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Get to know OBC candidates

By Nate Wisneski

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Platforms were discussed and credentials touted at the first of a series of political forums put on by Getting Involved For Tribal Success (GIFTS) and the Communications Department.

The forums are being held at the Radisson and are spread over a two week period with each session focusing on a particular seat on the Oneida Business Committee.

Roughly 50 tribal members had the opportunity to listen and examine candidate's viewpoints on such topics as government to government relations, the local economy, gaming, employment and fiscal responsibility during the

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GTC to hear proposal to buy Thornberry

By Nate Wisneski

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The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) is set to present a recommendation to purchase Thornberry Creek Golf Course at a special General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting slated for June 28.

The 36-hole course and property totals over 320 acres of land, a banquet facility and pro shop. The property is entirely within reservation boundaries.

The course, which peti-

tioned for bankruptcy in July of 2007, is owned by Bay Lake Bank and is considered far more valuable than the current asking price.

A letter from the OBC was posted on the tribe's website informing the community of the tribe's intention to move forward with the plan to purchase the property. The letter not only states the fact that original reservation land is being returned to tribal control, but also the opportunity to package a hotel-casino-golf package would generate

money for the local community.

"The purchase of this property is a natural fit for Oneida. The Business Committee is confident that the acquisition of this prime property will become a successful economic amenity for the tribe. The ability to market a hotel-casino-golf package will generate new and extended business for the hotel and casino, and will increase the activities that can be offered tourists, convention clientele and business meetings," said the letter.

Thornberry Creek Golf Course is located at 4470 N Pine Tree Road in Oneida. It won the 2007 Best of the Bay award for favorite 18-hole course in the area and is considered a premiere course in the state of Wisconsin.

The OBC signed a Letter of Intent on May 29 that was sent to Bay Lake Bank to inform them of the tribe's intent to purchase the property.

Community meetings to pass along information to members will be scheduled.

Mark your calendar...

GTC Meeting to hear proposal to buy Thornberry Creek Golf Course

June 28
10 AM
Turtle School

Veterans remember on Memorial Day 2008



Kali Photos/Nate Wisneski

Members of the Oneida VFW and Oneida Women's Auxiliary traveled to cemeteries throughout the reservation to honor fallen veterans on Memorial Day. Once the ceremonies were completed the group gathered at Parish Hall for food and refreshments.

Left: The firing squad waits for instructions during a Memorial Day Service.

Above: Cletus Ninham (left) and Everett Doxtator (right) perform the Memorial Day service while local veterans gather behind them to show support.

Tribe and county finalize service agreement

Village of Hobart files temporary injunction contesting agreement

By Nate Wisneski

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Members of the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) and Brown County Board met Wednesday, May 29 at the Radisson to put the final touches on a recently agreed upon service agreement. The agreement was passed by both the OBC and Brown County Board at special meetings on Tuesday, May 28.

The service agreement credits the tribe for police protection and social services while Brown County is recognized for its park, court and library system, NEW Zoo, and the Neville Public Museum.

The 15 year agreement calls for payment of nearly \$500,000 per year from Oneida to the county from funds identified for the annual state of Wisconsin compact

payment. The agreement can be voided at any time and is expected to be reviewed by

both the tribe and county on a yearly basis.

"This is a beginning of a

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Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Guy Zima (seated left), Brown County Board President, Tom Hinz (seated middle), Brown County Executive, and Gerald Danforth (seated right), Oneida Tribal Chairman sign the recently agreed upon Service Agreement at the Radisson Hotel on May 29. Members of the Oneida Business Committee, Brown County Board and negotiating teams stand behind them.

Oneida land claim case goes before federal

appeals court

By William Kates

Associated Press Writer

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) ~ The Oneida Indian Nation will ask a federal appeals court Tuesday, June 3 to overturn a lower court decision that the tribe has no right to take back title to 250,000 acres of disputed land in upstate New York.

At the same time, attorneys for New York will appear before the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to challenge the lower court's determination that the Oneidas might be entitled to millions of dollars in compensation.

The New York Oneidas joined with Oneida tribes from Canada and Wisconsin in a 1974 lawsuit claiming that more than 250,000 acres of Oneida land in Madison and Oneida counties had been illegally purchased by New York state in the 18th and 19th centuries.

After years of failed negotiations, U.S. District Court Lawrence Kahn ruled last May that the tribe could not reclaim title to the land it sold more than a century ago, but it could be entitled to some of the profits the state made reselling that property.

The Oneidas claim the state underpaid them by about \$500,000. With compound interest over two centuries, that is worth \$500 million today, Peter Carmen, one of the tribe's attorneys, said Monday.

At the time, Kahn said he had no choice but to reject the Oneidas' claim to possession of the land after two higher court decisions. However, Kahn said the Oneidas had suffered "betrayals" and deserved compensation.

In 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a separate case involving the New York Oneidas and the city of Sherrill, ruled that the tribe could not claim sovereignty on aboriginal land it had reacquired because too much time had passed.

Later the same year, the 2nd Circuit Court relied on the Sherrill decision to overturn a \$248 million judgment

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won by the Cayugas and dismiss its land claim entirely.

The Oneidas also will be responding to the state's motion, seeking to hold the state responsible for paying any eventual trespass damages, Carmen said.

Even if the tribe is successful at getting its possession claim restored, Carmen repeated the tribe's assurances that the Oneidas have no intention of displacing any residents.

"There are those who want to scare the community that people will be evicted from their homes," he said. "That issue was over many years ago. That has nothing to do with this case."

New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's office did not immediately return calls seeking comment about Tuesday's hearing. In his ruling last May, Kahn dismissed both Madison and Oneida counties from the case, leaving the state as the only defendant potentially

liable for compensation.

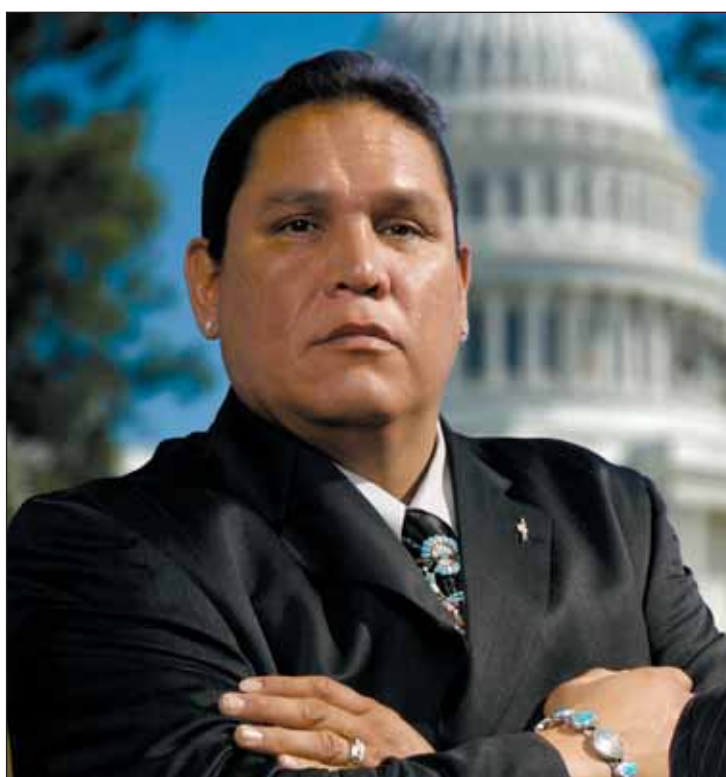
However, because the tribe is asking to pursue its possession claim, the counties will take part in Tuesday's hearing to urge the appeals court to uphold Kahn's decision dismissing the land claim, said David Schraver, the counties' attorney.

"This ongoing litigation is one more reason the parties need to roll up their sleeves, work together and try to settle these differences," Carmen said.

The land claim is separate from the New York Oneidas efforts that resulted last month in the U.S. Department of Interior agreeing to place 13,004 acres of Oneida land into federal trust, which exempts it from local and state taxes and laws.

The state, two counties and a citizens' group have said they planned to file lawsuits challenging the department's decision by a June 19 deadline.

NIGA Chairman named 2008 Gaming Executive of the Year by the International Masters of Gaming Law



**Ernest L. Stevens, Jr., Chairman
National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)**

Washington, D.C., – Ernest L. Stevens, Jr., chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), was recently named a 2008 Gaming Executive of the Year by the International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL). Awarded by the IMGL since 2006, the Gaming Executive of the Year recognizes prominent figures who dedicate their careers to protecting and expanding the interests of the gaming industry.

For 20 years, Chairman

Stevens, a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, has advocated on behalf of tribal governments and is a staunch defender of tribal sovereignty. His passion was passed from his father, Ernest Stevens Sr., who taught him the value of participating in government while his mother taught him the value of community and cultural activism.

"I am honored to receive this recognition on behalf of the National Indian Gaming Association and all of Indian country," said Stevens. "When I joined NIGA as a tribal representative in 1993, I participated in the strategies and initiatives implemented by early NIGA leaders. As the current chairman, I am committed to carrying on the tra-

dition of responsible and successful growth of our industry because I know that in doing so, we will bridge the gap between tribes who thrive economically, and those who still struggle to recover from decades of poverty and destitution."

Chairman Stevens shares this year's IMGL award with his friend, American Gaming Association (AGA) president and CEO, Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. Fahrenkopf has led the AGA since its creation in 1996 and has been a true champion of the industry. "Accepting this award with Frank Fahrenkopf is a pleasure and honor. Together, our associations are bringing some of the world's finest entertainment to consumers. But more importantly, we are contributing greatly to the economic strength of our country. We create jobs where they are needed. We provide revenue sources that benefit tribal, local, state and federal governments. And in the case of Indian gaming, we provide

a means to keeping native cultures alive and strong."

