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NY Oneidas get land into trust

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) ~ The federal government will place 13,004 acres of upstate New York land into a trust for the Oneida Indian Nation.

The U.S. Department of Interior says it has given final approval to the tribe's two-year-old application. The acreage announced Tuesday is slightly less than the 13,086 acres recommended earlier this year by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Oneidas filed their trust application in 2005 after the U.S. Supreme Court decided against the tribe in a long-running dispute with the city of Sherrill over unpaid taxes on Indian-owned property.

The Oneidas had asked for 17,370 acres in trust, which exempts the property from state and local taxes and laws. Government leaders from Madison and Oneida counties wanted no more than about 1,000 acres in trust.

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GTC votes to increase annual per cap payment

By Nate Wisneski

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The General Tribal Council (GTC) overwhelmingly approved a per capita plan that increased the current \$800 per capita payment to \$1200 starting in fiscal year 2009 at the May 10 GTC meeting at the Turtle School.

Over 1100 GTC members passed the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) endorsed plan that also included the creation of a yearly deposit of \$1 million in an endowment fund to fully fund future per capita payments. The new

plan is on the heels of an existing per capita ordinance set to expire in 2009.

The meeting was convened due to a petition received by the OBC that called for an increase in the current per capita payment. The petition put forth increases in the annual payment from \$800 to \$1200, \$2000 or \$2500 and an additional one-time payment ranging from \$5000 to \$20,000.

Petitioner Linda Dallas cited attempts to lower the \$5000 and \$10,000 special one-time per capita payments,

approved at an August 11, 2007 GTC meeting, were the reason for the petitioned request. "There had been a movement essentially to reduce that payment and a large number of people in the community were very upset about it, so we made a petition to send a message that if you want to play and try to reduce it we can also increase it. So the petition you have in your packet is because they wanted to play," said Dallas, during her presentation to the GTC. According to Dallas, she was asked to withdraw

her petition, but decided to let the GTC make the decision.

Strong opposition to any large one-time payment was evident after presentations by the tribe's finance area showing drastic repercussions to tribal services and employment if a large payment was made.

"It's not that I can't use (the money), I know I can, but I feel the services of the tribe are more important than my debt," said Amelia Cornelius, during the discussion portion of the meeting.

"I supported John Powless'

petition because he knew the money was there and available. I do not support this petition. It is not doable. The tribe does not have billions of dollars," said OBC Councilman Ed Delgado.

Jeff House, Financial Planner/Analyst for the Trust Department, believes the GTC made the best decision possible in creating an endowment for future per capita payments and explains

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HUD letter prompts OHA to adjust rent

By Dawn Walschinski

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The Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) received confirmation from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offices in Denver that they can change OHA polices to not count the \$5000/\$10,000 per capita payment made in December, 2007 towards income.

The Oneida Business Committee passed an emergency resolution on Wednesday, May 14 addressing this issue, as well, directing OHA to begin recalculating tenant rents. According to OHA Assistant Executive Director Jason Johnson the process of recalculating the rents will take a couple of weeks.

"We're going to change language and our polices ... to reflect the change," said Johnson.

The OBC and the OHA will be meeting weekly to complete the task.

According to OHA Interim Director Susan House, OHA staff began researching the impact on income calculations of the proposed per capita payment in August, 2007. They received a response from Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs Administrator Kevin Fitzgibbons that OHA had to follow the policies set by the former OHA board to count the one-time-payment as income. OHA staff then contacted the Denver offices of HUD to see if OHA could change the policy.

"We had the conversation (with HUD) in April, we wanted it in writing," said House.

OHA calculated tenant's rents in January of 2008. The change in rent did not go into effect until February for some, March or April for others. Approximately 100 plus tenants faced a rent increase. According to House, the top increase was \$124 a month. Tenants paying a flat rent were not affected.

Oneida housing tenant Yvonne Metivier has been an

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Fishing traditions passed on to next generation



Kali Photos/Nate Wisneski

The 9th annual Youth & Elder Fishing Day was held on Saturday, May 17 at Osn&hsa> Lake. Music, games, prizes and food were available to attendees.

The annual event offered an opportunity for local youth and elders to gather and share their fishing expertise.

At right: Greg Roskom and his son Robert, of Oneida, enjoy the beautiful weather while catching perch, bass and panfish.

Oneida Hymn Singers receive national award

By Dawn Walschinski

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The Oneida Hymn Singers are a multi-generational thread connecting Oneida with its past, and its people with its language. Now they will be honored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) as a 2008 Arts National Heritage Fellow in mid-September.

Hymn singers Lee Gordon McLester III, or Gordy as he's widely know, applied for the fellowship and \$20,000 grant on behalf of the group.

"We were looking at different ways for various recognitions and possible fund raising for the singers, and Jerry Hill brought this to our attention," said McLester.

The Oneida Hymn Singers produced a six-minute-video about the history of the group and included hymn that had been translated into Mohawk in 1835. The video caught the eyes of the Heritage Award committee.

The singers will travel to

Washington, DC September 16-19 to participate in a banquet, award ceremony and

concert. The Oneida Hymn Singers will be one of twelve artists being honored to

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Hymn Singers



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

The Oneida Hymn Singers were selected as Arts National Heritage Fellows by the National Endowment for the Arts. The group will receive a \$20,000 grant which they plan to put towards new hymnal books and production of a new CD. Front row, left to right: Noel Cleven and Jan Frion. Second row: Carol Cornelius, Patty Skenandore and Betty McLester. Last row: Neil Cornelius and Lee "Gordy" McLester III.

Kindergarten next step for graduating Head Start class



kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Oneida Head Start students donned their caps and gowns for their graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 21 in the Oneida Business Committee Conference Room. Due to construction the ceremony was moved from the Norbert Hill Center auditorium to the conference room.

Deadline drawing near for 'Get to know the candidates' section

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- The **Deadline for candidates running for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer**, will be **Wednesday, June 11** for publication in the **June 19th** 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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Tribe reaches tentative service agreement with Brown County

By Nate Wisneski

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The Oneida Tribe and Brown County have reached a tentative service agreement after nearly five years with no contract in place.

Terms of the agreement have not been released but in 2003, the last year of the expired contract, the tribe paid the county \$500,000.

"The terms will be considered by the Business Committee and the Brown County Board before the end of the month," said Bill Gollnick, Oneida Tribal Chief of Staff.

The Brown County Board heard details of the agreement on May 21. "The County Executive is going to be out of town, but his staff and members of the county board on the negotiating team will give the board an update on what conclusions they came to," said Brown County Board Chairman Guy Zima. If county board members are satis-

fied with the presentation on the agreement, Zima has asked for a special meeting on May 28 to approve or deny the contract.

According to Zima, terms were discussed in closed session with the county's executive team and seemed reasonable, but felt compromises were made on both sides. "In getting things expedited in coming to an agreement sometimes there are compromises made. You try to understand each other, you respect each other and you try to come to an agreement that is fair. Having anything is fairer than having nothing," he said.

Negotiations resumed between the tribe and county shortly after Brown County Executive, Tom Hinz, took office in April of 2007 as he made reaching an agreement on a service contract a priority. Zima feels the tribe has a more favorable outlook of Hinz and that helped rekindle

negotiations.

"I think the previous administration, the (Karen) Kelso administration, was considered obnoxious by the tribe. I think our present county executive has a better image with (the tribe). The whole county board didn't trust Karen Kelso, I don't know why the Oneida tribe would," said Zima.

Service agreements are entered to compensate local municipalities and tribe for services provided. They are directly related to land in trust that the tribe does not pay taxes on. Services include road maintenance, police and fire protection, and social services.

The Oneida Tribe broke off negotiations in February of 2008 for a service agreement with the village of Hobart after passing a resolution citing a strained government-to-government relationship with the village.

Cottrell returns to the Kali

Travis Cottrell has returned to the Kalihwisaks to again serve as the summer student intern. Travis finished his junior year at Saint Norbert College where he is an art major with an emphasis in graphic design. Travis also spent the fall semester studying in Florence, Italy. Next May he will graduate from Saint Norbert with the hopes of starting a career in the field of graphic design. Travis says, "I love the design in graphic design because it

allows you to use your imagination and artistic qualities to create something original." Although he is excited to start working as a graphic designer, he is apprehensive to leave college life.

Aside from his career interests, Travis also enjoys movies and fine arts such as painting, drawing, and photography. He also enjoys playing basketball and baseball.



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Local

Passing On...

Brennan, Dennis G.
March 26, 1947 – May 10, 2008

Dennis G. Brennan, 61, of Seymour, died unexpectedly Saturday evening, May 10, 2008 at a local hospital. The son of the late Joseph and Beatrice Brennan was born March 26, 1947 in Oconto. He married the former Yvonne Antone on August 13, 1994 in Oconto. Dennis was a shuttle driver for the Oneida Tribe for 10 years. He like to play bingo, watch Westerns and spend time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Yvonne, one son, Phillip Brennan, four step-sons, William and Robert Parker,



and Michael and Richard Longcore, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and one brother, Bruce.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and twin brother, Daniel.

The Funeral Service of Remembrance was celebrated at 7:00 pm Wednesday, May 14 with Bob Brown, officiating. Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements.

Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the family.

Morehouse, Maliyah Angeal
August 16, 2007 – May 11, 2008

Maliyah Angeal Morehouse, 8-month-old daughter of Joshua Morehouse and Kelly Mittag, Ashwaubenon, passed away unexpectedly on May 11, 2008. She was born in Green Bay on Aug. 16, 2007.

She is survived by her parents; brother and sisters, Jacob, Alexia and Kyra; grandparents, Sandra Horswill, Steve Mittag, Angeal Toliver; 11 aunts, Beth Brandenburg, Shannon (Jason) Abrams, Emily Boehnlein, Brenda Boehnlein, Brittany Mittag, Brooke Mittag, Ashley Mittag, Tasha (Derek) Mallet, Irene Morehouse, Danessa Toliver, Katie Morehouse; one uncle, Tony Ferrell; 10 cousins; great-grandparents, other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Scott Long; great-grandfathers, Walter Mittag and Norbert Brandenburg, and great-grandmother, Corine Johnson.

Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N. Webster Ave., De Pere assisted the family with arrangements.

Funeral services were held on Saturday May 17, 2008 at the funeral home. Maliyah's great-uncle and aunt Phillip and Betty Daniels officiated with interment at Babyland at the Allouez Cemetery. Online condolences to Maliyah's family may be expressed at www.cotterfuneralhome.com

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, a memorial fund has been established.

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"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."

For more information about state veterans 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).

Artman announces Publication of Final Rule to Implement IGRA Section 20

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Carl J. Artman announced that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has published final regulations in the Federal Register implementing Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA). IGRA contains a general prohibition against gaming on land acquired after October 17, 1988, the date the act was signed, which may be overcome if the land meets certain exceptions.

The final rule incorporates suggestions received by the BIA through public comment and the tribal consultation process. The rule will become effective on June 19, 2008.

"I am pleased to announce the publication of the final rule implementing Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act," Artman said. "It establishes a formal process with clear standards for tribes to utilize when assessing the eligibility of a site for gaming and clarifies when a tribe may request an opinion from the Interior

Department or the National Indian Gaming Commission."

Publication of the Section 20 rule caps a year-long effort by Assistant Secretary Artman to bring predictability, stability and accountability to the Indian gaming marketplace. It joins other tools he has used such as ordering the review of the Indian Reorganization Act fee-to-trust process (25 CFR Part 151) followed by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and issuance of a guidance memorandum on 151(11)(b) for off-reservation acquisitions related to gaming.

The new regulations articulate standards that the Department and NIGC will follow when interpreting Section 20 exceptions to the general prohibition against gaming on after-acquired trust lands and establishes an application process for tribes seeking to conduct gaming activities on lands acquired in trust by the Bureau after October 17, 1988.

Subpart A of the final rule defines key terms contained in Section 2719 or used in the regulation.

Subpart B delineates how the Department will interpret Section 2719(b)(1)(B)'s exceptions regarding: land acquired through settlement of a tribal land claim, the restoration of land for a tribe that has been restored to federal recognition, and the initial reservation of a tribe acknowledged through the Federal Acknowledgment Process.

Subpart C sets forth how the Department will evaluate tribal applications for a two-part Secretarial Determination under Section 2719, which provides an exception for gaming to occur on off-reservation trust lands if the Secretary, after consultation with appropriate state and local officials and officials of nearby tribes, determines that a gaming establishment would be in the best interest of the tribe and its

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outspoken critic of the previous OHA policy.

"They steadfastly stuck to their erroneous decision," said Metivier in the May 14 OBC meeting.

However, Johnson stated that OHA had to proceed cautiously in order to preserve its funding.

"If you don't follow through, then you're jeopardizing the \$3.8 million grant, then that gets taken away, then we lose all of the services," he said.

Tenants that had rent increases will have three options to get the overpay-

ment back. They can either get the money back in a check. Have the amount credited towards a future rent payment. A combination of check and credit.

Tenants who owe money to OHA will have the overpayment put towards their debt and any extra money will be credited towards future rent.

The annual per capita payment of \$800, which will increase to \$1200 in 2009, will continue to be counted as income as it is paid annually from gaming funds.

Subpart D clarifies that the rule does not disturb existing written opinions made by the BIA or the NIGC. The BIA first published proposed regulations to implement Section 20 on September 14, 2000. On January 28, 2002, the Bureau published a notice to correct the effective date section in the proposed rule. In March and April of 2006, the Department held a series of tribal consultation meetings on the development of proposed regulations to establish standards for implementing Section 2719. On October 5, 2006, the Bureau published a new proposed rule to address all exceptions contained in Section 2719 in order to explain to the public how the Department interprets these exceptions. On December 4, 2006, the Bureau published a notice to extend the comment period and make corrections concerning the new proposed rule.

On January 17, 2007, the Bureau published a notice to reopen the comment period for the new proposed rule. The comments received in 2006 and 2007 were considered in the drafting of the final rule.

The BIA is the only federal agency authorized to acquire land into trust for the federally recognized tribes and to recommend approval of tribal applications under 25 CFR Part 151 and Section 20.

In Loving Memory**In Loving Memory of...**
Angeline M. Powless

The memory of a good mother soothes our spirits as we think of her smile and laughter.

A mother is someone who cooks with love and sometimes very little else. A mother can make macaroni different seven nights a week when she has to.

A mother is someone who tells you that if you put onion in your cooking it will keep cancer away, and because you believe it, it does.

A mother tells you she loves you every day with her hugs, her smile, her laughter, her tears and even sometimes with her forceful hand. No matter how she says it, it's felt from the day you're born for the rest of your life. No one can explain a mothers' love because no one has to, at least not to Angie's family.

We think about you when we see bingo daubers, chili, rummage sales and turquoise jewelry. Springtime brings thoughts about painting your rocks white, washing your lawn swans. We think about you every day when the sun rises and our phone rings in the early morning. We think about you on our birthdays, and give thanks for the life you gave us.

Mother's day was every day you were with us, not just one day a year. You taught your children right from wrong, you taught them to make choices and live with the consequences. We do.

We still get together for holidays, cookouts and whenever we need to, and we remember your special dishes, and we just can't cook the way you could, although we keep trying.

Wife, Mom, Gramma, Auntie, you had all the bases covered and you did it all for everyone.

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2007 DOLM Residential Census results

ARTICLE 5:

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Summary*

Questionnaire Design

The questionnaire was sent to all tribal members aged 18 and over living in Brown and Outagamie Counties who wish to receive tribal mailings. Given a 95% confidence interval, the margin of error is 3.6%. Of the 645 respondents, 60% of the respondents

live on the Reservation and 40% live off the Reservation. 60% reside in Brown County and 40% reside in Outagamie County. The questionnaire was developed by the Division of Land Management with assistance from the Statistics Program.

The Division of Land Management has two prime directives: 1) Acquire land, 2) Take care of the land with the

best interest of the Tribe in mind. With these directives in mind, the Division has developed 3 Management Areas. These areas are the FINANCE department which runs all of the loan programs; LAND, TITLE AND TRUST Department which deals with all trust issues, works to put land into trust, contains our Register of Deeds, and our Probate Officer; and our REAL ESTATE SERVICES Department which administers the rental units, the DREAM homes, demolition and clean-up services, and commercial, agricultural, and residential leases. Each of these departments is dedicated to the Tribe's vision of being Care Takers of the Land.

One reason the survey was sent out was to verify our concepts about the needs in our community and the accuracy of our perception of those needs. We learned that we are right when we believe that our community, here on and near, the reservation is a very stable community. Most residents plan on staying in their present homes, and most, if they plan on moving, plan to stay in the area. We, also, saw the very strong bonds of the extended families and the interdependence which exists between the Tribe and families.

One change we would like to see is a greater awareness

out there, of the encroaching developments from all directions. The survey asked our members if they saw the development coming, and many of them did not notice how much development is coming in from Freedom, Seymour, Green Bay, and Ashwaubenon. This development is impacting the family farms by raising land values and eating up farm land.

Then, we would like to have members visualize what the homeland would look like if we had 50,000 residents here, or even 30,000. A small group said the reservation should be home to 50,000 and more residents. By visualizing the reservation to look like a suburb, and understanding that there is existing housing on the reservation's east side which is in a developed section of the City of Green Bay; we hope those members will see that buying existing homes which are on sewer and water and are near to grocery stores; is a better action than running new sewer and water systems into remote areas of the reservation.

