



Artman to step down from Department of Interior

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced that Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Carl Artman will be leaving the Department of the Interior effective May 23, 2008.

“Throughout your tenure, I have appreciated your able insight as we have worked to address important issues in Indian Country,” Kempthorne said in a letter to Artman. “The Indian Modernization Initiative, developed and launched under Carl’s leadership, has upgraded communi-

cations between tribal leaders and the Department on a number of priority issues.”

“I believe at the end of this Administration, the work we have done with-in Indian Affairs will leave not just a legacy, but an infrastructure upon which American Indian and Alaskan Natives can build to secure their governmental,



Artman

cultural and economic futures,” Artman said in a letter to Secretary Kempthorne. “Thank you for this opportunity, your support and your leadership. It has been a great pleasure to work for you and with you.”

Artman, an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of

Wisconsin, was confirmed as Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs by the Senate on March 5, 2007. He had served as the Department’s Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs since February 2006.

Prior to joining the Solicitor’s Office, he served as chief counsel for the Oneida Tribe where he managed the tribe’s legal affairs and provided legal guidance for tribal-wide reorganization and economic development.

Artman, 41, also has experience in the private sector

with telecommunications companies, including serving as general manager of development and operations for VoiceStream Wireless and vice president of legal affairs for Airadigm Communications. He has a bachelor’s degree from Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

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Morgan receives sentence in shooting

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) ~ A 17-year-old boy has been sentenced to 55 years in prison in a fatal shooting at a Green Bay nightclub parking lot in October 2006.

Carl Morgan was sentenced Friday in Brown County Circuit Court after he was found guilty in March of second-degree intentional homicide in the slaying of 21-year-old Greg Smith.

Morgan received 566 days credit for time already served.

District Attorney John Zakowski described the sentence as a good one, saying it was almost tantamount to life.

Earth Day 2008



Kali Photos/Steven J. Gandy

Cold and windy weather did not stop community members from attending the annual tree give away to celebrate Earth Day on April 26 at Osn&hsa= Lake.

Above: Community members select which trees they will be taking home to plant.

Right: Dan Brooks of the Conservation Office explains tree types to the crowd.

A light breakfast, garbage pick up, lunch, entertainment, and tree give away were featured during the event.



Iroquois music makes mark on state event

By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks

As students settled in for the High School Iroquois Music Class at Oneida Nation High School (ONHS) on Tuesday, May 6, their teacher Kal^'na Brooks had an announcement to make.

“You guys got a one,” she announced.

“Woo!” the students cheered in unison.

The class had participated in the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Competition held at the University of Green Bay-Wisconsin on Saturday, May 3, the first Iroquois music ensemble to reach the state level. Their score of “one” - a superior rating - in the Miscellaneous Special Ensemble category has earned them a place in ONHS history and has set a bench mark for future classes.

The students sang the social dance songs Rabbit Dance and Old Moccasin Dance wearing traditional

Oneida outfits and performing the dances.

“They brought tears to my eyes at the end, and the judge had nothing but positive things to say,” said Brooks.

Senior Yasiman Metoxen

noted that the judges “were amazed, they thought it was cool that we did something that was culturally inclined.”

The lone freshman in the class Eli Ninham has participated in solo ensembles

before with a violin.

“I never thought I'd be holding a rattle or dancing,” he said.

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Iroquois music



Photo courtesy of Kal^'na Brooks

Lakawho McLester leads Yuntle McLester, Carissa Metoxen and Eli Ninham in a social dance demonstration as part of the solo ensemble performance.

Wis. tribes helping kids in drug homes

By Nate Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

The Native American Drug and Gang Initiative (NADGI) and the Wisconsin Alliance for Drug Endangered Children held a two day training conference to establish a Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program to help Indian children in each Native American community in Wisconsin.

DEC programs use a multi-agency approach spanning across many jurisdictions to develop and respond to children who are in dangerous drug environments. They provide protocol and guidelines to protect and serve children in drug homes.

Rich VanBoxtel, Oneida Police Chief and Chairperson of NADGI, felt better care was needed for those children. “We need to have a paradigm shift in how we look at these kids. (Police) know what to do when we find drugs in a home. The difficult part is what do we do with those kids in the home. What services do we provide? We need to protect those kids,” he said.

The DEC program funding will be established through a federal grant from the Department of Justice. Each DEC program will put together by each community by identify what their local issues are.

According to VanBoxtel, the programs will not be tribe dependent but county dependent and not serve the tribal community solely. Outagamie and Brown Counties will also have services extended to them.

No timeline has been established for a launch date for the DEC program in Oneida, but VanBoxtel doesn't see it far from the horizon.

“In June we will come back to hammer out specifics and protocols. Outagamie County already had makings of a DEC program. It will be much easier to get wrinkles taken care of. Support is there in Brown County and we just needed a catalyst to put the program together,” said VanBoxtel. “It's about building relationships and bridges between those county service providers and tribes.”

The Wisconsin Alliance for Drug Endangered Children's goal is to have community based DEC programs established in each Wisconsin county and for all eleven Wisconsin tribes.

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Veterans' Wall grounds damaged

By Dawn Walschinski

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While Oneida veteran groups work on plans for the upcoming Memorial Day Monday, May 26, the Oneida Police Department (OPD) is investigating damage caused to the grounds of the Oneida Veterans' Memorial when a vehicle did donuts in the freshly seeded grass.

Veterans Director Kerry Metoxen filed a complaint on the damage.

"Of course, you're disap-

pointed. It don't look so bad now, but at first it was really rutted out," said Metoxen.

The memorial wall located on Hwy. 54 and Pleasant Drive was unveiled last year on Veterans' Day and features a bronze statue of a bald eagle. A driver for Oneida Transit reported seeing a child climbing on the eagle. There has been no damage to either the eagle or the memorial wall.

Interim Chief of Police Rich VanBoxtel stated that

OPD is doing extra patrols in the area, and would like people near the site to report suspicious activity.

"Be aware of who's out there, if they're just going past and they see something that looks a little funny, don't hesitate to call us," said VanBoxtel. He recommends not approaching the suspects, but getting a vehicle

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Veteran's Memorial



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Tire marks are left in the grass of the Veterans' Memorial grounds. Police ask if any suspicious activity is witnessed to call them immediately.

Get to know the candidates

Individuals running for the Oneida Business Committee

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While you may submit your article for earlier issues, the absolute deadline for Council Members will **Wednesday, May 28** for the **June 5 issue**. Candidates running for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, the deadline will be **Wednesday, June 11** for publication in the **June 19 issue**. Because of the number of candidates for the OBC, we can only accept one article per person and only for candidates for OBC.

Please send your information to: **Kalihwisaks, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI, 54301** or email to **kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org**.

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Oneida Business Committee Treasurer Mercie Danforth, left, presents Jennifer Webster with a plaque on Wednesday, April 30 commemorating her 25 years of employment with the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. Danforth also recognized Webster for her volunteer activities with Relay for Life and Holy Apostles Church. Webster currently works for the Travel Office at the Little Bear Development center.


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Local

Passing On...


Tourtillott, Shirley M.
January 12, 1957 – May 5, 2008

Shirley M. Tourtillott, 51, Green Bay, died on Monday, May 5, 2008 after a long illness. She was born January 12, 1957



to the late Cleveland and Angeline (Doxtator) Doxtater. Shirley graduated Magna Cum Laude from UWGB. She was a wonderful mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt, who always encouraged everybody's creativity. She was a published poet and a short story author.

She is survived by her children; Lewis (Kristin) Doxtater, Margaret Tourtillott, and her fiancé Kevin Hoffman, Jessica Tourtillott, Tasha (Richard Warnke) Tourtillott, Rebekah Tourtillott, and a son she hoped to be reunited with some day. She is further survived by sons of her heart; Roland Caldwell, Shane Matson, Aaron Matson, Adrian Matson, and Eli Matson. Shirley's siblings further survive; Cleveland (Sandi) Doxtater, Barbara

(Gin Maloney) Shegonee, Dennis (Kim Paluch) Doxtater, William (Laura) Doxtater, Leabeth (J.R. Chitwood) Doxtater, Ruth (Adam Steffes) Doxtater, Angela (Andrew) Cherny, and Gwendolynn (Jason) Bowser. Her grandchildren; Aleena, Tiana, James, Ally, and Hunter, as well as many nieces and nephews and the father of her children; Keith Tourtillott.

She was preceded in death by her son; James, her parents, a brother Allen, and 3 sisters; Sharon, Gloria, and Donna.

Friends may call at the RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 11am - 2pm Friday. The Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 1:30pm, followed by a service of remembrance at 2pm where Shirley's poetry will be read and stories shared. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to express online condolences to the family.


Deragon, Elayne M.
September 10, 1949 – May 2, 2008

Elayne Marie Deragon, 58, Schofield, died Friday, May 2, 2008.



She was born Sept. 10, 1949, in Bayfield to the late Joseph and Mildred (Cadotte) Deragon.

Her grandchildren were the love of her life along with her children and family.

She is survived by Pete Sam; her daughter, Jessica (Troy) Deal, Reedsburg; her son, Steven Gandy, Green Bay; and three grandchildren, Olivia Marie Deal, Joseph Everett Deal and Abigail Rae Gandy. She is also survived by three sisters,

Mary (Patrick) Schloemer, Weston, Arlene (Bill) Henry, Orangevale, Calif., and Marlene (Tom Prosser) Engstrom, Weston; brother-in-law, Jack Rude; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Gloria Rude.

The funeral Mass was held at noon Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at St. Therese Catholic Church, Rothschild.

Hayden-Buettgen Funeral Home, 948 Grand Ave., Schofield, assisted the family with arrangements.


Wacek, Jacqueline "Jackie"
May 15, 1927 – April 28, 2008

Jacqueline "Jackie" Wacek, 80, Green Bay, died Monday afternoon, April 28, 2008, at home with her family by her side. She was born on May



15, 1927, in Green Bay and married Francis "Frank" Wacek on April 13, 1950. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1958. Jackie was a cook at West De Pere High School for 31 years, retiring in 1993. Jackie enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends, especially her family in North Pole, Alaska. She traveled the ALCAN Hwy twice, once coming from and once returning to Alaska. Jackie also enjoyed walking the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day, which she did six times. Jackie was also a member of the Dodo Club of Oneida and enjoyed attending their get-togethers. She also served as the Tribal Secretary for one year under Norbert Hill.

Her family includes two daughters, Celia (her very special son-in-law, Leo) Vissers, North Pole, Alaska; Emma Wacek, Oneida; one son, Robert (Louise) Wacek,

Austin, Texas, and Daughter in Law and special friend, Sharon Schwartz, five grandchildren, Lucinda, Rebecca, Francis (Frank), Tabitha, Leo Martin II; nine great-grandchildren, Amanda, Torrey, Sacha, Dustin, Ciarra, Anthony, Meyric, Daniel and Brandon.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank; her mother, Richenda Metoxen; and her adopted parents, Lomas and Celicia King.

A Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and friend she will be missed by all but remembered for her smile, sense of fun & adventure and loving spirit.

Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at 10:30AM Friday, May 2, 2008 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 2771 Oakwood Drive, Green Bay.

Rev. Msgr. James Dillenburg and Deacon Bobby Doxtator, officiated with inurnment in St. Joseph Cemetery, Oneida. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the Wacek family.

Memorial Day 2008 – Always Remember

This Memorial Day, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and Tribal Veterans Service Officers are teaming up to help ensure that state veterans and their families are fully aware of the memorial and burial benefits available to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

"As Memorial Day is observed, may we always remember those who gave their lives in service to our nation," said WDVA Secretary John A. Scocos.

The Oneida Nation Veterans will conduct the Memorial Day Observances at the 9 Cemeteries within the Oneida Community and end at the AJNH. We will then meet at the Parish Hall and enjoy Booyah and friendly conversation. We will gather at the Oneida VFW Post 7784 around 7:30am to start the procession.

The State will host public Memorial Day ceremonies at the three Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, including on May 25 at 11:00 a.m. at the Southern Wisconsin

Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Union Grove, Wis., at 1:00 p.m. at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Spooner, Wis., and at 9:30 a.m. on May 26 at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at King, Wis. A statewide listing of Wisconsin's Memorial Day events is available from WDVA at www.WisVets.com/MemorialDay.

"At the Tribal level, we are reminding area veterans and their families of the array of federal, state and tribal memorial and burial programs for veterans," said Kerry R. Metoxen, Oneida Nation Tribal Veterans Service Officer. "Some of these can be guaranteed now, so families are assured peace of mind far in advance of when they're actually needed."

Tribal Veterans Service Officers can assist with all the following benefits:

Burial in a Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery: Eligible Wisconsin veterans,

spouses, and qualifying dependent children may be buried in the serenity of one of Wisconsin's three Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. A discounted fee is charged for the burial of a spouse or dependent. There is no cost for burial of a veteran. Eligible veterans of any age or health can apply now and be guaranteed a cemetery space at any time in advance. Additional information is available online at www.WisVets.com/cemeteries.

Military Funeral Honors: Federal law entitles an Honorably discharged veteran at his burial to have two military members from the veteran's branch of service to fold and present the U.S. flag and sound Taps. WDVA also seeks to fulfill all requests for a firing detail, which is provided by state funeral honors team staff or qualified veterans service organization firing teams. Military Funeral Honors can be arranged at no cost by funeral directors and family members at the time of death by calling toll-free 1-877-944-6667. Additional information is available online at www.WisVets.com/funeral-honors.

VA Headstone or Marker: The federal VA provides no-cost headstones or markers for the graves of eligible veterans following the veteran's death. More information is also available online at www.cem.va.gov.

Presidential Memorial Certificates: Following the death of an honorably discharged veteran, the federal VA will, upon request, provide Presidential Memorial

Certificates to the family members of the deceased veteran. Funeral directors and TVSOs can assist the family in requesting up to 20 of the honorary parchment certificates, which bear the name of the veteran and the President's signature.

Burial and Plot-Interment Allowance: Several different types of fixed monetary allowances for burial and funeral expenses of an eligible veteran are available from the federal VA. More information is available from the TVSO, or by calling the federal VA toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

VA Life Insurance: Some veterans, including those who served in WWII or are service-connected disabled may hold VA life insurance policies. Veterans or their next of kin may contact the federal VA's Philadelphia Insurance Center toll-free at 1-800-669-8477 to determine if a policy exists.

Military Service Medals and Records: WDVA and TVSOs will assist veterans or their next of kin in obtaining records of military service and military medals that have been lost, damaged, or were authorized but never provided. Information is available from the TVSO, or online at www.WisVets.com/records.

For more information about state veterans burial benefits, contact the Oneida Nation Veterans Service Office at 920-490-3920, or go online at www.WisVets.com, or by calling toll-free at 1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8387).



In Loving Memory of...

Ronald G. Metoxen

May 1, 1941 ~ April 9, 2007

Forever in our Hearts

*A million times we needed you,
A million times we cried,
If love alone would have saved you,
You would of never died.*

*In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
In our hearts you hold a place,
No one can ever fill.*

*A light from our household is gone,
A voice from our love is stilled,
A place in our vacant home,
Which never can be filled.*

*Some may think you are forgotten,
Though on earth you are no more,
But in our memory you are with us,
As you always were before.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
A part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*Your precious memories are for keepsakes,
with which we never part,
God has you safely in his keeping,
But we have you forever in our hearts*

We miss you so much Ron!!
Your loving family,
Carole, Lori, Jaime, Ryan & Heidi
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Also Inde, family & friends

In Loving Memory
of my mother

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on her 3rd year in Heaven
August 19, 1935 ~ May 1, 2005

**You are not forgotten,
Mom**

**Nor will you ever be,
as long as life and
memory last,
We will forever
remember thee**

**We miss you now, our
hearts are sore**

As time goes by, we miss you even more...

Your smile, your gentle face...

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**Love & Miss you very much
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Holy Apostles, Oneida Calls New Vicar



Rev. Kristina Henning

Appleton, WI - A new priest will be serving the congregation of the Church of the Holy Apostles in Oneida, Wisconsin. The Rev. Kristina Henning has been called to serve as Vicar, an ecclesiastical term meaning a priest serving a mission congregation. The call was made by the lay leadership of the congregation and affirmed by the Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac. Mthr. Kris comes to Holy Apostles from the Church of the Ascension, Merrill and St.

Ambrose, Antigo, where she served as Vicar from 2005-2007. Ordained a priest in May, 2005, she graduated from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston IL with a Masters of Divinity degree and from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Mthr. Kris currently serves as Chair of the diocesan Christian Social Witness Committee and has been a Chaplain for the summer camp program of the diocese. She received a Lay Ministry Certificate in the Education

for Ministry Program and was an active member of St. Boniface Episcopal Church, Mequon, Wisconsin from 1994-2001 and served as its Senior Warden. Prior to entering ordained ministry, she worked as an Office Manager and Corporate Secretary at MoFoCo Enterprises, Inc., Milwaukee, WI. "Ministry is loving and serving God through service and love of God's people," stated Mthr. Kris during the search process. "It is proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel in daily life. Most of all, it is creating a sacred

space where all can encounter God together as a faith community."

The Church of the Holy Apostles, a historically Native American congregation, called Mthr. Kris following a period of Interim Ministry and a lengthy search process. She begins her official duties on May 1st, 2008.

The Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac is composed of over 6,000 baptized members in 34 congregations and 2 summer chapels covering the northeast third of the State of Wisconsin.

Calendar 2008

May 15

Gardening with Arthritis

WHEN: Thursday, May 15, 2008
TIME: 6:30PM – 8:00PM
PLACE: Heritage Hill State Historical Park Ed. Cntr
2640 S. Webster Ave. Green Bay

Jim Beard from Fox Valley Tech will be making a presentation entitled "Gardening with Arthritis" He will share tips on gardening including how to make gardening tools friendlier to those suffering from arthritis. This presentation is free to the public. For more information about a Heritage Hill Spring Celebration or general park news call 920-448-5150 or visit www.heritagehillgb.org

May 16

Fundraiser for Darlene Neconish

WHEN: Friday • May 16th, 2008
TIME: 11 AM – 6 PM
PLACE: Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road, Oneida
To offset medical expenses incurred for surgeries. There will also be a bake sale and soda and coffee for sale and a variety of raffles. For donations call **715-851-1170 or 920.562.6704.**

May 17

'Over the Hedge' to be shown on giant movie Screen

WHEN: Saturday • May 17th, 2008
TIME: At Dusk (Approx. 8:30PM)
PLACE: Four Seasons Park, Hobart WI
(To google map it: 4400 North Overland 54155)
This *free event* is open to anyone. Please bring your own blanket or chairs to sit on (I hear some people even bring couches!) Parking begins at 7:00PM, so come early, get comfy, and a great seating spot. Movie will be shown at dusk (approx 8:30PM). It may get cool by the movie end, so bring some blankets to curl up in. Concessions will be sold by soccer youth groups. A Great Family Event!!! So grab your kids, or grandkids, or the neighbors kids, and head over to the park on May 17th! For park information, call **920.336.5352** I hear the weather is going to be perfect, no mosquitos.

June 13-15

International Bayfest

WHEN: June 13-15
TIME: TBA
PLACE: Leicht Memorial Park, downtown Green Bay
International Bayfest needs your help! Sign up to be a volunteer and receive a free event t-shirt. Volunteers are asked to work at least one four-hour shift. International Bayfest is a designated project approved by the Green Bay Public Schools for service learning. Call **920-435-5220** for more information.

Tuesdays

Women's Talking Circle Group

WHEN: Every Tuesday evening
TIME: Tuesday, 6:00pm-7:30 pm
PLACE: Community Education Center Conference Room, 2632 S. Packerland

Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle Group. Come and join us as we discuss a healthy lifestyle, relationships, children, jobs and overall wellness. Come and share a good cup of hot tea with a friend and have a healthy night out with women of all ages. For more information: Contact Marlene Summers or Bev Scow at Wise Women Gathering Place **920-490-0627.**

Wednesdays

Loom Work Beading Class

WHEN: Wednesdays
TIME: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Site II Community Building, W1144 Park Dr.
Breezy will be teaching a loom work beading class. Materials will be provided. Class is open to those ages 13 to adult. To register, call Breezy at **920-869-6669.**

Fridays

Women's Support Group

WHEN: Fridays
TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Three Sisters Center
For more information contact Isabel Parker or Georgia Burr at (920) 592-8682 or (920) 412-0396.

Please call the *kalihwisaks* office at (920) 869-4280, 4279 or 4277 to include events in this section.
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Railroad gets facelift



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Francis Cornelius of Cornelius Trucking dumps a load of dirt on the old railroad track just north of Tsyunhehkwa. The tribe is putting a hard surface and pea gravel path down for recreational use. The path starts west of Highway Y and is scheduled for completion before summer.

OHA tenants protest rent increase



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Simon Decoteau (left) and Mindimoya (right) protest over increased rent for OHA tenants. An updated stance on the rent increase is expected from the Department of Housing and Urban Development is expected soon.

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After February 17, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Analog only TVs should continue to work as before to receive low power, Class A or translator television stations and with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and other products. Information about the DTV transition is available from <http://www.DTV.gov>, and from <http://www.dv2009.gov> or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

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Iroquois music

Senior Kah^htit Delgado stated she enjoys sharing Iroquois music.

"It's a part of who I am ... as an Unkwehuwe person," she said.

The students will be honored by the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) on Wednesday, May 28 in the OBC Conference room on the second floor of the Norbert Hill Center.

The students in the class are Tanya Christjohn, Evander Delgado, Kah^htit Delgado, Yuntle McLester, Lakwaho McLester, Carissa Metoxen, Yasiman Metoxen, Lauren Mills, Eli Ninham, Shaina Powless, Janene Skenandore and Mesaen Wheelock

GTC etiquette

With General Tribal Council (GTC) meetings attracting more attendees, please consider these guidelines for meeting etiquette.

Meetings have been lasting between four and five hours. Bring any medications necessary for such a time span. Please keep infants and children quiet or arrange for a babysitter.

At no time will anyone be allowed to approach the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) table for any reason. Designated locations with mic's and OBC aides are able to assist members that wish to speak or to be put on the list to speak.

Wait for the microphone upon recognition from the Chair. Always begin your speech by stating your name.

Minimize side conversations and respect those who are recognized to speak.

Be mindful of our elders that are 70 years and older.

Be courteous to those around you who may need more time or some assistance.

It's okay to take a break and leave the meeting for a short time.

Keep exit hallways clear at all times in case of an emergency.

Keep doorways clear.

Keep bleacher isles, the steps with black no-skid tape, clear throughout the meeting.

Be patient. Wait until the meeting is adjourned before entering the exit line.

When exiting, it is encouraged that all the elders (on the floor) are allowed to exit first. Once they have exited, everyone else my exit in an orderly fashion. This is one of the most important items to stress, as it pertains to the safety of everyone.

Clean up after yourself during and after the meeting to keep the venue presentable.

In summary, respecting each other is the key essential gift we can give each other. Let's make it all everyone's responsibility to ensure our GTC meetings are held in a professional and safe manner.

Business



BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

Wingate Hotel joins OAHC

By Nate Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

Successful business professionals advise one of the best ways to bolster your portfolio is to acquire competition and corner a market. The Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation (OAHC) just accomplished both with the purchase of the 80 room Wingate by Wyndham – Airport.

“It started with the expansion of the Radisson in 2002. We saw a huge jump in revenue for the first 3.5 years. We have seen that top line revenue number level off,” said Lance Broberg, President of OAHC. “We are thinking long range of where we want to be as a corporation and make sure we are contributing. We may need to look at other revenue sources and thought another way to increase revenue was to purchase another hotel.”

The OAHC took over operations of the hotel effective on April 29 and few changes are expected. “The only changes will be physical. The property



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

The Wingate by Wyndham - Airport was purchased by the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation April 29. The hotel is located across the street from the Radisson and will look to serve visiting business professionals.

is six years old. We are going to put LCD TVs in the rooms, a little work in the lobby, landscape work and parking lot work,” said Broberg. “We are here to support (the Wingate staff) and give some management expertise. The previous owners were not hoteliers. We are. We are going to bring resources to them to fine tune and help them run better.”

According to Broberg, any acquisition by the OAHC had to meet certain requirements before a purchase would have been considered.

“We are searching for other revenue streams, acquisitions may be part of that but they need to be performing at a high level like (The Wingate) is,” said Broberg. “We aren’t looking for properties that were losing and turn them

around.”

Broberg cites numerous reasons for the purchase of a competitor. The current average rate at the Radisson is between \$103 and \$104 per room. Flexibility is now at the disposal of the OAHC. “We have a full service hotel (in the Radisson). Sometimes that price point is a little higher that some people are willing to pay. This is going to create another level and price point. It will give us more options to sell,” said Broberg.

Broberg is also excited about the ability to sell casino packages for the new hotel and the ability to send overflow from the Radisson to the Wingate.

The OAHC also took advantage of lower interest rates with the purchase of the Wingate. “We were trying to refinance our current debt on the (Radisson) and finance the acquisition of this property. Our current payment is still the same but now we are paying on two properties instead of one and an increase in revenues” said Broberg. “It made sense on multiple levels.”

Broberg doesn’t rule out any more property acquisitions, but feels a better strate-

gy to increase revenue streams may be to leverage the OAHC’s expertise and experience as a management company. He states that management contracts are very high yielding.

“There are a lot of developers out there that don’t know how to manage. We are going to start marketing ourselves in that area more in the future. If we had three or four hotels in our portfolio that we managed that revenue would be equivalent to the profit generated by the Radisson. That would be very advantageous to the corporation and the tribe,” said Broberg.

The OAHC is set to manage GuestHouse Hotel and Suites in Bellevue that is set to open its doors in October of 2008.

According to Broberg the purchase just seemed too good to pass up. “This is completely financed by OAHC and is not cumbrance to the tribe. It was strategic, too, because this hotel was our number one competitor for transit corporate business. In essence, we plucked them out of the market and put them in our pocket. It will give us more opportunity and control,” he said.

Hearing begins on permits for Marquette County mine project

By John Flesher
AP Environmental Writer

Opponents of a planned nickel and copper mine in Michigan's Upper Peninsula are trying to overturn a decision by the state Department of Environmental Quality to allow the project.

A hearing began Monday in Lansing on a challenge to the DEQ's approval of permit applications submitted by Kennecott Minerals Co. It's expected to last several weeks.

The challenge was filed by the National Wildlife Federation, the Huron Mountain Club, the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. They contend the DEQ wrongly concluded that Kennecott's plan meets environmental protection standards set under a state nonferrous mining law enacted in 2004.

“We are confident about our case based on facts and the law and we believe more strongly than ever that the permits should be overturned,” said Michelle Halley, attorney for the wildlife federation.

The hearing is being conducted before Richard A. Patterson, an administrative law judge with the state Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules. It involves two permits - one for building and operating the mine, and the other for groundwater discharge.

Patterson could uphold the DEQ's ruling or recommend that it be rejected. The final decision would be made by DEQ Director Steven Chester, who already has endorsed his staff's recommendation to approve the mine.

“This permit got one of the most extensive reviews of any

permit in the history of this department,” said Robert McCann, the DEQ spokesman. “The law does allow mining in this area if certain conditions are met. Ultimately, our decision was that their application did meet that high standard.”

If Patterson sides with the DEQ, opponents could file a lawsuit in circuit court, where they're already challenging a separate air discharge permit and the decision by the Department of Natural Resources to lease state property for the mine's surface facilities.

Kennecott cannot break ground on the mine until the administrative hearing is concluded. A decision is expected by the end of June.

The company also awaits a permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to discharge treated water back into the underground aquifer.

Jon Cherry, the project manager, said Kennecott hopes to begin construction this summer.

“Kennecott is respectful of the judicial process, and trusts this process will result in the fair and right decision,” he said.

On the Net:
Kennecott Eagle Project:
<http://www.eagle-project.com>
National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Natural Resource Center:
<http://www.nwf.org/great-lakes>
Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve: <http://www.yellow-dogwatershed.org>
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:
<http://www.michigan.gov/deq>
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community: <http://www.kbic-nnsn.gov>

Business Brief

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Letters, Opinions & BC Forum

Letters & Opinions...

Endowments

Dear Oneida, Please support the creation of endowments for Oneida. Oneida needs sound planning and endowments are a step in the right direction.

To keep per capita out of political stress, let us create a fund for it. Then we would pay the per capita from the revenue the fund earns keeping the principal intact.

What is an endowment? Basically, an endowment is a donation of money or property to an institution, usually with the restriction that it be invested, and the donated amount (principal) remains intact for a defined time period. The time period may even be in perpetuity.

How does it work? The income or revenue from the investments is used to pay the institution's expenditures. This process allows for the donation to have a greater impact over a long period of time than if it were spent all at once. Usually, a percentage of the assets' revenue is paid out and the rest of the revenue is reinvested back into the principal of the fund, making the fund self-sustaining.

Yes, it will take time to have a fully functioning endowment, but we will never have one unless we start one. Let's begin a fund with the next budget cycle. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Loretta V. Metoxen

Dallas responds to complaints

In the Kalihwisaks, thirty people signed a letter complaining about me and/or my actions. Here's my side of the story...I think the \$90 million dollars we "invested" in our people was one of the GREATEST "investments" we have ever made. The vast majority of our people spent the money on NESSESITIES. They paid down/off bills, bought reliable transportation, washers, dryers, food and clothes for their families and children. Some even spend a little on themselves to buy socks and underwear, pants/jeans, and nice comfortable shoes. You know...NEEDS! I haven't heard of anyone "giving it back," not even those who complained and used our tribal funds to call for another GTC meeting and send out mass mailings to the membership to try and "lower" our per capita payment. And how many of the "elite" and elected land commissioners gave their stipend payment funds to their own "land purchasing fund." None that I know of. Regarding the membership receiving the \$100 stipend payment to attend our GTC meetings, I am thankful that the GTC has come back to life. Paying our people \$100 to learn about and participate in our GTC meeting is another GREAT "investment" we have made. I would rather see our money help ALL of our people, not just a select few. Our people need to be involved and they need to keep an eye on our government officials and management. Personally, I think the GTC needs to draw our government officials and management closer, monitor them, direct them and discipline them immediately when needed. Our house is not in order. It has not been for a long, long time. It's going to take time to clean up the mess, but it can be done if we

have good leaders. "They" complain in their letter about the money paid to the GTC for attending meetings, but I didn't see Racquel Hill and Richard Moss reporting out the fact that Election Board Members receive two (2) stipend payments when they are at the GTC meetings. One stipend as an Election Board member and another as a GTC member. I didn't see Artley Skenandore of Nature's Way Tissue and Richard "Rick" Hill of the Hill Group report on all the money they received for our tribe. There was no report out the time, money and effort currently being "invested" into the Wood Communications Consulting Firm contract for a "Communications Plan." They are spending a great deal of time, effort, and our money in an effort to stop another large per capita distribution. But if we can't afford the distribution, how can we afford all of this? Because "all of this" costs A LOT of money ... A LOT of our money! What has changed since the December 2007 distribution? NOT MUCH!

Linda Dallas
Declaratory ruling not necessary in regard to Milwaukee voting site

It has come to the attention of the Milwaukee constituency that individual members of the current Oneida Election Board have sought to, once again, undermine the law by requesting a 'Declaratory Ruling' from the Oneida Appeals Commission regarding removing or eliminating the Milwaukee polling site from the General Elections to transpire in July 2008. This issue was previously tabled at a General Tribal Council meeting until October 2008, therefore, any action taken by the Appeal Commission or any other body in the tribe would be in direct violation of a mandated General Tribal Council decision.

Because of the action taken by various members of the Election Board, our job as GTC members is now clear. We must act to protect and preserve the integrity of the upcoming General Election in July 2008 and all other elections that are to transpire. This is due to the fact that certain individuals of the Election Board have been 1) engaging in political activity by requesting a 'Declaratory Ruling' from the Oneida Appeals Commission; and 2) various individuals of the OEB have violated their own code of conduct by being biased, including speaking out at General Tribal Council meetings; and 3) the Election Board members who voted in favor of the 'Declaration Ruling' have violated a mandate from the Oneida General Tribal Council; and 4) requesting further legal interpretations is a waste of time and monies of the tribe and a systemic abuse of power by the Election Board.

Therefore, these individuals must be recused and/or removed, effective immediately, from the Election Board for the above stated reasons. The full Election Board was not present. However, of those present the following individuals voted in support of removing the polling sites from Milwaukee: 1) Raquel Hill, 2) Louise King Cornelius, 3) Richard Moss, 4) Renee Hill.

No 'Declaratory Ruling'

needs to be drafted or written by the Appeal Commission, the Oneida Law Office, or any other tribal attorney because previous legal opinions on the legality of the Milwaukee polling site have been written and it was determined that it is valid. To request further ruling is a waste of time, energy, and unnecessary expense to be incurred by the tribe. Further, if the Declaratory Ruling' had already been written by either the Oneida Appeals Commission, Oneida Law Office, or some other tribal attorney, then each individual member of the election board who voted in favor of the 'Declaratory Ruling' must be made to pay for it equally and any and/or all fees or

expenses incurred as a result of their biased behavior.

Should the aforementioned individuals be allowed to remain on the Election Board and no action taken by the BC, it will more likely then not, result in the filing of lawsuits for violations against the Oneida Constitution, Oneida Election Law, violations against the orders of the General Tribal Council and the U.S. Constitution. The Oneida Business Committee is to respond to the Milwaukee SEOTS office and its constituency in writing

Micheal Debraska

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BC Forum

As you know, several per capita options are on the GTC agenda for 5/10/08. The Business Committee has communicated to the membership through mailouts that any of these per capita options are not feasible. Some members were happy to receive these mailings and others were very upset because we spent money on these mailings to make sure the membership knows what the ramifications are of approving anyone of those per capita plans. So, what is the right thing to do? Spend the money and take the abuse for educating the membership, or don't spend the money and take the risk of the membership choosing to destroy everything we have worked for to improve the quality of life for our people?

Yes, approving any one of the plans is that risky. By eroding our financial stability,

we will in effect destabilize our government, which will ultimately eliminate the Oneida Nation altogether. There are no reasons that can justify the support of increased per capita at any level. Even the alternative plan presented by the BC is not without negative impacts, but it is tolerable.