When accepting his award at an IMGL meeting in California on May 22nd, Chairman Stevens dedicated his remarks to his Grandmother, a 98-year-old Oneida woman who has seen a great deal of hardship as a result of the assimilation efforts forced by the Federal government decades ago. Today, she has the opportunity to see how perseverance and tribal determination is paying off. "I am very proud of the positive impact Indian gaming continues to have on Indian country and the rest of America and I credit tribal leaders for their efforts," said Stevens. "Our elders who created tribal gaming could only dream of the type of economic development and diversification currently seen on reservations. Now, the growth of real economic power is measured in the financial resources tribes are using to address generations of poverty and neglect."

About the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)

The National Indian Gaming Association is a nonprofit trade association comprised of 184 American Indian Nations and other nonvoting associate members. The mission of NIGA is to advance the lives of Indian people – economically, socially and politically. NIGA operates as a clearinghouse and educational, legislative and public policy resource for tribes, policymakers and the public on Indian gaming issues and tribal community development. For more information, visit www.IndianGaming.org.

About the International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL)

The International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL) is a nonprofit association of attorneys, gaming regulators and gaming executives dedicated to the education, advancement of the gaming law profession and exchange of professional information concerning the local and global practice and development of all aspects of gaming law.

Last chance to 'Get to know the candidates' for individuals vying for the Oneida Business Committee Officer positions

Please submit a photo and information to be run **Free of Charge** in the June 19th issue.

Please provide the following:

Name, Experience, What are the major issues the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin currently faces? A 500 word limit will be strictly imposed.

Information should be sent under separate cover from any advertisement you may be considering.

- 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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Local

Passing On...

Winter, Irene

November 28, 1925 – May 27, 2008

Irene Winter passed away early in the morning on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at a local nursing home. She had battled cancer only for a short time; she was 82. Irene was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 28, 1925, daughter of the late Herman and Bertha (Peters) Kelly, but was an Appleton resident for most of her life. In her younger years, Irene was a member of The Homemaker's group. She was happy to be a member of the Oneida Indian Tribe, where she had many friends and relatives. Irene enjoyed travel, looking for antiques, and visiting relatives. She also owned her own antique business for many years, and



will be remembered as a fun-loving woman who always had an entertaining personality.

Irene is survived by a daughter: Patti (Tom) Kottke of Greenville; two grandsons: Nicholas Kottke of Appleton and Zachary Kottke of Milwaukee. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Karin Lynn, and a sister Beatrice Schraa McCormick.

A reception to welcome family and friends will be held at the funeral home chapel from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 7, 2008. Interment will follow at Highland Memorial Park. A memorial fund is being established in Irene's name.

King, Edna E.

January 10, 1926 – May 30, 2008

Edna E. King, 82, of Crivitz, formerly of Milwaukee, and Santa Monica, Ca., died on Friday, May 30, 2008. She was born January 10, 1926. She married Raymond D. King, and he preceded her in death. Edna retired from McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft.



Deborah Rae, 1 great grandchild; Zeda MacKenzie Dixon, 2 sisters; Rena Wilks, Ethel Cooper, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Her husband, her parents, and a sister preceded her in death.

A wake was held Monday, June 2 at Ryan Funeral Home. Mrs. King was buried at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church cemetery, Oneida on Tuesday, May 3 with Rev. Kristina L. Henning, Vicar, and Deacon Edmund Powless officiating.

Bealer, Catherine Jeanette (Kay)

January 6, 1926 – April 28, 2008

Catherine Jeannette (Kay) Bealer, 82, Bloomington, California, died Monday afternoon, April 28, 2008. She was born on January 6, 1926, in Milwaukee, to the late Hattie and Myron Skenadore. She lived with her husband of 55 years, Ellis, and raised three children, Dave, Tim, and Cathy.



During her 'really' retired years, Catherine enjoyed cheering for her two teams, the L.A. Lakers and the Anaheim Angels.

"Kay" was kind and generous to everyone she came in contact with. She will be missed by many and leaves behind her husband, three children and their spouses; 9 grandchildren: Bryan, Devyn, Tracy, Stephanie, Jennifer, Todd, Michael, Nicole, and Tricia; and three great-grandchildren: Cameron, Jordynn, and Jaylen. Catherine's surviving siblings include her brothers Paul Peterson and his wife Beverly of Fish Creek, Richard Peterson and his wife Wanda of Grand Prairie, Texas, and her sister Sandra Klingert of Milwaukee.

Funeral services were held at Green Acres Memorial Park, in Bloomington, California, on Friday, May 2, 2008 at 2 p.m.

Please visit www.mem.com to send view pictures from Catherine's life and send online condolences to the family.

Skibine to temporarily assume responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON – George T. Skibine, a top career official in Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior, will temporarily assume the responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Skibine is the Acting Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development – Indian Affairs.

Interior Deputy Secretary P. Lynn Scarlett issued the delegation of authority action on May 23, 2008, following Carl J. Artman's departure from the post. The delegation is effective until further notice.

"George Skibine is an experienced federal manager who is well known and respected throughout Indian Country," said Deputy Secretary Scarlett. "The Office of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education will be in very capable hands during the search for a new assistant

secretary for Indian Affairs."

Skibine, who is an enrolled member of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma, has served as the acting deputy assistant secretary since 2004. He also currently serves as Director of the Office of Indian Gaming in the Department and has directed that office since 1995. From April to August of 2007, he served as the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.

His experience at the Interior Department also includes having served as an attorney in the Office of the Solicitor and as Deputy Associate Solicitor for the Division of Indian Affairs. He also served for several years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Skibine holds a degree in economics from the University of Chicago and a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School.

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June 2 candidate forum for tribal Chairman.

"We are a grassroots movement whose primary effort is to get our people motivated in all aspects of the community as On<yote=a-k@. We need to be informed of the issues that we face, therefore, we believe in the power of education and knowledge, so informed decisions can be made," said Tana Aguirre of GIFTS.

According to Aguirre, a survey was conducted of members of the tribal community and those responses were used to formulate questions for the candidates.

The next series of forums will feature candidates for the

Councilperson positions and will be held June 16 and 17 in the Bear Room of the Radisson at 5:30 p.m.

Though GIFTS is a newly formed group they plan on promoting activity by citizens in the tribal government well past the July elections. "GIFTS will continue on after the election and as On<yote=a-k@ continues to grow, we as citizens need to ensure our participation to demand a responsive and responsible government," said Aguirre.

For questions and inquires GIFTS can be reached by email at Oneida.gifts@gmail.com.

Deal, Joseph Everett

January 15, 2008 – June 2, 2008

Joseph Everett Deal, age 4-months, passed away Monday, June 2, 2008. He was born on Jan. 15, 2008, in Madison, the beloved son of Troy and Jessica (Gandy) Deal. Joey was known for his beautiful smile and big blue eyes. He was a very happy baby who will be dearly missed by his family.



La Crosse and Steven (Missy) Gandy of Green Bay; cousin, Abigail Rae Gandy; and numerous great-aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service for Joseph Everett Deal will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at Farber Funeral Home in Reedsburg. Friends may call on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Farber Funeral Home. The family requests memorials of remembrance in lieu of flowers.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Elayne (Gandy) Deragon.

Joey is survived by his parents, Troy and Jessica Deal of Reedsburg; sister, Olivia Deal; grandparents, Pete Sam of Schofield, Wis., and Janice and Ronald Deal of La Crosse; uncles, Todd Deal of

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long, long positive relationship. I think now the door is going to be open a little wider to accomplish things in the future," said Brown County Executive, Tom Hinz. "This agreement is a perfect example of how two governments can work together and achieve the same goal."

Brown County Board President Guy Zima recognizes the importance of agreement's ability to keep money in the local economy. "I think the positive thing for Brown County is monies that are needed to pay for services we provide for Oneidas are coming back to the county, not the state of Wisconsin. We came up with a formula that makes sure the bills are paid for by the people who use them. We are well satisfied with the agreement," he said.

Oneida Tribal Chairman Gerald Danforth commended negotiators for both the tribe and county on reaching an agreement in a relatively short period of time. "Our negotiating team and the team appointed by the county are to be commended on setting the goals and meeting those goals successfully," he said.

Danforth also recognized the need to compensate Brown County for services provided to tribal members living there. "We have many tribal citizens who are taxpayers in Green Bay and we are mindful that this also offsets their burden for services as well," he said.

On May 29 the village of

Hobart filled a temporary injunction against the agreement due to their contention with a clause that proclaims the Oneida Police Department as the primary law enforcement agency around the Highway 172, 54 and County Road E location.

"The Village of Hobart had no choice but to defend its municipal authority against language within the (agreement). We are a representative government with the statutory and elected duty to preserve the public safety and general welfare. Neither party to the service agreement has this duty. Had the village failed to protect its law enforcement personnel and residents, we stood at risk of a breach of state and elected duty to our residents," said Elaine Willman, Hobart's Village Administrator.

Willman would have liked to see one comprehensive service agreement that includes separate components for all affected jurisdictions within reservation boundaries. "The loss of property tax revenue affecting all of these entities could be fairly addressed and accommodated in one, inclusive agreement that would ultimately be more manageable for the tribe, and fairer to all Brown County taxpayers. As is, the two-party agreement executed is flawed in its entirety, and unfortunately must be challenged in court," she stated.

The agreement is set to begin June 30 of this year run through October of 2023.



In Loving Memory of...