Our main direction, as we feel was re-enforced by the survey, is to continue to acquire the land, to continue to protect the rural environment, continue to offer DREAM homes, and to maintain/regain our natural resources.

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the benefits of using an endowment for funding future expenses of the tribe.

"An endowment is a fund usually set up for a specific purpose and the idea is that the principal is never invaded. Income or a portion of the income generated from the endowment is used to fund a goal. Endowments are investment accounts typically invested in cash, stocks and bonds. Professional money managers would be hired to manage the investment and

they would be given parameters in what they could invest in; how often cash is deposited and withdrawn to fund goals and any other pertinent information that would help them manage the account so that the endowment is successful," he said.

The new per capita plan will be in place until 2013. A long term plan is hoped to be in place before the newly adopted plan expires.

7th Annual Honor the Elders Luncheon set

By Dawn Walschinski

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The Honor the Elders Luncheon is celebrating its seventh incarnation Friday, June 6 from 9:15am to 2:00pm at the Radisson Inn Three Clans Conference Center.

The event is held in spring to encourage participation of less mobile elders, according to Oneida Business Committee Councilman Vince DeLaRosa.

"We like doing this event between May and June because the weather is so exceptionally nice. It's become quite a social event, too, where people get together and chit-chat and enjoy one another's fellowship," he said.

The event attracts between 500-600 people made up of Oneida members 55-years-old or older and their spouses.

Nadine Escamea has enjoyed the event since turning 55.

"They do a good job, it takes a lot of planning to do something like that and pull it off so nice, and I really enjoy it," she said.

DeLaRosa stated that the event is held to pay homage to those that came before us.

"The elders are really the

foundation for why we're here, so to honor them once a year, I think, is critically important," he said.

Oneida elder Janet Huff would agree.

"It respects the elders, gives them dignity, I'm glad it's an ongoing thing," she said.

For more information on the Honor the Elders Luncheon, call 920-869-4364, or 920-869-4469 or toll free 800-236-2214 ext. 4469.

HONOR THE ELDERS Luncheon~Itinerary

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In Oneida, our elders hold such significant meaning to us, that we hold this annual event to memorialize their importance to our growth and sustenance as Oneida People.

Swamp Stompers help stomp out empty food pantry shelves

Phil Grelicki, president of the Oneida Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club, presented Gary Smith of the Oneida Food Pantry with a \$500 check to stock the shelves. The club has pledged to make a second contribution of \$500 within the next year. Funds for this commitment are raised by the annual banquet/raffle and the Oneida Farmers' Market brat stand during the season.

The Oneida Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club is an active part of the community. Besides maintaining snowmobile trails and promoting safety on the trails, the club supports community projects. The membership voted to support the Oneida Pantry as the community project for this current year and will work as a club to raise the

funds pledged.

The Oneida Food Pantry is located off of Tower Drive in Oneida. Revenue to run the Pantry comes from fund raisers and donations. The Pantry distributes more than 500 bags of food each month. In 2007, 7331 bags of food were distributed to 1378 families. The number of families that apply for help increases each month. The Oneida Pantry also tries to provide food for the elder programs, veterans, funerals and fund raisers. The food pantry accepts donations of non-perishable items, personal care products, cash and locally raised produce. For more information on the Oneida Food Pantry contact Gary Smith at 920-869-1041. For more information on the Snowmobile Club, contact Mary Ellen at 920-869-8697.



Calendar

2008

May 26

Memorial Day - a Soldier Remembrance
WHEN: Monday, May 26
TIME: 10am-4:30pm
PLACE: Heritage Hill State Historical Park Ed. Cntr
2640 S. Webster Ave. Green Bay
Heritage Hill is coordinating a care package and cell phone drive for the Army Reserve Unit 395 currently serving in Iraq. Visitors who donate their old cell phone(s), or bring a care package item for troops serving will receive 50% off admission. Admission is \$8 adults, \$6 children 5-17. For more information call 920-448-5150 or visit www.heritagehillgb.org

May 29

George Kamps Retirement
WHEN: Thursday, May 29
TIME: 12:00p-6:00pm
PLACE: Social Services - Community Room
Come and celebrate George Kamps retirement after servicing the tribe for 19 years. Contact Evangeline at 920-490-3847 for more information.

June 6

Who Pays? The Community Impact of Teen Pregnancy
WHEN: Friday, June 6
TIME: 9:00am-11:00am
PLACE: Phoenix Room, UWGB University Union
Photographer Mary Ann Carter presents "Faces of Brown County"-Portraits of Teen Parents and Their Children. The exhibit is intended to create community awareness as to the growing population of kids raising kids. Speakers include Harry Sydney founder of My Brothers Keeper, Beverly Scon, Alice Skenandore, and Patty Hoeft. For more information call Sarah at (920)432-3393 ext 8618.

August 8-9

20th Annual Burger Fest
WHEN: August 8-9
TIME: Various
PLACE: Downtown Seymour
Witness "The World's Largest Hamburger Parade" at 11 a.m., join in the fun during the Hardee's hamburger eating contest beginning at 1 p.m., celebrate the grilling and serving of a giant 60 lb. burger at 2:30 p.m. All Burger Fest events will take place on Depot Street in downtown Seymour. 8th Annual Balloon Rally will take place at the Seymour High School Friday night, Saturday morning & Saturday evening (weather permitting*) Hot air balloons glow at 6 p.m. both Friday and Saturday Admission is \$3 per person in advance, \$5 on the day of event; children under 12 years old are free. For tickets, call (920) 833-6688.

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. Calss is open to those ages 13 to adult. To register, call Breezy at 920-869-6669.

Fridays

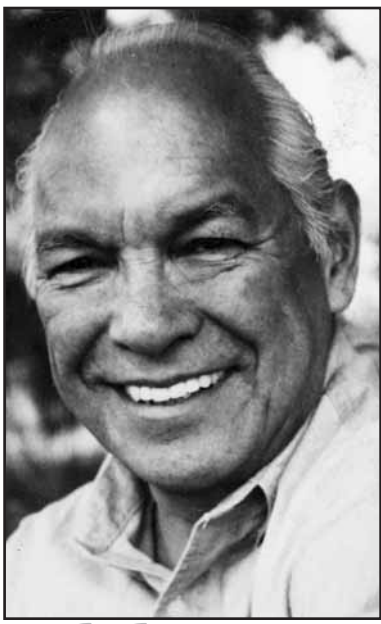
Women's Support Group
WHEN: Fridays
TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Three Sisters Center
For more information contact Isabel Parker or Georgia Burr at (920) 592-8682 or (920) 412-0396.

Please call the *kalihwisaks* office at (920) 869-4280, 4279 or 4277 to include events in this section.
Announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.



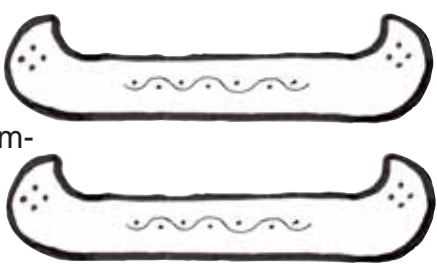
Elect Hugh DANFORTH

for Business Committee Vice-Chairman




To all the over 500 Oneida People who voted for me in 2005 for BC Vice Chair, I thank you for your support. Today, we are faced with many challenges. Times are changing. We must elect leaders that are aware of these challenges and changes to direct the Oneida Nation in a good direction. With my experience on boards and commissions as chair and vice chair as well as being a member, I am able to get to the heart of real issues. Moreover, when I say real issues, I am talking about

- Our Sovereignty and how it may be slipping away
- Our Land and how we must stand up to Hobart and other communities who are trying to take away our land, Our Inheritance
- Long Term Care and what the true picture is and new trends in Long Term Care like Home Health Care being the number one concern
- Education, Jobs, Health Care, Alcoholism, etc., etc., etc.



“I care about our Nation and our people. I care about our Sovereignty and how we can make it stronger through being aware and doing something with the changing times and challenges we face”.

Authorized and paid for by Hugh Danforth



Business



BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

Red Cloud

Food Service, Inc.

Proudly supplying nutritious food to our nations military, targeting businesses in the future

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

“Standing Strong... All Day Long” is the logo behind Standing Rock energy drink, a product that was recently developed by Red Cloud Food Services (RCFS). RCFS is a Native American owned food service company out of Illinois that specializes in providing food products to the US Military.

RCFS Chairman Robert Harrison began Red Cloud Incorporated, the predecessor to the current RCFS, in the early 90’s as a manufacturer of shipping supplies for other food producers. In 1998 he began to produce his own line of food products and began selling to casinos across the region. He is also a Standing Rock Sioux.

It wasn’t until after September 11, 2001 that he began to sell his products to the US Military.

“I ended up in getting into the military factions...as an entrepreneur I saw that as the focus and as a native American business we thought we could gain some ground [and] try to use our background as a door open-



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Executives of Red Cloud Food Services promote their new Standing Rock energy drink. (Left to right) Joe Balistreri, Director of Marketing; Tom Byrne, Sales and Marketing; Robert Harrison, Chairman; Thomas Wilbur, Director of Sales and Don Heilman, Director of National Sales

er,” Harrison said.

RCFS has been certified by the US Small Business Administration as a SBA 8(a) BD program. This certification, along with Small Disadvantaged Business program certification it also received has helped RCFS by providing opportunities only available to businesses that qualify for the 8(a) contracts.

Although Harrison acknowledges the certifications and proudly prints them on all of his business cards, he knows that alone will not sustain businesses profitability.

“What sustains the business as an entrepreneur is your product has to be very good. And it’s got to be what the new trends are; the all natural, whole wheat [and] go green areas with packaging the products,” Harrison said.

In addition to the new line of energy drinks produced last fall, RCFS also produces food service packaged sandwiches, paninis, grab and go

bakes (similar to a hot pocket), and shredded meats which it sends overseas to help the US military feed our troops abroad.

RCFS has been a supplier of the US armed forces since 2004.

RCFS is a \$30 million company with a good portion of its annual revenue stream coming from military sales.

Harrison is proud to be a supplier for the military and takes pride in telling people that he currently employs on his staff a Lieutenant Colonel, a Captain and a Sergeant Major all of which are now retired from the US Army.

Harrison also emphasizes the fact that “we are a true manufacturer, a true Native American manufacturer. We’re from a-z...we’re not a broker.”

This means that RCFS produces, markets, sells and ships all of its own products. They own everything involved from products to personnel. They do not buy any outside products to repackage and resell as their own.

Recently, Harrison brought onboard Thomas Wilbur, an Oneida Tribal member, as RCFS’s western region Director of Sales. Wilbur is the founder of Thomas International Incorporated, a company that exports commodities worldwide.

Harrison, Wilbur and sev-

eral other RCFS executives recently visited the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center to provide product samples to the Oneida Casino, Radisson and Oneida food services in an effort to promote its products. In addition, RCFS also invited anyone interested in trying their products to participate in the sampling.

Harrison said the reason for the visit was to help promote a “Buy Native – Native to Native” initiative.

RCFS is also a co-packer, which means they package under more than one brand name for sales in other markets.

Currently RCFS sells to the food service industry only, however there are plans in the works for an on-line store to sell to the average consumer.

“We might set-up a website...within the next 90 days...that they could go into and they could buy our products,” Harrison said.

So what does the Chairman of this \$30 million corporation attribute his success to?

“I started this company...because I didn’t want to work for anybody. I wasn’t the smartest guy, but I had a vision and I had endurance and over the years, my vision was to grow and as we’re growing, each time, I’m finding different things that I learn.

Penny Pinching Tips

Practical Savings Tips for Every Day Saving

By Dianne Zubella

Bay Bank

1. Try take-out once a month instead of dining out
2. Rent a video instead of going to the movies. If you really want to go to the movies, go to the less expensive afternoon matinee.
3. Or better yet, go to the local library and borrow books, CD’s, videos and read the latest magazines and newspapers.
4. Bring your lunch to work instead of buying it
5. Don’t grocery shop on an empty stomach or may end up buying more than you need
6. Cut down on food costs by buying what you need on sale, buying generic brands, buying in bulk, and shopping at discount outlets.
7. Don’t buy a sale item or use a coupon just for the sake of it being “cheaper”. Buy an item only if you need it! Shop with a list.
8. Increase your gas mileage by taking care of your car with scheduled check-ups, or just drive less. Consider carpooling, walking, taking the bus or riding your bike.
9. Cancel your cable (or at least the premium channels), as well as subscriptions to magazines and newspapers.
10. Exercise at home rather than joining a gym.
11. Make your own coffee at home rather than buying from a store, or at least cut down the number of times per week you purchase coffee.
12. Track your spending and cash-know where every dollar goes!
13. Organize a friend/relative/neighbor swap of clothes, toys, furniture, CD’s, etc.
14. Buy clothes for next year at the end-of-season sales – try garage sales



15. Find a simple hairstyle that doesn’t cost too much to take care of.
16. Take advantage of free entertainment in the community – parks, museums, exhibits, etc. Go to free park concerts and other community activities.
17. Try to buy with cash, checks, or debit cards. If you use credit cards, get rid of all but one or two, and pay off the balance each month. You can save lots of dollars a year by avoiding credit card charges.
18. Always do your grocery shopping with a list of items you need –and don’t buy anything that’s not on the list. Impulse purchases can be very costly.
19. Compare unit prices on labels when shopping.
20. Avoid shopping at convenience stores. You pay for the convenience—the prices are usually higher than grocery stores.
21. When choosing a cell phone plan, find one that’s appropriate for the calls you intend to make. For example, if you plan to use the phone only for emergencies, avoid plans with monthly fees or minimums.
22. When your doctor prescribes medicine, ask if a generic is available-you will pay less.
23. Before buying a car, compare insurance, gasoline, maintenance, and repair costs for comparable models. You can save thousands of dollars over the life of the car by choosing a model with low operating costs.
24. Save hundreds of dollars a year on gasoline by making sure your car’s engine is tuned regularly and your tires have enough pressure.

From Page 1A/Singers

preserve America’s diverse national heritage.

The Oneida Hymn Singers are a ubiquitous aspect of Oneida life. The group sings

once a month at the Anna John Nursing Home, at various community events and at the funerals of tribal members.

“We sing when people are incapacitated and can’t get out, and when people are of a low nature,” said McLester. “I guess my feeling is they’re called upon, it’s just a responsibility you just accept and take on.”

The singers plan to use the money to produce new hymnals, a new CD and to defray some of the travel costs to Washington, DC. However, it will take more than new books and recordings for the Oneida Hymn Singers to carry on.

“We’re always looking for people,” said McLester.

Membership has been dwindling as fewer people replace older members.

“It’s kind of like the (Oneida) language, the language is at a real low point, and hopefully, with all the efforts that the tribe is making, we can revitalize the situation,” said McLester. “I just hope it will come back.”

The Oneida Hymn Singers practice on Saturdays at 3:00pm at the Oneida Methodist Church, N6048 County Road E.

Business Brief

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Letters, Opinions & BC Forum

Letters & Opinions...

One Time Payment

I would like to convey my most sincere gratitude towards all in attendance of the meeting on Saturday May 10, 2008. It is of great consolation to me, that we as a nation can converge, despite indifferences, and rescind any referendum that would further marginalize our economy. It was to my inclination that stipends dispersed in December 2007, were “a special one time payment”, for this as I may reiterate; I will continue to pay tribute.

I have resided in Oneida and Green Bay for the previous 14 years and have noted the strengthening of our leadership, as well as progressive intervention of the General Tribal Council.

It has long been an aspiration of mine that we strive to attain quorum in regards to land claims, zoning and environmental issues as well, it is through prudence, and a strong infrastructure that any governance thrives.

I would like to inform our people that we should strive to promote virtues of self-sufficiency in the lives of our youth, which entails utilizing current entities, devising of endowment funds towards rewarding those youth as well as adults who truly persevere.

Quite frankly I am adamantly opposed to endorsing government dependence. The government should be viewed as a tool and a mechanism, thus eradicating. This I am not inferring towards those truly I need, however, it should be taken into consideration all the various entities that are afforded to our members, for which we should thank our creator.

Oneida has long preserved its credo of the “seventh generation” philosophy, this can only be feasible if we as a nation collaborate information, which at times can be quite a dubious feat; this I attribute the complex diversity of our nation. This can be alleviated through empathy, compassion and sound reasoning.

I believe accountability presides not only within the powers delegated to our elected officials, but also towards the General Tribal Council. Through collaborative efforts we can all prosper!

Finally, I consider myself quite blessed for I have contributed vastly to the lives of two wonderful young boys and their mother, each quite resilient. It has always been my efficacy to instill cohesiveness, love, compassion, empathy, and respect towards all relations I embark upon, all with no pun intended. I would like to ascertain the means to empower our great “Oneida Nation.” May the great creator bless us all.

Thank you, sincerely,
Thomas Espinosa
Concerned tribal member

Beyond the Respect of Tribal Treaty

True judgment always wears its own victorious crown of truth where honest is the thorough master above all lingering mistrust. True knowledge is the precious jewel of every main issue of exact detail into every fair and equal manifestation. True trust is where sacred promises proudly stand forever completely real with all invincible respect.

When the true conditions of treaty have been taken from tribal existence, then all

these needs shall remain as they are.

True wisdom is the golden rule of living existence that brightly radiates itself beyond the pretense of all money.

True wealth is the complete freedom of liberty, where great delight overwhelms the heart and soul, and perfect peace is the sincereness of the spirit.

True completeness is when divine law of perfect order has reaped honesty’s eternal joy and cheerfully abides forever with invincible respect.