I hear the membership when they say they are dissatisfied by the services not being available, or not reaching further than Brown & Outagamie Counties. I've also heard the disappointment in regards to understanding our financial picture, or understanding why we have tribal corporations. And the



Councilwoman
Trish King

Business Committee is working very hard to try and improve these things by implementing policy and measuring the quality of our services. We are also trying to find better ways to improve the financial report-

ing, and the purpose and value of having corporations. Even the changes in the annual and semi-annual report show our efforts.

The Oneida Constitution and some previous GTC actions limit what the Committee can divulge to the public. I think it is time for constitutional change, and time to review some of the old policy, but that does not mean its time to increase per capita.

I know I am probably putting myself in a bad political situation with my comments; however, I can not stand by and watch as only a small portion of the full 16,000 membership decide to empty the treasure chest and then put a constant hole at the bottom where it can never get filled up again. I don't see how that action would solve any problems being raised, and continue to provide for our livelihood.

I respectfully ask that the people make a vote on 5/10/08 to oppose any new per capita and reaffirm the current Per Capita plan already endorsed and approved by GTC that pays out \$800 annually and requires that a per capita plan be developed by the year 2013.

The last few weeks have been really busy and I wanted to try and get membership up to speed on a few matters relating to my office.

I wanted to let people know that my Assistant, Karen Katch, has found a new job and I am so happy for her and her family. Karen served my office for many years and for her to find a permanent job with the tribe is a good thing. I wish Karen well. My new Assistant is going to be Mr. Jim Martin and I am very happy to be securing Jim's service, he'll be a great addition as we wind down this term.

And what a term it has been, the closure of this terms has been met with some very interesting matters, in this report I'll cover just a few of these matters.

* Natures Way

Recently I spoke at an Oneida Business Committee meeting about my concerns with the Natures Way return on investment issue and I received a lot of feedback. Listed here is a few e-mails I sent out on this matter:

>>>E-Mail From: Vince DelaRosa to Mr. John Kroner from The Seven Generations Corporation>>

John:

I wanted to follow-up with you on the Natures Way project. It's my understanding based on our last discussion that you have a plan to secure our investment capital back and I am very interested in what you may be suggesting on these matters.

As you are aware, the Oneida Tribe is entering a phase of operations which will require us to be extremely conservative in the investment area. Likewise, the

maturity and payback structure of the existing deal is not that attractive.

What does the plan look like that you've outlined?

Thanks,
Vince

>>>E-Mail from Vince DelaRosa to a General Tribal Council Member<<<

I do appreciate your concerns, but please note, this has nothing to do with politics, I've been waiting patiently for a light of hope in terms of the operation and I think you guys may do very well in the future.

At this point, given GTC desires and directives, it is time that we close out investments that look like we might have investment maturity issues. Also, we cannot not have ROI structures that are as extended as this deal is, it's simply no longer a good fit for us, especially given ongoing economic issues which are at hand here.

Thanks,
Vince

I would just note, I think as we move forward, it is going to be very important for the Oneida Business Committee to seek approval of some sort of investment policies so we have GTC's guidance on the type of risk tolerance that the GTC's will find acceptable in outside business ventures. That is a major issue as we move forward. The other point here is,



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Councilman
Vince DelaRosa

I think we also need to make a re-commitment on the issue of small business funding, that is one of the best mechanisms to help small business people as we move forward.

* Milwaukee Polling Site

Listed below is a memo I sent out to the Oneida Business Committee on this matter:

Inter-Office Memorandum

To: Oneida Business Committee

From: Vince DelaRosa, LOC Chairman

Date: April 17, 2008

Re: The Milwaukee Polling / "Who Protects the Voters?"

I am writing to express my concerns with a recent disclosure at the Wednesday, April 16th Oneida Business Committee (OBC) meeting. At that meeting Chief Counsel indicated that the Oneida Election Board (OEB) is planning to file a legal action (Declaratory Judgment) against the Milwaukee polling site. This is clearly an attempt to invalidate the Milwaukee polling site as a lawful Oneida polling site. It was also noted that the Oneida Law Office (OLO) is going to file the action on behalf of the OEB.

At the April 16th meeting I raised many issues regarding this matter, however, no one on the OBC seemed interested in this issue, except for Councilman Delgado. The consensus was, "let's see

what happens" and I completely disagree with this approach. The facts are, we are eleven (11) weeks away from the actual elections and allowing the OEB to engage in direct political activity, using Oneida Tribal resources to implicate the integrity of the Oneida election process cannot be tolerated. Further, the OBC's lack of interest on this matter is rather shocking.

In fact, the collective action of the majority of the OBC indicates that you are prepared to sit by as spectators while this activity is allowed to swirl around our election process. Even more disturbing is we've expressed no interest in the fact that the Tribe's legal office (the OLO) indicated that they are prepared to assist in representing the OEB in advancing a legal challenge against our very own Milwaukee Polling site. I ask, who is going to represent the interest of the Oneida people (the voters) in defending such action? Clearly, counter legal arguments will need to be prepared to counteract the affects of a potential negative legal ruling.

This situation poses several threats to the administration of the Oneida Election process. As such, the OBC must take some affirmative actions to protect the integrity of the Oneida Election process. It is the role of the OBC to defend the rights of the Oneida voters who have come to rely on the Milwaukee polling site in casting their ballots in all the

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Initial Review

Rule 9(D) – Criteria for Acceptance: *The Initial Review Body shall accept an appeal for appellate review if one or more of the following elements are sufficiently alleged to exist in the original hearing body decision by the Appellant in the Notice of Appeal:*

- (1) A violation of constitutional provisions;
- (2) The decision is outside the scope of the authority or otherwise unlawful;
- (3) The decision is clearly erroneous and is against the weight of the evidence presented at the hearing level;
- (4) The decision is arbitrary and/or capricious;
- (5) There is exhibited a procedural irregularity which would be considered a harmful error that may have contributed to the final decision, which if the error had not occurred, would have altered the final decision;
- (6) There is a presentation or introduction of new evidence that was not available at the hearing level which, if available, may have altered the final decision.

To conserve time and space provided, the Oneida Appeals Commission will only put into print the Initial Review Decisions which have been denied. The cases that have been accepted at Initial Review will be published when the final adjudication has been entered.

Denied Initial Review Decisions

Sarah M. Rohr vs. Oneida Bingo & Casino, Table Games Dept., Evan Duxtater. Docket No. 08-AC-006, February 22, 2008. Judicial Officers, Winnifred L. Thomas, Janice L. McLester, and Lois Powless presiding. Denied for failure to perfect within (5) five days in accordance with Oneida Judicial Code, Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rule 2(E). Oneida Bingo & Casino, **Employee Services Department vs. Paul Prevost.** Docket No. 08-AC-003, February 13, 2008. Judicial Officers, Janice L. McLester, Anita F. Barber, Jennifer Webster presiding. Interlocutory Appeal and Motion to Stay denied. Area Managers decision was clearly against the weight of evidence and there were procedural irregularities exhibited.

Sharon Mousseau,

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major Oneida General Elections.

One of the most shocking aspects of this situation is we stand on the brink, as a nation, of the disenfranchisement of hundreds of Oneida voters and the violation of their rights as voters if the Milwaukee polling site were to be removed. Protecting the voting rights of Tribal members, under Tribal law, is a core responsibility of the OBC and the OLO. Tribal members in Milwaukee have come to rely on the Milwaukee polling site and any act to remove the Milwaukee polling site has the potential to disenfranchise hundreds of Oneida voters who are entitled to vote; want to vote; but who could be deprived from voting or having their votes not counted if the Milwaukee polling site was impacted in any manner.

If the OBC fails to properly act on a challenge to the Milwaukee polling site issue, this overall lack of leadership in protecting the voting rights of Oneida Tribal members could cause a broad array of problems, such as numerous legal challenges. The need for the OBC to exercise leadership in protecting the "right to vote" for the Oneida Tribal members is imperative.

I would also note, agencies should come to the OBC when they have questions in matters

Administrator of the Oneida Nation School System vs. Coleen John (f/k/a) Bins.

Docket No. 07-AC-032, February 7, 2008. Judicial Officers, Winnifred L. Thomas, Lois Powless, Jennifer Webster presiding. Remanded back to the Oneida Nation School Board for review, not ripe for appeal.

Appellate Court Decisions

Connie Vandehei vs. Tonya Webster & Compliance Division.

Docket No. 07-AC-025, January 7, 2008. Judicial Officers, Janice L. McLester, Anita F. Barber, Pearl House (pro tem), Lois Powless, and Jennifer Webster presiding. Ms. Vandehei is appealing the Oneida Personnel Commission's denial of her request to be granted employee protection from retaliation and/or harassment. Ms. Vandehei made a confidential disclosure to the General Manger in accordance to Article I and Article IV of the Blue Book. An investigation ensued and the issues brought forth were addressed. Oneida Personnel Commission (OPC) denied a protection order based on allegations that Ms. Vandehei previously discussed the confidential issues prior to filing with the OPC. After review this Appellate body identified it was not Ms. Vandehei who discussed confidential information in regard alleged internal violations of the Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures by the Compliance Division, it was Lloyd Powless, who had been named in the disclosure, and who had disclosed confidential information. Testimony presented confirmed several problem areas of violation of the Oneida Tribe's Time and Attendance Policy and situations that could be recognized as harassment. The majority decision of the Personnel Commission was overturned and the dissenting opinion affirmed and granted a lifetime employee protection order for Ms. Vandehei.

Oneida Bingo & Casino Player Development Department vs. Michael Gleason

Docket No. 07-AC-021, January 25, 2008. Judicial Officers Winnifred Thomas, Anita F. Barber, Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless and Jennifer Webster presiding. Respondent was terminated from his job as an Executive Casino Host while he was on probationary status. Respondent appealed his termination stating that he was not given adequate training which hindered his job performance. The Oneida Personnel Commission (OPC) overturned

the termination based on testimony and evidence which showed the employee was not provided with the proper training. The OPC issued a majority vote to overturn the termination and one dissenting opinion to leave the termination as it stands. Testimony and evidence presented at the grievance hearing substantiated adequate and consist training was given to Mr. Gleason. Mr. Gleason shadowed other Executive Casino Hosts for a period of three to four weeks, and had worked together with other casino host for several weeks thereafter. Documents presented identified Mr. Gleason had several problem areas in his job responsibilities. After review of the evidence and tapes of the employees training, it is the decision of this Oneida Appellate body to uphold the termination decision.

Oneida Bingo & Casino Cage/Vault Department vs. Dorothy Pacheco

Docket No. 07-AC-026, February 1, 2008. Judicial Officers Janice L. McLester, Anita F. Barber, Lois Powless, Winnifred L. Thomas and Jennifer Webster presiding. Ms. Pacheco was terminated from her job in the Cage/Vault department for having three (3) accumulated disciplinary actions over a twelve (12) month period. The Oneida Personnel Commission (OPC) reviewed the case and overturned Ms. Pacheco's termination. This decision by the OPC is being appealed by the cage/vault department to the Appellate body citing procedural irregularity and the decision to be clearly erroneous. In their review of the case the Appellate body identified a procedural irregularity in the fact that the OPC had no legal ground to review or accept Ms. Pacheco's request for review and a procedural irregularity also occurred when the OPC considered the Respondent's attempt to invalidate her three (3) previous disciplinary actions which accumulated and lead to the termination. It is the Appellate body decision to uphold the termination based on supervisory discretion when issuing a disciplinary action to an employee. The Respondent's work record showed reason for progressive discipline was warranted. Termination upheld.

James Martin vs. Winnifred Thomas and Leland Wigg-Ninham.

Docket No. 07-AC-009, February 6, 2008. Judicial Officers, Richard L. Ackley, Donald Gurnoe, Todd R. Matha, James Mohr and Debra Van Zile presiding. Mr. Martin is appealing the Oneida Personnel

Commission (OPC) decision in which he was denied employee protection from retaliation. Mr. Martin states that his marginal personnel evaluation and disciplinary action was an act of retaliation against him for an ethics charge he had previously filed against his supervisor, the Chief Judicial Officer of the Oneida Tribal Judicial System. The disciplinary action was reviewed by HRD and upheld. The OPC stated that they did not have jurisdiction over a judicial officer. Under the employee protection order the OPC does have jurisdiction over a judicial officer. The OPC is delegated the authority to give protection to employees under the employee protection plan. The case is remanded back to the OPC for a fair hearing on the merits of the case.

Owen Somers vs. Oneida Police Department, Police Chief.

Docket No. 07-AC-005, March 6, 2008. Judicial Officers, Leland Wigg-Ninham, Anita F. Barber, Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless, and Jennifer Webster presiding. Mr. Somers is seeking an enforcement of the Oneida Appeals Commission's previous orders to have him returned to his job as the Oneida Casino 's Security Director. The Respondent filed a motion to stay asserting it could not put Mr. Somers back to work unless he possessed a valid gaming license. Mr. Somers' gaming license application had been pending before the Gaming Commission for over a year. While this case was pending, the Oneida Gaming Commission denied a gaming license for Mr. Somers. Next, the Oneida Police Department terminated Mr. Somers's employment for not have a gaming license as is required to work in his position. The court dismissed Mr. Somers' enforcement action on the grounds of mootness. A case is moot when there is no longer an active legal issue between the parties which the Court can adjudicate. Since Mr. Somers' gaming license was denied and he was terminated from employment, the Court can no longer enforce the previous reinstatement orders. Mr. Somers is free to appeal the denial of a gaming license and the resulting termination. Further, the Court denies the Respondents' motion for a stay.

Tonya Webster vs. Connie Vandehei.

Docket No. 07-AC-029, March 26, 2008. Judicial Officers Janice L. McLester, Anita F. Barber, Pearl House (pro tem), Lois Powless, and Jennifer Webster presiding. Appellant, Ms. Webster is appealing the Oneida Personnel Commission

(OPC) finding against her that she terminated Respondent, Ms. Vandehei as an act of retaliation. Ms. Vandehei was previously granted an employee protection order from retaliation for alleging timekeeping abuse by her department. Ms. Webster was included as a subject of the allegations. Ms. Webster argues that the findings of retaliation are against the weight of evidence, arbitrary and capricious and claims there were procedural irregularities. Ms Webster stated that she did not terminate Ms. Vandehei out of retaliation but for violation of Blue Book policy which required her to state a date of return to work from Ms. Vandehei's medical leave. The same day Ms. Vandehei faxed her doctors orders to extend her medical leave from work to Ms. Webster, Ms. Webster contacted HRD officers for advise. According to Ms. Webster she was advised to terminate Ms. Vandehei for not reporting to work. The Court found there was not sufficient evidence to support Ms. Webster's claim that she acted on advise from an HRD officer when she terminated Ms. Vandehei's employment. No witness' or statements were presented to support Ms. Webster claim. Nor was there any finding of a procedural irregularity that occurred when granting Ms. Vandehei employee protection. The court finds that Ms. Vandehei was under the employee protection order at the time of the termination, and that the termination was done as an act of retaliation. OPC decision upheld.

Trial Court Decisions

Owen R. Somers vs. Oneida Gaming Commission.

Docket No. 08-TC-014, February 12, 2008. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Gerald Cornelius, and Stanley R. Webster, presiding. Mr. Somers is petitioning the court to request new subpoena's be signed by the Oneida Gaming Commission. The petition is being made on the speculation that the Oneida Gaming Commissioners are being advised they are not obligated to honor a subpoena. The court finds that this petition is premature since the Oneida Gaming Commissioners have not yet had the opportunity to get the subpoena. The petitioners request for enforcement is dismissed.

Carol Torres vs. Oneida Housing Authority.

Docket No. 08-TC-018, February 19, 2008. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Stanley R. Webster, and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. Ms. Torres is requesting an injunction against the eviction from the

Oneida Housing Authority. Ms. Torres claims that an eviction will cause her irrevocable harm since she has a child in the home and it would be harmful for them to move in such a short notice. A hearing to resolve the injunction will be scheduled for February 22, 2008. The court grants Ms. Torres a temporary Restraining order from the eviction.

Carol Torres vs. Oneida Housing Authority.

Docket No. 08-TC-018, March 4, 2008. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Christina Danforth, and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. The petitioner motions to withdraw her case since her and the respondents have come to a verbal agreement on record. The motion to withdraw the case is granted, case is dismissed.

Grace E. Schindel vs. Oneida HRD-Benefits and Crawford & Co.

Docket No. 08-TC-015, March 7, 2008. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Stanley R. Webster, and Leland Wigg-Ninham, presiding. Petitioner moved to dismiss her claim against Oneida Human Resources and Crawford & Company. Petitioner was injured at work and the workers compensation claim was paid up to the date of end of healing as reported by a independent medical examiner. Petitioner claim to dismiss is granted, case dismissed.

Daniel A. King vs. Oneida HRD-Benefits & Crawford Co.

