cussing service agreements with all of the municipalities that exist within our reservation boundaries. This used to be required under the gaming compact but now continues as part of maintaining a good working relationship with our neighbors.

While we know there are times when we will disagree, the service agreements allow an avenue to address those disagreements and also commit to terms in specific areas that cannot be impacted by political turmoil. Putting our land into trust and taking it off the tax role is always an area of concern to the municipalities but one of the areas we try to address is

the services the municipality provides to this land base specifically and the cost it must absorb to do so. When a formula can be arrived at, it is then incorporated into the agreement and sometimes referred to as a fee in lieu of taxes but we feel it is a fee for services and does not necessarily replace what the municipality may have collected in taxes. This formula, while based on standard principles, results in different payments being made because of the differing levels of services being provided.

Land Claims remains a very important part of our everyday agenda. We continue to hold discussions with parties in New York State and Washington DC. Many of the recent meetings in DC have been with Committee people who will have a part in the Congressional approval process. These meetings take

place to assure there is a total understanding of the issues and if questions exist they will know who to call. It may seem premature, but we hope this is laying the groundwork to assist in the smooth passage of the settlement agreement by Congress when the time comes.

A recent decision by the New York Supreme Court declaring VLT's (video lottery terminals) to be illegal under the constitution should be added incentive for the Governor to conclude discussions on land claims, especially if they lead to casinos in the Catskills. The State of New York needs to bring in new revenue to their coffers if they ever hope to get out of the deficit budget spending cycle they presently operate under. We remain hopeful for these discussions to be fruitful.

But despite the busy sched-

Legislative Update

TRAVEL

Radisson Inn – Oneida, WI. July 8, 2004. Cost: (\$83.06) Benefit: Meeting with HUD representative regarding the implementation of Section 184 Housing Loan Program. (Follow-up meeting at the property formerly known as Decaster.)

Oneida Casino – Oneida, WI. July 9, 2004. Cost: \$0.00 Benefit: Meeting with Senior Management Team and Commerce Team regarding Project Proud.

Louisville, KY. July 11-14, 2004. Cost: \$840.03. Benefit: Training for the implementation of a Teen Court.

Oneida Housing Authority

– Oneida, WI. July 14, 20, 2004. Cost \$0.00. Temporary Liaison to the Oneida Housing Authority Board as a communication link to the Oneida Business Committee.

Division of Land Management – Oneida, WI. July 20, 2004. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Meeting with Oneida Housing Task Force regarding recommendation for application to HUD regarding the Section 184 Housing Guarantee Loan.

Oneida Police Department – Oneida, WI. June 27, 2004. Cost: \$0.00. Meeting with Senior Management Team regarding Project Proud.

Lastly, I would like to commend Andrea Birbilis

and all volunteers who helped with the Drum and Bugle Corps performance on July 24, 2004. A Huge Yawa'ko to Coca-Cola for providing financial support, Pulaski Red Raiders, Lance Kelley, N.H.C. Kitchen Staff and all those who helped to provide an excellent evening of entertainment. I would also like to commend the five (5) young Oneida citizens who did an excellent job. Kudos to yourselves and your parents.

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Teylueayate
Brian A. Doxtator,
Councilman

Junior BC

Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Councilman Brian Doxtator and I have sponsored an initiative entitled "Junior Business Committee." Initial meetings have been established with youth in the community to begin to determine the function of this Committee.

The goal is to establish a Committee comprised of youth to begin "hands on" experience in learning leadership and government functions. As our youth are the future of our Nation, it is essential to bring out their individual leadership qualities and allow them to experience the operations of our government.

If any youth, or you know of any youth, are interested, please call (920) 869-4461.

Travel

Washington D.C. - July 12 - 15, 2004 Re: Lobbying Efforts & NIGA Mid Year

The Legislative Affairs Department, Health Center Representatives and I met with Indian Health Service officials and key congressional members on July 12-13, 2004 to discuss long-term care funding issues relevant to the Anna John Nursing Home. Under the current Self-Governance Compact between Oneida and the Indian Health Service, the Anna John Nursing Home is not receiving 100% reimbursement for long-term care. Our meetings were intended to garner support for the 100% reimbursement of long-term care funding. At this point we are optimistic that the support garnered will assist us in moving this forward in a positive direction.

The National Indian Gaming Association held its Legislative Summit on July 13th & 14th. The theme of the summit was "Agreements between Governments Do Not Die." This was an opportunity for tribal leaders to educate and lobby members of Congress relative to gaming issues. Overall, the Legislative Summit was a tremendous success with over 180 registered tribal leaders and 21 Congressional members attending.

Get Out The Vote - Absentee Balloting

As indicated in my last article, in November 2004, the Native American vote will once again be called upon to

influence and shape the elections that will be occurring at the national, state and local area. Presidential elections, four key Assembly Districts and local town elections will take place and the Oneida Nation encourages our voters to obtain candidate information to ensure responsible voting. In the presidential elections alone, it has been noted that the State of Wisconsin will be one of the most closely contested States, and Native American people have the opportunity to play an influential role in shaping the outcome of this election. As we strive to build upon government to government relations with the federal, state and local officials, it is imperative that we cast our vote to elect officials that will take a serious look at the Native issues and uphold the promises that are made.