The Golden Pen
Wesley Brian Summers

Searching for Family

Dear Oneida Tribal Members,

I am writing this letter in hopes of finding my Oneida relatives. My name is Lorraine Jessepe. I am Oneida and Prairie Band Potawatomi. My Oneida mother's maiden name was Beulah Lorraine Cooper. She was born in 1928 in Wisconsin, and I believe she attended Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. She later married a Potawatomi man and settled in Kansas.

My mother's parents died while mom was still very young. I never even knew their names. All I know of my grandfather is that he may have served in a branch of the military, since my mother often said she recalled the playing of Taps at his funeral.

I do remember vacations we took to Wisconsin when I was a kid We would stay in DePere with my aunt and uncle, Mary and Jasper John I remember the little Taverns we'd visit, the Polka music, and of course, the Cheese shops. Unfortunately, I've never made it back to Wisconsin.

My mother had two other sisters, Suzy Jordan, who lived in Wisconsin and "Lema" or "Leema" Jordan who lived in St. Louis and may be back in Wisconsin now. My mom also may have had an older brother named Jimmy Cooper.

My mom passed away from complications due to Diabetes in September 1988. She was very proud to be Oneida and proud to be from "up north," as she called it. Though I was raised in Kansas among the Potawatomi, she had me enrolled with the Oneida's of Wisconsin.

I would like to come to Oneida for the July 4th Weekend. It would make me very happy to be able to connect with some of her people. If you have any information, please contact me at:

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Micheal Debraska

Seven Generations sees change

Change has occurred at the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (OSGC). The OSGC Board of Directors are looking forward to exploring new economic opportunities locally, regionally, and in Indian Country. To move forward with this new direction, the OSGC Board has made a change in leadership of the Corporation.

We believe this strategic

direction will continue the Corporation's ongoing successful navigation in this challenging economy. The current staff has over ten years of experience in their respective fields of real estate, marketing, accounting and business and search for new leadership is underway. We continue to diligently strive towards alternate streams of income for the tribe. We look forward to continuing to contribute to the additional employment opportunities and the long term economic diversification of the Oneida Nation.

We eagerly look forward to sharing our progress in the near future.

Submitted by Oneida Seven
Generations Corporation
Board of Directors May 14,
2008

To the Editor:

I would like to see Oneida Tribe authorize members the option to receive official correspondence electronically. Tribal members should be allowed to receive most all official notifications of Special Tribal Council meet-

ings and other information via email rather than in paper form. I just received a 94 page notice of the Per Capita Petition, something that could have been sent electronically.

Issues of Kalihwisaks are available on the web for viewing. Tribal members should have the option of receiving the paper copy or of reading the paper on-line.

Sending information via email will help save a number of trees, probably a small forest over the course of a year. It will also cut down postage costs and allow information to be sent out much faster. Let's all do what we can to protect our environment.

Yaw^ko!
William Sommers Quistorf

Oneida Community Band

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our concert on April 15. Players from the Allouez Band, the Howard Suamico Band, members of the Oneida tribe and other local citizens all shared their talents to make possible a great evening of musical entertainment. One attendee quipped that we’re on our on

BC Forum

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, the General Tribal Council (GTC) met to discuss and take action on a petition that asked the GTC to consider approving a second one-time per capita payment in amounts ranging from \$5,000 up to \$20,000 per person, and a request to increase the current \$800.00 payment up to \$2,500 annually. I would like to provide you an overview of the action GTC took on May 10, as well as share some thoughts with you about how the meeting was conducted.

With excellent support from tribal staff, who I thank for doing a tremendous amount of work in a short amount of time, the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) was able to review a thorough analysis of the requested per capita amounts and in turn, provide the findings to you, the membership. Each tribal member on the enrollment mailing list received the information about the petitioned requests, and it was shared that the tribe could not realistically afford to make another large payment without directly affecting services or jobs.

Recognizing the veracity of the proposed petition

amounts, the OBC authorized a workgroup, comprised of OBC members and staff, to develop and recommend a second option to the GTC for consideration. The second option was a proposed \$400 increase to the current annual per capita payment (from \$800 to \$1,200) starting in 2009, as well as a request for GTC to establish an endowment (savings) to provide a source of funds for future per capita payments that may be recommended by GTC. I thank the GTC for passing the second option and I believe the message received is that GTC continues to look toward the future and will continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of the Nation as a whole.

The GTC is also to be commended on the manner in which the business was conducted. It was a difficult environment to conduct business with more than 1,500 Oneida citizens engaged in doing



Chairman
Gerald Danforth

business in a gymnasium. The staff and employees of the Tribe did a great job of planning for this meeting. We’ve learned a lot from the meeting in terms of coordination and communication. The GTC had many opportunities to receive information. The OBC and our support staff at all levels, worked very hard to conceive a communication plan and coordinate the meeting to better meet the needs of our membership.

This is an election year for the Oneida Business Committee and as such we must brace ourselves for what may be the best campaign season in the history of the Nation. Our candidates have the best technology available to reach their constituents. We have the internet, direct mail, Kalihwisaks, cell phone texting, and other newer and better communication tools available to share and educate the voters.

Integrity is at an all time high in demand for accountability. I urge each Oneida to demand accountability and integrity in this election. There is a lot of information circulating our community that is accurate and factual; unfortunately, there is other information that is not as accurate and factual as it could be. I encourage you to stay vigilant about seeking the truth, continue to ask questions, research information and dispel rumors and half truths.

As the summer months draw closer, I encourage you to stay active and enjoy upcoming community activities like the 16th Annual Family Carnival scheduled for June 6th & 7th at the Norbert Hill Center. With many activities and rides for kids and free, live entertainment like Jimi Jamison, comedians Williams & Ree, the Groove Hogs and featured artist Rocochet, I am sure this event will have another successful year!

Yaw^ko



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

our way to Carnegie Hall! Our thanks go out, also, to the 70 or so people who came out to hear us play. We were disappointed when about that same number were on hand for our first concert last spring, but we understood the miserable weather kept some from attending; however, there was no such problem this time. Perhaps people just assumed that, because we’re a

new group, we’d sound amateurish (wrong answer!). Perhaps we just failed to inform you sufficiently. Whatever the reason, I sincerely hope that the folks who missed our concerts (and, certainly, those who attended previously!) will honor us with their presence when we

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Councilwoman
Melinda Danforth

become more clear as to what the impacts will be and a report is expected to be presented to the General Tribal Council to inform you of the exact impact.

General Tribal Council

What is truly exciting is the presence and activism of General Tribal Council. As I looked historically at past General Tribal Council meetings, it was very rare and very hard to establish a quorum, and if there was a quorum established it constituted to about 80 to 100 citizens. Now since January 2008, the average attendance at GTC meetings has been well over a 1,000 citizens. To put it in perspective, the last time we had a quorum of over

1,000 citizens was May 17, 1999 when the General Tribal Council took up issues relative to Gaming Development and Per Capita.

The General Tribal Council is our true governing body and I am excited to be a part of this presence and activism of now the time that we can effectively make CHANGE together! Since the inception of Gaming, our Tribe’s organization has grown at a very rapid pace and I believe that our growth was one that was not very well controlled or strategically planned. However, as the economy continues to diminish and our attempts to diversify our economy are on a slow track, it is absolutely critical that

together we look for creative and innovative ways to make our organization more efficient with the dollars we have, but yet preserve the necessary governmental functions that serve our people.

Congratulations Graduates

It’s that time of the year again - Graduation! I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the Oneida Tribe’s youth to continue striving toward their educational goals. Graduation is a special time to reflect upon your accomplishments and realize just how much you have grown not only as a person but also in knowledge. I truly believe that “knowledge is power” and commend all graduates for striving to fulfill their dreams. Congratulations, I wish each of you continued success!



Oneida Business Committee Meeting Minutes

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE-REGULAR MEETING March 19, 2008 Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair, Trish King - Council member, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer, Vince DelaRosa - Council member, Melinda J. Danforth - Council member, Edward Delgado - Council member
Excused: Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Paul Ninham
Others Present: Marjorie Stevens, Barb Skenandore, Lori Hill, Alan Fabian, Matt Cornelius, Julie Denny, Julia McLester, Wanda Diemel, Jim Martin, Ramon Salinas, Patricia Ulrich, Marty Antone, Tim Ninham, Brandy John, Paul Witek, Rich VanBoxtel, Rae Skenandore, Peril Huff, Elaine Doxtator, CJ Doxtator, Greg Dickert, Carmen Flores, Erwin Wheelock, Deb Ushaka, Priscilla Zakher
Opening Prayer: Randy Cornelius
Special Recognitions: None

1. Call to Order

2. Oath of Office

3. Approval of the Agenda

a. Additions

Executive Session New Business #2. Wood Communication

Group Contract

b. Deletions

Travel Report 1. Travel report for NIGA meeting Jan. 21-27, 2008, 2. Travel report for Democratic Event Feb. 16-18, 2008 3. Travel report for the NCAI meeting March 3 & 4, 2008, Finance Committee Minutes for Dec. 28, 2007, Jan. 25, 2008, Feb. 8, 2008, Feb. 22, 2008

c. Moves

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the March 19, 2008 Business Committee agenda with changes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Request to approve the February 20, 2008 Business Committee regular minutes

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the February 20, 2008 Regular minutes to the next meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Feb. 20, 2008 Business Committee regular minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to approve the March 5, 2008 Business Committee regular minutes

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the March 5, 2008 Business Committee regular minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to approve the March 12, 2008 special minutes

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the March 12, 2008 special minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Approve the Executive Staff meeting minutes of February 7, 2008

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the Executive Staff meeting minutes of February 7, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to take the Executive Staff meeting minutes of February 7, 2008 from the table, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Executive Staff meeting minutes of February 7, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Reports

a. Ombudsman (Monthly:) Matt Cornelius-Submitted

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Trish King to defer the Ombudsman quarterly report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to ask the General Manager to bring a status update at the next Executive Staff meeting as to the Health Center, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Ombudsman monthly report for Jan. 17 thru Feb. 13, 2008 and Feb. 14 thru March 10, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Oneida Housing Authority (Monthly) Susan House-Submitted

Action: Motion by Trish King to have the Housing Task Force provide and update to the Business Committee on their activities at the next meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Housing Authority monthly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess the meeting by Chairman Danforth at 9:50 am. 9:56 am. Reconvened.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to have Secretary Office contact Fitzgibbons HUD office, and invite him here to discuss these issues or representatives of Business Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa.

Action: Motion withdrawn.

7. Travel Reports - None

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Bill Gollnick RE: N.E.W. Regional Public Safety Facility

Project Chronology w/Executive staff minutes-August 02, 2007. Page 2 of 8-Directive memo-New public safety committee grant agreement-for review
Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Public Safety Facility Project update to the next agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the N.E.W. Regional Public Safety Facility Project update, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud, Scott Murray, Don White RE: Seeking

Approval for 50 Oneida Athletes & Coaches to Attend the N.A. Indigenous Games in Duncan, Canada, Including Expenses for Traveling, Airfare, Passports, Busing, Per diem, Uniforms, Registration Fees, Etc.

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the NAIG approval for 50 Oneida athletes & coaches to attend in Duncan, Canada including expenses for traveling, airfare, passports, busing, per diem, uniforms, registration fees and etc. to the next Oneida Business Committee, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the procedural request for the NAIG, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, and Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried. Melinda J.

Danforth for the record: Just so people understand, I know that the travel is quite far this year, but there is questions in the community about why we would fly our athletes versus taking a bus. So just for the record I would like for you to clarify why that is occurring.

3. Vince DelaRosa RE: Request to adopt emergency Resolution amendments to the Travel policy and canceling the April 19, 2008 GTC meeting for the Judiciary and the New APA to next Oneida Business Committee agenda

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the LOC requests to the next Oneida Business Committee agenda, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the adoption of the emergency Resolution amendments to the next meeting to allow the Treasurer to look at the fiscal impact. Seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the cancellation of the April 19, 2008 GTC Judiciary and New APA and reschedule the meeting for a later date, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa that the Secretary's office send out communication to the community of the cancellation, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

b. Resolutions

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Resolution to change terms and names that Native Americans deem to be demeaning, derogatory, and discriminatory

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adopt Resolution 3-19-08-A to change terms and names that Native Americans deem to be demeaning, derogatory and discriminatory, seconded by Ed Delgado.

Action: Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to refer the resolution to change terms and names that Native Americans deem to be demeaning, derogatory and discriminatory and distribute this to the committee to get input and bring back a revised resolution along with a cover letter to the State Tribal Relations Committee, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth.

2. Vince DelaRosa RE: Honor the Elder Luncheon

Resolution June 2-6, 2008

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Resolution 3-19-08-A Honor the Elder Luncheon, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth Motion carried.

c. Requests

1. Debbie Thundercloud, Paul Witek RE: C.I.P.

Budget Transfer Request

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the CIP Budget transfer request, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Patty Hoeft RE: Repost one position for Oneida Land Claims Commission position due to no applications received

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the reposting of one position for Oneida Land Claims Commission, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Travel Requests

1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Attend SEOTS Meeting of March 25, 2008 in Milwaukee WI.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve attending SEOTS meeting of March 25, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Finance Committee - None

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

Request to approve LOC meeting minutes of Jan.15, 2008

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve LOC meeting minutes of Jan. 15, 2008, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to approve LOC meeting minutes of Jan. 22, 2008

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve LOC meeting minutes of Jan. 22, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Treasurer's Report - None

13. Oneida Business Committee Planning - None

14. Executive Staff Meeting - None

15. Legislative Affairs Update

1. PACE-IHCIA update-FYI

2. Oneida Community Health Center appropriations request-retro

approval

Excerpt from Business Committee Meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the Legislative Affairs update items to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept PACE-IHCIA update as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to retro approval of appropriations request, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to go into Executive Session, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to go into regular session, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Executive Session

e. Tabled Business - None

f. Old Business

1. Mercie Danforth,Bill Gollnick RE: Detailed Report Regarding Expenditures to Date on Land Claims and that this report be placed in Executive Session but allow GTC to be in attendance.

Excerpt from Business Committee Meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the detailed report regarding expenditures for Land Claims to the next Oneida Business Committee agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Land Claims expenditures follow up report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to seek legal opinion regarding attachment A of the report as to regards to if we can make it public information, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Gerald Danforth RE: Pardon Screening Committee Recommendations

Excerpt from Business Committee Meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the Pardon Screening committee recommendations to the next

Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Pardon Committee recommendation to approve Resolution 3-19-08-B granting Juanita Powless a pardon, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Pardon Committee recommendation to approve Resolution 3-19-08-C granting Michelle Jordan a pardon, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth request the Chairman's Office and Secretary's Office review the process to make a determination if another Business Committee member needs to be delegated as an alternate to the Pardon Screening Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

c. New Business

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Request to approve the

JMC Properties Inc. Contract

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the JMC Properties Inc. contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Legislative Affairs RE: Wood Communication

contract

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Wood Communication contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

d. Legislative Affairs Update - None

e. Attorney Brief

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Attorney contract for Gerald L. Hill, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the General Manager to bring back an amendment to the contract that identifies the cap on expenditures, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee

1. Request the Approval of McGladrey & Pullen contract

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the McGladrey & Pullen contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - None

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Apr. 30, 2008

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE-REGULAR MEETING April 2, 2008 Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Trish King - Council member, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer Paul Ninham - Council member, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Vince DelaRosa - Council member, Melinda J. Danforth - Council member, Edward Delgado - Council member

Excused: Gerald Danforth - Chairman

Others Present: Clifford Doxtator, Louise Cornelius, Rich VanBoxtel, Bill Blak, Geraldine Danforth, Karen Katch, Nate Wisneski, Winnifred Thomas, Cristina Danforth, Todd VandenHeuvel, Mike Finn, Fred Muscavich, Julie Denny, Linda Bowman, Pete King III, Wanda Diemel, Cheryl Stevens, Dale Wheelock, Racquel Hill, Cathy L. Metoxen, Kaylynn Gresham, Brenda Doxtator, Marty Antone
Opening Prayer: Paul Ninham, Council member
Special Recognitions:

1. Call to Order 9:04am by Kathy Hughes

2. Oath of Office

3. Approval of the Agenda

a. Additions

b. Deletions

Travel Report 4. Travel report for NCAI meeting. Mar.3 & 4, 2008, Executive New Business #1 - Public Relations Plan

c. Moves

Legislative Affairs item #15 to be presented right after resolutions.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Request to approve the March 12, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes

Excerpted from March 19, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the March 12, 2008 special minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the March 12, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa

Request to approve the March 19, 2008 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the March 19, 2008 minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business - none

6. Reports

a. Oneida Land Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
Amelia Cornelius - 1st meeting of the month- Submitted

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the Oneida Land Commission, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Travel Reports

1. Gerald Danforth RE: Approval of travel report for NIGA - Jan. 21 & 22, 2008

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel report for NIGA - Jan. 21 & 22, 2008, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Gerald Danforth RE: Approval of travel report for State of the State

& GLITC Board of Directors Mtg. Feb. 23 & 24, 2008

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel report for State of State & GLITC Board of Directors Mtg. Feb. 23 & 24, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Gerald Danforth RE: Approval of travel report for GLITC Mtg. Feb. 25 & 26, 2008

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve travel report for GLITC Mtg. Feb. 25 & 26, 2008, seconded: Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Gerald Danforth RE: Approval of travel report for NCAI Mtg. March 3 & 4, 2008

DELETED

5. Gerald Danforth RE: Approval of travel report for Land Claims Mtg.March 7-9, 2008.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve travel report for Land Claims Mtg. March 7-9, 2008, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

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OBC Meeting Minutes

Next Regular Business Committee Meeting...