Bruce Funmaker

August 17, 1982 ~ June 2, 2001

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God.
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.
A place where we our Savior need,
Near to the heart of God.
There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God.
A place where all is Joy and Peace,
Near to the heart of God.

Sadly missed and loved very much Papa's
Art, Grandma Leona, Mom Chris, Brothers,
Sisters, Aunt, Uncles, and Cousins



In Loving Memory of...

Timothy Hill

The hardest thing in life to bear...

is wanting your son when he is not there.

With a broken heart, we whisper low.

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Mom & Dad, Brothers & Sisters, Nieces & Nephews



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Calendar

2008

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.

June 10

OHA Take Back the Site Picnic
WHEN: Tuesday, June 10th
TIME: 5:00pm
PLACE: Site II Community Building
Food, Entertainment and Acknowledgements. Cherry Bounce Band. If any questions, please call 920-869-2227

June 13

Traditional Social Dance with Forrest Barton
WHEN: Friday, June 13th
TIME: 4:30pm
PLACE: Oneida Community Library
Traditional Social Dance with Forrest Barton and Ice Cream Social in celebration of completion of Traditional Clothing Workshop. Granted by Oneida Nation Arts Program and Wisconsin Arts Board.

June 25

41st Annual Miss/Jr. Miss Oneida Pageant
WHEN: Wednesday, June 25
TIME: 6:00pm
PLACE: Wolf Room, Radisson Inn Hotel
Be on hand for the selection of the 2008-09 Miss Oneida and Jr. Miss Oneida. Contestants will show off their talents and display their knowledge of Oneida culture and history. For more information, contact Rich at 920-496-5026.

July 15-20

Budweiser Clydesdales horses
WHEN: July 15-20
TIME: Daily
PLACE: Heritage Hill State Historical Park Ed. Cntr 2640 S. Webster Ave. Green Bay
Visitors can plan to attend one of two parades on the Heritage Hill grounds: July 17 at 6pm, \$5 per person and children 4 and under are free. The second parade is Saturday, July 19 at 12pm with regular pricing. Heritage Hill is looking for additional parade entries. Go to www.heritagehillgb.org for more details. For more information call **920-448-5150**.

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

Fridays

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

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

Anita F. Barber

My Oneida name is Katsi' tsya'ts (New Flower)

I have lived in and around the Oneida community for the majority of my life, spending summers in Milwaukee and traveling to different reservations participating in many types of ceremonies. I graduated from East High School in Green Bay in 1977.

I decided to go back to school once my youngest child started Kindergarten. I was a single Mom, working part-time and going to school full time. It was not easy but I obtained

a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Norbert College in 1996 majoring in Education with minors in Social Studies and Oneida Language/Culture. While attending St. Norbert's I received the following awards:

1994 All American Scholar
1994 Academic Achievement

1995 Bronze Medal
Community Leadership

1995 Award for
Community Leadership

I participated in:

A 2 week seminar entitled Women As Leaders in Washington, DC,

A Cultural Diversity Workshop to improve the campus atmosphere,

St. Norbert Orientation Committee to greet incoming students,

Joined St. Norbert's Upward Bound Advisory Committee and

Student intern for the Culture Diversity office

I then continued my education at Marian College of Fond du Lac to obtain a 1999 Master of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership and Quality.

Most of my work experience has been with the Oneida Tribe, however, I had the opportunity to work for factories like Larson Canning Factory and the Green Bay Pickle Factory.

While working for Oneida I held positions as a Tour Guide, Data Coordinator/Counselor, Teacher Assistance and Appeals Intern. I am currently working with the YES Program as the Director where I have been employed for the past 11 + years. I started as the Academic Program Coordinator in 1996 supervising certified teachers and working with public school administration to improve educational outcomes for our youth. I have received many awards while at YES including:

2006 Am Vets Educator of the Year

2006 CAPPS Community Service

2004 Friend of Education Award-Wisconsin State Superintendent

Other experiences include: Part-time Judicial Officer for the Oneida Nation Judicial System

Secretary for the Wisconsin Indian Education Association

Secretary/Treasurer for Smudging Oneida Sober

Advisory Committee participant for the Master of Science program at St. Norbert College

Brown County Workforce Development Advisory Committee



Anita Barber

I have witnessed many changes over the years on and near the Oneida reservation, I remember the dirt roads, out-houses and pervasive poverty that people have managed to overcome.

We are entering into a new phase of existence where our sovereignty has been threatened with the recent Supreme court decisions that violate agreements made through the treaty process.

I admire the past leaders who made decisions that benefit Oneida as a whole and those who set out to educate others regarding our status as a people. I would like to be one of those leaders that assist in our next phase of development. I do not believe we can improve without the voice of the community who have the knowledge, experience and wisdom we need to move forward.

Judy Cornelius

Greetings to the Oneida electorate: I am seeking your support for a seat within the framework of our Oneida Business Committee as a Councilperson. My name is Judy Cornelius and the following is a bit about who I am, where I am from, and where I would like to see our community grow. I encourage you to make a difference and vote for your choice for leaders.

A 2 week seminar entitled Women As Leaders in Washington, DC,

A Cultural Diversity Workshop to improve the campus atmosphere,

St. Norbert Orientation Committee to greet incoming students,

Joined St. Norbert's Upward Bound Advisory Committee and

Student intern for the Culture Diversity office

I then continued my education at Marian College of Fond du Lac to obtain a 1999 Master of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership and Quality.

Most of my work experience has been with the Oneida Tribe, however, I had the opportunity to work for factories like Larson Canning Factory and the Green Bay Pickle Factory.

While working for Oneida I held positions as a Tour Guide, Data Coordinator/Counselor, Teacher Assistance and Appeals Intern. I am currently working with the YES Program as the Director where I have been employed for the past 11 + years. I started as the Academic Program Coordinator in 1996 supervising certified teachers and working with public school administration to improve educational outcomes for our youth. I have received many awards while at YES including:

2006 Am Vets Educator of the Year

2006 CAPPS Community Service

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Judy Cornelius

Family

Daughter of Lee II and Pearl McLester; granddaughter of Jim and Hattie (Moore) Schuyler; and Lee I and Blanche (King) McLester. The tapestry of my family tree weaves throughout this community and my roots are firmly planted in the Episcopal and Methodist Church, my ancestors lie in those church cemeteries: a testament to their indomitable spirit and ability to survive and prosper here in Wisconsin in spite of incredible odds.

Background

Librarian, Gaming Commissioner, Tribal Treasurer, Community Activist, Oneida Historical Researcher, Seeker of Truth in Tribal Affairs: just a few of the hats I have worn.

However, the position I find most rewarding yet has been, and continues to be, the most challenging is that of mother and grandmother.

Looking to the Future

Expedite Oneida Court System to ascertain jurisdictions for the following:

A.Indian Child Welfare Cases

B.Simple Traffic Jurisdiction

C.Public Defenders Office

Expedite the necessary funding and construction of the Assisted Living Project, which shall include a new nursing home?

Initiate Research and Development to increase our revenue base

Assure our employees, at all levels, is the best paid, cared for and motivated in the state of Wisconsin

Lend my support to those initiatives geared to improving the quality of life for all Oneida people, which includes but is not limited to:

- Health
- Education
- Social Services
- Environment and Conservation

Melinda J. Danforth

Education/Experience: BA in Business Administration; continuing work in Master's Program; 11+ years working with the OBC; regular involvement in community functions.

Platforms:

Investing in Our Future

Our ancestors had a vision to ensure that our people

would have the necessary tools (i.e. health care, education, housing, jobs...) to be successful in our current, modern day society. As we move forward for the next 5, 10+ years and beyond, responsible spending and long-term planning for our children, adults and elders is a critical reality that we must address economically. We must begin to acknowledge and make the difficult budgeting choices today, in order to provide for the needs of the future. The challenge we face as elected officials is what we will do as leaders today, to ensure that we will leave that same legacy for the next 7 Generations.

General Tribal Council + Business Committee =

STRONG GOVERNMENT

The General Tribal Council is our true governing body and I am excited to be a part of the era, where GTC is taking on more responsibility to exercises its authority. I believe we are in a time when the GTC & BC, can effectively make change together! It is important that both the GTC & BC are moving in the same direction in order to meet the goals of the Nation. Imagine what we can accomplish for the Oneida's 16,000+ members through the collaboration of both governing bodies of the Nation.

Communication

Communication continues to be an integral piece of good government. As an elected official, I committed to tackling this initiative by instituting a team of people who are working hard to effectively reassess and enhance the current communications system between the government and the PEOPLE. I will continue to honor my commitment to ensure that our citizens and community are being kept abreast of the many issues facing the Nation.

Economic Stability

The national economy is on a downturn, the Nation needs to tighten our belt, while at the same time, find new innovative ways to stabilize our economy. There are continuous outside threats to end Indian Gaming, our primary revenue source that supports services such as health care & education, and our #1 economic stimulator, jobs. It is essential that our leadership continues to promote decisions & collaborative efforts that responsibly invests in and develops businesses which can supplement our budget beyond gaming revenue and creates responsible financial diversity opportunity to continue our successes beyond gaming.

Legislative Enforcement

The Nation has many laws which govern use of tribal resources like hunting & fishing or zoning.



Melinda Danforth

Unfortunately, Oneida does not have a comprehensive enforcement mechanism that can ensure Oneida laws are being adhered to. The enforcement arm of our system of laws is absent. This critical area needs to be addressed as the tribe continues to grow and exercise jurisdiction within the reservation. As an elected official, I have begun researching potential models that could assist the tribe in developing this component for our Nation.