In this edition, I would like to inform the constituency about absentee balloting. If you or any member of your family are not physically able to go to the voting polls, you may still cast your vote through absentee balloting. Below you will find the answers to frequently asked questions.

WHO CAN ABSENTEE VOTE IN WISCONSIN? Any registered voter who cannot go to their polling place on Election Day may choose to vote by absentee ballot. HOW CAN I ACQUIRE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT? If a voter wishes to vote in person, he/she may request and mark an absentee ballot in person at his/her municipal clerk's office. The deadline for doing so is 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the election. If a voter wishes to vote by mail, he/she must make a written request to the clerk any time from six months preceding the election until 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election. Requests for an absentee ballot must include the following information: - Voter's full name - Address of the voter's legal voting residence - Voter's ward or election district - A statement that the voter is requesting an absentee ballot - The address

to which the ballot should be sent. Ballots are available for mailing or in-person voting 30 days before the fall elections. HOW DO I RETURN THE ABSENTEE BALLOT AND WHAT IS THE DEADLINE? In order to be counted, the completed ballot must be received by the clerk no later than Election Day.

Town Clerk Info

City of Green Bay 920-448-3010; City of DePere 920-339-4050; Village of Hobart 920-869-1011; Town of Oneida 920-833-2211; Town of Lawrence 920-336-9131; Village of Allouez 920-448-2800; Town of Suamico 920-434-2212; Town of Bellevue 920-468-9316; Village of Pulaski 920-822-5182; Town of Seymour 920-833-7961; and Village of Ashwaubenon 920-492-2302

I personally have had the opportunity to utilize the absentee balloting process. This process is very easy and affords you the opportunity to cast your vote in advance.

For more information on candidates, absentee balloting, or your local election locations, please contact the Legislative Affairs Department at (920) 869-4388.

Relay For Life

The Oneida Business Committee is again sponsoring a team for the Oneida Relay for Life event scheduled for August 6 & 7 behind the Norbert Hill Center. The Relay for Life event is a fundraising effort to help in the fight against cancer. This disease has touched all of our lives in one way or another and we hope that the community will come together and support this event.

LOC

The 3rd session of the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) will resume on September 13, 2004. Some of the major issues that the LOC will be dealing with in the 3rd session are Judicial Code, Labor Code, Education Code and Commerce Code. As the Oneida Business Committee continues to fulfill its responsibilities here at home and on the state, federal and local levels, we welcome the support and feedback from our community and tribal members. Please feel free to contact me personally with any questions or concerns that you may have.



**Councilman
Curt Danforth**

Law Title	Public Hearing Date	Draft Law	Current Law
Open Records/ Open Meeting Law	August 10, 2004 11:30 am BCC Room NHC	*Re-Titled Open Records/Open Meetings Law *This law would provide Tribal citizens access to information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. This law would be construed with a presumption of public access to documents and information, subject to specific limitations (i.e. personnel, medical or juvenile records). Clarifies what records are kept confidential; Article 4-1 Juvenile records medical records, contracts, etc. *Provides guidelines for open meetings. All meetings of the Oneida Tribe shall be held in public places, reasonably accessible to members at all times unless otherwise expressly provided by law	*Titled "Oneida Nation Records/Management Law." *Limits access, current law states, "All documents, generated by the Oneida Nation or its agencies, are considered confidential to the extent that permission of the following is necessary before disclosure..." *Does not address open meetings of the government.
Sanitary District Ordinance	August 10, 2004 11:30 am BCC Room	*Re-titles the Ordinance as the Sanitation Ordinance. *Replaces the Oneida Utilities Commission with the Oneida Utilities Department, transferring duties and responsibilities from the Commission to the Tribe. *Utility customers of the Commission will be transferred as customers under the Department	*Titled, "Oneida Tribal Sanitary District Ordinance" *Created an Oneida Utilities Commission *Primary responsibility is the management of the water and sewer system
Small Business Project 2000	August 10, 2004 11:30 am BCC Room NHC	*The proposed amendment created a separate sub-chapter for grants for existing and new Oneida businesses for marketing, accounting and legal services under the Oneida Small Business Project 2000.	*Grants are not addressed in current law
Sovereign Immunity Law	August 10, 2004 11:30 am BCC Room NHC	*This ordinance expressly reaffirms the Tribe's inherent sovereign immunity for the Tribe and all of its departments, officers, employees and Tribal entities. The Ordinance also addresses how sovereign immunity may be waived.	*Currently, there is no law in place
Comprehensive Policy governing Boards, Committees and Commissions	August 31, 2004 11:30 am BCC Room NHC	*Gives authority to the Tribal Secretary to post vacancies on Boards, Committees and Commissions without OBC approval *Nepotism is considered a conflict for appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions *Appointments to a Board, Committee or Commission are done by the entire Oneida Business Committee with the Tribal Chair having authority to break a tie *Each open meeting of a board, committee or commission shall be recorded by audiotape or other means of sound reproduction and maintained by the secretary of the board, committee or commission. *Boards, Committees and Commissions are tiered into three groups - Advisory, Regulatory or Administrative. Stipends are determined accordingly.	*Posting of vacancies need OBC approval *Nepotism is not addressed in the current policy *Limitations are not addressed in current policy *Appointment by Tribal Chair with approval or disapproval of Council members *Boards, Committees and Commissions are not required to audio tape their meetings. *There is no designation whether a board, committee or commission is Advisory, Regulatory or Administrative.