Wednesday • May 28, 2008 • 9:00 A.M.

Business Committee Conference Room

Norbert Hill Center • 2nd Floor

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6. Mercie Danforth RE: Approval of travel report for IMN Native American Finance Conference, Las Vegas, Feb. 27-29, 2008
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve travel report for IMN Native American Finance Conference, Las Vegas, Feb. 27-29, 2008, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings
1. Scott Wilson RE: Resolution establishing Policy for any Organizational changes to Create or Dissolve Divisions and Business Units of the Tribe
Excerpted from the February 20, 2008 OBC meeting minutes: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Resolution establishing Policy for any Organizational Changes to Create or Dissolve Divisions and Business Units of the Tribe to the April 2, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept report regarding Resolution establishing Policy for any Organizational Changes to Create or Dissolve Divisions and Business Units of the Tribe with another update report due May 14, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
2.Scott Wilson RE: Resolution establishing Policy for Wage and Salary Compensation System for the Tribe on an annual basis
Excerpted from the February 20, 2008 OBC meeting minutes: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer Resolution establishing Policy for Wage and Salary Compensation System for the Tribe on an annual basis April 2, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the resolution Establishing Policy for Wage and Salary Compensation System for Tribe, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham.
Action: Motion withdrawn.
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer resolution establishing Policy for Wage and Salary Compensation System for the Tribe on an annual basis to LOC, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.
3. Vince DelaRosa RE: Request to adopt emergency Resolution amendments to the Travel policy
Excerpted from March 19, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the adoption of the emergency Resolution amendments to the next meeting to allow the Treasurer to look at the fiscal impact, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt emergency Resolution 4-2-08-A Amendments to the Travel policy, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Oneida Housing Task Force Update

Excerpted from March 19, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting: Motion by Trish King to the have the Housing Task Force provide and update to the Business Committee on their activities at the next meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer report to April 16, 2008, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business
a. Resolutions
1. Bill Gollnick, Rich VanBoxtel RE: Request to approve the I CARE -MOU/SOE/Resolution-Indian Crime Awareness Research & Evaluation Project
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 4-2-08-B for I CARE MOU for the Indian Crime Awareness Research & Evaluation Project, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Sub-sequent: Motion by Trish King to refer the I CARE/MOU Resolution regarding **Motion:** Indian Crime Awareness Research and Evaluation Project to Communications Dept. for further follow up, seconded: Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Debbie Thundercloud, Mike Finn RE: Request to approve Resolution for Town of Oneida Roads Transfer for 3.6 miles
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adopt Resolution 4-2-08-C for Town of Oneida Roads Transfer, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the update report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
b. Requests
1. Ed Delgado RE: Request approval of enforcement of the motion of Jan. 23, 2008 regarding the 3%
Note: Ed Delgado withdrew his request for approval of enforcement of the motion of Jan. 23, 2008 regarding the 3% with an understanding that this fiscal year, Blackjack dealers are being considered for a lump sum payment.
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to require Gaming General Manager to start reporting monthly to the Oneida Business Committee at regular meeting starting May 2008 and that the items in the report be identified by the Business Committee and Gaming General Manager at the Joint Executive Staff meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft requesting the Communications department to do follow up articles regarding compensation 3% wages, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Vince DelaRosa RE: Wheelock & Associates Consulting proposal related to housing matters
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer Wheelock & Associates Consulting proposal related to housing matters to General Manager's office for further follow up, seconded by Trish King. For: Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham Abstain: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.
3. Trish King RE: Approval of Chairman's Assistant job description
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer approval of Chairman's Assistant job description for two weeks, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Travel Requests
1. Bill Gollnick RE: Travel Request for a Procedural exception for travel to SanDiego, CA for NIGA, April 20-23, 2008
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Travel Request for a Procedural exception for 15 to travel to SanDiego, CA for NIGA, April 20-23, 2008 but to reduce from three to two from Communications and reduce from five to four from gaming. Included is Gaming General Manager, Table Games General Manager, Compliance, Slots General Manager, four Veterans, Gaming Commission Director, Gaming Commission Member, Security Director, plus legal, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Vince DelaRosa, Ed Delgado Oppose: Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Motion Fails.
Action: Motion by Trish King to approve Travel Request for a Procedural exception for 17, which includes the Law Office to attend the NIGA tradeshow in SanDiego, CA April 20-23, 2008, with a report identifying the value of the trip and a benefit to the Tribe in future years to come back. Report due May 14, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham For: Trish King, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth. Motion Fails.
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Travel Request for a procedural exception for four Oneida Veterans to attend NIGA tradeshow in SanDiego, CA April 20-23, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth. Opposed: Mercie Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Motion carried.
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the treasurer to produce every six months a report to the Business Committee listing all travel expenditures paid by the Tribe for all Tribal employees starting in July 2008 and that the report at a minimum include the name of traveler, destination, and total expenditures for each traveler. This includes Boards, Committees, and Commissions, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstain: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve Travel Request for a procedural exception for the remaining 13 to attend the NIGA tradeshow in SanDiego, CA April 20-23, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Paul Ninham, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth. Oppose: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth. Motion fails.
2. Kathy Hughes, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa RE: Travel Request for the 3rd annual Red Shawl Gala, Milwaukee, WI April 12, 2008
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve travel request for Vice Chair Kathy Hughes, Councilman Vince DelaRosa, and Councilman Ed Delgado to attend the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center 3rd Annual Fundraiser in Milwaukee, WI on April 12, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham. Abstain: Melinda J.Danforth. Not present: Trish King. Motion carried.

10. Finance Committee
Request to approve the Finance Committee minutes of Dec. 28, 2007
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Finance Committee minutes of Dec. 28, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Request to approve the Finance Committee minutes of Feb. 8, 2008
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Finance Committee minutes of Feb. 8, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Request to approve the Finance Committee minutes of Feb. 22, 2008
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Finance Committee minutes of Feb. 22, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Request to approve the Finance Committee minutes of Jan. 25, 2008
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Finance Committee minutes of Jan. 25, 2008, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)
For consideration: LOC meeting minutes of Feb. 25, 2008
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve LOC meeting minutes of Feb. 25, 2008, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
For consideration: Resolution: Permanent adoption of amendments to Zoning and Shoreland Protection Law
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve Resolution 4-2-08-F Permanent adoption of amendments to Zoning and Shoreland Protection Law, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Treasurer's Report - None

13. Oneida Business Committee Planning
Request approval of the March 11, 2008 OBC Planning meeting minutes
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the March 11, 2008 OBC Planning meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Executive Staff Meeting
Request approval of the March 12, 2008 Executive Staff meeting minutes
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the March 12, 2008 Executive Staff meeting minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham Abstain: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

15. Legislative Affairs Update
1. Municipal & County Report
Excerpted from Feb. 20, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Municipal & County report and refer both recommendations within the report to the General Mangers office to assign the appropriate staff for review and status update come back to Business Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the Municipal & County update report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to go into Executive Session at 11:22 am, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to go back into Regular Session at 2:59 pm, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Executive Session
a. Tabled Business - None
b. Old Business
1.Debbie Thundercloud RE: Chief of Staff Transition plan
Excerpted from the Feb. 20, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to bring back a transition plan on dealing with the recommendation that were proposed by the Tribal Secretary at the October 10, 2007 Business Committee meeting for dealing with the Governmental Administration Division at the April 2, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham.
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept General Manager's update of the Chief of Staff's transition plan with recommendations to come back to the Business Committee April 16, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

c.New Business
1. Patty Hoeft RE: Public Relations update
DELETED
2. Gerald Danforth RE: Pardon Screening Committee recommendations
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the Pardon Committee's recommendation and adopt Resolution 4-2-08-D approving pardon for Paulette Leishig, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Pardon Committee's recommendation and adopt Resolution 4-2-08-E denying the pardon of Estelle Moncota, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Vince DelaRosa RE: Amendment to the Don Costello Contract
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to not approve the amendment to the Don Costello Contract, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Legislative Affairs Update - None
e. Attorney Brief
1. Addendum to Attorney Gerald Hill Contract
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the addendum to Attorney Gerald Hill Contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Oneida vs. Hobart Update
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida vs. Hobart update report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Service Agreement - Brown County Draft- Responsible Party - Attorney Bittorf
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept Service Agreement as FYI, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Contract for Reinhart Attorney
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve Attorney Reinhart Contract, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstain: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.
5. Attorney Brief - Contract Review
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the attorney brief and refer the contract non-compliance report to the Executive Staff agenda, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
f. Audit Committee
Request to approve the Jan. 24, 2008 Audit Committee minutes
g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - None
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Jan. 24, 2008 Audit Committee min-

utes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Recess/Adjourn
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn to adjourn at 3:05pm, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on April 30, 2008.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE-SPECIAL MEETING
April 14, 2008
11:00 a.m.
Business Committee Conference Room

Members: Gerald Danforth - Chair, Paul Ninham - Council member, Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Trish King - Council member, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer
Ed Delgado - Council member, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Vince DelaRosa - Council member, Melinda J. Danforth - Council
Excused: Gerald Danforth - Chair, Paul Ninham - Council member
Others Present: Lynn Summers, Bonnie Pigman, Nate Wisneski, Sandra Schuyler, Mary Adams, Susan White, Winnifred Thomas, Roy Summers, Kitty Melchert, Karen Katch, Fred Muscavich, Cheryl Skolaski, Elaine Doxtator, Tina Danforth, Linda S. Dallas, Cathy L. Metoxen

1. Called to Order: Kathy Hughes

2. Approval of Agenda
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the special meeting agenda of April 14, 2008, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth.

3. Regular Session
1. Business Committee RE: Consideration of Alternative Per Capita Plan
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adopt the proposed resolution 5-10-08-A with changes and forward it to GTC for their consideration, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.
For the record: Vince DelaRosa: I support the committee getting the plan moved forward and I think we have done as good as we can with this team. However, my office does support private annuity payments to tribal members and I will be bringing forward a plan for consideration by the membership as we look to a long term solution to per capita.
Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to recess at 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Motion called to order by Vice Chair Kathy Hughes at 12:36 p.m. Present are: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa.

4. Executive Session-None

5. Recess/Adjourn
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adjourn at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on April 30, 2008

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE-REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2008
Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair, Trish King - Council member, Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair Paul Ninham - Council member, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer, Vince DelaRosa - Council member, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Melinda J. Danforth - Council member, Edward Delgado - Council member
Excused:
Others Present: Lois Strong, Fred Muscavich, Clifford Doxtator, Charlene E. Cornelius, Barb Skenandore, Matt Cornelius, Susan White, Scharlene F. Kasee, Thelma McLester, Pearl Mc Lester, Julie Denny, Pete King III, John Kroner, Scott Denny, Nate Wisneski, Dottie Krull, Curtis R. Danforth, Rae Skenadore, Linda Slash, Frieda Clary, Mary Jo Nash, Mindimoye, Pat Cornelius, Debbie Danforth, Cathy Bachhuber, Karen Katch, Deb Ushaka, Tim Ninham, Roy Skenandore
Opening Prayer: Forrest Barton
Special Recognitions -None

1. Call to Order: Gerald Danforth at 9:07 a.m.

2. Oath of Office - None

3. Approval of the Agenda
a. Additions
1. Executive New Business Locklear Contract #2 2. Executive New Business Minor's Trust Fund #3 3. Executive New Business SEOTS #4.
b. Deletions
c. Moves

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt agenda, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes to be Approved
Request to approve the April 2, 2008 Business Committee Minutes
Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table minutes, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
Request to approve the March 26, 2008 Special Business Committee Minutes
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer minutes until the next meeting, seconded Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Tabled Business
Request to approve the March 19, 2008 Business Committee Minutes
Excerpted from the April 2, 2008 OBC meeting: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the March 19, 2008 minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Remains on the table.

6. Reports
a. Oneida Appeals Commission (Quarterly: Apr/Oct)
Winifred Thomas - 1st meeting of the month
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept Oneida Appeals Commission quarterly report. Patty Hoeft seconded. Motion withdrawn.
Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer back to Oneida Appeals Commission for clarification on the current status of their budget to include a more accurate financial picture of expenditures for the quarter they are reporting as well as the docket status report that was suppose to have been attached with the report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
b. Oneida Gaming Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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These three-day career exploration camps are filled with hands-on activities. Students will check out a new career each day.

- Day 1 and Day 2 of camp will be held from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Day 3, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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<p>June 17-19</p> <p>June 24-26</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>July 15-17</p> <p>July 29-31</p>	<p>Dental Hygiene, Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant</p> <p>Get Into Energy Camp - Careers in Utility Construction. Sponsored by WPS. Natural Gas, Electricity, Renewable "Green" Energy</p> <p>Auto Technology, Prototype and Design-model building, Auto Collision</p> <p>Digital Media, Computers, Photography</p>
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Scholarships are available for Tech Camp.

Important Information regarding 2008 Payment

Please read each section carefully!

SECTION ONE: Types of Payments

1. Elder 65 Distribution:

- The General Tribal Council passed Resolution 6-30-90-A which directed a cash disbursement of \$500.00 per year to tribal members age 65 and over, payments to begin in 1994.
- This payment is perpetual. Commencing with the 2003 payment and every other year thereafter, tribal members age 65 and over will be receiving a 5% inflationary increase. The 2008 Distribution amount is \$578.81.
- For those turning age 65 in

October, November or December 2008, your Elder 65 monies will be paid at the end of the month following your birthday. Example: If you turn 65 in December 2008, you will be paid at the end of January 2009.

2. Elder 62 Distribution:

- The General Tribal Council passed Resolution 8-11-97-A which directed a cash disbursement of \$2,000.00 per year to tribal members age 62 and over, payments to begin in 1998.
- This payment is based on Gaming Compact renewal.
- For those turning age 62 in October, November or

December 2008 your Elder 62 monies will be paid at the end of the month following your birthday. Example: If you turn 62 in December 2008, you will be paid at the end of January 2009.

3. General Membership Distribution:

- The General Tribal Council passed Resolution 7-5-04-B which directed a cash disbursement of \$800.00 per year to all tribal members, payments to begin in 2005.
- This payment continues until 2013.
- Tribal members are eligible for this payment if they are enrolled as of the deadline indicated by the Tribe, for each payment year.

4. Unclaimed 2006

Distributions:

- Please contact the Oneida Enrollment Department as each individual case may vary. The deadline to claim the payment is close of business on Tuesday, September 4, 2008.
- An FY-2008 Membership Payment Form must be filed by the deadline.

5. Minor Trust Account Payments:

- The monies for eligible tribal members under the age of 18 are placed into a trust account.
- Please contact the Oneida Trust Department for more information at (920) 490-3935.

SECTION TWO: Reporting and Taxation of Payments

- All payments are subject to federal income tax and may be subject to state or other applicable taxes.
- All payments must be reported as income and may affect eligibility for entitlement programs.
- Please contact your tax preparer, tax consultant or case worker with any questions.
- Each payment will have a 1099-MISC tax form issued. This includes payments that are attached for child support and/or tribal debt.
- Tribal members may voluntarily request that 20% of a payment be withheld for federal taxes. This includes tribal members whose payments are attached for child support and/or tribal debt.
- Mandatory Federal Income Tax Withholding is required on payments as indicated on page 57 of IRS Publication 15-A. For 2008, payment amounts totaling over \$8,950.00 are subject to this withholding.

Payment Form DEADLINE

Close of business on...

TUESDAY,
September 2, 2008

Checks mailed on...

TUESDAY,
September 30, 2008

Please allow
time for
delivery!

SECTION THREE: Miscellaneous Information

1. Power of Attorney and Guardians:

- Effective 2004 and every fourth year thereafter, the Oneida Enrollment Department requires that any Power of Attorney (POA) or Guardian for a tribal member must submit acceptable documentation to be recognized.
- Acceptable documentation consists of:
 - An original power of attorney document (which will be returned)
 - A certified copy of the guardianship document.

2. Attachments:

- Payments are subject to

attachments.

- Attachments are defined as "claims on a payment for debts owed".
- Only the following are considered:
 - Child Support Arrears
 - Tribal Debt
- Requests to attach to a payment must be submitted to the Oneida Appeals Commission *by close of business on Monday, June 30, 2008.*
- All questions regarding attachments should be directed to the Oneida Appeals Commission.

3. Address or Name Changes:

- To change the check address

of a previously submitted payment form, a NEW FY-2008 Membership Payment Form MUST be completed and returned *by close of business on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.*

- To change your name, a Name Change Request Form MUST be completed and returned by close of business on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.
- To request forms, contact the Oneida Enrollment Department or you may retrieve forms on our website at:

<http://enrollment.oneidanation.org>

SECTION FOUR: Payment forms, Instructions and Receipts

1. Payment Form Mailing:

- FY-2008 Membership Payment Forms were mailed on May 16, 2008 to every tribal member with an address on file.
- To request FY-2008 Membership Payment Forms, contact the Oneida Enrollment Department.

2. Payment Form Receipts:

- It is the responsibility of each tribal member to submit a completed/notarized payment form to the Oneida Enrollment Department by

the deadline identified.

- All forms brought into the Oneida Enrollment Department will receive a paper receipt.
- Forms must be mailed or delivered to the Oneida Enrollment Department for their date stamp.
- After forms are accepted and processed, a postcard receipt will be mailed to the CHECK address indicated on the payment form. Postcard receipts will be mailed every two weeks.