Ed Delgado

Work Experience: Oneida Business Committee Councilman (3 yrs.) * Legislative Analyst (3 yrs.) * Elementary School Teacher (17 yrs) * Education and Job Training Counselor (3 yrs.) * GED Teacher (1 yr) * Teacher Aide (3 yrs).

Military Experience: U.S. Army Veteran (1971-1973), Honorable Discharge.

Political Experience: Legislative proposal drafting including Oneida Traffic Code, Juvenile Code and Tribal Court initiatives. Also researched, wrote and submitted for approval, Resolution 4-14-08-G (Emergency Resolution to Re-calculate Tenant Payments to OHA in Regards to the One-time \$5,000 / \$10,000 Per Capita Payment).

Education: Master of Arts Degree in Political Science and Public Policy, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education

Major Issues Facing the Oneida Tribe: Early in my term, I wrote about some Indian leaders I had met and greatly respected. They, now gone,

never considered their personal wealth above the well-being of their people.

These were leaders whom their people could depend on. They made decisions that served the interests of the elderly, the ill and the children, who came first and above all else. Today, the responsibilities of Indian leaders have increased. Oneida parents, including single parents, need fair employment opportunities and housing at an affordable price; Oneida employees deserve to work at a fair wage in a respectful work environment; and our veterans deserve the continued benefits and recognition they earned while in the service of their country. Unfortunately, throughout Indian Country today, another kind of Indian leadership is emerging. This new type of leadership is increasingly serving the well-being of only a portion of their membership. In those Tribes, insider deals leading to extreme wealth for friends and family of elected leaders continues to do harm not only to their own people, but the continued credibility of all Tribes. In July, the Oneida voters will decide on what kind of leadership the Oneida Tribe will have for the next three years. I believe that the July decision is of utmost importance to the Oneida people.



Ed Delgado

Local

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Two other issues of utmost importance to the Oneida Tribe are the protection of our sovereignty and the upgrade of our main Casino facility. The Village of Hobart, located entirely within our Reservation boundaries, is increasingly challenging Oneida's right to exist as a federally recognized Indian Tribe with both inherent and Treaty rights to govern ourselves. An example of Hobart's disrespect for Oneida is their placing smack in the middle of our Reservation, a municipal court which drags before it, Oneida people. Our Tribe has to aggressively challenge Hobart's continued infringement on our sovereignty. We also are in need of a Tribal Court of our own. Regarding upgrading our main casino facility, neighboring Tribes have already, or are in the process of, upgrading their casino facilities. The Oneida Tribe must remain competitive and a significant investment at our main Casino is very necessary. The extent of that upgrade will be a decision of the next BC.

Susan Doxtator

My name is Susan K. Doxtator. I was born in Green Bay and raised in Chicago until the age of 10. My family then moved to Pulaski and shortly thereafter, we moved to Seymour where I reside today. I am married to Arlie (Jubie) Doxtator, and together we have six children and eight grandchildren.

I have worked with Oneida Tribe since 1996 in the following areas: Oneida Casino - Table Games, Oneida Human Resources - Equal Employment Office, and currently in the Personnel Relations Department. I have also worked in various positions at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center of Green Bay. During this time, I have seen Oneida's success and their failures. This experience has given me the



knowledge and experience to know what works and what does not.

In 2002, my husband and I opened Arlie's Restaurant in downtown Green Bay. However, due to the United States war against terrorism and the affects it continues to have on the economy today, we were forced to close our doors in June of 2003. Currently, I am an undergraduate student at Regis University in Denver, Colorado. In one semester, I will be graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Management.

In my opinion, the General Tribal Council has recently united by taking the necessary steps to revive their role as decision makers. Revival of our past is upon us. Now we need to take hold of our past successes and throw out the negative. We need to progressively and efficiently move into the future. It is through this role that we will begin to rebuild a nation with respect, integrity, and ethical decision-making.

It is my personal goal to research and ensure our elders, our youth, and our veterans retain and receive any and all necessary care and programs that they need. Too often, we forget about the needs of these groups. These individuals are our past, present, and our future. The Oneida Business Committee and the entire General Tribal Council needs to understand and realize that we need these individuals to lead our nation into the future.

As a Nation, our visions from the past and visions of the present have gained us a level of respect and notoriety throughout all Indian Country. Those visions will bring the entire Oneida Tribe to even greater levels of respect, trustworthiness, and of course success. The position of the Oneida Business Committee for which I represent would be of integrity, ethical values, honesty, and respect for all people.

If we are truly proud of our history, then lets look to the future to make more history. Historically, the Oneida Tribe has turned negatives into positives, so lets not be afraid of the challenges we may face.

Instead, we must face those challenges together and we will all learn and lead together. I would like to sincerely express my gratitude for the opportunity and privilege to run for a seat on the Oneida Business Committee.

Daniel King

GTC members, my name is Daniel A. King and I am running for the Oneida Business Committee. It's time for a change. GTC needs to take a stand, are we really looking out for the future, as I stated at the National Congress of American Indians, Nov 15, 2007, as I presented an Eagle Feather to a person well deserving, I made the comment that as American Indian people we have lost our leadership throughout Indian country, we have tried to play big shots when were not and we've lost to the states, by giving up our Sovereignty for gaming and to big businesses who take advantage of tribes, just look at what happen to Lac Du Flambeau. Those quick decisions like the Paper Manufacture that Oneida invested in, why would you invest in anything that is already millions in debt, there are many issues that face the OBC now and in the future, we need to put the right people in now, I would like for tribal members to vote for who they feel can do the job and not by family or popularity vote, it hasn't worked. Some of the issues that need to be taken care of:

- 1.A full independent financial audit from 1994 to the present.
- 2.Quit hiring consultant's
- 3.Reorganize the Tribal structure for any duplication.
- 4.Stand up for our Sovereignty and not deal it away. It's not for sale...
- 5.Question why we are paying for services to the local area, for services that we don't receive.
- 6.Do we really have exclusive rights to gaming?
- 7.Why can't our people receive health care even if they live outside the counties of Brown or Outagamie, why can't members who live in Green Bay or the surrounding community get a gas exempt card or for that fact, any Oneida tribal member no matter were they live.
- 8.We are not doing what

we should by hiring Oneida People, if they are not qualified for the job, get them qualified, give them the experience, after all we told them to get the education and paid up to \$20,000.00 for their education.

Experience: Work
A.Military - Honorable Discharge
B.IBM - 15 + yrs
C.Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Safety Coordinator/Emergency Manger 15 yrs
Community Service:
A.Co-Founder Native American Center Southeast Minnesota, Chairman 8yrs
B.Co-Founder Southeast Minnesota Viet Nam Veterans, President 5 yrs
C.National Congress of American Indians Sergeant at Arms, Co-Chair Veterans Committee
D.Member American Legion, MN - IA, 173RD Airborne Brigade Association, Chapter IV MN, WI Tribal Emergency Managers Association, Elected Member American Society of Safety Engineers, National Indian Nuclear Waste Policy Committee.

Al Manders

I have lived in Oneida nearly all my life, only leaving the area to serve the Army and to attend college. I graduated from U.W.G.B. and earned a Masters degree from U.W. Oshkosh. I retired as a counselor from West DePere Public Schools after 31 years in 2004.

I currently serve the community as the Treasurer of the West DePere School Board and as a Supervisor for the Town of Oneida. I am a member the

Environmental Resources Board. I have served as a member and chair of the Oneida Land Commission.

The Oneida Nation must deal with numerous challenges in these changing times. Our elected officials will have to make sure we have responsible spending and accountability. Comprehensive planning, conservation, land acquisition, and environmental responsibility must be priorities to preserve our lands for future generations.

We currently enjoy many benefits and services in education, health care, social services, and employment. We must maintain and expand in these vital areas.

During these changing and challenging times, I feel that the Oneida Nation needs individuals that can represent our Sovereign Nation at the local, state, and national level. Please vote for the candidates that can best represent all Oneidas on July 5, 2008.

Al Manders

John Orie

Great-Grandparents: Minnie and Julius Danforth; Grandparents: Vivian Danforth and Harry DeCoteau,

Parents: Sandra DeCoteau (Orie), Gerald S. Orie;

Education: 1991 Green Bay East High School; 1996 B.A., Political Science and Anthropology, University of

Wisconsin-Madison; 1997-1999 Attended University of Wisconsin Law School completed over 40 credits; 1999-2000 University of Chicago coursework towards M.A. in Social Science and completed law school credits at University of Chicago Law School; Emphasis in Indian Law, Taxation in Indian Country, Entrepreneurship;

Work Experience: 1997-present Attorney/Public Defender for Oneida Tribal Employees and Businesses in cases before the Oneida Personnel Commission and Oneida Appeals Commission; 2007 successfully represented fired Executive Director of Oneida Housing Authority in Birdsbill vs. Oneida Housing Authority Board; sole proprietor: Hillcrest Business Services helping over 40+ Oneida Tribal entrepreneurs receive small business grants and loans and startup services. Advocate for continued Oneida small business rounds of funding through grant and loan assistance; advocate and activist for GTC;

Main Issues Running For: better more efficient GTC meetings; Enforcement of Oneida Indian Preference laws and policies tribal-wide; investigate and bring information to the GTC on accountability for unilateral multi-million-dollar spending decisions and business losses by tribal departments; implement strategic business opportunities for tribal members for

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Show off your favorite G or PG movie!

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Judging in 3 categories:

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Entries must be received no later than June 20, 2008 in order to be eligible for prize money. No exceptions! Registration forms are available at the Compliance Department, located at RJdgeview Plaza, Suite 7.

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

The Racine Drum and Bugle Corps will be putting on a concert on the Pow-wow grounds immediately following the parade.