Docket No. 08-TC-001, March 4, 2008. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Gerald Cornelius, and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. Mr. King had filed a petition against the respondents for denying his worker compensation claim. The respondents based their denial on untimely filing of Mr. King's claim and there was no definitive evidence to show that Mr. King's blastomycosis was contracted at his work site. The court finds that petitioner had no evidence to show he was filing a claim for workers compensation when his supervisor made a hospital visit to Mr. Kings room he merely told his supervisor how he been diagnosed with blastomycosis. This could not be construed as a workers compensation claim. Through Mr. King's own statement to the court it would be nearly impossible to prove his blastomycosis was contracted while at work since the diseases air born and could have been contracted nearly anywhere. Therefore this case is dismissed.

Complete copy of the decisions can be obtained at the Oneida Tribal Judicial System Commission offices. Submitted by Janice L. McLester.

relating to laws, not the Oneida Appeals Commission, this is not a proper use of Tribal resources. In fact, attached here is a follow-up memo that I sent to the OEB on December 13, 2007 asking for them to provide feedback on the Election Law or any "closing thoughts" on the Election Law bill, and nothing was submitted to our offices.

Besides, there are no matters in law that need to be settled here. In fact, these matters have already been discussed at a recent GTC meeting and the matters relating to the Election Law and the OEB arguments were rejected by the GTC and the Oneida Election Law was tabled until this winter for discussion and follow-up. Chief Counsel herself even addressed this matter at that very same GTC meeting, so what is the point of allowing a declaratory judgment to be filled?

Additionally, why would the OLO help the OEB engage in such legal posturing when the matter is settled, that has been acknowledged by the GTC at the GTC meeting regarding the Election Law. Lastly, and most significantly, there is no standing for the OEB to bring a case for declaratory judgment. The Administrative Procedures Act specifies as follows:

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tioner and/or sponsoring agency may petition the appropriate Oneida Tribal Appeals Commission to issue a declaratory judgment should it appear that the Ordinance/Rule or its proposed application threaten to interfere with or impair the legal rights or privileges of the petitioner; the following shall apply prior to such a petition being heard:

The Milwaukee Polling site clearly doesn't "threaten to interfere with or impair the legal rights or privileges of the petitioner" and the OBC should put a stop to these legal shenanigans and allow the people to vote.

* Process Issues on Political Appointments

Listed below here is a memo I sent out to the Oneida Business Committee on this matter:
Inter-Office Memorandum
To: Oneida Business Committee
From: Vince DelaRosa, LOC Chairman
Date: April 17, 2008
Re: Political Appointment Items – The LOC Process

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Political Appointment items that are on today's OBC agenda. These are matters that have been before the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) process and they were not supported for

passage in their current draft form.

I would note, a compromise was offered which would have lifted some problematic provisions, which are contained within these policies but a compromise was not agreed to and consequently this item did not receive enough support for passage at the LOC level.

It has been indicated that the BC Assistants Policy is ready for adoption however there are a few things that the proposal is lacking, for example:

(1) An adopting resolution

(2) A SOE

(3) A legislative analysis

A Few Preliminary Issues

Also, as the revised analysis points out (which again is NOT attached to the back up), the draft needs to be changed so that it says that this law applies when the OBC is sworn in. Currently, the draft exempts out the current OBC assistants, which is an error (i.e., what if someone gets re-elected & rehires the same person - the draft needs to be re-written so that the law would apply to people like Kitty in that circumstance).

I would recommend that if there is interest in moving this item, that it be sent back through the LOC process so the LOC can work out the bill and achieve some compromise on the language.

A Few Process Thoughts

– “If we don’t follow our processes, who will?”

I also want to make a note in terms of process on this matter. The submission of legislation (and policy matters) and the vetting of that legislation at the LOC level is a very important process, it is essential to the creation of the sound legislation. For us as a nation a process such as the LOC process is a fundamental tool for carrying out community consensus, and for allowing a very large number of ideas to be merged in an organized policy matter. In this process people work together to hammer out the best policy on behalf of the Oneida people and the employees of this nation.

Process is the only mechanism by which users can trust that we’re all playing fair, that the rules do not suddenly change, nor that the rules are different for some privileged editors or writers of policy. This is a transparent process that must be followed. If we do not follow our process that we have in place then what have we become? “If we don’t follow our processes, who will?”

Sometimes a process can be a pain in the neck. Sometimes our processes demand that bill sponsors go through several steps to achieve a result. Some of this can be viewed as cumbersome or time-consuming. Sometimes our process does not

deal with particular situations as rapidly as a person might wish, but that is how governmental processes work, they’re more deliberative then fast, and we cannot abandon the process to achieve the result we desire by going around the process. This can send the wrong message to our community and in the long run, this type of behavior can start to erode the confidence that the Oneida People have in the government if the leaders themselves do not follow the process.

Writers of policy (the leaders) cannot yield to this temptation to go around a process when they didn’t get the results they want, this will damage the legitimacy of our institutions and it throws sand into the gears of the process.

This is also a very slippery slope, when people see us acting outside of process, they may be convinced that they ought to do the same; or they may be convinced that their individual voices are more important than that of a sitting institution and that they too are above the process. Consequently, if everyone acts outside of process, there is no process, no organization to our efforts, then we will slip into chaos, and how will we govern that?

Thanks for reading my article.

National Legislation

Tribal Legislation

H.R. 1328 - The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) Amendments of 2008 Continuing Update

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act authorizes funding for Indian health programs. The IHCIA Amendments of 2008 would help to modernize and improve services and delivery; improve behavioral health programs; and allow for in-home care of the elderly population.

As previously reported, HR 1328 is still waiting for consideration by the House Energy & Commerce Committee and the House Ways & Means Committee. On April 4th, the House Natural Resources Committee filed their report on their version of the bill which was passed out of that committee April 25th, 2007. This action prompted the Speaker of the House to set a deadline of June 6th for both the House Energy & Commerce and Ways & Means Committees to act on the bill. If both Committees do not consider the bill by June 6th, then the bill could be brought to the floor without their consideration. However, it is possible that a further extension of time could be granted to both Committees.

Currently, we are asking the House Energy & Commerce Committee to consider and report favorably H.R. 1328 before June 6th. We are also asking that if they are unable to complete their consideration before June 6th that they would not ask for another extension. If you would like to offer your support for the legislation you can contact Rep. Kagen at 202-225-5665.

H.R. 2419 - The Farm Bill Reauthorization

The Farm Bill is an expansive bill authorizing all agriculture programs including commodity, conservation, and nutrition programs. The bill contains a number of provisions that would positively impact the tribe especially with respect to conservation programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The Farm Bill would also establish outreach and technical assistance programs that tribes or tribal members could access.

Currently, the House and Senate have passed another extension of existing agriculture programs through May 16th. Meanwhile, the House and Senate continue to work to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. Differences remain on the commodity support programs. However, President Bush has vowed to veto any Farm Bill passed by Congress that does

not cut subsidies to extremely high income individuals. President Bush has suggested that Congress pass a 1 year extension which would essentially leave the debate to the next president.

Currently, we are waiting for the House and Senate to resolve their differences and are not asking tribal members to do anything. However, if you would like to offer your support for HR 2419 you can contact Rep. Kagen's office at 202-225-5665.

Local Legislation

What is the current issue: Sex Offender Ordinance

Background: Over the last year, various municipal leaders in Brown County have held a series of meeting to discuss the issues that revolve around individuals who have committed crimes of a sexual nature. There have been citizens who are concerned about their well-being of their families when a sex offender moves into their neighborhood. The municipal leaders have continued their efforts to provide a resolution to accommodate the needs and well-being of all citizens. In some cases, that effort has taken form of municipal ordinances.

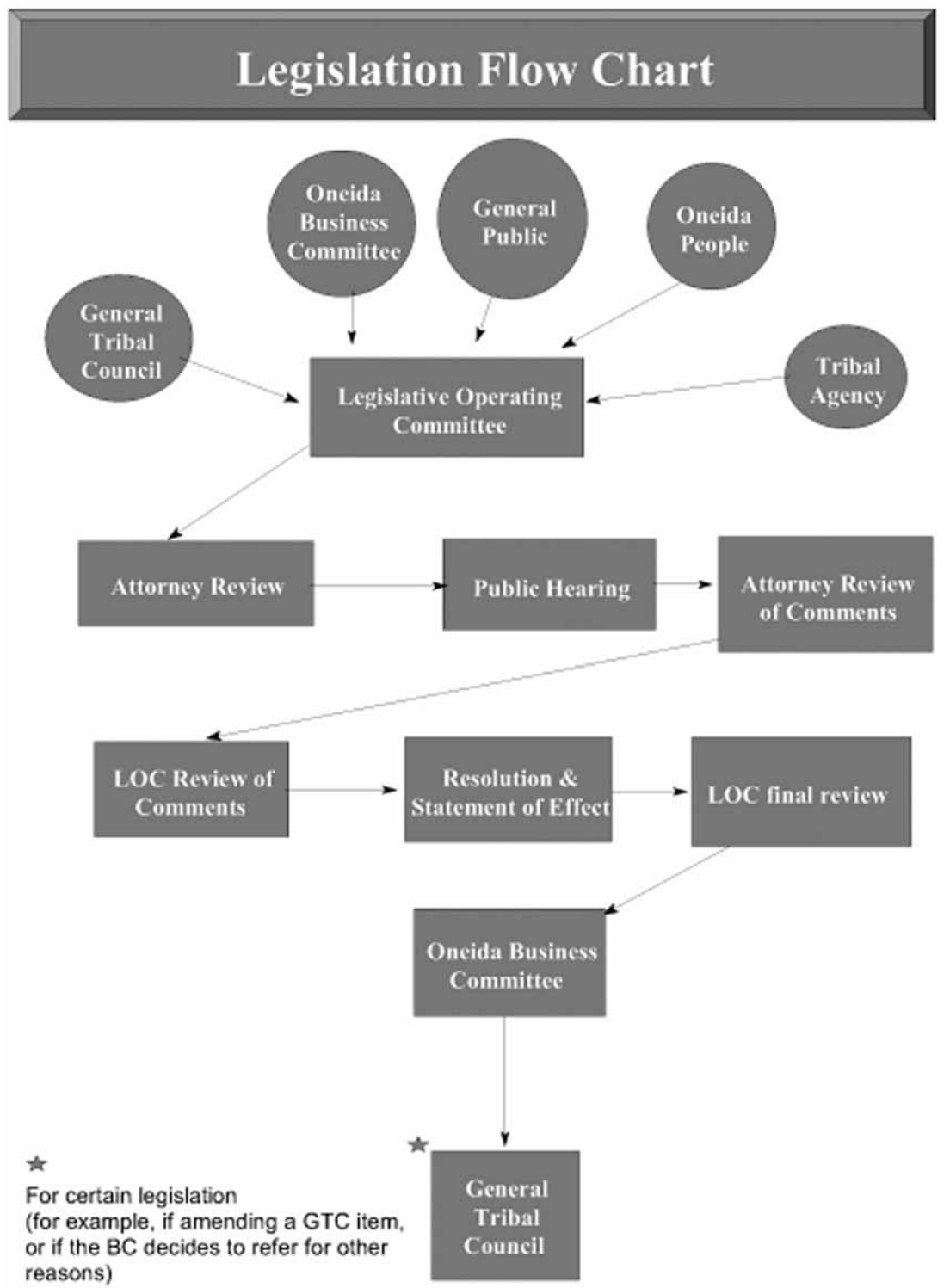
Potential Action: To explore the idea of endorsing a regional ordinance or separate municipal ordinances; or support state legislation; or develop a tribal ordinance; or do nothing.

How it affects Oneida: The Oneida Nation is divided among 2 counties and 6 municipalities. The City of Green Bay, the Village of Hobart, and Ashwaubenon have implemented individual ordinances. The City of De pere, the Town of Oneida and Pittsfield currently do not have ordinances.

The Oneida Police Department has the authority to enforce each municipal sex offender ordinance within the reservation boundaries, however, it would be beneficial from a law enforcement perspective to have a uniformed ordinance for the area or state law. What is the tribe's position (if any) and how can Oneidas be involved/participate.

The Oneida Nation has not taken a position to endorse nor oppose any of the municipal sex offender ordinances. The Oneida Nation has taken steps to review this issue within the Oneida Legislative Operating Committee.

In this article, the Communications Task Force would like to introduce the process with which Oneida Tribal laws, codes and ordinances are developed. As we begin communicating tribal legislation, we felt it was important for tribal citizens to first get a glimpse at the processes.



As you can see any GTC Member, Community Member, or Tribal Dept can submit an agenda request form for the purpose of adopting, amending, or repealing a law. Two current pieces of legislation which are nearing completion are Judiciary and New APA. Both pieces have gone through the necessary steps of the flow chart and will be introduced as information to General Tribal Council at the Semi-Annual meeting in July.

It is very important the membership understands the proposed legislation as it will have direct effect on the membership. The Oneida Judiciary system is proposing a tribal court, peacemakers court, and an appeals court. A tribal court would interpret Tribal laws by utilizing tribal customs and culture as part of the

basis for it's decisions, thereby greatly strengthening our sovereignty. The New APA proposal provides a streamlined law making process. It revises and streamlines the administrative hearing process including a clarification on the jurisdiction of the Oneida Appeals Commission, limitations on remedies and establishing scopes of review similar to other Tribal APA's.

For updated information on legislative items, please visit the LOC website at www.onloc.oneidanation.org. <mailto:www.onloc@oneidanation.org> The website is designed as an informational and educational tool for the membership or you can contact the Legislative Reference office at 920-869-4376.

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AJNH enduring trying times

In these trying times one is forced to make difficult, but firm decisions regarding our finances.

The Anna John Nursing Home (AJNH) is also enduring trying times. The AJNH is requesting the GTC to consider the needs of entities such as the AJNH in voting no at the May 10th, 2008 GTC meeting.

The December Per Capita payment caused most community members residing at AJNH to lose eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA). Medical Assistance recipients are only allowed a total of \$2,000.00 in assets. This means that they were forced to use the Per Capita for the cost of their care at AJNH. The only winners in this situation were the State of Wisconsin and the United States government, who did not have to pay the \$173.00 daily rate for the cost of care for each resident.

In addition, the Per Capita payment forced the new "Residential Care Facility" (Assisted Living/new AJNH) to be put on hold. The increase in construction costs due to this delay is currently estimated to be about \$1,300,000.00. Ongoing delay will cause this number to rise. Many major maintenance projects at AJNH were delayed because a new building was being constructed.

Several of those deferred maintenance projects must now be completed in order to keep the facility in compliance with state and federal codes at an estimated cost of about \$160,000.00 this year. AJNH is an aging building, requiring maintenance costs that will continue to rise until the tribal funds are available to build a new facility.

The Anna John Nursing Home Commission

Board is asking the voters to have the needs of the elders in mind when voting no on May 10th, 2008 so that the nursing home will be able to continue operations and more importantly, building a more modern and conveniently located facility that Elders will have a place to live and enjoy.

Sincerely,
AJNH Commission Board

Rebuttal for "Read the warning labels on Per Cap"

What is more dangerous than per capita is the horrendous spending by the management "elite" (various directors) and their budgets! They are using OUR money for who knows what at OUR expense. Nobody asked us if they could spend millions of dollars on those stupid statues in Ashwaubenon. Now they cry "foul" because they are spending stupid and people want their share of the money because they are spending stupid? The management "elite" should just think (or at least try to) answer why this purchase was not presented to the GTC because of how expensive it is? I don't care if it was in their budget. So what, rent a few billboards. There should be action for removal for that stupid purchase, in my opinion. So what if it puts Oneida's name on the map? Purchase signs and put them around and outside of the reservation. "Oneida Indians Reside Here, Come Visit us." That would have been a heck of a lot cheaper than those stupid statues.

Like I stated before, get rid of departmental management, put qualified personnel in those positions at HALF the old wages, nip their budget in half or three-quarters. THERE, problem solved with where the excess money is. The new people in management would be satisfied with their wages, their budget and would be a breath of fresh air instead of this old stagnant stuff in there now.

And why are the writers so concerned about the employees' feelings now when employees have been feeling insecure for years and decades because of the dictatorship they live under at work? Could it be this in an election year and the management "elite" are looking for sympathy votes because now they are feeling sorry for the employee? Pfft! Please! I think not! No one has been working on this but a handful of non-tribal employees. Greedy management takes away the money from our nation, NOT the per cap. The per cap is giving back to the Oneida people what they deserve. The money would be there if

management wouldn't have spent it foolishly!

The lesson I learned from the other tribes is they (the membership) actually revolted against their own tribal government for mis-spending their budget. Audits were asked by them also; sound familiar in Oneida, too? So how close are we to revolting against our government? Think about it!

Instead of using a toaster put in water, all of this could have been avoided if the tribal government would have had some spines and put a halt to management "elite," etc... The list just goes on and on, but you get my drift.

Right now isn't the time to come crying to the membership that damage could be done with approval of a big per cap. The damage was started a long time ago with careless spending and waste. This is my opinion.

Best regards,
Elaine Doxtator

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- US 41 northbound to WIS

172



Construction barrels are set up along Highway 172 in front of the casino. Nearly three miles of the road will be under construction.

Meanwhile, Metoxen says veterans groups and Oneida

If you see suspicious activity or have information on the previous damage, call OPD at 920-869-2239.

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Senator wants New York Oneida's trust decision delayed

ONEIDA, N.Y. (AP) ~ U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is urging the federal Department of the Interior to hold off ruling on the Oneida Indian Nation's land-into-trust application.