Please allow time for delivery.

- If you do not receive a postcard receipt, contact the Oneida Enrollment Department.

3. Payment Form Instructions:

- No photocopied, faxed, emailed forms will be accepted. Do not use pencil or white out. Do not alter any information (i.e. writing over, scribbling out). Your form will not be accepted!**

If there are any questions, please contact us.

Oneida Enrollment Department

210 Elm St.

Oneida, Wisconsin 54155

<http://enrollment.oneidanation.org>

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We will work to obtain the information you need.

State

Elect JIM VANSTIPPEN

for

TREASURER

I have been employed by the Oneida Tribe since 1987. I am presently working with the Oneida Gaming Commission as their Compliance Auditor.



- ❖ **Masters Degree in Business and Organization**
- ❖ **Professionally Certified Auditor**
- ❖ **Member: The Institute of Internal Auditors
The Institute of Internal Control Auditors**
- ❖ **Veteran: Viet Nam, Honorable Discharge**

- Issues...**
- ✓ **Budget analysis helps identify and minimize expenditures.**
 - ✓ **Implementation of budget controls help measure income/expenses**
 - ✓ **Analyze Budget funds needed for Per Capita Plans, Housing, Health, Education and Senior Programs**

Authorized and paid for by Jim VanStippen

Judicial review update - understanding citations

The Intranet has been updated to include all cases from 2006 and 2007. Once you are logged onto the Intranet, scroll down to the Judicial System, tab over to Appeals Commission, and then stroll down to the Oneida Nation Reporter. Here you will find instruction on how to read the Oneida Nation Reporter citations. For example; 9 O.N.R. 2-25, 26 (03-TC-092, 4/28/03), the first number in the citation (9) refers to the volume the Oneida Nation Reporter (O.N.R.) in which this case/holding can be found. The second set of numbers (2-25) refers to the exact page location of the case in that volume. This set of numbers gives the chapter number and the first page of the case. The last number in the citation (26) gives the page number where the particular holding of the case can be found. Thus, the sample citation refers to a case holding that can be found in Volume 9 (2003) decisions, chapter 2 (trial court cases), page 26. The numbers and dates in parentheses after a citation (03-TC-092, 4/28/03) refers to the docket number of the case and the date of the decision.

The Oneida Nation

Reporter Cited Cases is an alphabetical listing of all cases (Oneida Appeals Tribal Judicial System, other Tribal Cases and Federal/State courts) that have been cited in decision by the Oneida Tribal Judicial System, along with a brief description of the disposition of the cited case.

A List of Cases is an alphabetical list of all cases and the decision related to each case (Initial Review, Trial Court, and Appellate Court) by party name.

The purpose of the Oneida Reporter Topical Index is to facilitate research. The index is not a substitute for reading the cases, as even a small change in the facts may affect the relevance of a particular holding to another case.

The Topical Index consists of the case holdings/rules of law from the decisions in all volumes, arranged by subject matter. Subject matter headings are listed in bold print, sub-headings are italicized. For example, holdings from cases involving employment terminations can be found under the topic: Employment – Termination. A listing of cases, with their citation will appear under each subject heading. The standard citation will appear for that decision. The second number,

after the starting page of the decision, is the page upon which the applicable holding appears. The indented paragraph is either a quote or paraphrase of the holding of the court on that particular subject matter. Where multiple cases have reached the same holding, a mere sample of such cases may appear, rather than every single case which essentially says the same thing on a particular subject matter. The brief summaries are intended to aid with research and are no substitution for reading the entire case.

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System also submits our decisions to Versus Law. Versus Law is a for-pay subscription service on the Internet which allows users to search for cases from federal, state and other tribal decisions. You will need to subscribe to Versuslaw.com for a monthly fee. Our decisions are sent over to Versus Law soon after those decisions are made public.



Seatbelt safety rewarded

By Brandon Stevens

Injury Prevention Coordinator

May 19th – June 1st is the National “Click It or Ticket” Campaign. As part of the Oneida Nation’s responsibility to protect our people, the Injury Prevention Program and the Oneida Police’s Department are teaming up to raise awareness of the importance of safe driving practices for the Oneida community. During the “Click It or Ticket” Campaign OPD and the Injury Prevention Program will be involved in activities to encourage proper seatbelt use. The Oneida Police Department will be handing out incentives to those who are in compliance with the seatbelt law. The Injury Prevention Program will be conducting observational surveys at different intersections of the reservation to monitor seatbelt usage. OPD and the Injury Prevention Program will also conduct classes in the Oneida Tribal Schools in support of this campaign. The purpose of this community outreach is to keep our community safe, as well as prepare tribal members for their holiday travel. Many other local law enforcement agencies are involved with this national campaign in our area to raise overall public awareness.

Wisconsin’s Primary Seatbelt Law requires that all children under the age of 8 be properly restraint and that you can be pulled over by an officer observing an unrestrained child and could cost you anywhere from \$148.20 to \$249.00. The Secondary Seatbelt Law is enforced when you are pulled over for another violation and you or your passengers are not properly restrained. Following the law is important but the safety and well-being of our community and its members is our main concern.

Summer is quickly approaching and people are starting to make their plans for the Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day Weekend sparks the summer travel season and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) ranks Memorial Day weekend as one of the deadliest holidays for traffic related deaths. Historically, approximately 500 people are killed each year in automobile accidents during the Memorial Day weekend, half of which are the result of alcohol related crashes. Please exercise caution and your best judgment when traveling this weekend.

- Your chance of survival in a crash is doubled when seat belts are worn properly.
- Unrestrained children are 3 times more likely to be injured than properly restrained children.
- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Native Americans age 1-44 in Wisconsin.
- Wisconsin leads the Nation in percentage of deaths in 2006 traffic wrecks involved a driver who had .08% blood alcohol content or higher.

Please call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns dealing with the safety of our community.

Please have a safe Holiday weekend!



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Local

Get to know the OBC candidates

Letters: Continued

Oneida Citizens are welcome to meet and hear the issues and personal platform of the candidates for the Oneida Business Committee. Each candidate is invited to participate. Come listen to your future leaders.

Candidates Forum Schedule at the Radisson (Wolf Room)

Monday June 2, 2008 5-9 pm
Wednesday June 4, 2008 5-9 pm
Monday June 16, 2008 5-9 pm
Tuesday June 17 2008 5-9 pm

Oneida Business Committee Officer Candidates

Chairman, Vice Chairman
Date: Monday, June 2, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm

5:00 pm, Monday, June 2, 2008 Chair Candidates

Gary L. Jordan	Bernie Stevens
Lee Ninham	Steve Mittag
Mark Powless Sr.	Linda S. Dallas
Richard G. Hill	

7:00 pm, Monday, June 2, 2008 Vice Chair Candidates

Kathy Hughes	Hugh Danforth
Anita F. Barber	John G. Orie
Vince DelaRosa	Greg Matson
Kristine "Kris" Hill	Dorothy A. Skenandore

Secretary and Treasurer Candidates

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2008
Time: 5:00 pm

5:00 pm, Tuesday June 4, 2008 Secretary Candidates

Leyne Orosco	Patty Hoeft
Carole Liggins	Susan Danforth-Martinez

5:00 pm Tuesday, June 4, 2008 Treasurer Candidates

Jim Van Stippen	John G. Orie
Tina Danforth	Fred Muscavitch
L. Gordon	
McLester III	

Oneida Business Committee Council Candidates

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

5:00 pm Tuesday, June 16	
Ronda L. Skenandore	Amelia Cornelius
Brandon J. Cooper	Al Manders
Brenda John-Stevens	Ed Delgado
Ramon Paull Jr.	
Jennifer Webster	
"Jenny"	

7:00 pm Tuesday, June 16	
Daniel A. King	Trish King
Lee Ninham	Steve Mittag
Dale Wheelock	Gina Powless
Benjamin Doyle	Buenrostro
Vieau	

Oneida Business Committee Council Candidates

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

5:00 pm Wednesday, June 17, 2008

Ronald J. Summers	Anita F. Barber
Brandon Stevens	John G. Orie
Timothy D. Ninham	Susan K. Doxtator
David Bischoff	
Eugene "Yogi" Metoxen	

7:00 pm Wednesday, June 17, 2008

Jason J. Kurowski	Judy Cornelius
Melinda J. Danforth	Greg Matson
Genevieve Gollnick	Charles FW Wheelock
Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.	"Chaz"

Time Break down estimate:

5:00 pm Table discussions begin
5:06 pm One minute advisement
5:07 pm Candidate moves to next table
5:08 - 6:00 pm Candidates continue table to table
6:00 pm Platform address on stage begins
6:15 pm Preparation for next forum begins quietly in back of room while platform continues
7:00 pm Next round of table discussions begin
8:00 pm Social Hour
9:00 pm Forum concludes.

This forum is sponsored by Getting Involved For Tribal Success (GIFTS) and the Oneida Communications Department.

*NOTE: This reflects the most recent list of candidates, some may have removed their names from the ballot.

perform again later this year, perhaps in the Fall. Watch you Kalihwisaks for announcements.

For years, I had dreamed of someday resurrecting the great band that we once had. When I felt the Creator desired that I move back to this area, it seemed possible that this dream could become a reality. Loretta Metoxen (French Horn) and I (tuba/baritone) shared this vision of what our community might be able to accomplish with all the talent that lay dormant in the area, so we started the ball rolling. Beth Bashara (trombone) and Roger Rosnowski (conductor) were very instrumental (pun intended) in getting us on our way. Later, the "Turtle School" was provided as a venue for our rehearsals and concerts. Calling all musicians! Whether you play regularly or haven't picked up your instrument in 20 years (that latent talent can be revived), we invite you to join our group when rehearsals are resumed early this fall (watch

Kalihwisaks for announcement of dates and times.) No audition is required. If you're interested, you may fill out an application at the Oneida Library, or you may call Beth (490-3833), Loretta (496-5393) or me (Ben-544-4559) for more information. If you no longer have an instrument, we might be able to help you locate one. If not, perhaps you could rent one from an area music store at a reasonable rate. By the way, if any reader has an instrument lying around collecting dust, and which nobody is interested in playing, perhaps you would consider donating it to the band (tax deduction?) or lending or selling it to a player, please call one of the numbers listed above. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated!
Yours, for a more musical community,

Benjamin L. Jahn.

Editorial Commentary



By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks Managing Editor

Budget LIES

I enjoyed the May 10 General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting, well, as much as I could enjoy sitting inside on a beautiful spring Saturday. GTC members understood the gravity of what was being proposed, the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) followed our laws, and logic ruled the day.

All the while, a so-called-budget was being circulated that purported to show individual budget numbers from various programs. I don't think I can call it a budget, perhaps in respect to the alphabet soup of our tribe I will refer to it as List of Itemized Expenses and Spending, LIES for short. A regular contributor to our letters section was handing the LIES out in the bleachers where I was sitting. She handed them to the left of me, to the right of me, and over my head. I waited for her to leave,

and then took the copy she gave to my sister.

I looked it over, not really having anything to compare it to. Then I saw my department.

I deleted the personnel line to respect my employees' privacy. Otherwise, the LIES breaks down like this:
Kalihwisaks - \$365,029
18,500 – Business Expense
26,188 – Indirect Costs
(\$170,412) Employee Testing and Incentive
93,000 – Fringe Benefits
(\$452,600) – A b s o r b e d Fringe Benefits
39,945 – Fringe Benefits
170,412 – E m p l o y e e Incentive
310,000 – E m p l o y e e Incentive
148,768 – E m p l o y e e Incentive
49,600 – Indirect Costs
21,304 – Indirect Costs
Employee Incent. & Test 833,029

Now without getting into which lines are true and which lines are false, let's just look at the structure.

First, there three lines for employee incentive and for indirect costs and two for

fringe benefits. In my budget, I only have one line for each item.

Secondly, when creating a budget, the dollars a program is expected to bring in is put in parenthesis and represents a negative number. Therefore, according to the LIES, the Kalihwisaks is responsible for collecting money for employee testing and incentive, and for absorbed fringe benefits. This is not a duty my department has been charged with.

Third, when you add up the employee incentives and the employee testing correctly, you get 458,768. When you do it incorrectly, that is as all positive numbers, you get 799,592, not 833,029. Moreover, 833,029 does not fit into the first number of \$365,029, which I assume is intended to represent my total budget.

Finally, I have to wonder why my department was singled out for such generous employee incentives. The amount dwarfs my actual payroll and budget.

I know there were a couple of real numbers in the LIES, because the best LIES always have a grain of truth.


Yes, I have \$18,500 in my business expense. This

\$17,000 increase was based on a quote I had gotten for a website for the Kalihwisaks, a website where we could do more than post the print version of the paper. We are working with the OBC and the Management of Information Systems (MIS) department to make this website a reality. This will be a one time expense.

One has to question whether the people spreading the LIES are either unable to read a budget, or have no problems getting creative with budget numbers.

Mixing fact with fiction only confuses members of the GTC and breeds suspicion and contempt. The truth is there are areas where the tribe could cut down on wasteful spending; it's just a shame it wasn't brought forward in an honest manner.

If you are a tribal member, I invite you to come down to look at this year's and last year's Kalihwisaks budgets. We are located in the lower level of the Norbert Hill Center. Please call 920-869-4277 to make an appointment.



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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.dtv2009.gov> or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

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31st Annual Raffle & Picnic

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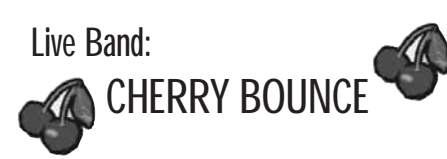
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(Registration - 10:30 am)

Live Band:

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Annual Family Carnival Celebrates 16 Years

Submitted by Mike Metoxen
Events Director

The Annual Family Carnival began in 1992 on Memorial Day weekend as a one day event that was organized by a handful of dedicated community members. Since that time the event has been moved to the first full weekend in June when the weather is a little warmer. The idea behind holding a carnival was to bring communities together for an exciting event that would cater to families. This event has continued to grow as we see a record number in attendance each and every year. A combination of national entertainment and the fireworks show on Saturday night proves to be the muscle of the event as the carnival grounds explode with festival goers.

Because of the generosity and dedication of some of our sponsors such as the Oneida Bingo & Casino, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center and WLUK Fox 11, the Family carnival now provides some of the best live entertainment, amusement rides and other family attractions. It's truly one of the best events in the region that provides free admission and free live entertainment. There is a minimal fee for the various carnival rides and there are numerous food vendors that serve up an assortment of food items that's sure to satisfy everyone's palate.

Thank you to all our volunteers that help out each and every year with everything from ticketing, working the prize booth, garbage collection and parking to name a few. The volunteers are the backbone of the carnival and

we can't thank them enough for all they do and have done to insure a successful event.

A big thank you to our great Oneida community for

all your support through the years and I hope each and everyone of you have a fantastic summer.



Photos courtesy of Mike Metoxen

Left: Wolf River Band on the main stage in 1993. Top: Branscombe Richmond and the Renegade Posse played the Family Carnival in 2003. Above: Cowboy Crush hit the stage in 2005.

Arts Program presents 8th Annual Summer Picnic Concerts

Submitted by Beth Bashara

Oneida Nation Arts Program

The Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP) is proud to present its' 8th annual Summer Picnic Concerts. This year's summer concert series features Native American musicians playing a variety of music.

Old-time music lovers will enjoy Johnny Doxtator and his band on June 19th. The native rocker, Keith Secola, will return to the Oneida for another rocking concert. An up and coming artist, Jamie Coon, writes and sings soul-pop music.

John Doxtator will play on Thursday, June 19th. Country, gospel, bluegrass, and old-time music are in John Doxtator's repertoire. Johnny

will play at both the noon hour and during the evening picnic.

Keith Secola is scheduled for Thursday, July 17th. His music is familiar to thousands of fans across North America and Europe, where he's been playing his brand of progressive music in concerts to audiences many years. Keith's famous song, "NDN Kars", is considered the contemporary Native American anthem. Keith will play at both the noon hour and during the evening picnic.

Jamie Coon will

See Page 3A
Concerts



Keith Secola



Johnny Doxtator



Jamie Coon

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The costs for diagnosis and treatment are staggering and are close to 30 billion dollar a year!

Various factors seem to play a role: smoking, obesity, previous pregnancies and deliveries, pelvic surgery can affect the occurrence of incontinence.

The evaluation of the degree of incontinence and its effect on the woman's activities play an important role in the decision making process that will lead to an effective therapy and treatment.

There are several types of incontinence;

One, called genuine stress incontinence occurs when the loss of urine is caused by sneezing, coughing, lifting or other physical activity.

This type of incontinence can be due to poor muscle support and or poor bladder closure muscle tone.

Overactive Bladder and urgency incontinence are often caused by a bladder that is over sensitive and leads to urgency and leakage before the patient can reach the bathroom.

Many women suffer from mixed urinary incontinence

which is due to both previously mentioned types of incontinence.

Before a treatment is instituted a very thorough history with incontinence questionnaire is taken.

A clinical examination in the urologist's office may reveal some indication as to why the incontinence is occurring but often additional tests are required: poor muscle support can often be diagnosed right in the urologist's office.

First we like to make sure there is no bladder infection, stones or tumors present.

Then Urodynamic studies where the bladder capacity and pressures are measured and bladder X-rays are often ordered.