Oneida Business Committee Forum



Vice-Chairwoman
Kathy Hughes

Preparations are taking place to present to the General Tribal Council the Semi-Annual Reports on July 7, 2008. This is the second of two meetings the Business Committee is required to hold on an annual basis in accordance with the Oneida Constitution. It is really pleasing to say that the record attendance of the membership has been good for our decision making process. Of course it also means we must remain cognizant of the need to be aware of the ongoing need for updating information. Many of you are not

Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...

familiar with past GTC actions that today guide the conduct of a GTC meeting. But many of you are asking questions that help everyone to become better informed participants. This is also helpful to the Committee in our ongoing attempts to provide the type of information needed.

The General Tribal Council is made up of all enrolled Tribal Members, ages 21 and older. When a meeting is duly called and noticed, 75 members, ages 21 and older, constitutes a quorum of the General Tribal Council to conduct business. Meetings can be petitioned by an enrolled Tribal Member with a form that has 50 signatures of enrolled Tribal Members. The Tribal Chairperson can also call for a General Tribal Council meeting. You must be present at the meeting to cast your vote and only those 21 years of age and older are eligible to vote. We do encourage young people to attend these meetings and to express their opinions at these meetings. For those of you unable

to attend a General Tribal Council meeting, we welcome your opinions and encourage you to utilize the webpage (www.oneidana-tion.org) for contacting us or by calling any of the Business Committee at 1-800-984-8902.

As it stands right now, we are working on 7 additional petitions for meetings. One of those petitions is asking for a Tribal-Wide Audit to be conducted by an independent auditor. The Oneida Tribe had the first independent Tribal-Wide audit conducted in 1982 and has had one done each year since then. The most recent audit was conducted by McGladrey and Pullen (located in Minnesota) and last year's audit was performed by Deloitte and Touche. Both firms are large and experienced, with offices outside of the State of Wisconsin. The costs of an annual audit is rather significant (it costs approximately \$160,000) and takes several months to complete. The field work by the auditors usually begins in July with the final site work

occurring in the fall, September and October. To consider the duplication of this process would be an unnecessary expense to a budget that is already being stretched to provide services.

Each petition is being reviewed for content and dates will be determined as soon as possible by the Business Committee. The Tribal Secretary's office sends each petition to the enrollment office to verify the signatures are enrolled tribal members and then it goes to the Law Office for an opinion on the legality of the petition action requested. When a meeting is finally called for, the packet of information to the General Tribal Council must contain all necessary information needed to make a decision. Preparing for these meetings involves several departments and numerous staff so it can take some time. There is also GTC policy that must be adhered to regarding timelines for when information is placed in the hands of the membership, which can draw out the timeframe for a

GTC meeting to be scheduled. For those of us who work with this on a regular basis it can get confusing, especially when we are dealing with several petitions. But I would guess for the individual member who just wants some answers to questions, it seems complicated and highly bureaucratic. But we will get to each petition and each will be presented to you, the General Tribal Council.

Along with the petitions, our affairs with Hobart continue to run towards controversy. While we try to work in cooperation and coordination with that governing body, we find ourselves having to respond to actions by the government and their staff that are disruptive to our organization. And currently they are over such minor activities. We are trying to put in a recreational trail on the abandoned railroad, which was supported initially by the Hobart Board and may even be in their Smart Growth plan. But now they have told our contractors to cease their work. Of course the contractors are still work-

ing but moved to the Outagamie County, Town of Oneida portion of the trail. It is just confusing to try to determine what is needed to please the Hobart board. We won't give up our sovereign right to exist here and we have been here for close to 200 years with no plans to leave. So it would seem doing things that are good for the Tribe and also improve the community for all those who don't want to have to use their tax dollars to pay for it, should be considered a good thing.

Fortunately, not all the local governments are viewing Oneida as a adversary. That has been demonstrated by our signing the Oneida/Brown County Service Agreement. This agreement is the template we will use to negotiate all future agreements. Compromise had to take place on both sides for this to occur but as a governmental representative, I believe the carrying out of this agreement will be good for the community overall.

Secretary's Report

Rules governing Oneida's purchasing and contracting need revision to create a procurement system that is fair, transparent and accountable. This problem caught the attention of tribal members about three years ago when



Secretary
Patricia Hoeft

the tribe announced plans to erect 24 granite statues on the streets near Lambeau Field as a tribute to the Green Bay Packers. This problem became visible again when a 15-month contract for more than \$570,000 was awarded to Strateglobe, a company owned and operated by a tribal member.

These contracts are good examples for why reform is important and if done right, will help build trust in tribal government. Sole source contracting is a problem if not governed well. Both contracts were sole source no bid contracts, meaning no competition and no notice to the public to let other possible vendors know about an opportunity to do business with the tribe. Sole source contracts tend to create suspicion that the vendor, if a friend to the person making the purchasing decision, is getting preferential treatment.

Another problem: both contracts were not approved or reported to the full Business Committee. Instead, each of the contracts were approved by two Business Committee officers. This is a problem because Business Committee members cannot and should not act alone. This practice, in my view, is one that has undermined the ability of the Business Committee to govern and be accountable. But much worse, this practice creates mistrust among Business Committee members and encourages managers to report to a few on the committee rather than the whole.

employees who spend tribal dollars must be required to report to tribal members on who is buying, who is selling, what is being bought, how was it purchased, and how much was spent. Good government procure-

ment practices can be found at every level of government around the globe. If you have access to the internet, google "good government procurement practices" to find ideas.

For the short-term, starting in June, the Treasurer agreed to start providing a monthly report to the BC listing all contracts and purchases of \$250,000 and greater. And BC officers will not be allowed to sign-off on contracts or purchases unless delegated to do so by the full BC.

For the long-term, the Chief Financial Officer was delegated to develop some preliminary ideas for reforming Oneida's procurement system that is due in July. Among reforms I believe should be considered:

- \$ Minimize sole-source contracts and require tribal employees to buy services and goods on a competitive basis.
- \$ Maintain an internet site listing information about all contracts and purchasing for sealed bids, competitive proposals, sole source waivers, change orders, solicitations for bids, contracts made, purchases made.
- \$ Develop a procurement manual that is public and accessible
- \$ Require all tribal employees and officials authorized to contract and purchase to complete training about government procurement and the ethics of it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (920) 869-4475. Or my assistant, Brenda John-Stevens at (920) 869-4458.

Legislative Update

Recent work products

1. OHA Rent Re-calculations

As an Oneida Business Committee Councilman, I am elected to Office to protect and enhance the interests of the Oneida Tribal members. In January, my Office began questioning why OHA (Oneida Housing Authority) was calculating as annual income, the recent \$5,000 / \$10,000 special per capita payment. My research clearly indicated that OHA did not have to include the special one-time payment.

Accordingly, my Office began to work to resolve the problem. On May 14th, the Oneida Business Committee approved Emergency Resolution to Re-calculate Tenant Payments to OHA and to Eliminate Using the One-time \$5,000 / \$10,000 Special Per Capita Payment in those Re-calculations. The emergency resolution, approved by a 3 to 2 vote, will significantly reduce many OHA tenant rents and mortgages and my Office is

proud to have authored and sponsored the emergency resolution. I thank Secretary Patty Hoeft and Councilman Vince DelaRosa for also voting to approve the resolution. Without their votes, the resolution would have failed.

2. Children's Code
My Office has authored and submitted a draft Children's Code for legislative review. This Code, once approved, would place our Oneida children under the jurisdiction of the Oneida Tribe. Currently, too many of our Oneida children are under the jurisdiction of Brown and Outagamie counties and by allowing our children to be placed under foreign jurisdictions, we diminish and endanger our treaty rights and our sovereignty.

3. Traffic Code

Currently, all traffic vio-



Councilman
Ed Delgado

lations within the Reservation are adjudicated by local counties and municipalities. Such practice is a threat to our sovereignty. Accordingly, I have authored and submitted traffic

enforcement legislation to the Oneida Legislative Operating Committee. If enacted, the Code would allow Oneida Police Officers to issue traffic citations payable to the Oneida Tribe instead of such fines going to local governments, some of whom don't even want to recognize the Oneida Tribe's right to exist.

Other initiatives and comments

My Office continues to support the following initiatives:

- (1) Transparency of Tribal

Governmental Actions - This initiative continues to be enhanced as information is increasingly being provided to the membership through the Oneida Tribal Website. However, more needs to be done and problems exist (see Strate Globe below).

(2) Oneida Employee Fair Wages and Working Conditions - I am very disappointed in the Valliant Wage Compensation Initiative. There is no support of Cost of Living Allowances in the study. Additionally, final approval was dependent upon on BC final approval of where employee wages would be placed within low, medium and high wage scales. Now, it does not appear that management wants to bring final approval back to the Business Committee. My Office is in support of the BC reviewing what effect the Wage Study has on employees and possibly taking action to improve

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Delgado

This report will serve as one of my last Legislative Briefings for this term. I hope this report finds you and your family in good health.

As we wind down this term I must say it has been a pleasure to work here on behalf of the people. One of the most inspiring ideas that I have about this nation is that most people that I meet and talk to, they want positive change. Today is a new day and I'm happy to say that the Oneida people that do not want change in this nation are a minority, just a few. The majority of the Oneida people and employees are honest hard-working people and they want change, a new vision and a better way for them and their families.

In this report I will cover just a few topics which are up for discussion.

Fiscal Responsibility

Recently, at a regular

Business Committee Meeting in open session, my office learned of a new contract of \$575,000.00 for a company called Strate Globe. This contract was entered into as a "Sole Source Contract" for the study of "Performance

Management Issues" on behalf of the Oneida Human Resources Department. This is a very alarming development for my office, especially when we are being told, budgets need to be tightened and that spending needs to be cut back.