In a letter sent Monday to U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, the New York senator said he was concerned about unresolved issues and asked for a delay to "give all parties involved an opportunity to reach a mutually beneficial global settlement - one that resolves issues of sovereignty, taxation, and the tribe's land claims, and that avoids a long litigation battle."

Schumer said Associate Deputy Secretary Jim Cason assured him in a telephone call Monday night that the federal agency would answer his concerns before issuing a final decision but would not commit to a delay.

The Interior Department was supposed to have announced its final decision by the end of April. Now it says it hopes to have the decision by mid-May.

In February, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs recommended placing 13,086 acres of Oneida land in trust, including the tribe's lucrative Turning Stone Casino and Resort complex in Verona, 35 miles east of Syracuse, and the nation's 32-acre territory near Oneida, where many of its government and cultural offices are located.

The department can accept BIA's preferred alternative or choose another the agency considered, which ranged from placing 35,000 acres in trust to no trust lands at all. It can even select an alternative not included in the final draft.

The Oneidas had sought to place 17,360 acres in federal

trust, where it would be subject to federal laws but exempt from local and state regulation and taxes. Local officials want no more than 1,000 acres of trust land.

Among Schumer's recommendations was requiring the Oneidas to pay all back taxes owed to Madison and Oneida counties. Schumer also said the tribe should have to "negotiate and fulfill" a compensation agreement with the towns of Verona and Stockbridge and the city of Oneida, each of which would lose the most taxable land if trust status is granted.

Schumer also said there should be a written understanding between the tribe and counties regarding issues of public safety, environmental safety and building codes.

Schumer said the unresolved issues would be best addressed in a negotiated set-

tlement.

The Oneidas had little to say about Schumer's letter.

"The process has played itself according to the rules and now, like everyone else, we are awaiting the outcome," the tribe said in a statement.

Interior spokesman Shane Wolfe said the department would review the senator's letter.

State Sen. Joseph Griffo said he agreed with Schumer that negotiations are necessary.

"As it appears now, it's just going to end up in litigation anyway," Griffo said.

"He should be telling the Interior Department to deny it," said Assemblyman David Townsend. "You can't put federal lands in New York state and you can't send local governments to the table when they have nothing to negotiate with."

Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus

At the Semi Annual meeting in July, the Trust Enrollment/Committee will present Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus (OLIPP) for General Tribal Council's consideration. This important plan will benefit the entire tribe and future generations.

Background

In a General Tribal Council meeting on August 11, 1997, a motion was made directing the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee to develop a Social Security Plan.

In trying to fulfill this directive, the Oneida Trust Department and Trust Committee worked to develop something that could fill the needs of the entire membership. The Committee considered, then rejected, a plan that "mirrored" the Federal Social Security system because the costs were prohibitive for the Tribe and did not provide a substantial benefit for members.

Product Development

The Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee developed a product they feel meets the directive given by the General Tribal Council. The Committee's goal was to amplify current benefits and improve the quality of life for tribal members.

Of all the benefits available to tribal members at this time, the Committee determined the Burial Fund could most easily be improved. The current benefit is \$5,000 for burial expenses, which is paid directly to the funeral home, monument company, or cemetery. With increased costs of funerals, families are left with funeral expenses even after the burial fund is used.

The Committee focused on this life insurance product, because:

1. It's universally available to ALL Tribal members.
 2. It's affordable.
 3. It's tax efficient - the benefits to the beneficiary will be tax free.
 4. It spreads risks over a year. Normally, not all people are eligible for insurance.
- NOTE: It is estimated that 12.2% of Native Americans have type 2 diabetes, which translates into not being eligible for insurance or being charged higher premiums.
5. The benefit can be adjusted to keep pace with

inflation.

6. Rates are guaranteed and it is a guaranteed benefit.

Highlights-Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus - PHASE 1

1. A tax free death benefit of \$15,000 that is payable to the beneficiary.
2. The premium would be paid by the Tribe.
3. All Tribal members will be automatically enrolled into the program. New members are defined by the Tribe's existing enrollment process.
4. It is a lifetime membership, unless that person opts out by relinquishing their enrollment with the Oneida Tribe.
5. There are no forms to fill out except for beneficiary designation.
6. There are no medical examinations.
7. There is a "living benefit rider, which means if a person is determined to be terminally ill by a doctor, with a life expectancy of less than 12 months. They can withdraw 50% of this policy and can use it at their discretion.
8. The tribal member designates their beneficiary. The beneficiary directs the use of the funds. They can use it for burial expenses, pay off debt, an education fund, bereavement, etc.

Highlights - Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus - PHASE 2

This is the "PLUS" part of Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus.

Phase 2 is still in the development stage, and is intended to provide more "Living Benefits" such as tax free death benefits, policy dividends, cash values, income features, and possibly loans. Dividends can be used to pay premiums, they can be paid in cash, be reinvested, or a combination of these. Loans are a way to pull out the cash without being taxed. Again, the features and benefits are yet to be determined.

A more detailed presentation is planned for the July Semi Annual meeting and the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee will be requesting your support to approve OLIPP.

For more information concerning this project, please contact the Oneida Trust Department at (800)236-2214 or directly at (920)490-3935.

Judge boosts NYC crackdown on sale of tax-free smokes

By David B. Caruso

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) ~ A federal judge has given a boost to New York City's attempt to curtail the sale of tax-free cigarettes on Indian reservations.

In a ruling signed on Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Carol Amon refused to throw out a lawsuit in which the city accused seven tobacco wholesalers of violating the federal Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act by selling millions of packs to reservation

smoke shops.

State law has, for several years, required wholesalers to collect excise taxes on cigarettes shipped to reservation stores, but the rule has never been enforced.

Tribal officials have argued that they are exempt from state taxes because of the sovereign status of the reservations, and two former governors, Eliot Spitzer and George Pataki, had both hesitated to confront the issue.

As a result, nearly a third of

all cigarettes sold in New York state now pass through stores on the reservations, enabling buyers to avoid some of the highest tobacco taxes in the country.

New York state's excise tax is \$1.50 per pack and will be rising soon to \$2.75. New York City tacks on its own \$1.50 tax.

In its lawsuit, lawyers for the city said it is loses millions of dollars in tax revenue annually due to the activities of smugglers who tax-free cigarettes on the reservations and illegally

resell them in the city. The suit claims the wholesalers knowingly oversupply cigarettes to the reservations, selling millions more packs than could possibly be legally consumed by members of the tribes.

The wholesalers argued that the city is inappropriately using the courts to attack a legal business that has, so far, been sanctioned by the state.

But Amon rejected the wholesalers' motion to dismiss the suit, ruling in part that the state's tax law was still in effect, even if a succession of governors had ordered the Department of Taxation and Finance not to enforce it.

"An enforcement decision by the Department does not serve to obviate state legislation," she wrote. Amon also said that the law plainly requires wholesalers to "affix tax stamps to all cigarettes the state has the power to tax, which includes those sold by reservation retailers for resale to the public."

Her order, however, was a preliminary one and did not indicate whether the city would ultimately succeed in the case.

Paul Francis Keneally, an attorney for one of the wholesalers, Capital Candy Company, Inc., of Vermont, said he disagreed with the judge's decision.

The state's tribes are not parties to the suit.

New York's Indian reservations sold nearly 304 million packs of cigarettes last year, according to state records.

Editorial Commentary



By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks Managing Editor

stated. An audit of the OHA was asked for and granted.

Almost a year and a half later, people are still presenting petitions. The charges are serious, but the evidence is slim. The rhetoric is loud and accusatory. The petitioners cry at the crimes committed by the Oneida Business Committee and then cry some more about management.

What gets lost in the din is the fact that they are asking for money. Not for themselves, never for themselves, but for poor, disenfranchised Oneida members. But if the petitioners can get a check that does not go towards debts they owe to the tribe or their child support, hey, who are they to argue.

They say the per capita payments are meant to punish leadership who made bad investments. If they made such bad investments, why did we have nearly \$90 million available for a per capita payment last year?

They look at other tribes and want what they have, ignoring that some of these tribes have smaller populations than us, bigger casinos than us, and fewer services than us.

If members want a say in the way Oneida spends its money, go to budget meetings. If you want a change in the government, vote.

Bain changed the OHA without jeopardizing the assets of Oneida. Our assets. Why do other people insist on risking everything we have just be heard?

Risking it all

On December 4, 2007, Taina Bain set the wheels in motion for the eventual removal of the Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) Board. She presented a petition asking why two community coordinator positions had been eliminated. There were not enough people for a General Tribal Council meeting. There was no \$100 payment to the attendees. Bain did not ask for any money for herself. The community coordinator positions were rein-

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SEOTS

South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

For Your Info...

Housing Information

If you have any questions regarding housing in Oneida, please give the Housing Authority a call. Call **1-800-236-2214** and ask for the Housing Authority and ask to speak with Lisa Vega or Julie Cornelius.

For Your Information - Sweat Lodge

Women's Sweat Lodge in the community is held weekly by a community member. For information call **414-383-7072** and ask for Dona.

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: **414-383-9526**

Milwaukee Indian Manpower at Spotted Eagle High School **414-342-0706**

Domestic Violence - Milwaukee Women's Center: **414-272-5132**

Domestic Violence Task Force Contact Person - Bagwajikwe Madosh **414-345-8688**

Indian Community School **414-345-3060**

American Indian Council on Alcoholism **414-671-2200**.

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.

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you! Check your Kalihwisaks for SEOTS News once a month for a listing of events. The office is located at: 6820 Wedgewood Drive. Phone: **(414) 329-4101**

Focus...



Calendar

Special Events May 2008

Check out the Web Site **www.oneidanation.org** select news and click on **Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services**

CHECK OUT THE NEW SEOTS BUILDING!

- We will be closed from Tuesday, April 29th through Friday, May 2nd
- Open on Monday - May 5th
- The new site will be open for medication pick-up only

on Thursday, May 1 & Friday, May 2nd.

- Temporary phone number to get your name on the list for medication pick-up is 1-262-416-8147.
- Temporary reception area is in the rear of the Morgan Office Park at 6820 Wedgewood Drive
- Temporary entrance at the rear of the Morgan Office Park on 6820 Wedgewood Drive
- The new location is 6811 W. Morgan - on west end of Morgan Office Park
- Be on the lookout for the Candidate Forum in June!

Candidate Forum

Candidate Forum for the Business Committee held at the Marian Center. Come to hear the Candidates and be able to ask questions and be informed for the July 5th election.

Candidates please register with SEOTS by Wednesday, June 25th. Any late registrants may speak at the end if time permits. Call to register at SEOTS **414 - 329-4101**

Date: June 22nd
Time: 1:00pm Sharp!

Place: Marian Center for Non-Profits, (Previously St. Mary's Academy) 3195 South Superior Street, off of Lake Drive in St. Francis, enter the third driveway and go to the rear for parking and follow the signs to the rear entrance by the gym. For directions use map quest

Election Polling Station to Vote - PLEASE COME TO VOTE!!!!

Date: Saturday - July 5th
Time: 7:00am - 7:00pm
Place: Election to be held at the new SEOTS Office on 6811 W. Morgan Avenue.

Craft Class

(note Thursday class)

Room for 10 people, please reserve your spot

Date: Thursday, June 5, 12, 19 & 26th

Time: 6-8pm
Place: 6820 Wedgewood Drive the rear entrance off Morgan Avenue

Craft Night, Bring your crafts to class to work on.

Kids Klub

Come for fun, crafts, culture and field trips! Kids Klub is for girls and boys, ages 8 - 12 years old. Classes are limited to 10 children on a first come first serve sign up basis. Permission slip must be signed by parent and a brown bag lunch is required each day. **1-262- 416-8187**

Date: June 23 - June 27th
Time: 10 - 3pm
Place: SEOTS - 6820 Wedgewood - rear entrance of Morgan Office Park

We Indians Program for Youth 5th - 12th Grade

The class will continue in the Fall

Cultural Heritage Class

(note Wednesday class)

Randy will discussing Community Cleansing. All are invited for an interesting evening learning our culture. Class will be on Wednesday, and begin at 7:00pm until further notice.

Date: Wednesday, May 21
Time: 7:00

Place: 6820 Wedgewood Drive the rear entrance off Morgan Avenue

Veterans Outreach

Rodney Pearsall a Veterans Benefits Coordinator will be available at SEOTS on Thursday.

Time: 10 - 1pm
Place: 6820 Wedgewood Drive the rear entrance off Morgan Avenue
Veterans' contact person for Color Guard - Leon House **(414) 543-1622**

Indian Council for the Elderly

Meals and bingo twice a week. Come to socialize and meet new people. There is a small fee for lunch.

Dates: Monday and Friday - 11:30am

First Friday of the month the meal is at 5:00pm.

Place: 631 N. 19th St. at Redeemer Lutheran Church
Phone **414-934-8096**

Contact List for Seots

Seots Board would like the community to sign up on a contact mailing list. This would help the office to inform you of any changes and or short notices for meetings and classes etc.

Please call SEOTS at **414-384-7740**

Interested in a New Career?

How about Plumbing?
Call Oneida Tribal Member Mike House - **414- 359-1310** or **1-888-248-3392**

SEOTS Office Hours:

M-T-W-TH-F: 8-4:30PM,
CLOSED NOON to 1:00PM
FOR LUNCH

Call for available week-end hours, **414-384-7740**

Regular Events...

Oneida Singers

Date: Mondays, May 12, 19 & 26

Time: 6:30pm

Place: SEOTS - 820 Wedgewood Drive the rear entrance off Morgan Avenue
Contact person John House **(414) 443-0301**

Oneida Language Class

Date: Saturdays, May 10, 24 & 31

Time: 10 - 12pm

Place: 820 Wedgewood Drive the rear entrance off Morgan Avenue

Circle of Healing Group Information

Please Call Rodney Pearsall for registration, information, and time of meeting
Rodney Pearsall - Milwaukee Vets Center - **414-536-1301**
Meeting will be held at SEOTS

Computer Lab

Open Daily for use (unless reserved for class) Note: internet may not be available because of move.

SEOTS Board Meeting
Community is Welcome to Attend

Date: Tuesday, May 13 & 26
Time: 6:00pm

Van Trip

Date: Wednesday, May 21st
Time: Departs SEOTS at 8am and returns by 6:00pm

Med Pick-up

Dates: Wednesday, May 14, 21 & 28

MUST BE CALLED IN the Friday BEFORE the Wednesday Pick-up.

Events are open to all Oneidas wherever you may live!

Stop in and meet the staff! We would be happy to serve you!

Share with us new things that you would like to see! Call us if you have questions!

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Oneida Youth & Elders Fishing Day 9th Annual

*Presented by the Oneida
Environmental, Health & Safety Division & Elderly Services*



Saturday, May 17, 2008

RAIN OR SHINE

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Osnúhsa? Kanya.tála

(Finger Lake next to the Language House)

FOOD, PRIZES for Youth & Elders, GAMES & AQUARIUM

Please bring your Tribal I.D.

Bring your fishing poles!! Bait will be provided!

Registration from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Not responsible for lost or stolen items

Tsyunhehkwa seed and plant sale

STARTS MAY 10, 2008	3. Beets	19. Squash-Butternut	*Brassica
10:00AM until 2:00PM and runs for the entire month, weekdays 1:00 - 4:30PM daily. We will be closed May 23rd thru 26th.	4. Carrots	20. Squash-Crookneck	Green Cabbage
Five Dollars (\$5.00) will provide you with 21 types of seed and 9 bedding plant selections.	5. Corn - Sweet	21. Squash-Zucchini	Broccoli
1. Beans - Green	6. Cukes - Pickling	Bedding Plants available. You may select up to four (4) of each variety:	Cauliflower
2. Beans - Wax	7. Cukes - Slicing	* Tomatoes:	Red Cabbage
	8. Lettuce	Cherry - Sungold	Marigolds and Garden Fertilizer are also available!
	9. Melon - Musk	Canning - Roma	* You may return after June 2 if you need more of anything.
	10. Melon - Water	Slicer - Brandy Wine	* Donations are Accepted.
	11. Onions	*Peppers	
	12. Peas - Snap	Bell - green	
	13. Potatoes - Red	Jalapeno - hot	
	14. Potatoes - White		
	15. Pumpkins - Pie		
	16. Radishes		
	17. Spinach		
	18. Squash - Acorn		

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When... May 16 & 17, 23 & 24, 30 & 31, 2008

Time... 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Where... New SEOTS Office

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What... Facilitated discussions and activities

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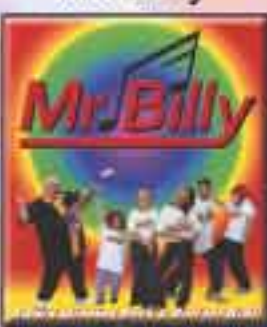
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Teen fighting liver disease

By Dawn Walschinski
KaliHwisaks

Ashley Lasee is a fighter, but like all good fighters, she needs people in her corner.

Lasee received a liver transplant at the age of three-and-a-half months. Now age 18, she's waiting for a second liver transplant at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Lasee's mother Debbie Cornelius has been staying in Rochester while they wait for a liver to become available.

"She's a strong willed little girl, I know that. Pulls out of anything, she's full of surprises," said Cornelius.