These can be performed at the Oneida Community Health Center. Incomplete bladder emptying if present also needs a special work up!

The treatment can consist of oral medication, pelvic muscle therapy, urethral bulking and even surgery.

Whatever treatment is used a complete cure can never be guaranteed; major improvement is often the end result!

Usually the less invasive or medical treatment is tried before surgery is contemplated.

The Oneida Community Health Center has just

By Joseph E. Binard, MD,
FRCSC, Urologist



acquired very expensive equipment that will allow Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation and strengthening along with biofeedback.

This equipment will allow us to continue to provide our patients with the best of care right in our own Oneida facility.

Speech and Hearing Awareness Month

Submitted by Nikki Mathweg, RN, BSN
Community Health Nursing

Hearing loss is a common problem due to the combined effects of noise, aging, disease, and heredity. One in three people over the age of 60 have hearing loss. Whether a hearing loss is small or large, it is a serious concern. Hearing problems can make it hard to understand and follow a doctor's advice, to respond to warnings, and to hear doorbells and alarms. If left untreated, problems can get worse.

How Do I Know if I Have a Hearing Loss?

You could have a hearing problem and may need to get your hearing checked if you:

- Have trouble hearing over the telephone,
- Find it hard to follow conversations when two or more people are talking,
- Need to turn up the TV volume so loud that others complain,
- Have a problem hearing because of background noise,
- Sense that others seem to mumble, or

• Can't understand when women and children speak to you.

What should I do?

You can call the Oneida Community Health Center at, **920-869-2711**, to schedule an appointment with an audiologist. An audiologist can measure your hearing. You do not need a doctor referral to schedule an appointment. The appointments generally last 15 to 30 minutes, and there is no charge to eligible tribal members. Hearing better is worth the effort, so call to schedule your appointment today.

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 Meetings...

10 AM – May 30, June 27, 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

Concerts

STONE TEMPLE PILOTS

Thur., July 17 • \$35

On-Sale June 1 • 10am

TICKET INFORMATION



Tickets available at all Oneida Casino Ticket★Star locations, online at TicketStarOnline.com, or call 1-800-895-0071 to charge by phone. Limit 8 tickets per person, per show. No refunds.

All acts/times subject to change. No cameras or audio/video equipment allowed.

Musical Money

**Receive \$5 in
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Education

Wisconsin First Lady promotes higher ed



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Jessica Doyle visits with eighth grade students at Onedia Nation Elementary School to promote the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge.

By Steven J. Gandy

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Enrollment is now open for current eighth graders to sign up for the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge.
In a recent visit to the Oneida Nation Elementary

School Wisconsin First Lady Jessica Doyle visited with eighth grade student to explain and promote the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge.
“I’m really, really encouraged for many, many reasons...most every job that we

know about now requires some kind of higher education. What ever dream you have; education is going to get you there,” Doyle said.
In a letter to students on the Wisconsin Covenant website Governor Jim Doyle wrote,

Summer Nursing Camp at Marian

Fond du Lac, Wis. - Marian University, in partnership with Agnesian Healthcare, will hold a Summer Nurse Camp from Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.
Students who are currently sophomores and juniors in high school, who have an interest in nursing and would like to learn more about the profession, are encouraged to

apply.
"In this time of a nursing shortage, it is important to nurture an interest among young people and to assist them in understanding and gaining a positive perception of the nursing profession," stated Nancy Noble, associate professor of nursing and the coordinator of the camp.
The camp will be an intensive immersion experience, with hands-on opportunities

in a nursing skills lab and job shadowing with an RN at St. Agnes Hospital. There will be instructional sessions on various nursing topics, and time to talk with nurses from different specialties.
All participants will receive First Aid and CPR instruction.
Brochures and applications are available from guidance counselors at local high schools. The camp will be

limited to 20 students per session. There is no cost to students; however a \$25 reservation fee is required. Lunch will be provided each day.
Those interested in more information may contact Nancy Noble at (920) 923-8771, or call the Admissions Office at (920) 923-7650 for an application.

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perform in an acoustic duet on Thursday, August 14th. Her audience is captivated by her voice—which is both soulful and angelic—and her original soul-pop tunes. However, it is much more than that which draws everyone in. An extremely gifted singer and a pure natural on stage, she is completely connected with the audience, ad-libbing between tunes and interacting with the crowd. She will play at both the noon hour and during the evening picnic.
Each musician will perform during the noon hour at a “brown bag” concert. Bring your lunch to the Norbert Hill Center in the front lawn by the apple trees for a relaxing noon hour.
In the evening, come out and enjoy a picnic along with family, and friends in the Norbert Hill Center’s Little Apple Orchard. The picnic meal will begin at 6:30 p.m.; ONAP requests a \$5.00 donation per plate. The evening concert is free and will begin at 7:00 p.m. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Norbert Hill Center’s Auditorium.
For more information, call ONAP at (920) 490-3830 or visit the website at oneidanationarts.org to get the latest.

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.

Higher Education Office Visits Area High Schools

Throughout the year, your Oneida Higher Education office continues to visit our local high schools. Our visits are intended to promote the successful completion of high school and to introduce the Higher Education Grant.
We hope for and encourage questions such as “I don’t know what I want to be when I grow up,” or “I have a career in mind, now what,” or “I’m ready to apply, so what’s next”. To answer these questions we use resources such as career assessments, nationwide college searches, job projections, and if possible, arrange for Information Interviews with people who are currently working in their areas of interest.
We also encourage students to take advantage of extra-curricular activities. Because such activities help the student develop leadership skill’s, be more willing to complete tasks, more willing to voice opinions, and more likely to graduate from high school. Not to mention an excellent way to explore social, political, and career interests.
This Academic Year we’ve made the following visits with our local youth:
Ashwaubenon High School - 19 Students
BayPort High School - 41 Students
Freedom High School - 16 Students
Green Bay East High School - 8 Students
Green Bay Preble High School - 12 Student
Green Bay South West High School - 9 Students
Green Bay West High School - 9 Students
Oneida Nation High School - 73 Students
Pulaski High School - 12 Students
Seymour High School - 36 Students
West De Pere High School - 54 Students
Total - 289 Students
Parents, guardians, grandparents, please encourage your high school student to attend one of our high school sessions, or to make an appointment at our office with one of our advisors. You can contact our office at 920-869-4033, or 1-800-236-2214, ext. 4033.

Kids Arts and Wellness Camp

(Oneida, WI) - Hey Kids! Have you ever wanted to sing and dance in Iroquois music? Learn to play the piano and native flute? Write your own song? Perform a dance? Act in a play? Paint a mural? Create a lace bracelet? Do really cool art projects? Learn about martial arts? Go swimming? And participate in experiential activities?
Then come and enjoy the KIDS ARTS AND WELLNESS CAMP, Monday through Friday, July 14 - 25, 2008.
The KIDS ARTS AND WELLNESS CAMP has a qualified team of artists, fitness specialists, and teachers. During the first week of camp, children will explore and enjoy many different art

and wellness activities. During the second week of camp, children will have an opportunity to focus on a specific art activity while continuing to enjoy a variety of activities. On Friday, July 25, during the lunch hour, the children will perform a special presentation for parents and community members.
The camp is open to all children between the ages of 7 - 12 and run Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 3:00. Children enrolled in the Kids Arts and Wellness Camp will enjoy programming from the Oneida Fitness Center, Experiential/Outdoor Adventure and Oneida Family Services' Trail Program. The Camp is held at the Oneida Arts Program

Cottage and Social Service/Fitness Complex on West Point Road and Packerland. The cost of the two week camp is \$15 and includes lunch and snacks.
This is a collaborative project within the Governmental Services Division of the Tribe. Funding for this camp is made possible from a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board and additional funding from the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
Registration is limited to 50 kids per camp. For more information or to receive registration information, please contact Beth at (920) 490-3833 or bbashara@oneida-nation.org.

Anita F. Barber

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The College of Menominee Nation (CMN)-Green Bay campus is open and available for political debates, forums and fundraisers. All candidates are welcome to use the school facilities at no cost. There is ample parking. Please call for more information to schedule a function (920) 965-4000.

T'Thunderhawk

Oneida Language and Culture at ONHS

By Louis Guerra and Thunderhawk Times staff

On Friday, May 16, ONHS students and staff enjoyed the annual Culture Day. The day was a celebration of the Oneida Language and Culture. It was a great day to take some time off from working so hard, and just relax and enjoy the beautiful weather we have been having.

Students competed in archery, fry bread making, traditional singing and Oneida language and culture trivia. There was also a lacrosse tournament. There were decent prizes for the winners.

Going into Culture Day, some “Thunderhawk Times” staff members reflected on the importance of language and culture at ONHS. Here are some of our thoughts:

“I think there is a need for change. We need the culture and schooling to keep Oneida alive. This school would be better if we had more Oneida classes and the influence of the language and culture was even more.” - John Callahan, junior

“At ONHS culture is our number one thing the students know. Culture classes are all about knowing our language and culture, where we came from, and about what our ancestors went through in the



past. Also, we get to learn our language, which not many know. We also get a chance to teach some of our younger brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and so on. It's great having fluent speakers because most of the elders forgot all about the language and culture through being forced to forget all about their traditions by going to boarding schools.” - Ashley Ninham, senior

Louis and his weaving skills

By Racheal Ninham

ONHS senior

Louis Guerra is a junior at Oneida Nation High School, but he's also known as “the lacrosse stick net weaver.” Which means that he can “net” or “weave” the lacrosse stick net and make it look awesome.

I asked Louis how he learned this skill. He replied, “I picked it up on my own. Also, I was the first one to take apart a net and put it back together, in middle school.”

Louis did a lot of nets in the past. To this day, he “doesn't even remember” how many nets he has done.

I also asked him when he started doing this and he said, “About four years old.”

I asked Louis if he charged people for doing this nice job on their stick and he said, “I don't charge people money

for this. I just do it for fun, basically. But some people do give generous offers for doing this.”

Louis really does a wonderful job on these nets and he just makes them look unique. So, if you want to find Louis and have him do this to your lacrosse stick, you can find him at Oneida Nation High School. He is also one of the writers for “Thunderhawk Times.”



THT Photo/Garrett Miller

ONHS junior Louis Guerra has been perfecting his skill at stringing his lacrosse team mates' lacrosse stick nets.

Rockets Over Sheboygan

By John Callahan

ONHS junior and Thunderhawk Times staff

As reported in previous Thunderhawk Times articles, this year several ONHS students got a chance to go down to Sheboygan to launch two 6' 4" rockets. The students were supervised and advised by two ONHS science teachers, Becky Nutt and Susan Hayes.

There were two student teams led by John Callahan and Lauren Mills. Both teams did a fantastic job and it was an experience to see these rockets get built and to see them fly.

When you see the power of one of these, it is amazing. The rockets shot up in a matter of sixty seconds. “Thunderhawk,” went up to 3,550 feet and the other rocket, “Otunyat” (“Flying Eagle”

in Oneida) made it to 3,100 feet. According to Nutt, those distances were tracked by computer.

“The payload in the nose of the rocket,” Nutt said, “was an egg.” The idea was to fire the rockets into the air and have it return to earth with the payload intact-in other words, without the egg breaking.

“Actually,” Nutt said, “it was very clever how they [Callahan's team] did it. They put the egg inside a tennis ball container and surrounded it with glue.”

Mills' team was not quite so successful. They surrounded their egg with bubble wrap.

All told, it was “Mission Accomplished” for both teams, especially for the “Thunderhawk” team.

THT Photos/Becky Anderson

The Oneida Nation High School celebrated Culture Day where students took part in traditional activities such as lacrosse, archery and culture quizzes. Left: Junior Garrett Miller is set to defend the goal in the lacrosse tournament during ONHS Culture Day. Below: ONHS junior Yuntle McLester "mixes it up" during the fry bread competition.



ONHS Lacrosse Team Gets First Win

By Joslin Skenandore

ONHS junior

The Oneida Nation High School Lacrosse team has had its first official win on Friday, May 9, against the Green Bay Metro team.

It was a tied game, at 2-2, at the half. But after the break, Oneida came back with a stunning 6 points. The Metro's only scored one more, which brought the final score to 8-3.

Oneida will have another game against the Metro's some time later. We don't know exactly when, but it's coming up.

Also, the Oneida team will have a game against the Menominee lacrosse team sometime this spring. The Menominee and the Oneida lacrosse teams have been playing each other for the past few years. (Enough with those Menoms, Aye!)

The Oneida team has about four other games to play yet this season. Those games are all rescheduled games that were canceled earlier in the season due to the weather.

My Scoop

Old-School Teachers

By Marquita Tebeau

ONHS senior

Some of the teachers at ONHS that everybody gets along with the most are the teachers that have been here for years. We all have favorite teachers, even if you really dislike school. There's usually that one class that you like to come to school for.

Some of the best like teachers here at Oneida have worked here for many years. They know how to laugh with the students and not get all mad when the students are making fun of them. Much of the time, they make fun of themselves.

What would the students do if they were to lose some of the good ones here at ONHS? We all know this wouldn't be such a fun place that it is.

These “old-school” teachers might goof around with the students, but they also know when to get serious. When they get mad, you know to quit fooling around and get to work.

But then, what would the teachers do with out the students? These teachers would be uptight, just like a lot of them are in public schools, if it weren't for those few students that tell them to loosen up and take a chill pill.

They students help to mold the teachers into great ones, just like the teachers have to mold the students into bright young adults.

Class of ‘08 update

By Ashley Ninham and Luanne Funmaker

ONHS seniors

It's getting very close to the end of the school year, and ONHS seniors are getting so excited to finally graduate.

The class of 08' decided just to go to Chicago for our senior trip and just have fun as a group. Most of the seniors will be going off to college in the fall. Some will be working.

“Senior Day” was a huge success. We were able to get away for a day as a group. First, we got together as a

class, well, most of us. Then, we had a nice little cookout at one of the seniors' houses. Then, we split up for a bit, then rendezvoused for some hardcore volleyball at Pamperin Park. After volleyball, it was an exhilarating game of ball tag. It was fun, but not everyone played. So, we played a game everyone could get into. What else would you play with a ball and a bundle of people? Kick ball! It was a blast. The day was a good way for a group of seniors about to leave good old ONHS to celebrate as a class.

Lacrosse is more Popular

By Louis Guerra

ONHS junior

In, the past couple of years lacrosse has been growing rapidly in popularity. Many schools and colleges now have lacrosse teams. Most colleges that have been known to have very good varsity level sports like football, basketball, and baseball, are now adding lacrosse to that list.

I have even seen a small increase in lacrosse popularity in the past couple of years in our area. Stores like Denis'

Sports Shop, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Play It Again Sports all started off selling just a couple of different lacrosse sticks. That wasn't so great. But if you go there now, you will see much better-quality sticks and equipment. They have a larger selection of sticks and other equipment, too.

Personally, I believe that the popularity of lacrosse still has some growing to do. I think that the sport and its popularity will continue to grow in the coming years.

My Top 10 Drum Groups

By Paul Gutierrez

ONHS junior

Here's my top ten drum groups and why they are in the top ten.

1. Northern Cree - They Just Be killing, no matter what.
2. Midnite Express - They are really, really good.
3. Bearcreek - They Sound Really Good.
4. Str8ght Across- I like them cuz they sound good and I can jam to them.
5. Whitefish Jr. - When you have five singers and still

take second, that's when you know you are good.

6. DUCK CREEK- Killing we be doing.
7. High Noon - They been around so long and still are really good.
8. Mystic River - We know they're good. No question about that.
9. War Scout - I like dancing to these guys.
10. Thunder Hill - I like their back up, Kit Landry.