Why we would be spending over a half a million dollars on management performance issues seems like a shameful waste of Oneida funds. My concerns are:

1. First and foremost, the justification for this contract.



Councilman
Vince DelaRosa

Why do we need another Human Resources Review when we have not completed the current Valiant Study on Wages and Compensation?

2. This contract was entered and negotiated as a

Sole Source Contract and the General Manager signed off on the \$575,000.00 contract for a period of 16 months. We have many Oneida Members on the Oneida Preference List and my office supports all Oneida business people an opportunity to bid on this contract? This type of one-on-one contracting is very suspicious and does not serve the best interests of the Oneida people.

3. Most alarming to my office it was recently dis-

closed the fact that the Vice-Chairwoman of the tribe signed off on the purchase order to pay for this sole-source contract. Over a half a million Oneida dollars going to one person for a "Management Review Project - Performance Tool Initiative," that is not needed, is questionable.

Just like any other organization, business or government, we need to keep our spending under control in order to meet the obligations of our membership. We need to protect out health care services, our educational services and our programs to serve our people. No longer can questionable spending by management with the approval and knowledge of an elected official be tolerated.

Valiant

The issue involving the

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building prosperity on the reservation; new positive strategies and polices for dealing with Hobart; combat wasteful spending and address exorbitant and need-less travel by BC Councilmembers to every single possible conference and meeting around the United States. Business Committee Councilperson job is to work on urgent tribal problems here in Wisconsin and on the New York Land Claims, not jetting off to Hawaii or D.C. every other week, or how many other cities around the country---anywhere but Oneida, WI. Business Committee Councilperson job is to be independent and working for the people---not voting lock-step against the people 6-3 in favor of those who are "connected". On July 5th, 2008 I am asking for your vote to prove to you what a good difference I can make if given the opportunity to serve the Oneida people. Yawanko.

Brandon Stevens

Greetings Oneida Nation Members

I am respectfully requesting your support and vote for the position of Council Member on the Oneida Business Committee.

I am married and have three children. I am an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe as are my children. With the exception of my years in higher education I am a life-long member of the Oneida Community, as well as my wife TeAta. I am very conscious of the great things that have happened in this community and believe that I am qualified by training and experience to build upon our success and continue to strengthen the government of the Oneida Nation.

In my employment in the Environmental Health Department as Injury Prevention Coordinator as well as my previous work with Oneida Government in the Chairman's office and Council, I have gained valuable knowledge and experience. As a result of my education, work, and commitment I believe that I am well qualified and pledge to you that I will work cooperatively with other Council Members to make our community better, safer, and responsive to all members.

Although I am a young



Brandon Stevens

family man, I believe I can be a positive and committed voice in helping to address the issues that will face our Tribe into the future. With your support and vote I will be that new voice to the Oneida Business Committee.

Education:

- Masters of Business Administration (Candidate, Class of 2009)
- Lakeland College
- Bachelors of Science in Business Administration-Cum Laude -Haskell Indian Nations University

Emphasis: Tribal Management

Coursework in Indian Law & Legislation, Tribal and Federal Government Relations, Fundamentals of Sovereignty, and Legal Environment of Business I & II

• Associates of Applied Science United Tribes Technical College Computer Information Systems

Experience:

- Soaring Eagle Foundation-Chairman
- Office of Tribal Secretary
- Oneida Business Committee-Internship Summer of 2006 & 2007

Issues:

- Protection of Tribal Sovereignty and Strengthening of Government
- Diversification of Economy by providing incentives for Oneida/ Native entrepreneurs
- More Educational Opportunities for Oneida Youth into fields that will benefit our community in the future

• Enhance communication between OBC and General Membership

- Oneida Language and Culture
- Elderly Housing
- Improved Healthcare

"I have discerned from my classes with Brandon his exceptional commitment to Indian Country and Indian people. Brandon always gave 100% effort in all of his classes. It is my belief that he will channel this same energy into promoting strong Indian businesses and communities. Indian Country desperately needs leaders with his level of intellect, competence, commitment, and integrity."

Mary Cofran, J. D.

School of Business, Haskell Indian Nations University

"I have known Brandon for three years as an instructor and as the Dean of the School of Business at Haskell Indian Nations University. He has impressed me with his willingness to learn, work hard and remain focused on meeting his goals..."

Robert A. Musgrove
Dean, School of Business
Haskell Indian Nations
University

Brenda John Stevens

My name is Brenda John Stevens. I decided to run for the Business Committee after working for the Tribal Secretary for the past 3 years. During that time I gained invaluable experience of the roles and responsibilities of the Business Committee, the strengths and limitations, and I learned the issues first hand that our Tribe faces, both internally and externally.

The issue that is most obvious to us all is the way our money is spent. People on the outside looking in see too much spending on the unimportant and not enough on the important things. People within these walls are too often heard claiming there isn't enough to go around. What is the right answer? Rules in the form of policies and laws that give the important areas more funding like kids' summer programming, catastrophic illness dollars, family's that are struggling, assistance for our elders in their homes and with their homes, help for individuals struggling with addictions, to our veterans, and the list goes on. We need to define what kinds of things get less funding. It's easy to say we need more accountability, but hard to accomplish when the proper checks and balances are not established to support accountability. My role as a member of the Business Committee will be to develop the rules that govern how we fund our services, and my responsibility to the membership will be to bring it before the General Tribal Council to approve it.

Background

My background is concentrated in three areas that are close to my heart: human services, environmental issues, and our Traditional Values. In my mind, the three are inter-related and equally demand our attention if our community is to be its healthiest. I spent years in the human services area, as an employee, volunteer and student. I graduated from the UWGB with honors and completed two years of graduate school. I volunteered for many years in gang prevention and sexual assault advocacy, and held various social services positions before beginning my tenure as a legislative aide. I am dedicated to traditional Oneida values and ways. I served on both the United AmerIndian Center Board

and the Environmental Resources Board.

I am married to Bernie and together we have 6 children and four grandchildren. We live on Ranch Road in Oneida.

Ben Vieau

Candidate for Oneida Business Committee Council Member

In the future I will be working for you in these areas:

1. Elder care
2. Education
3. Health
4. Housing
5. Per capita, annual payment
6. Land - getting our homeland/reservation back
7. Personnel issues - casino, other places of business
8. Putting a cap on salaries - 3 percent every other year for lower wage earners.

For get about good ole boy stuff, let's start using common sense

Let's start working for wages paid.

What concerns you the most!

Get out and vote, no matter who you vote for, VOTE!

Yaw^ko,
Oneida Elder Ben Vieau



Ben Vieau

Check out the

kalihwisaks

on the Intranet!

Young women Rights of Passage Group

Submitted by **Alexandrea Lei-Nako**
Social Services

I am writing to tell you about an exciting opportunity we are offering young women in our community - a 'Young Women's Rights of Passage Group'. This is a collaborative effort between Oneida Cultural Heritage, Tsyunhehkwa^, and Oneida Children and Family Services. It is a year long program that takes the girls through the ceremonial cycles.

An informational meeting will be held on June 10th at 5 pm in the Three Sister's Library. We will be looking for:

- Young woman ages 10to 15 interested in attending the group
- Parents interested in finding out more about the group
- Adults interesting in volunteering their time

Registration forms and permission slips will be available as well as volunteer applications.

The girls will learn about the Ceremonies (Strawberry, Green Corn, Harvest, Midwinter, Maple Syrup, Moon, and Seed) they will learn life skills (keeping an account, sewing, planting harvesting, canning, cleaning, and cooking), traditional teachings(medicines, foods, songs, language, and stories), and about personal identity and care (life cycle, self-care, roles, responsibilities, and discovering their gifts). They will also learn about the community and what it means to be part of a community.

The group will run from June 2008 to May 2009 and will include a week long camping trip, a trip out East to attend a Moon Ceremony, and a final ceremony to commemorate their completing the program.

Please, pass along this information. If you have any questions feel free to contact me Alex Lei-Nako at (920) 490-3774.

A tribute to Melissa Edith Cornelius

Submitted by **Thelma McLester**

Melissa Edith Cornelius also known as Melissa O. was born on the Oneida Reservation in Oneida, Wisconsin on September 22, 1882, the sixth of nine children born to William O. and Esther Cornelius. Melissa spent most of her 100 years living on the family farm

except for the period when she attended the Carlisle Indian Boarding School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and for a brief period when she lived in Chicago, Illinois after leaving Carlisle.

See Page 10A
Cornelius

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- EXPERIENCE**
- Elected Two Terms on Oneida Appeals Commission (Currently Serving)
 - Knowledge of Oneida Court System and Tribal Laws
 - Experience in developing By-laws and Policies + Procedures
 - Informed member of Oneida Community
 - Unbiased and equal decision maker
 - Leadership, Management and Communication skills
 - Business Marketing and Promotion skills
 - Vestry Member Holy Apostles Church
 - Amvets Associate
 - Successful Business owner "Web's Kustom Touch Auto Body"

- EDUCATION**
- Travelers World Omega - Certificate Program -Travel Agent Series
 - University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh - Certificate Program - Small Business Management Marketing Management Series
 - University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh - Certificate Program - Essentials of Management Oneida Tribal Management Program
 - Certificate Training - Tribal Court Seminar
 - Certificate Training - Conducting Fair Hearings, Due Process, Ex parte Communication
 - Certificate Training-Roberts Rules of Order
 - Certificate Training-Public Law 280 Jurisdiction in Indian Country

- BACKGROUND**
- **Family:** Husband Don Webster, Son's, Marcus & Zack, daughter Olivia
 - **Parents:** Lee Gordon and Betty McLester
 - **Grandparents:** Lee (deceased) and Pearl McLester, Ted and Mamie Benson (deceased)

Authorized and paid for by Jennifer Webster

Elect

Amelia Cornelius

FOR

Oneida Gaming Commission

Gaming Regulatory Experience:

- Six years Gaming Commission (Vice Chair and Member)

Gaming Administrative Experience:

- Six years Asst. General Manager (Finance & Support areas)

Authorized and paid for by Amelia Cornelius

From Page 6A/Delgado

(3) Strate Globe - Strate Globe, a corporation owned by a Tribal member, has recently been granted a \$575,000 sole source contract as part of the recent wage compensation initiative. No Oneida Business Committee member was aware of this contract except for the Treasurer and the Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes who signed off on the contract. Strate-Globe has no known Office except for a house address. More may be developing on this issue at a

later date.