In early April, Lasee began passing stones through her liver. She became dehydrated and her kidneys shut down. She had to be put on life support for a week until her health improved.

An employee at the Oneida Casino for 18 years, Cornelius has used up her available vacation and personal time to be with her daughter. That's when the call went out for fellow employees to donate hours to Cornelius, and to contribute funds to an account set up for Lasee at Bay Bank.

Also, a benefit turkey dinner will be held Saturday, May 10 at the Norbert Hill

Center Cafeteria from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Plates are \$10.

"I just want to thank the community for helping us out," said Cornelius. "I'd be living at the hospital with Ashley and no showers."

To make a donation to Lasee, make a check out to the Ashley Lasee Fund and mail to Bay Bank, ATTN: Ashley Lasee Fund, 2555

Packerland Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313.

Lasee has a web site at www.caringbridge.org/visit/ashleylasee where visitors can get updates on her condition and leave email messages.

"I've been telling her she needs to hurry up and get up so she can get down and catch up on her (e)-mails," said Cornelius.



submitted photo

Ashley Lasee is now waiting for a second liver transplant after receiving her first liver transplant at the age of three-and-a-half months.

Oneida member Head Dancer at Gathering of Nations Powwow



kali photo/ Steven J. Gandy

Darrell Hill of Milwaukee holds a jacket that was embroidered by the Wardrobe Department. Hill was the Head Male Dancer at the annual Gathering of Nations Powwow. The Gathering of Nations Powwow is the biggest in North America and was held April 24-26 in Albuquerque, NM.



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New Immunization School Laws for 2008-2009

By Jenny Jorgensen, RN, BSN
Community Health Nursing

Your kids are probably pretty excited that another school year is almost finished. You are busy planning parties, vacations, coordinating sports schedules and summer job schedules. It's not too early to prepare your child for next school year right now. Did you know that effective September 1, 2008, the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law will be changed to include two new requirements:

1. Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is now required for next school year. Two doses of varicella vac-

cine have been shown to be more effective than one dose in preventing "breakthrough disease" cases of chickenpox in children of all ages. The only exception to not be vaccinated will be if your child has already had the disease.

2. One dose of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) is required for adolescents and is anticipated to help prevent pertussis from occurring including pertussis outbreaks. Pertussis can place a significant burden on children and parents as a person with pertussis must be isolated for a minimum of 5 days of antibiotic treatment (no work, school or activities for the full

5 days). The only exception to this vaccine is if the child has had Td vaccine within the last 5 years.

These new requirements are a must for next school year, don't wait until end of

summer to schedule your appointment. These vaccines are available from your child's doctor office or call to schedule an appointment in the Community Health Department at the Oneida

Health Center by calling 920-869-4840. The Community Health Department has changed its hours from walk in clinics to appointment only effective March 1, 2008. We are scheduling appointments

on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons and the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings of each month. Don't delay as many offices are getting several calls and booking out a few weeks.

Patients can come in anytime during Health Center hours to pick up the red disposable sharps container. No appointment needed.

Health Center Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Pick up red sharps containers at the front security desk and medical PAR area.

Did you know...about red sharps?

Submitted by Reinette Gunderson RN
Clinical Improvement Coordinator

Did you know...

The biohazard company will only take used insulin syringes in the red disposable sharps container.

Did you know...

Anytime used insulin syringes are brought into the

Health Center and not in the appropriate container, the housekeeping staff transfers the dirty needles into appropriate containers.

Did you know...

This presents a risk to our employees for needlesticks from contaminated needles.

Did you know...

Needlesticks from contam-

inated needles is a health risk for bloodborne pathogens including hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Did you know...

The Health Center offers free red disposable sharps containers.

Did you know...

Take 25
Keeping Kids Safe


Take 25 is a national child safety campaign encouraging parents and guardians to take time on May 25th, National Missing Children's Day, to talk to their children about ways to stay safe.

The Oneida Police Department and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children host Child I.D. Night to commemorate National Missing Children's Day.

Who: Oneida Police Department with Safe Assured I.D.
When: Monday, May 19, 2008 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 22, 2008 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Where: Oneida Police Department Community Room
2783 Freedom Road Oneida, WI 54155

The Oneida Police Department will create Safe Assured I.D. kits and the kits will be given to the children's parents and/or guardians.

Safe Assured I.D. kits will be provided free of charge to all enrolled Oneida tribal members. All community members are welcome to attend but there will be a \$5 charge for the I.D. kit to all others.



Are you a breastfeeding mom looking for other moms to talk to?



Are you interested in sharing your breastfeeding experiences with other new and/or expecting women in the community?

Are you currently expecting a baby and thinking about breastfeeding?

A group for Oneida families to help promote and support breastfeeding families is forming to build a strong support in the community. The goal of the group is to introduce breastfeeding moms and children to help form a peer network to encourage continued breastfeeding for all families and strengthen the Oneida Community by improving the health of future generations.

Groups will meet the fourth Friday of the month at the Oneida Community Health Center, unless otherwise specified.

Next Group Meeting...
10 AM – May 23, 2008

Please Call Beth Scheelk, RD, CLC at 920-869-4836 if you are interested in attending or with questions.

Organized by Oneida Community Health Center and WIC program

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Education

Success with Family Math & Science Night



Submitted photo

Timothy Bourdon (center) proudly displays his new computer with his mother Kathy and younger brother by his side.

Submitted by Alpha Creapeau

Special to Kalihwisaks

FMSN (Family Math & Science Night) was a huge success for a fast-paced, project that was intended to touch as many students as possible in a school year.

The project grew from these special grant funding sources, AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium), NSF (National Science Foundation), and NASA with the focus on Math & Science with families. The concepts were to promote family support for student learning, to open communication channels

between home and school, and to give parents and/or guardians useful ideas on how to help their children.

The activities were based on rocketry, symmetry, aero dynamics, chemistry, physics, and other related topics. Each school (Gresham, Bonduel, Menominee Indian Middle School, and Menominee Tribal School) was visited three times with a total of 49 families and 150 to 160 students attending these fun-filled events. 17 college students helped with the activities not all at the same event but throughout the duration of the project, according to

These are the CMN students who participated:

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Scholars):

Kim Waukechon
Casey Corneluis
Donna Klein
Dean Davis
Destiny Cobb
Dave Allapowa

Maria Haskins
Anthony Klein
Natalie-Ramos – Smith
Pam Grignon
Rebecca Boivin

ROCKET TEAM:

Dan Hawk
Christine Skenandore

CMN STUDENTS:

Deloris Cobb
Laurie Haskins
Ken Sanapaw

how the events fit into their schedules.

Erin Thomas and Alpha Creapeau were the CMN (College of Menominee Nation) faculty in charge of the project. The project (FMSN) was time consuming yet very exhilarating to be able to touch so many lives. Erin and Alpha both hope that the students and their families were able to take something with them from the activities.

Each school received a weather-station which CMN hopes will inspire the schools to work with the Sustainable Development Program as they monitor the weather in their communities. Each science teacher was given a generous budget to order supplies for their science programs to help offset low school budgets. Each family received a plastic bin full of supplies to do math/science projects at home.

As for individual incentives student's names were placed in a drawing at each event, this drawing was for

different prizes: ipods, telescopes, educational toys and the large gift for each school was a computer with printer, and t-shirts were also given to participating students. The drawing for the computer/printer was held at the last event for each school. Four lucky families went home with a computer and printer.

Winners of a computer with printer from the following schools – Gresham (GHS), Bonduel (BHS), Menominee Indian Middle School (MIMS) and Menominee Tribal School (MTS) respectively, are as follows:

GHS–Lucy Burr, daughter of Bill Burr

BHS–Sahara Burr, daughter of Kim Taylor

MIMS–Angel Kaquatosh and Chantz Hernandez, sons of Sheila Rescigno

MTS–Timothy Bourdon, son of Kathy Waukau

Thanks to the teachers at GHS(Gresham High School): Troy Kuhn, BHS (Bowler High School) Mr. Steffins, MIMS (Menominee Indian Middle School) Principal Faith Gagnon, and MTS (Menominee Tribal School) Linda Orie and David Heup for welcoming us into your schools. It takes special teachers to spend the extra time after the school day ends in order for students have a positive learning experience.

Special waewaenon (thank you), to those parents, grandparents and guardians who took time to spend with their children at FMSN educational events.

Scholarship Opportunities

NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership

Applications for the 2008 NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership Program are now available.

The YALP is a scholarship program open to males and females aged 17-25. The Ambassadors, one male and one female, serve a two-year term representing and promoting NCAI and the NCAI Youth Commission and aiding the NCAI Youth Commission leadership in its meetings and functions when requested.

Ambassadors are chosen every two years at the NCAI Annual Convention. Anyone may apply who is eligible for NCAI membership according to the NCAI Constitution, has support from their tribal council, and is a full time student at the high school, college, or graduate level.

Each Ambassador will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be paid directly to their academic institution.

To apply to be an NCAI Youth Ambassador, please visit the NCAI Youth webpage <http://www.ncai.org/> or fill out the NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership Program Application < http://www.ncai.org/ncai/youth/doc/2008_YALP_Application.pdf>.

Applications must be received by August 1, 2008 and must be complete in order to be considered. For any questions, please contact our office at (202) 466-7767.

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Trust Scholarship

The Oneida Trust Scholarship was established as a financial resource to assist eligible enrolled Oneida Tribal members in securing higher education opportunities.

The Trust Scholarship is targeted to applicants who are in need of fulfilling college entrance requirements in order to become official accepted into an accredited post-secondary education institution.

The scholarship can assist with: Required prerequisite credited classes, post-graduate preparation and admission exams, such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT or related preparatory course work.

The Trust Committee respectfully request that all recipients of this scholarship keep in mind the prospect of returning to the Oneida Tribe to share their acquired knowledge, experience, and education.

Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, be in academic good standing (2.0 grade point average for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students).

The Trust Scholarship is a one-time scholarship up to \$2,500.

For an application, contact the Higher Education Office at **920-869-4033** or **800-236-2214 x 4033**.

Perfect Attendance recipients

Elementary

Destiny Doxtator, 1st grd
Taliah Frederick, 3rd grd
Dorian LeBeau, 2nd grd
Travis Stevens, 4th grd
Christian Thomas, 2nd grd
Shantel VanDyke, 5th grd

Middle School

Josanna Cornelius-Daubon, 6th grd
Matthew Powless, 6th grd

Oneida Nation School System recognized by Indian Education Bureau



Photo courtesy of Oneida Nation School System

Above (right) Lynn Lafferty presents the award to Superintendent Sherry Mousseau.

On Friday, April 25th, Line Officer, Ms. Lynn Lafferty awarded the Oneida Nation School System, their plaque from the Bureau of Indian Education which reads:

“In recognition of outstanding academic performance and contribution to providing a quality education program to the students of Oneida Nation School System, it is hereby acknowledged that the accomplishment of Adequate Yearly Progress was achieved for the 2006-2007 school year.”

Superintendent Mousseau accepted the plaque on behalf of the students, staff, Oneida Nation School Board and the Oneida Tribe Of Indians of Wisconsin. The plaque was originally given out at a Line Officer's meeting in Phoenix, AZ on March 24th, by Mr. Kevin Skenandore, Acting Director of the Bureau of Indian Education.

Oneida Head Start...

Is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2008–2009 school year. Please bring your child's...

- Birth Certificate • Child/Parent/Grandparent Tribal Enrollment
- Current Physical • Immunization Records
- Parent/Guardian Household Income.

(We must have all of the information above to process your child's application.)

Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by **September 1, 2008**.

We Offer...

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- Family Goal Setting
- Transportation (for those on route)

You are welcome to stop by our Three Sisters or Norbert Hill Center Sites and pick up an application or call and we will mail one to you.

Our goal is to service low-income families and children with special needs!

If you are not sure if your household meets the income guidelines, please call Lisa Aho at (920) 869-4369 or 1-800-236-2214. Full consideration will be given to applications received before May 30, 2008.

Oneida Nation School System Honors

Quarter Three
2007/2008

Elementary

Highest Honors

Sandra Torres-Mejia, 3rd grade - 3.951
Sophie Skenandore-Wheelock, 3rd grade - 3.896
Michaela Welch, 4th grade - 3.843
Briana Doxtator, 5th grade - 3.807

High Honors

Aleena Escamea, 3rd grade - 3.752
Synala Smith, 4th grade, 3.728
Mariah Miranda, 3rd grade - 3.679
Shantel VanDyke, 5th grade - 3.655
Brittney Hill, 4th grade - 3.651
Michael Robinson, 3rd grade - 3.609
David Doxtater-Hill, 4th grade, 3.606
Taliah Frederick, 3rd grade - 3.606
Saquoia Metoxen, 3rd grade - 3.523
Brianna Bissonette, 4th grade - 3.509

Honors

Yakira Tate, 3rd grade - 3.494
Makayla Doxtater, 4th grade - 3.465
Akacia Muscavitch, 5th grade - 3.456
Jade Cornelius-Daubon, 4th grade - 3.450
Yetsityahawe Van Boxel, 3rd grade - 3.448
Gavin White, 3rd grade - 3.382
Jessianna Skenandore, 3rd grade - 3.353
Elianna Jimenez, 4th grade - 3.333
Dylan Waupekenay, 4th grade - 3.333
Kwnwahta Smith, 3rd grade - 3.304
Florence John, 3rd grade - 3.277
Nicholas Metoxen, 5th grade - 3.261
Karissa Cornelius-Waupoose, 5th grade - 3.195
Ruby John, 5th grade - 3.183
Yohnehtote Danforth, 4th grade - 3.173
Angalee Powless, 4th grade - 3.161
Ta-Koma King, 4th grade - 3.145

Constance Webster, 3rd grade - 3.111

Isis Croston, 5th grade - 3.064
Shantel Wilber, 4th grade - 3.043
Kasey Counard, 4th grade - 3.013

Middle School

High Honors

Cayman Berg-Morales, 7th grade - 3.689
Josanna Cornelius-Daubon, 6th grade - 3.555

Honors

Jesse Stevens, 6th grade - 3.378
Muriel King, 6th grade - 3.350
Kalene Beechtree, 8th grade - 3.333
Arthur Wilber, 6th grade - 3.271
Frederick Miller, 7th grade - 3.249
Colleen Cornelius, 8th grade - 3.117
Denver Dean, 6th grade - 3.104
Hector Miranda, 6th grade - 3.048
Michael Santiago, 8th grade - 3.023

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Thunderhawk

ONHS celebrates Earth Day 2008



THT photo by Carol Martin
ONHS Earth Day Cleanup Crew. left to right: Jade Doxtater, teacher Carol Johnson, Catherine Mills, Ashley Callahan, Miranda Nicholas, Janene Skenandore, Shanica Hill and Eli Ninham. Student picked up garbage around the Norbert Hill center.

Water Saving Tips Helping Mother Earth

By Jr. Stevens
ONHS junior

Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back, when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. Set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. Saves 750-1,500 gallons per month. Better yet, especially in times of drought, water with a hose. And best of all, convert your lawn to native plants.

Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. Saves 20 gallons per day for every leak stopped.

Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a

bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. Saves 150 gallons each time. For a two-car family that's up to 1,200 gallons a month.

- Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Saves 500 to 800 gallons per month.
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. Saves 300 to 800 gallons per month.
- Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons per month.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. Saves 150 gallons

or more each time. At once a week, that's more than 600 gallons a month.

- Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Saves 400 to 600 gallons per month.
- Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden. Saves 200 to 300 gallons per month.
- Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs--and only there. Saves 500 gallons per month.

T-Hawk LaX update

By Josh Skenandore
ONHS junior

So far the Oneida Nation High school lacrosse team has been 0-3 unless you claim the scrimmages. Then it would be 2-5-1.

The lacrosse team has been getting fit for the outside air and weather by conditioning outdoors. During our first actual game outside, most of the team got winded from the fresh air during the first half. Then, we got used to it and we played better.

The team has been running every day, working on getting the ball in the goal. We just started working on our defense. We thought our problem was our attack, but later figured out it was our

defense.

Our defense has three people and they all have long poles. They are supposed to try stopping the attacker from scoring and getting the ball down field to our players to attack. Our defense is good at getting the ball down to the other side, but we have a little problem with defending, letting the attacker get too close. If we take care of this "lil" problem, we should be good.

Our team has a lot of experience and that's what we depend on to win. A couple of times it ALMOST worked, but it was the conditioning that made us loses a couple of the games.

Recently, our two top teammates—Eddie Santiago and Lakwaho McLester—have had their sticks continuously checked because you can only have the head of the stick pinched so close. Other players have had the same thing happen. The referees have been checking because our players have really good skills and, when the opponent can't get the ball out of the stick, the officials check it. Our coach said the reason they do that is because they never seen that much skill and they are just are curious, so they check.

That's what been happening with your ONHS lacrosse team!

Harold and Kumar; two guys who made me laugh

By Racheal Ninham
ONHS senior

This movie is a sequel to the movie, Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle.

The movie is a comedy and it's really funny, if you have a good sense of humor.

This movie is about these two guys going to Amsterdam to chase after Harold's dream girl. When they are on the plane, they get caught for being terrorists and it all goes downhill from there.