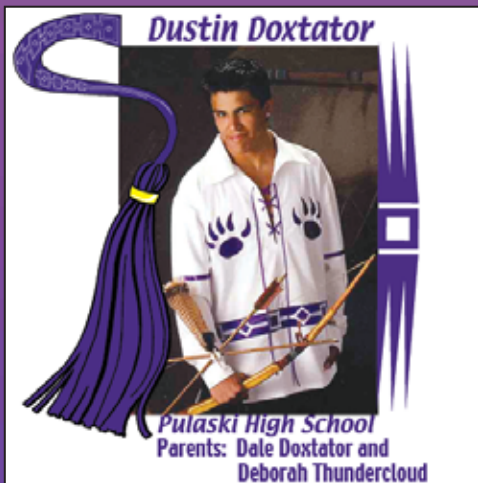
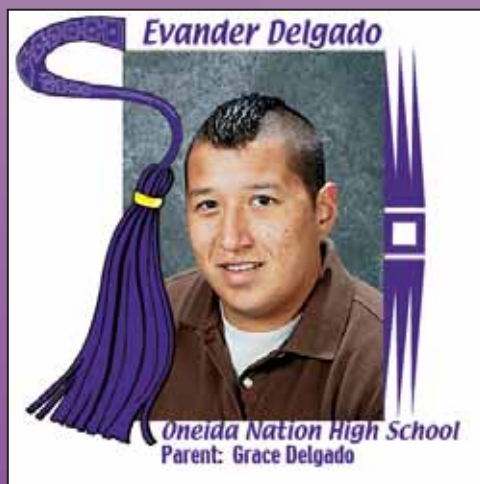
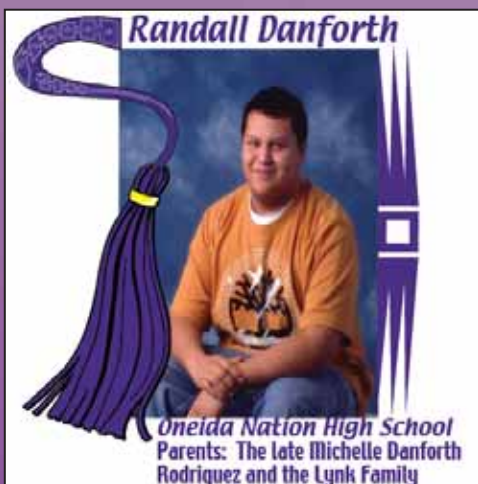
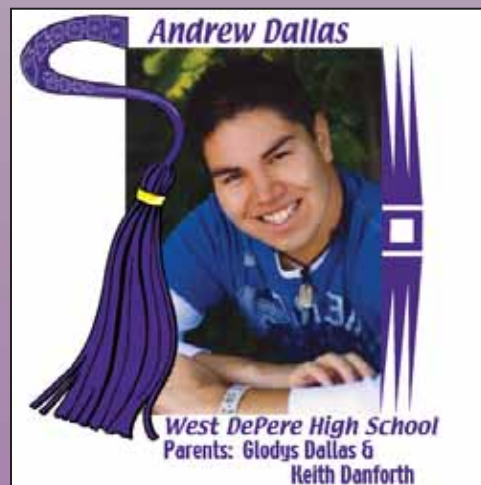
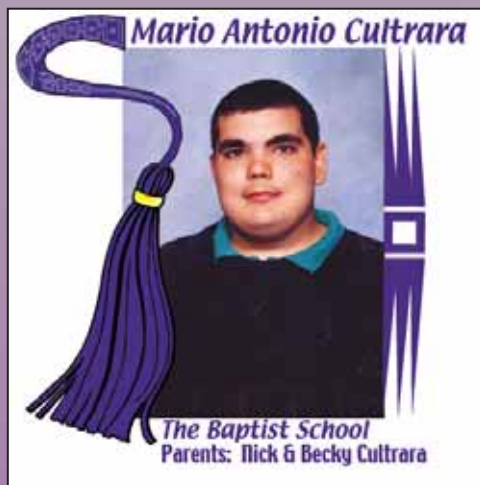
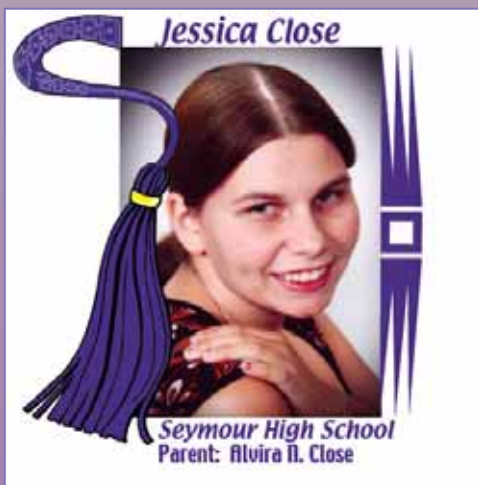
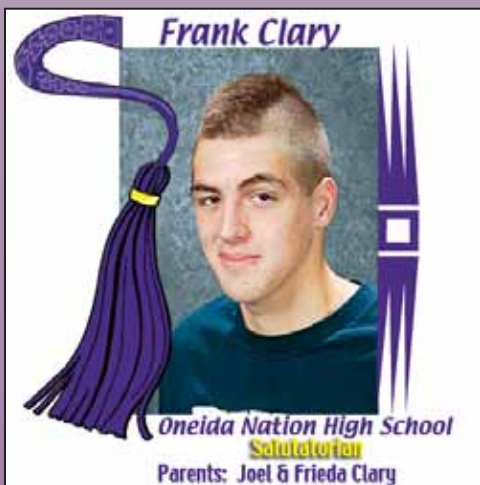
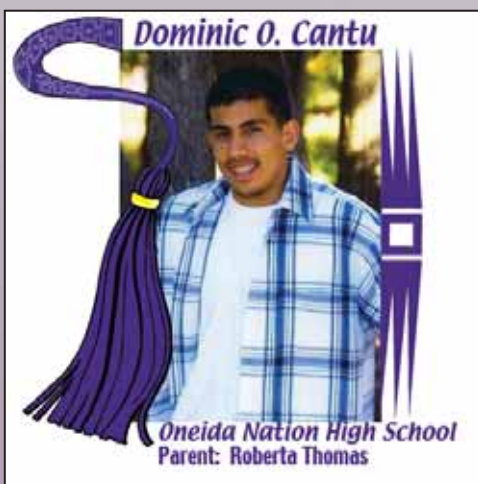
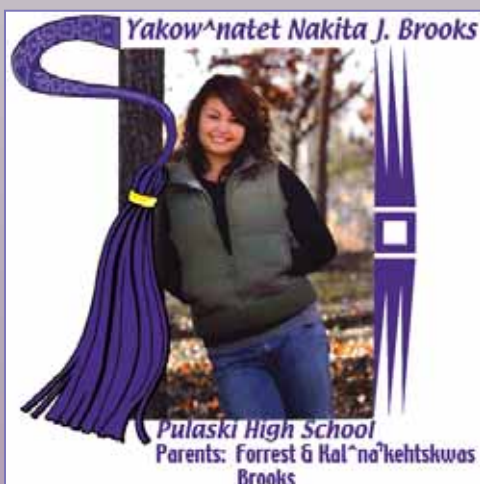
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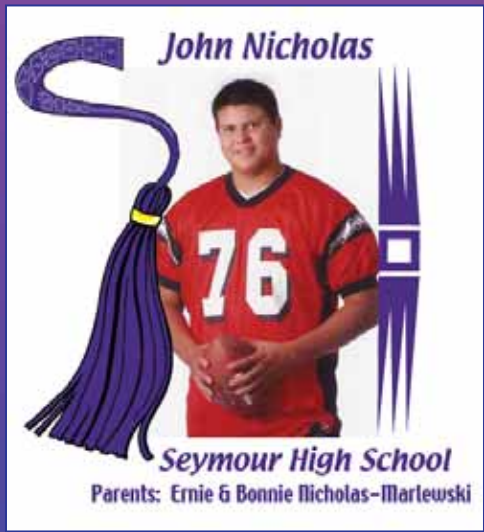
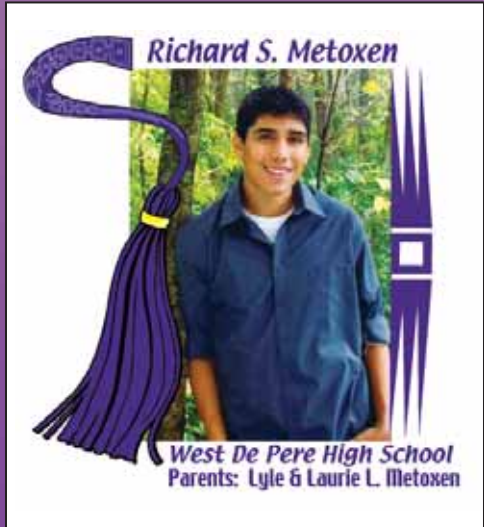
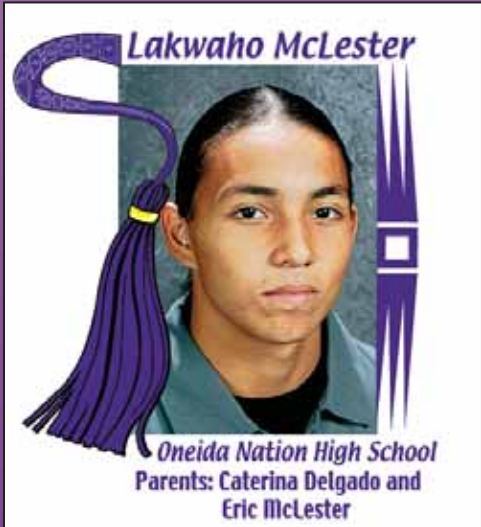
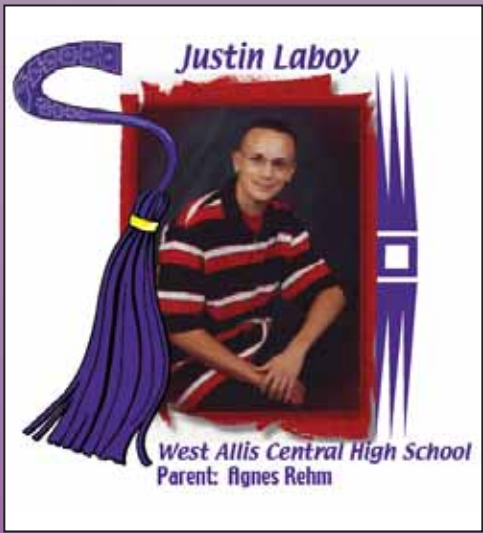
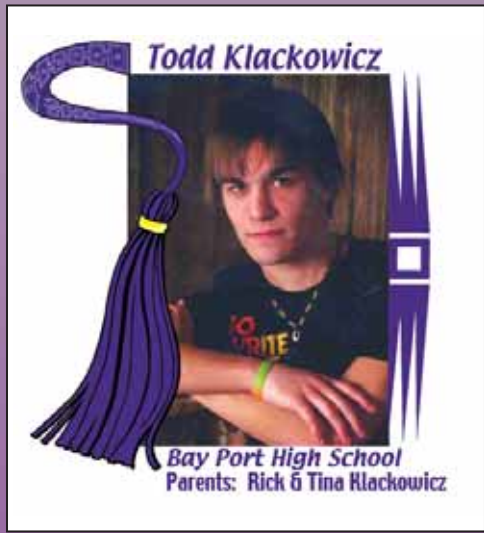
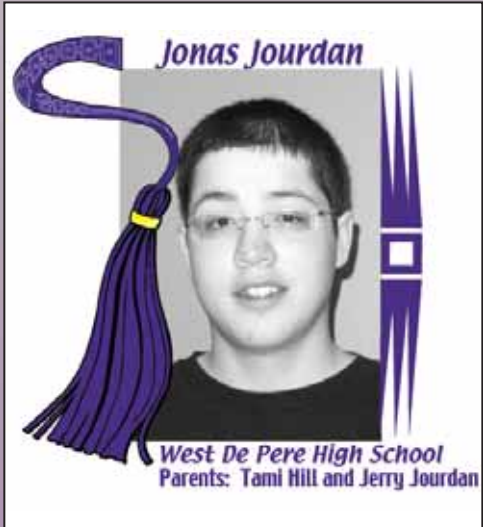
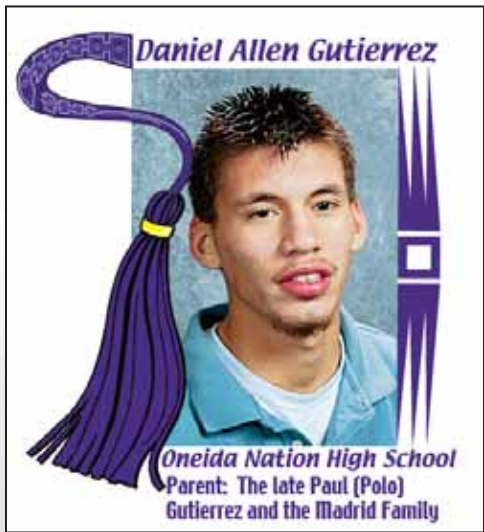
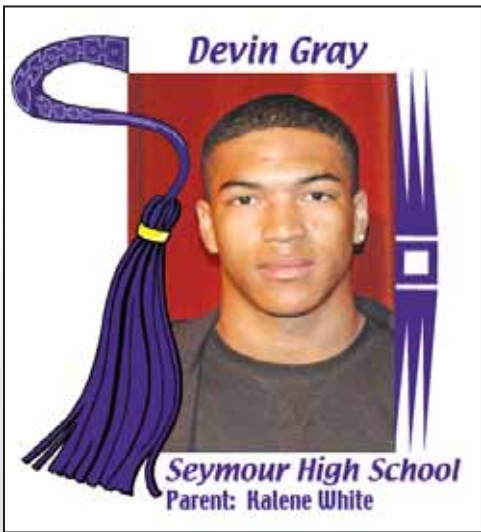
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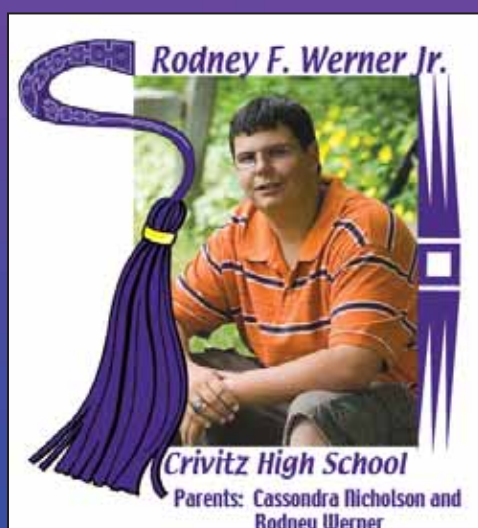
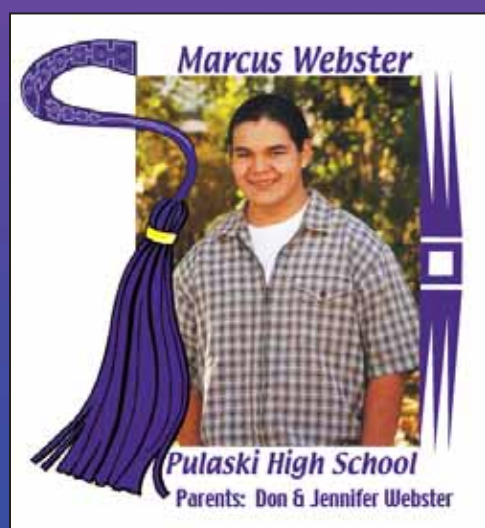
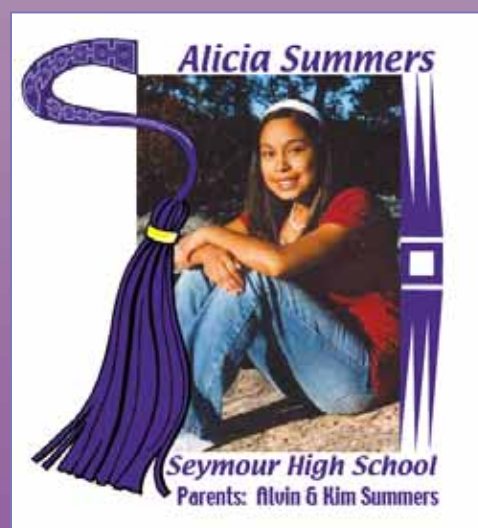
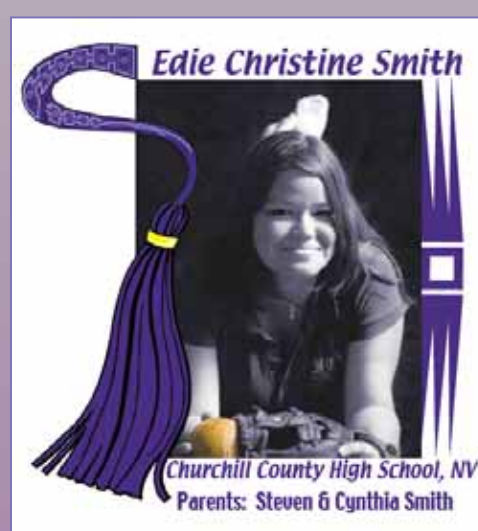
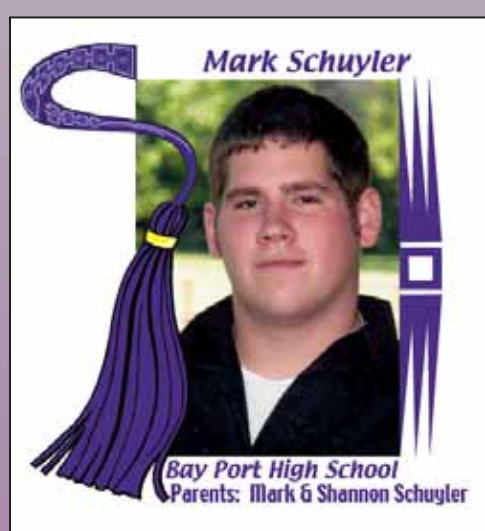
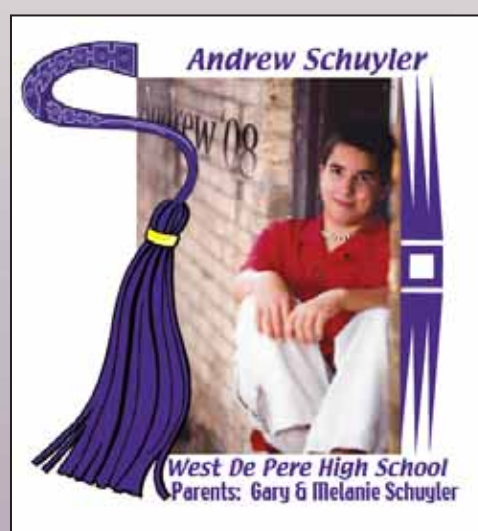
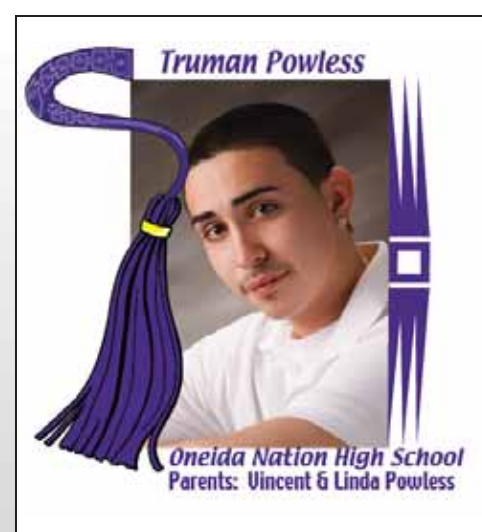
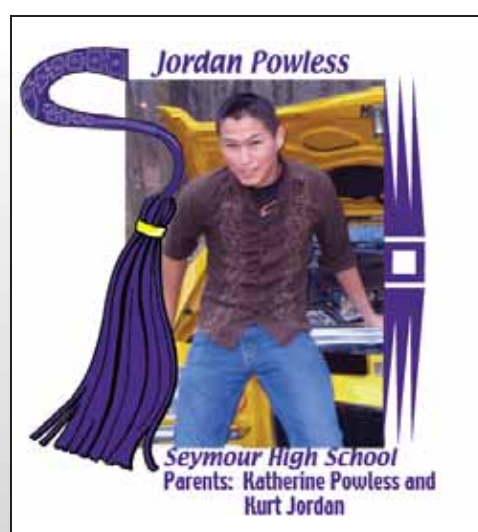


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WIS 172 Construction

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(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office at Green Bay is hosting a public information meeting regarding the upcoming WIS 172 Rehabilitation Project. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2008 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Wisconsin Department of

Transportation Northeast Regional Office, 944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay. This meeting will be held in an open-house format with short presentations at 5:15 p.m. and again at 6:45 p.m.