(4) Tribe's General Tribal Council. Our Oneida General Tribal now meets with hundreds of Tribal members in attendance. The Council appears to now be fully engaged in the destiny of the Oneida Tribe and with that increased engagement, I am confident that the interests of the Oneida people and the future of the Oneida Tribe will be better served.

Thank you.

SPECIAL GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Purpose: Ratification of Land Acquisition
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2008
Location: Oneida Elementary (Turt School Gymnasium)
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Purpose: General Tribal Council
Semi-Annual Meeting

Date: Monday, July 7, 2008

Location: Radisson Hotel Three Clans
Ballroom

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.

From Page 6A/DelaRosa

Valiant wage study meetings that are occurring with employees has caused a few employees to bring some concerns to my office. Several weeks ago in early May, I raised a series of questions regarding the Valiant project. I wanted to make sure the tribe is being fair to employee's regarding how we distribute wage increases.

Here are a series of questions that my office sent over to the General Manager:

Listed below here are some research pieces that I need research on so my office can review these wage matters from a policy perspective. This information is needed so I can report these out to the membership in an upcoming Kalihwisaks article.

Wages:

I request that the Valiant people prepare a report for my office on the following:

1.) What were all the wages of all employees at prior to the Falmouth Study. Please do not provide the names of the people just titles and wage figures.

2.) As a result of the Falmouth Study, please provide an analysis and assessment of all those impacts. We need to know what wages were given step and grade increases and what titled positions were allowed to challenge their wages and what was the result of those challenges.

3.) I want to review all of the sealed Falmouth wages as submitted to the Audit Department.

4.) As a result of Valiant

Study we need to have an analysis and assessment of all those impacts. We need to know what wages were given step and grade increases.

5.) Over the last six years we need a review on the percentages of wage increases and where the increases occurred by percentages.

Listed Below Here is the Responses to my request from the General Manager:

I have been in discussion with the HR Area Manager regarding your request. We would be able to respond to requests 1, 2, 4 and 5. Due to the current workload of HRD with the Valliant Study roll-out it will require a few months to pull all of this data and analyze it. We are not at liberty to use the Valliant group for this work as our consultant contract is closed out and complete. I will also need clarification on your request. You site that you want to know what "wages" were given step and grade increases. Do you mean what "positions?"

As for the sealed Falmouth records; that will require approval from the Oneida Business Committee as they are the body that acted to have these records sealed and under the oversight of the Audit Department.

It is my position that when I cannot get answers to these questions, that means neither can the employees or the GTC.

Likewise, some employees have raised some of these questions:

1.) Who determines certain wage highway placements?

Comment: The wage highway was supposed to be determined by the Oneida Business Committee, but that never came back. In fact, management believes that they are allowed to handle all these highway placement matters.

2.) The approved wage scale has to be fine tuned with the values of our operation, who does the fine tuning?

3.) If the wage impacts are calculated to be over 35% of budget for the total budget, where are the bulk of the percentages increases going to?

Comment: I have heard from many employees who say they were told they're in the black and that they will not be getting an increase.

4.) Why isn't there an allowance for COLA?

Comment: My office wanted a COLA system honored as we move forward.

In closing, it is really hard to access the overall strategic impacts and how fairly things are going with this project. I cannot get answers to my questions. Also, every wage is kept secret and that also hampers true knowledge around what is occurring.

It is my opinion that we need to have hearings on these matters so we can get all the facts on the table and find out how fairly things are going with these wages adjustments. I offer this idea up with the hope that we can find solutions to make sure everyone is getting a good, honest and fair shake at reasonable wage adjustments. I would also note that wage-

caps might be in order, short-term, for those that are making \$100 000 00 or more.

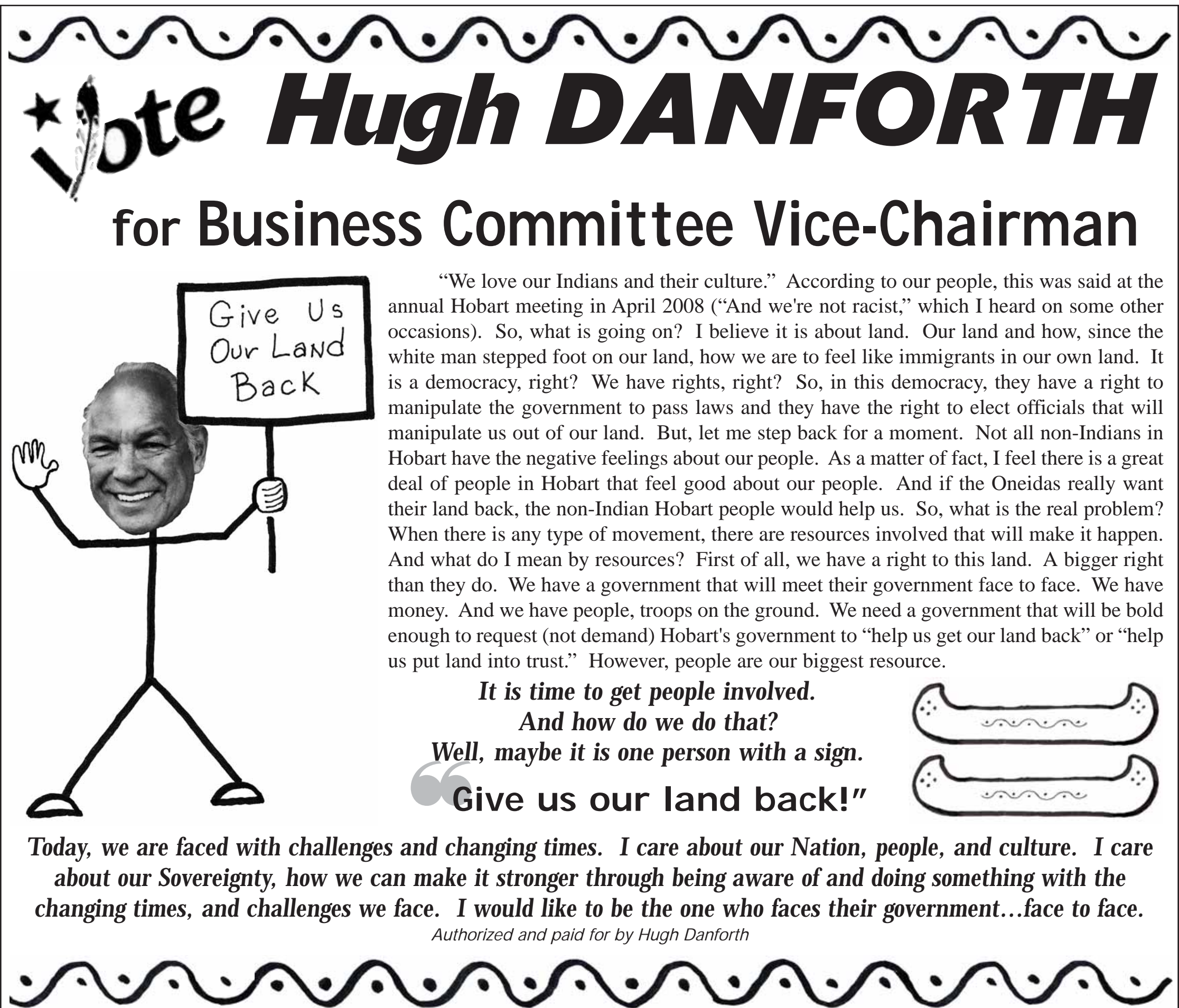
In these economic conditions, the tribe needs to focus on people who are barely making it, and that is those who are being paid anything lower than \$100,000. There are a lot of people making \$11 to \$19 dollars an hour who are barely keeping their heads above the water line. I've even heard from people who are making more than \$19.00 an hour and a few of them are struggling. I would also note, and I've raised this before, we should not have management wages which can be allowed to rise to over \$240,000 that is not reasonable for a governmental employee.

I will be raising many of these issues on June 11, 2008 at the Oneida Business Committee, please come and listen in on these matters.

True C.O.L.A. for our employees

My office continues to advocate for a true Cost of Living Allowance for our Employees to keep pace with the rapidly increasing cost of living index in our country. Over the years employee increases have fallen off-the-pace of the national cost of living index. We've tried recently to get things in-line, but we've admittedly missed the mark - at times - for some employees and we have to understand these matters as we move forward.

Take care and have a nice day.



State

Governor Doyle signs historic multi-state Great Lakes Compact



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Governor James Doyle shakes hands with Oneida veteran Valdor John after signing the Great Lakes Compact. Oneida veterans and Oneida Business Committee members were on hand for the historic signing.