They get put in Guantanamo Bay in prison, but are able to escape and get away to find a friend close to the president to help them out. They have a terrible time trying to do that and go through a lot trouble.

I'm going to stop now and let you see the movie.

Honestly, I would get this movie a B+ because it really did make me laugh.

T-Hawks set to invade Wisconsin Dells

By Ashley Ninham
ONHS senior

For our 4th quarter incentive trip this school year, ONHS students will be going to Wisconsin Dells.

We will be enjoying Noah's Ark Water Park and some of the other attractions.

This trip is for all the students that "have their stuff together" like good attendance, no unexcused absences, good behavior and so on.

To qualify academically you also can have no grades of "F," only one "D" and the rest of your grades "C" and above.

The trip is set for Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Iroquois Music Class makes history

By Janene Skenandore
ONHS Junior

We made history on Saturday May 3, 2008! As you read before in the past Kalihwisaks Newspaper, The Oneida Nation High School O h u n t s y a k e k h a Kanunyashuha - Iroquois music Class participated in the District Solo Ensemble at UW-Green Bay and received a "Superior 1" rating in the state competition.

On May 28th, Oneida Business Councilwoman Melinda Danforth will be horning our class. The last time this class preformed for the District Solo Ensemble was in March of 1999. I think that it was a great experience and I will never forget the history we made. It was not like



Indigenous Games 2008

By RaeAnne Funmaker
ONHS senior and Thunderhawk Times Editor

The Indigenous Games are coming up again this summer. The games come around once every other year.

The Indigenous Games are like the Olympics for young Native Americans. They hold all types of athletic events from basketball to badminton. Native American athletes come from all over the country.

It is a great thing to experience as a participant. When I reminisce about my experience at the last indigenous games I remember walking out onto a field and looking around to see thousands and thousands of other Native Americans. It was an amazing thing to witness.

As I recall from two years ago, Wisconsin walked away with quite a lot of medals. That year, it was held in Denver, Colorado.

This coming summer, the games will be held in British Columbia, Canada. There has been fund-raising going on and all the different teams are practicing. Hopefully it will all turn out good.



Photo courtesy of Kal'na Brooks
From left to right: Tanya Christjohn, Yuntle McLester, Yasiman Metoxen, Lakwaho McLester, Carissa Metoxen, Shaina Powless, Janene Skenandore, Evander Delgado, Lauren Mills, Kah^htit Delgado and Eli Ninham performed Saturday, May 3. Not pictured is class helper: Mesaen Wheelock.

a social dance because we were being judged and there were no other Native American music groups there. It was a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

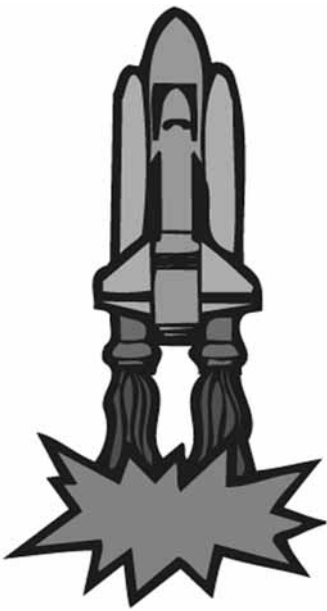
Spaceport Sheboygan, Here We Come

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

The rockets will fly!

On Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10, ONHS students and staff will be trying out the rockets that they built.

ONHS science teachers Becky Nutt and Susan Hayes will be accompanying the students to Sheboygan for the big launch. Students attending the event one or both days will be Frank Clary, Evander Delgado, Lakwaho McLester, Lauren Mills, Nick Cantu, John Callahan, Kyle White, RaeAnne Funmaker, Sean Metoxen, Bobby Danforth, Eli Ninham, and Michael Arce.



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Thunderhawk Lacrosse

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Public Notice

The Oneida Social Services Department announces that it intends to apply for a USDA Housing Preservation Grant, 7 CRF part 1944, subpart N. Program activities would provide funds to very low- and low-income Oneida enrolled tribal members living within reservation boundaries for home rehabilitation and repair. Income eligibility would be guided by the 2008 Health and Human Services federal poverty level. We invite public comment to the Oneida Social Services Department, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. (920) 490-3701.

ATTENTION FATHERS!!

Have you been ordered to reimburse the State of Wisconsin for the birthing expenses of your children?

Theses debts may be reduced! Please contact Jodi Van Cuyk at Oneida Social Services 490-3885 or toll free at 888-490-2457 ext:3885 for more information.

Bus Riders Wanted

The Oneida Head Start Program needs bus riders to be on the busses used to pick up the (AM) children and then to deliver them home (PM). Morning shift and afternoon shifts are available. For every two rides the volunteer will be given a \$10.00 gas card. If interested please call Valerie Groleau at 496-5200.

Board Vacancies

Oneida Arts Board:
Four (4) vacancy

Qualifications:

- Shall be seven (7) members of which four (4) shall be enrolled Members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
- Shall serve a term of three (3) years
- The maximum amount of time a board member can serve will be two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms

Purpose:

Provide the opportunity for people to explore and enhance lifestyles, which involve the arts by providing assistance in program development and design

The Oneida Nation Arts Board shall act in an advisory capacity, which maintains a cooperative and communicative relationship with program staff and upper management.

Oneida Nation School Board:

One (1) vacancy

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Board Vacancies

Qualifications:

- Remainder of term ending 2009
- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- Shall be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the Oneida Nation School System.

Oneida Land Claims Commission:
One (1) vacancy

Qualifications:

- Any tribal member who appears on the official roll of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and is eligible to vote can serve on the Oneida Land Claims Commission.
- A Land Claims Commission member shall not be: consultant, staff person of Land Claims or Attorney, who is assigned duties of Oneida Land Claims.
- Shall serve remainder of term ending , 2011.

*Deadline date of
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Public Hearing

**Amendments to the
Burial Law**

Purpose:

Amendments to the Burial Law so that all references to the Cemetery Board are replaced with the Division of Land Management (Land Office) in order that the Land Office can assume responsibility for the Tribal Cemetery.

When: June 10, 2008

Where: Business Committee
Conference Room
(BCCR)

Time: 11:30AM

Public Hearing Process

I. Testimony:

A. Oral:

There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral presentations. 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 writ-

Public Hearing

ten 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 (Patricia Hoeft) or Peril Huff, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center, 2nd floor or mail to PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155.

* If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed law 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 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this law are also available on the LOC Website: www.onloc.oneidationation.org

Legal Notice

Oneida Tribal Judicial System Original Hearing Body Notice of Complaints Filed and scheduled Hearings

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 judgment against them, on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Oneida Tribal Judicial System Office at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite # 1.
Lyn Lucas, 07-TC-192;
Kelly & Shelly Stevens 08-TC-002;
Douglas Skenandore 08-TC-006;
Linda King, 08-TC-009;
Bonnie Stoneman 08-TC-011;
Kalene White, 08-TC-016;
Blanche Escamea 08-TC-025;
Barbara McKinzie 08-TC-027;
Geronimo Powless 08-TC-029

For specific questions about this claim, settlement, or payment arrangements, please contact Diana Westcott, Central Accounting Department at (920) 490-3556. If you have questions on the process, feel free to contact the Clerk or Administrator, Oneida Tribal Judicial System at (920) 496-5300.

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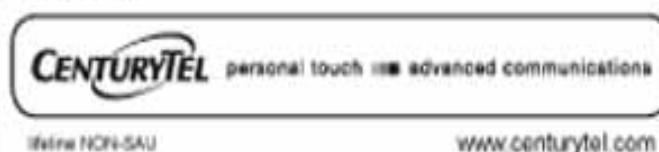
CenturyTel offers telephone assistance to individuals living on Tribal Lands

Consumers living on a federally-recognized tribal land may qualify for assistance programs that discount initial telephone installation and basic monthly residential service. CenturyTel is spreading the word about the programs so tribal residents who participate in federal or state assistance programs may apply for the phone discounts.

The assistance programs, known as Link-Up and Enhanced Tribal Lifeline, are available to qualifying tribal residents and vary from state to state, depending on whether the state has its own Lifeline program. Link-Up support for tribal lands provides a discount on the initial installation of a traditional, wireline telephone for a primary residence. The Enhanced Tribal Lifeline Assistance program enables participants to receive basic monthly telephone service, depending on current rates, at their primary residence for as little as one dollar a month.

Residents of American Indian and Alaskan Native tribal lands may qualify for Enhanced Tribal Lifeline discounts of up to \$35 per month on basic monthly telephone service and up to \$70 of expanded Link-Up support beyond current levels. An individual living on tribal lands may qualify for Enhanced Tribal Lifeline and Link-Up discounts if he or she participates in one of the following programs: Medicaid, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Head Start, Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF), Tribal National School Lunch Program, and Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, or have a household annual gross income at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty level.

Individuals living in a CenturyTel service area should call 800-201-4099 and ask for Tribal Lifeline or visit www.centurytel.com/lifeline to inquire about eligibility. Residents living outside of the CenturyTel service area should contact their local phone company for more information.



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Good News



New Arrivals

If you have a birth announcement, please send it to the Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920) 869-4280 for more information. There is NO CHARGE for birth announcements. However, if you would like to include a photo, please send a SASE with your submission. 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!

Happy Birthday

Jazmine King
on May 19



Love Grandma Deb, Uncle, Shawn & Girls

Happy 9th Birthday


Happy golden Birthday Quincy Beach Q will be 9 on May 9th!



Lot's of Love!
Dad, Mom & Darius

Happy 30th Birthday


Daddy
on May 9



Love Mitchell Jr.

Happy Birthday

Tia King
on May 1



Love Grandma Deb, Uncle, Shawn & Girls

Happy Birthday

Bobbi!!!
on May 14th
From
Communications
(Deb & Phil) & Kali
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Happy 4th Birthday


To our little mama's boy Jesse Jose Garcia
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Happy 65th Birthday

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Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

May 2008 Calendar of Events

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Evening Bird Walk:
Take a hike at night
Thursday, May 15, 2008
at 6 P.M.

Happy Birthday

Dennis King
on May 20



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There is no admission charge for the Sanctuary, which is open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. mid-April through mid-September and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. mid-September through mid-April, with nature trails closing at 4:30 p.m. year-round.

The Sanctuary is located at 1660 East Shore Drive on Green Bay's east side across from Bay Beach Amusement Park.

For more information, visit the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Web site at www.baybeachwildlife.com

Happy Mothers Day
Olskool!
From Youngn

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Next Deadline is...Wednesday May 14, 2008 @ 4:30 p.m. with a Publish Date of...Thursday, May 22, 2008

Questions, please call: 920-869-4277, 4279 4280 or 4090 or email us at: kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org

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Sports

First Edition of the Brown County Bicycle Transportation Map Released

GREEN BAY, WI – A collaboration between private and public agencies has resulted in the first edition of the Brown County Bicycle Transportation Map. After hours of meetings, data entry mapping and the support of area companies, the map is printed and ready to be used by bicyclists of all ages. And just in time! With gas prices on the rise, the bike map will serve as a valuable tool as bicyclists map out a safer route to their favorite destinations. “The impact that this map can have on the community will be ten-fold. Just taking your bike to the store or post office impacts the environment, the health of the rider and their wallet,” states Rebecca Meert, CHES Brown County Health Department.

“With more bicyclists on the road, communities will realize how cost effective well designed bicycle and pedestrian facilities can be. When people travel neighborhood streets on a bicycle they connect with the community and become eyes and ears on the streets making a community safer for all.” At only \$3 per copy this handy map is quite a bargain! The map is available at most specialty bicycle shops, city and village offices as well as at St. Mary’s Hospital’s A Woman’s Place. Information about the map is available at the Brown County Planning Department web page:

www.co.brown.wi.us/planning_and_land_services/planning/county_web/BicycleMapIntro.html

Public Agencies involved: Brown County Planning, Health and Park Departments, UWGB, Allouez Park Department and Sustainable Green Bay.

Private Companies: WE BIKE, St Mary’s Hospital, Stadium Bike, JB Cycle and Sport, Denis Sport Shop, Mau and Associates, WI Bicycle Federation, Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and Bay Shore Bicycle Club.

Also involved were dedicated volunteer bicyclists who gave input for a user-friendly finished product.

Information about the map is available at the Brown County Planning Department web page:
www.co.brown.wi.us/planning_and_land_services/planning/county_web/BicycleMapIntro.html

Marching for a cause



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

A March of Dimes volunteer encourages donations during the March For Babies on April 26 at Ashwaubenon Community Center. Cold and windy weather did not stop walkers from raising awareness and money. All money raised went toward the March of Dimes, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of babies by reducing birth defects and infant mortality.

Battle of the Badges at ONES



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

The first ever Oneida Security versus the Oneida Police Department basketball game was held on April 26 at the Turtle School. Security prevailed in a tight game 74-71. Prizes were given out during halftime games and drawings. The event raised nearly \$375 for the annual Elder Luncheon. Kayukualiyo Danforth is shown dunking during the second half. He was awarded \$20 for the first dunk of the game. Security’s Wendy Besonen was awarded the oldest knee caps during halftime.

Scholarships Available for Summer Art Camps

The Oneida Nation Arts Program has funding available to provide two Oneida middle or high school students with a scholarship to attend the summer art camps at UW-Green Bay. The scholarships are based on first

come, first served and will cover the cost of the computer registration fee. All art camps are Monday thru Friday and are held at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Campus. In addition to excellent and dedicat-

ed UW-Green Bay faculty members, students will be taught by some of the finest teachers and professional performers and artists from across the country. This is an opportunity for your son or daughter to enjoy learning new skills and techniques with other talented students. Options available to students include drawing, fashion design, ceramics, photography, painting, computer animation, multimedia printing, metals & jewelry, sculpture and mosaics.

- Middle School Art Camp: June 16 – 20
 - High School Art Camp: June 23 – 27
- Regular class schedule Monday – Thursday, 8:30AM–4:00PM, Friday class 8:30AM–3:00PM, Lawton Gallery exhibit, Friday, 5:00–6:00 PM.

The UWGB registration form and the Oneida Nation Arts Program Scholarship form must be completed and submitted to Christine Klimmek at the Oneida Nation Arts Program. There are two scholarships available.

To apply, contact Christine Klimmek at cklimmek@oneidation.org or call 490-3831 to receive a scholarship application. Students must also fill out the university’s registration form for the camps and submit both forms to the Oneida Nation Arts Program. Registration forms and more information on the camps can be found on the University of Wisconsin web site www.uwgbsummercamps.com

If possible, please get the recommendation of your child’s art teacher. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the Arts Program for a brochure.

Parents are responsible for paying any lab fees, providing art supplies, meals and transportation for their student. (Students who are seniors this year are not eligible.)

The scholarships were made available this year, in part, due to funds received from the Wisconsin Arts Board Regranting Program.

2008 SHORELINE LEAGUE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Wed	Away May 28	Two Rivers	7:30
Fri	Home May 30	Casco	7:30
Fri	Home June 6	Algoma	7:30
Wed	Home June 11	Denmark	7:30
Fri	Away June 13	Kewaunee	7:30
Sun	Away June 22	Branch	4:00
Wed	Home June 25	Denmark	7:30
Fri	Away June 27	Algoma	7:30
Sun	Away June 29	Casco	4:00
Wed	Home July 2	Kewaunee	7:30
Wed	Home July 9	Branch	7:30
Fri	Home July 11	Two Rivers	7:30
Mon	Away July 14	Two Rivers	7:30
Wed	Home July 16	Algoma	7:30
Wed	Away July 23	Kewaunee	7:30
Fri	Home July 25	Casco	7:30
Fri	Away Aug 1	Denmark	7:30
Sun	Home Aug 3	Branch	2:00



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Upcoming General Tribal Council Meetings

Meeting Date: **May 10, 2008**

Purpose: “To call for a special General Tribal Council Meeting to consider and approve the following:

1. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$5,000 to those Oneida Tribal Members under the age of 62 years of age enrolled prior to the distribution date, and \$10,000 to those Oneida Tribal Members 62 years of age and older enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; or
2. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$7,500 to those Oneida Tribal Members under the age of 62 years of age enrolled prior to the distribution date, and \$10,000 to those Oneida Tribal Members 62 years of age and older enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; or
3. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$10,000 to all Oneida Tribal Members enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employ-

- ment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; or
4. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$15,000 to all Oneida Tribal Members enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; or
 5. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$20,000 to all Oneida Tribal Members enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; and
 6. To increase the existing \$800 annual per capita payment to \$1,200, \$2,000, or \$2,500 to all Oneida Tribal Members enrolled prior to the distribution date which shall be mailed not later than September 30th each year perpetually.

Petitioner: Linda S. Dallas
Location: Oneida Elementary (Turtle) School Gym
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.

Meeting Date: **July 7, 2008**
Purpose: General Tribal Council Semi-Annual meeting.
Location: Oneida Elementary (Turtle) School Gym
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Registration begins at 4:00 P.M.

Meeting Date: **September 2008** – To Be Determined
Purpose: Annual Budget Meeting.
Location: Oneida Elementary (Turtle) School Gym
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.