This project is scheduled to begin in fall 2008. WisDOT staff will provide information regarding the project's scope,

schedule, and traffic impacts.

Plans call for resurfacing WIS 172 between US 41 and I-43, beginning in September 2008 and ending in September 2010. The project includes resurfacing WIS 172 lanes and ramps, re-decking of the Fox River bridge, replacement of the Oneida Street bridges, construction of exit-only lanes for the Pilgrim Way and Vanderperren Way exits, and local roadway work.

There will be impacts to the traveling public throughout the project. These impacts will be especially significant from February to August of both 2009 and 2010, when WIS 172 will be reduced to one lane eastbound and two lanes westbound from US 41 to Webster Avenue. WIS 172 between Webster Avenue and Interstate 43 will be reduced to one lane in each direction for a portion of the construction project. Oneida Street will be closed at WIS 172 from February to mid-July of both 2009 and 2010 for replacement of the WIS 172 bridges over Oneida Street. Lane and ramp closures, both long term and short term, are anticipated during construction.

Interested citizens unable to attend the meeting, or who would like more information, please contact Project Manager Chuck Karow at (920) 492-5997. Written comments regarding the project can be mailed to Chuck Karow, WisDOT, P.O. Box 28080, Green Bay, WI 54324-0080. WisDOT's NE Region Office is wheelchair accessible. Citizens who are hearing-impaired and who require an interpreter may request one by contacting Chuck Karow at least three working days prior to the meeting via the Wisconsin telecommunications Relay system (dialing 711).



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If you would like additional information please contact Sandi Skenadore at 920-490-3789.

Public Hearing

Purpose:

Amendments to the Travel Policy in order to replace language in the policy that names American Express as the official credit card company of the Tribe. The proposed amendments would insert language into the policy that would allow the Tribe the ability to use the credit card company of its choice.

When: June 24, 2008

Where: Business Committee Conference Room

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@oneidation.org Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this law are also available on the LOC Website: www.onloc.oneidation.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 Skenadore
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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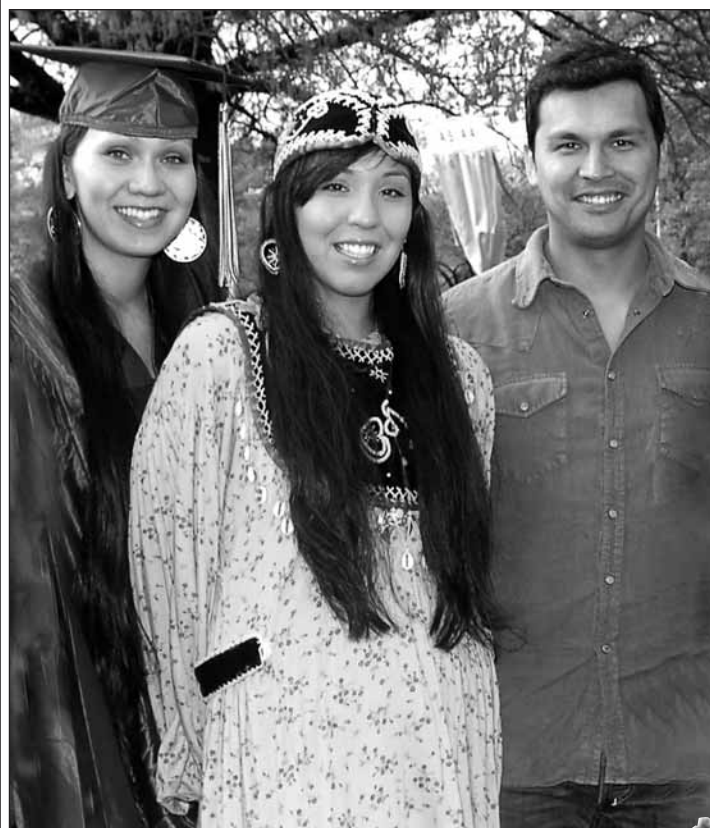
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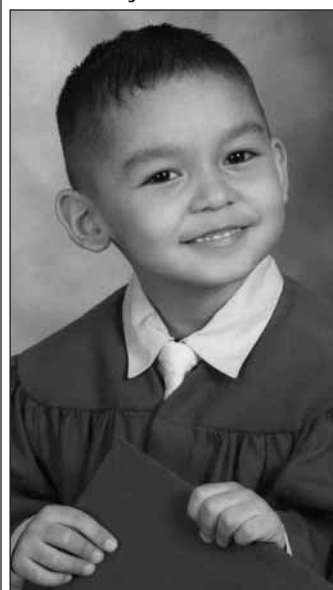
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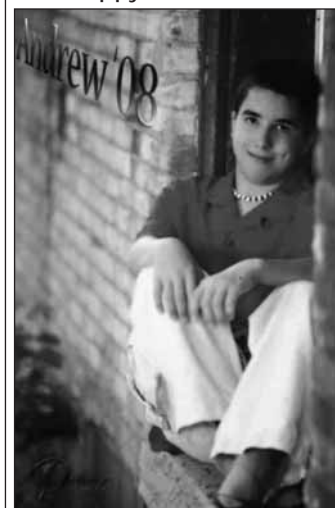


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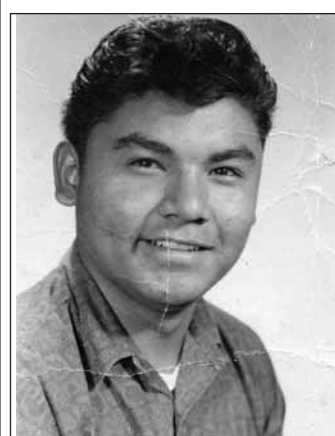
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Native Americans have served in the United States military for more than 200 years – protecting the freedoms and liberties we all enjoy as American citizens. Native Americans have a proud record of service to the country, serving in greater numbers than any other ethnic group. This history of service and the courageous contributions of our veterans should be remembered not just today, but every day.

We ask more of our soldiers than anyone else, and I want to thank Wisconsin's Native American veterans and their families for their many heroic sacrifices. I am committed to working every day to providing veterans with the best services and benefits we can offer to ensure that the service of Wisconsin veterans is not forgotten.

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Environmental

Joining the Mother Earth Water Walkers in Oneida

By Sherrole Benton
Special to the Kalihwisaks

On Mother's Day, I was called to join a caravan of Anishinabe people who were walking around Lake Michigan from Ontario, Canada. After some brief thought about my schedule for that day, I asked my youngest son to join me on this walk. The walkers needed both men and women to join the walk: the men to stand guard and carry the eagle staff, and women to carry the water. The "water walkers," as they're affectionately called, are on a mission to raise awareness about the pollution in the Great Lakes.

The head water walker, Josephine Mandamin, is from the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve No. 26 located on the Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron. Her people are keenly aware of the condition of the Great Lakes and other waters like rivers and underground water. On Wikwe Island, there are three different tribes, the Ojibway (Faith Keepers), Odawa (Traders) and Pottawatomi (Fire Keepers). Their alliance is known as the Three Fires Confederacy.

Grandmother Mandamin is one of the main grandmothers who inspired the "Mother Earth Water Walk." They walked around Lake Superior in 2003, around northern Lake Michigan in 2004, Lake Huron in 2005, Lake Ontario in 2006 and Lake Erie in 2007. This year, they began their walk on April 22nd from Manistee, Michigan, to go around the southern portion of Lake Michigan. They walk

an average of 50 miles per day with a support team.

Other community members had joined the walkers before dawn and walked with them up to Kaukauna, Wisconsin. My son and I met up with the water walkers on County Road U, about 17 miles south of the Parish Hall in Oneida, just as they were leaving Kaukauna. As walkers joined the caravan, they were smudged with cedar and cleansed of all other worries except the mission of the water walk. The women were instructed to wear long skirts and be mindful of the women's teachings. The men were instructed to carry the eagle staff high, and protect the women as they carried a copper pail of water down the road. The Anishinabe people always point out how important it is for men and women to work together. They tell young men and women that they each have their own roles and responsibilities not only for themselves, but for others, including the earth and the environment.

Throughout the day, several groups of people joined the water walkers including: Oneida, Ojibway, Hochunk, Menominee, Navajo, Kwaguilth, and others. We took turns walking the eagle staff and water pail for about a quarter of a mile, and then passing the staff and pail to another pair of walkers. As each pair of walkers passed on the staff and pail, they jumped into the waiting vehicle and drove ahead of the caravan to wait for their turn again.

By the end of the day, the

water waters and local supporters carried the eagle staff and water pail down some trails through Pamperin Park, under Hwy 29, to old Shawano Avenue. They ended their walk for the day near the United Health Group on County Road J in Howard, Wisconsin, about 8 miles north of the Parish Hall in Oneida.

The people showed warm and wonderful hospitality to the walkers as they journeyed through the Oneida reservation. Some local residents came out of their houses to ask the water waters what it was all about. Later, a dinner, which included Oneida Corn Soup (of course), was served to the walkers and their supporters at the Parish Hall. The entire Canadian entourage received lodging for Sunday night in one Oneida home on County Road J.

The water walkers were very pleased with the support and encouragement from the Oneida community. On their website, motherearthwater-waters.com, on the "Live Updates" page, they wrote: "Thanks to all the members of the Oneida Nation who helped us walk through Green Bay, the food and lodging was excellent."

My thanks also go out to Bev Scow, who coordinated the hospitality, walkers, and dinner on Sunday, May 11th. Many thanks, also, to Caterina Delgado-McLester who opened her home to our Canadian visitors. Many thanks, also, go to the women and to all the young men who joined the walk without question and in full support of

Grandmother Mandamin's mission and journey.

I gave Grandmother Mandamin a big hug, and told her it was an honor to walk with her on Mother's Day, the day originally designated as a call to unite all women against war. In the United States, this special day was started by Julia Ward Howe as

"Mother's Day for Peace." The water walker's war is against big corporations, and their mission is to save fresh, clean water for future generations. The corporations are polluting the Great Lakes and nearby waters with chemicals, disease-causing organisms, exotic species, mercury, and other harmful substances.

Corporations are also trying to bottle and sell spring waters, even as local communities protest.

Last Sunday, it was appropriate that men and women gathered together to walk for clean water and environmental justice on Mother's Day.

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Oneida Bingo Lifetime Achievement Nomination

Nominee Information

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Strawberry Moon

June 2008

Getting to know your neighbors, meet the Begays

By Lyn Cornelius

Freedom Pursuit Reporter

James (Navajo) and June Begay (Oneida) have lived on Ray Road for 16 years. Previously they lived in California for more than 40 years. Their children include: James Jr. (Oneida), Dennis (Deceased), Candace (Utah), Susan (Arizona), Carla (California), and Joseph (Alabama). They share their home with two cats named Daisy, 9 and Sissy, 7.

June grew up in Oneida. Jim was born in New Mexico, but grew up in Arizona. While growing up, June wanted to be a nurse. Jim always knew he would join the service and be a Marine like his older brother. He tried to enlist when he was 16 but had to wait a year until he was 17. June's first job was as a secretary to the Head Nurse and Chief of Staff at Fort Defiance in Arizona. Jim's first job was as a Marine. He started his service career in 1944 at the end of World War II as an infantryman; he also served as a tank driver in the Korean War and as a tracked vehicle mechanic in the Vietnam War. Jim was honorably discharged in 1966. Both June and Jim retired in California. June retired as a post office clerk, and Jim retired as a Mechanic/Welder. June's father worked as a molder; Jim's father ran a horse and sheep ranch. Both of their mothers were housewives, a term used in that era.

Jim's favorite hometown memory is swimming in a creek with a waterfall in Arizona. It was the local

hangout during his youth. June remembers ice skating on Duck Creek in Oneida with her cousins; they used to keep a fire going to stay warm. Jim was an avid boxer in high school and the service.

June's favorite toy growing up was a great big doll she had gotten from "Santa Claus" when she was very young. Jim's favorite toys were tops and windmills he carved himself. June's most memorable birthday was when she turned 21 and could vote. Jim's was turning 18 while stationed in Okinawa and China at the end of World War II.

What was a typical Saturday like as a young adult for June and Jim? June remembers Wednesday ladies night out. She went out with a bunch of her friends for drinks and dancing and remembers the group always having a table full of free drinks sent by admirers. Jim was in the service and his Saturday night out was called weekend liberty. There was a place called the Indian Center off base that he enjoyed going to where he could meet and visit with fellow Native American service personnel and civilians. It was there that he met Ira Hays. Ira Hays gained fame when he, along with four fellow Marines and one Sailor raised the US flag over Iwo Jima (reference Flags of our Fathers). The Center provided food, beverages, and entertainment. Occasionally there would be a USO show or live western music.

The couple's most memo-

rable vacation was their first trip to Alaska for their son Joseph's wedding. The farthest June has ever traveled from home besides Alaska was her move to California to be with Jim when he was getting out of the service. They eventually married there. Jim, while in the service, has been to Australia, North China, Korea, Vietnam and the Philippines. Their favorite place on earth is at home relaxing.

Their first car was a 1939 Chevy Business Coup. Their dream/favorite vehicle is their 2002 Dodge Stratus; they are very happy with it.

Their favorite time of the day is the evening before bedtime when they can just relax and watch television. A day on the calendar they always look forward to just passed. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on April 6. They said they both enjoy going to Church services, visiting with friends and laughing with each other.

June's hobby/special talent is sewing. She sews anything and everything. This includes stuffed animals, dolls and clothes. Jim loves to "putter." He fixes cars and small engines, and he is a very experienced handyman. His special talent is rifle shooting, a talent he picked up while in the service.

June's least favorite chore is cleaning out the refrigerator. Jim couldn't think of any chore he dislikes. He just knows what needs to be done and gets it done, he said. Both June and Jim's favorite televi-



Submitted Photo

James and June Begay relax in their Ray Road home.

sion program is Wheel of Fortune. June enjoys watching "chick flicks" and love stories; she is currently watching the series Commander in Chief on DVD. Jim is a huge John Wayne fan. The last movie he watched was The Marine.

June said she likes all kinds of foods. Spicy foods are among their favorites. Depending on their moods, they do enjoy going out to eat Mexican, Italian, Chinese, etc. Jim also mentioned he enjoys mutton. Jim always loved June's biscuits and assumed she was making them from scratch, but he just recently found out that she was actually making them from the prepared rolled kind anyone can purchase at a gro-

cery store. They both cook, and Jim is known for his fry bread, corn soup and chili. June's specialty is spare ribs with sauerkraut and bread dumplings. Their favorite beverage is Postum, a non-caffeine coffee. If given the choice of having dinner with anyone, Jim and June both choose either John F. Kennedy or Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Their favorite time of the year is late spring when everything is blooming. Jim mentioned the beauty of all of the new colors and growth right in the vicinity of their own home.

Some of June's fears are snakes, heavy winds and lightning. Jim's fears are black widow spiders and

scorpions, something he developed while serving overseas and also during a short stay in Utah.

Given the choice of a super power, June would choose super speed to complete her housework. Jim would like to be able to fly so he could enjoy the view from high above, he said.

June's current pet peeve is the price of gas. Jim hates waiting in lines. He also finds it annoying when he needs to make an appointment and then finds out he has to wait a month in order to get in.

Most impressive changes over the years include computers and getting her first automatic washing machine, said June. Jim mentioned the development of hearing aids.

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Elders and Everyone...

DRUMS Contact

From the desk of: Linda Douglas

I am with Elderly Services and will be the main contact for the DRUMS Across Oneida newsletter. Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, concerns, complaints, etc. Thank you for your attention. My phone number: 920-869-2448 email ldouglas@oneidana-tion.org

Oneida Elderly Services ANNUAL



Supports: Roberta Kinzhuma Scholarship Award

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