Petitions Received by the Secretary’s Office

The following petitions for Special Meetings were received by the Secretary’s Office and are waiting for the date to be set:

- Date Received: January 31, 2008
Petitioner: Linda S. Dallas
Purpose: “We, the undersigned fifty (50) or more qualified voters, assert our constitutional rights and direct the Oneida Tribal Chairman to call a special General Tribal Council meeting no later than forty-five (45) calendar days from the date the Tribal Secretary receives this petition, and further directs that the special General Tribal Council meeting shall be held on a Saturday only for greater participation, with only the following purpose(s) being the only agenda items(s) noticed to and considered by the General Tribal Council:
1. America’s Dream, Inc. to present a proposal for the development and construction of 250 or more affordable homes on the Oneida Reservation in Brown County in the Village of Hobart, and
 2. For GTC to approve a proposal for America’s Dream, Inc. to develop and construct 250 or more affordable homes on the Oneida Reservation in Brown County in the Village of Hobart, and
 3. For GTC to issue directives to appropriate persons and/or areas, to include but not limited to, Oneida Boards, Committees, Commissions, corporations, entities, departments and programs, with regard to matters that include, but are not limited to, land, financing, infrastructure, water/sewer and/or well/septic, to ensure the success and timeliness of the project.

- Date Received: February 26, 2008
Petitioner: Cathy L. Metoxen
Purpose: “We, the undersigned fifty (50) or more qualified voters, submit this petition along with the required ordinance to assert our constitutional rights and direct the Oneida Tribal Chairman to call a special General Tribal Council meeting no later than forty-five (45) calendar days from the date the Tribal Secretary receives this petition. We, the undersigned, assert our constitutional rights and further direct the special General Tribal Council meeting shall be held on a Saturday only to allow for greater participation by the Oneida General Tribal Council (membership), with only the following purpose(s) and agenda items(s) noticed to and considered by the General Tribal Council for this particular GTC Meeting:
1. For complete disclosure of any and all findings by or on behalf of the Oneida Indians of Wisconsin and the Attorney General’s Office directly to the GTC, to include but not limited to, the Oneida Housing Authority, Oneida Housing Authority personnel, Oneida Housn Authority Board Members, Oneida Business Committee member(s), family and or friends of Oneida Housing Authority personnel and/or family and/or friends of Oneida Housing Authority Board members, and
 2. For GTC to discuss, take action and issue directives to appropriate persons and/or areas, to include but not limited to, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Boards, Committees, Commissions, corporations, entities, departments, and programs, regarding any and all Oneida Housing Authority issues to include, but not limited to the expenditures and conduct of all Oneida Housing Authority personnel, and board members, including but not limited to Mark Stancheck, Gina (Powless) Bruenrostro, Shannon (Metoxen) King, Susan (Danforth) Martines, Evelyn (Schuyler) Elm, Kate Stevens, Jennifer (Kurowski) Hill, Linda Torres, Jason Johnson, Fern Birdsbill and Interim OHA Director, Susan House.”

- Date Received: February 27, 2008
Petitioner: Linda S. Dallas and Mike Debraska
Purpose: “We, the undersigned fifty (50) or more qualified voters, assert our constitutional rights and direct the Oneida Tribal Chairman to call a special General Tribal Council meeting no later than forty-five (45) calendar days from the date the Tribal Secretary receives this petition, and further directs that the special General Tribal Council meeting shall be held on a Saturday only for greater participation, with only the following purpose(s) being the only agenda items(s) noticed to and considered by the General Tribal Council:
1. To present a proposal for an independent outside audit and legal counsel to represent the Oneida General Tribal Council with regard to the independent outside audit, and
 2. For GTC to approve a proposal for an independent outside audit and legal counsel to represent the Oneida General Tribal Council with regard to the independent outside audit, and
 3. For GTC to issue directives to appropriate persons and/or areas, to include but not limited to, Oneida Boards, Committees, Commissions, corporations, entities, departments, and programs, with regard to matters that include, but are not limited to, and independent outside audit and legal counsel to represent the Oneida General Tribal Council with regard to the independent outside audit.”

ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN JULY 5, 2008 - GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT	
BUSINESS COMMITTEE CHAIR Choose one (1)	BUSINESS COMMITTEE COUNCIL MEMBER Choose five (5)
GARY L. JORDAN BERNIE STEVENS LEE NINHAM STEVE MITTAG MARK POWLESS SR. RICHARD G. HILL LINDA S.DALLAS	RONDA L. SKENANDORE AMELIA CORNELIUS BRANDON J. COOPER BRENDA JOHN STEVENS RAMON M. PAULL JR. AL MANDERS ED DELGADO JENNIFER WEBSTER "JENNY" GINA POWLESS BUENROSTRO BENJAMIN DOYLE VIEAU DANIEL A. KING TRISH KING LEE NINHAM STEVE MITTAG DALE WHEELLOCK RONALD J. SUMMERS ANITA F. BARBER BRANDON STEVENS TIMOTHY D. NINHAM JOHN G. ORIE
BUSINESS COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR Choose one (1)	SUSAN K. DOXTATOR
KATHY HUGHES HUGH DANFORTH ANITA F. BARBER JOHN G. ORIE VINCE DELAROSA GREG MATSON DOROTHY A. SKENANDORE KRISTINE (KRIS) HILL	DAVID BISCHOFF EUGENE YOGI METOXEN JASON J. KUROWSKI MELINDA J. DANFORTH JUDY CORNELIUS GREG MATSON CHARLES FW WHEELLOCK (CHAZ) GENEVIEVE GOLLNICK RON "TEHASSI" HILL JR
BUSINESS COMMITTEE TREASURER Choose one (1)	ONEIDA NATION SCHOOL BOARD (Parent) Choose two (2)
JIM VANSTIPPEN JOHN G. ORIE TINA DANFORTH L. GORDON MCLESTER III FRED MUSCAVITCH	DEBRA J. DANFORTH
BUSINESS COMMITTEE SECRETARY Choose one (1)	ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION Choose two (2)
LEYNE OROSCO PATTY NINHAM HOEFT SUSAN DANFORTH-MARTINEZ CAROLE LIGGINS	AMELIA CORNELIUS HUGH DANFORTH
ONEIDA LAND COMMISSION Choose two (2)	ONEIDA NATION COMMISSION ON AGING (ONCOA) Choose three (3)
TED HAWK HUGH DANFORTH JUDY CORNELIUS JEANINE SCOFIELD ANDERLE DAVID W. BISCHOFF ERIC MCLESTER PAT CORNELIUS ROCHELLE A. POWLESS JOHN G. ORIE SYLVIA CORNELIUS WAUPOOSE	PEARL MCLESTER HUGH DANFORTH RITA M. SUMMERS ARLETTA J. (COOKIE) KUROWSKI CAROL L. ELM DONALD D. MCLESTER ROCHELLE A. POWLESS
ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION Choose one (1)	ONEIDA TRUST & ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE Choose two (2)
AMELIA CORNELIUS TRISH KING ELAINE REED-DOXTATOR STEVE MITTAG EUGENE YOGI METOXEN LARRY B. SMITH DAVID D. SCHUYLER CHRIS J. CORNELIUS GLADYS D. DALLAS	RAMON M. PAULL JR. SHARON ALVAREZ DEBRA J. DANFORTH DOROTHY J. SKENANDORE RITA REITER CHRIS J. CORNELIUS ERIC MCLESTER

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Environmental

Local plant, crops effected by global warming



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Corn is being converted in to biofuels, causing a rise in the price of food locally and world wide.

By Betsy Galbraith and Bill Koonz

Environmental Department

Get ready to haul the hoses around and set up sprinklers. Climate change equals hotter, drier summers and more sporadic rain events. That will mean more weeds and less grass. With any luck maybe you'll be using your lawn mower less.

The plants that we currently cultivate here in our yards are "zoned" as fours and

fives for Wisconsin, based on the USDA hardiness zone map. As temperatures shift northward, Wisconsin residents will be able to grow more southerly plants zoned as fives and sixes. One example is the Yucca. It grows here now but eventually freezes out thanks to Wisconsin winters. It is drought tolerant and will likely to survive the expected drier summers and slightly

species move more easily than others. Plants whose seeds are carried by the wind or animals will have better chances of establishing in new areas more quickly than those dispersed by insects or water.

You've probably noticed that grocery prices are hitting your wallet in a big way lately. It is more expensive to grow the foods we eat thanks to rising fuel prices and pro-

milder winters in our future.

How will the native plants that have existed here on the reservation for thousands of years fare? They are programmed to tolerate the stresses of global warming better than many of our introduced plants. However, as they are stressed, it is easier for invasive or non-native plants to displace them. We may also see some shift in the types of native plants grown in this area.

Conditions will improve for the migration of some southerly plant species into Wisconsin. Some plant

longed drought in many areas of the world. The cost for a carton of eggs has doubled in the last year. Foods, especially fresh produce that must be transported any distance will cost more. Bananas are a good example, up 20% in the last few months.

And speaking of fuel! Grains (mainly corn) being grown for the biofuel industry also contribute to rising grocery prices. As farmers plant more corn, they plant less of the other crops such as soybeans and wheat, thus driving up the prices.

Watch for tips for reducing your footprint on mother earth in the final article of this climate change series in the next Kali. For more information, contact Betsy Galbraith or Bill Koonz at 920-496-5330.



ONEIDA BINGO

Recognizes Oneida Elder Lifetime Achievements



Do you know an Oneida Elder role model that inspires others to make lasting, good faith contributions to our community?

Oneida Bingo is seeking candidates, 55 and older, who are living role models that have had a significant impact on their family, friends, the Oneida Nation community, and/or surrounding communities.

To nominate an Oneida Elder, please **write and attach a brief summary** of their accomplishments and contributions to the community.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008.

The Lifetime Achievement award recipient will be honored at Oneida Bingo during a time to be determined.

Oneida Bingo Lifetime Achievement Nomination

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Nominated by: _____

Nomination Deadline: Saturday, May 31, 2008.

ATTACH NOMINEE'S SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS.

Submit completed nomination to Mark W. Powless, Bingo/OTB Director
IMAC/Casino Bingo Hall, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155

Date Received by Oneida Bingo: _____





**Fitness Members
for the month of
April 2008**

Rita Schmitt
Rita has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness just over two years. She first began an exercise program due to a number of health problems, including fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue. For years, constant fatigue, along with muscle pain, joint pain, and low motivation, made it difficult for Rita to maintain an exercise program. However, after trying several medications and other therapies recommended from various doctors and practitioners over the past several years to improve her fatigue and pain, Rita has come to discover the power of exercise and the benefits that derive from it.

Since working out regularly, Rita has increased her strength and has substantially reduced the number of painful joint and muscle flare-ups that she has been accustomed to in the past. Rita has also lost some weight, increased her level of energy, and improved her attitude towards her health. All of these accomplishments are attributed to a diverse exercise program that includes walking for 30-60 minutes per day and weight training twice a week. She also participates in yoga, tai chi, and a cardio class each once a week.

Finally, Rita's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "Do it for yourself to improve your quality of life. Get information on what daily exercise you can do to improve your health and prevent disease, especially as you age. Knowing the proven benefits will keep you motivated!"

Anthony Kuchma
Anthony has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for about seven years. He first began an exercise program there in order to lose the weight that he gained in college. He also was motivated because of the convenience of being able to workout during his lunch break. He had to overcome a few injuries by altering his approach to exercise, mostly in the form of warming up before hand, and stretching before and after his workout. Another obstacle includes working through his lunches during the busy field season at his job, which challenges him to alter his schedule so he may still exercise at least three times per week. Despite all of this, the fact that he wants to set a healthy example for his 4 year old daughter, Ruby, continually drives Anthony to exercise.

Anthony's workout program includes weight training three times a week, along with at least twelve minutes of intense cardio exercise everyday. He also tries to attend at least one group exercise class per week, with Boot Camp, Core, and Spinning being some of his favorites.

Anthony enjoys working out at Oneida Family Fitness because the staff is very helpful and motivating, which makes him feel welcome there. He also likes the social aspect of working out with the other members.

Finally, Anthony's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "Work with the Fitness Center staff to set goals and establish an exercise program to accomplish the goals and stick with them. It takes time and commitment to see results!"

Family Fitness Highlights

Have fun with kids this spring

By Jason Manders
Fitness Specialist

This message goes out to all those parents looking for activities for their children this Spring/Summer. With the warm weather finally here, it's important for everyone to be prepared for outside activities, so please wear appropriate clothing before venturing out, and always wear sunscreen when in the sun. Summer time is great for parents and children to spend time together. Here are a few ideas to enjoy the upcoming

season:

Why not get wet in the hot sun? A swimming pool is a great way to not only exercise but to spend family time. If you live in Oneida, the pond behind the Norbert Hill center is a great place to cool down. Lifeguards from Oneida Family Fitness are on duty most days of the week for your safety. With plenty of beach sand to build castles and dig your feet into, the pond is ideal for the pool enthusiast.

Just take a walk. A great

way to shed those unwanted calories and enjoy nature is by walking. There are many walking and biking trails in the area. Trails can be found behind the Norbert Hill building, along the Fox River and many other places. There are trails for road bikes, mountain bikes, walking/running. The choice is yours. In some instances, a seasonal pass may be required.

The warm weather is coming. Be prepared. Be safe, and most importantly have fun.

Join Team Oneida for the Bellin Run!

By Eric Frantz & Ryan Waterstreet
Team Captains

Join Team Oneida, it's not too late! Registrations for the Bellin Run are being taken at the front desk up until Wednesday June 5th. As a part of Team Oneida, you will receive _ off on your registra-

tion form. You will also get a Bellin Run T-shirt and goodie bag as well. If you do not make it in time to register by then, you may still join the team by registering online at www.bellinrun.com and entering the code #716 (you will have to pay full price).



Oneida Family Fitness Staff	
Michelle Mielke.....	Fitness Center Director
Ryan Waterstreet.....	Assistant Director
Ryan Engel.....	Fitness Specialist Supervisor
Stefanie Reinke.....	Fitness Specialist Lead
Eric Frantz.....	Fitness Specialist
Jason Manders.....	Fitness Specialist
Tiffany Brockington.....	Fitness Specialist
Todd Shelto.....	Fitness Specialist
Tek Skenandore.....	Fitness Assistant
Hudson Denny.....	Fitness Specialist/Promotions
Kevin Schoenebeck.....	Martial Arts Coordinator
Adam Brown.....	Martial Arts Instructor
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Shoshana King.....	Administrative assistant
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Nicole Cooley.....	Lifeguard
Orrie Kreuscher.....	Lifeguard
Matt Fourness.....	Lifeguard
Elaena Duffy.....	Lifeguard
Jessica Mettler.....	Lifeguard

The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at:

2640 West Point • Green Bay, WI Phone: (920) 490-3730.
Look for **O.F.F. highlights** once a month in the Kali.

Commit To Fit Club: Fitness Incentive

By Eric Frantz
Fitness Specialist

It's a proven fact that exercising 3-5 days per week for 30-60 minutes will help you to live a healthier, more energetic life! That's why the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) makes this recommendation. Here at Oneida Family Fitness, we also believe the same to be true, and that is why we have created the Commit To Fit Club to help motivate our members to exercise regularly.

Since its creation in 2007, the Commit To Fit Club has helped to improve our members' participation in a regular exercise program. Now in the second year, approximately 8.2% of our 3000+ members have exercised at least 3-5 days per week over the past 6 months! With your help, this number will continue to grow!

Being listed in the Commit To Fit Club is easy: just check-in and exercise at Oneida Family Fitness three or more times per week! It's an automatic incentive that you do not need to register for.

Even better is what you may win! Besides being a healthier person from regular exercise, you will have a chance to win Oneida Retail Cards ranging from \$10 to \$500!!!! Every month, one male and one female with the most check-ins will win a \$10

card (limit one per year). Also, each month you are listed in the Commit To Fit Club's categories (Silver-3x/week average, Gold-4x/week average, and Platinum-5x/week average), you will receive the same number of entries into a year-end drawing for Oneida Retail Cards of larger amounts (4-\$250 and 3-\$500)!!!

Simply put, this is a great program to help you improve your life! The more you exercise, the healthier you will be and have a good chance at winning some cool prizes along the way!

Oneida Family Fitness Hours:
M-T-W-TH-F: 5:30AM-8:30PM
Saturday: 7AM-2:00PM
For more information call **490-3730**

Celebrate

Fitness Frenzy

with Oneida Family Fitness!

Oneida Family Fitness is extending complimentary facility use to all Oneida Tribe Employees, Family, and Friends from
May 12 – 22.

Photo ID required. Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

New Member Promotion!

FREE gas gift card and Member Initiation Fee waived
for the first 50 *new Annual memberships purchased the weeks of May 12 – 22.


* Valid on new annual memberships only, no membership renewals.

Oneida Tribe of Indians Celebrates

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Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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It's never too early to start planning for the Miss Oneida & Jr. Miss Oneida Pageant...

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3. Have no previous or pending misdemeanor or felony convictions
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If you have any questions or need ideas call...

Rich Figueroa at (920) 496-5026
Tana Aguirre at (920) 869-4239
Racquel Hill at (920) 869-4328

Applications are available in the Main Office of the Norbert Hill Center or they can be printed off the Oneida Nation website at www.oneidanation.org under the subheading of Culture & Traditions. You can also call the above number to have one mailed.