Bipartisan Agreement Provides Unprecedented Protections for Great Lakes

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

Members of the Oneida VFW along with Tribal Chairman Gerald Danforth and Tribal vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes joined Governor Jim Doyle today as he signed the Great Lakes Compact, a historic, bipartisan agreement that will protect, preserve and improve the Great Lakes.

"This historic accord means that we will be managing our Great Lakes water in a

sustainable way that will protect one of the world's greatest natural resources," said Governor Doyle. "The Great Lakes define this region, and their waters sustain our recreation, our way of life and our economy. Signing the Great Lakes Compact today is cause for tremendous hope. This is a victory for us all."

April 2008 Special Session Senate Bill 1 ratifies the Great Lakes Compact, which was endorsed by Governor Doyle and seven fellow Great Lakes Governors and two Canadian premiers in 2005. The Compact creates unprecedented protections for the Great Lakes and ensures their continued availability for regional economic growth. It bans long-distance diversions and provides a framework for ensuring sustainable water use in the Great Lakes basin.

The Compact protects Wisconsin's communities by maintaining each Governor's veto power, while establishing defined criteria against which project decisions or vetoes must be based. The Great Lakes Compact not only keeps this important provision in place, but does so in a way that sets standards for sustainable management of our waters. It also sets up a reliable system for communities near the basin to receive Great Lakes water. These communities will have clear standards that will allow water use, but prevent the depletion of the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes provide an important economic boon

for Wisconsin and the Midwest. They generate \$55 billion in tourism for the region and create nearly \$377 million in personal income from wages and salaries. In Wisconsin, the Great Lakes support more than 11,000 jobs in the state's ports.

In order to become law, each state Legislature must ratify the Great Lakes Compact and Congress must give its consent. In Wisconsin, lawmakers overwhelmingly approved the Compact, passing it out of the Senate with a 32-1 vote, and through the Assembly 96-1.

Wisconsin joins Minnesota, Illinois, New York, and Indiana in completing their legislative approval. Quebec and Ontario have also approved it. Legislation is moving forward in Ohio and also before Pennsylvania and Michigan. The next step for the Great Lakes Compact will be Congressional approval.

"This is a great step forward," said Congressman Steve Kagen, M.D. "I look forward to working with our entire Wisconsin delegation to ratify the Great Lakes Compact in Congress to protect forever one of the most precious natural resources on Earth."

Governor Doyle thanked Senators Mark Miller and Neil Kedzie and Representatives Jon Richards, Cory Mason and Scott Gunderson for their work on the bill.

OCEC celebrates 15 years

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Community Education Center (OCEC) celebrated 15 years of service on Tuesday, June 3. OCEC Director Donald Hahnke stated that staff at the center has helped 6571 students, double the amount of students from five years ago.

"A lot of people don't realize we have over 1500 kids we're tutoring one-on-one," he said. Students range from grade school and high school to college and post graduate students.

Jennifer Green earned a bachelors degree from the University of Phoenix with help from the OCEC.

"I learned Power Point, and they proof read my papers, and I learned simple things like how to do an attachment so I could send homework to my professors. They were very helpful out

here," said Green. "It's an excellent resource for people to come to."

The OCEC offers several programs for tribal members seeking a GED or a HSED including Access 21, an online GED program. In addition to two computer labs and two computer class rooms, the center also has a parent learning lab where a student can work on a computer while their young children play nearby.

The center offers computer classes to all Oneida tribal members and Microsoft Suite training for all tribal employees.

The OCEC is located at 2632 South Packerland Drive and is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30am to 9:00pm, and Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm. Call 1-800-416-6017 or 920-496-7860 for more information.



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Donald Hahnke mans the grill for the 15 year anniversary and open house for the Oneida Community Education Center.

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Local

Grads earned squares year by year

Submitted by Cheryl Warrington
YES Advocate

The “Class of 2008” will proudly walk across the stage and receive their diploma. Twelve years of hard work has finally paid off and the graduates will go on to pursue their futures. Two of these Seniors will leave with a heartfelt memory. It all started in the nineties while these two seniors were in their third and fourth grades. As Cassandra Martinez and Alicia Summers watched their teacher aide, Heidi Smith, make a crocheted afghan they both wanted one. So Heidi told them if they were good students, every year, she’d make and give them an afghan square and when their twelfth year came around they would give her back their squares and she would make them an afghan blanket for graduation. So there set the pattern. Every year the girls held their teacher aide to her word and every year their teacher aide



Photo courtesy of Cheryl Warrington

Cassandra Martinez and Alicia Summers received an afghan blanket from teacher assistant Heidi Smith upon their high school graduation.

made them their crocheted afghan square. Well, low and behold, here we are in 2008 and the girls are going to graduate! Cassandra and Alicia received their afghan blankets from Heidi Smith on May 7th 2008. Kanha?tsli”-yo (gun ha tslee) (Good job!) to all three ladies.

Heidi Smith has worked for

the Oneida YES Program for 13 years as a teacher assistant for the Rockledge Elementary School. Cassandra and Alicia have attended school throughout the majority of their lives in the Seymour Community School District. Both Seniors will be graduating from Seymour High School Sunday June 1, 2008.

Pie in face worn with pride



Photo courtesy of Todd Mueske

Monte Powless, left, and Jessieanna Skenadore with pie victim Assistant Principal Aaron Manders.

Submitted Todd Mueske
Physical education and Health teacher

We had over 60 students participate in our Hoops for Heart event held at ONES Gym on Thursday May 22. Students raised money to help fight

cardiovascular disease and strokes. Students participated in a number of activities--which included dribble knock-out, limbo, shooting games and students that raised \$25

received a pie to throw in the face of a brave staff member. Our brave staff member this year was Assistant Principal Aaron Manders. Thanks to all the students, staff and families that helped us raise \$460.00 for the American Heart Association.

In the attached picture--Aaron Manders with ONES students Monte Powless and Jessieanna Skenadore after the Pie Throwing Event.

From Page 7A/Cornelius

Melissa is remembered for her services as a historian, linguist, author, and lecturer, but the most important which she would agree with was her belief in Christianity. She proudly stated that she was a Christian first. Her home was filled with many reading materials, many pertaining to spirituality. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Oneida for about 80 years of her life.

Melissa was often asked to say a prayer if she was present at meetings. She was well known for that and enjoyed performing this function at both religious and political meetings in the Community. The last time Melissa was asked to say a closing prayer was at the celebration of the Methodist Church’s 150-year anniversary on September 12, 1982.

Her knowledge of history was also well known throughout Oneida and she was often referred to as the person one needed to talk with if they were seeking historical facts about Oneida. Melissa loved to talk and visit with commu-

nity members. She spent time in her church work, she spent time with her extended family members and her many friends and most of all she felt it was important to keep up with political affairs.

Having lived alone for so many years after her parents passed away, it was not uncommon for Melissa to stay overnight at relatives of friends’ homes. Everyone knew Melissa and how she walked everywhere. She was in her 90’s before she had to remain in the Tribe’s Nursing Home, as she could no longer walk as she used to, also her eyesight began to fail her.

As an elder of the community, Melissa felt it was her responsibility to give her opinion on some matter or other, which she did. Her age never held her back. Melissa touched many lives and is honored at the United Methodist Church’s services, the church she loved so much. One of her last acts was to help purchase the church bell that stands today right in front of the church.

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Lifestyles

Oneida libraries to host "Zoomobile"

Oneida, WI – Ever see a Madagascar hissing cockroach? What about a red-tailed boa constrictor? Kids of all ages will have their chance to get up close and personal at the NEW Zoo "Zoomobile" program at 11:00 a.m., June 10, 2008, at the Oneida Community Library, 201 Elm ST (Site I) and 1:30 p.m., June 10, 2008, at the Green Earth Branch Library, W1273 Redtail DR, De Pere (off of Highway H, just down from the Highway H Recreation Center.)

This event is presented in correlation with the statewide Summer Reading Program. This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library." Every year, the Summer Reading Program at area libraries provides incentives for kids to keep their reading skills sharp while away from school.

Brad Hooyman, education and volunteer coordinator at the NEW Zoo in Suamico, will be bringing the animals to the library. Hooyman is excited to team up with area libraries on showing young readers the importance of bugs.

"The kids will get a chance to see how some of these animals need bugs in order to survive," Hooyman said. "They will get a chance to pet at least two of the animals."

The "Zoomobile" is sponsored by the Oneida Community Library System and the Nicolet Federated Library System. It is geared toward children ages 3 to 14, but all are invited to attend. The program will incorporate an introduction to the animals, educational information and a question and answer session.

The Zoomobile program will appear throughout the summer at several area county libraries, including Kewaunee, Brown, Marinette, Shawano and Oconto.

This 45-minute event is free and open to the public. For more information on this program, or the summer reading program at either library, please contact Kymberley at the Oneida Community Library, 920-869-6217, or Eleanore Danforth at the Green Earth Branch Library, 920-833-7226.

6th Annual Oneida Days

June 27
Tobacco Burning and Flag Raising
8:00 am
Norbert Hill Center by flag poles

Oneida Elderly Services Annual Rummage
Supports: Roberta Kinzhuma Scholarship Award
Friday, June 27 10 am to 2pm
Former Tower Foods Rummage, Car Wash, 50/50 Raffle, Food
Contact: Claudia Skenandore 920-869-2448

June 27-29
MVP's 6th Annual Coed Softball Tourney
Contact: Geno Danforth 920-869-1362

June 28
Commandos vs Rangers
Baseball Game
Noon @ Small diamond in Oneida
Fundraiser for Indigenous Games
Scott Murray 929-490-3730

Ridgeview Plaza Open House
10:00am - 2:00pm
Sale Items, Food, Raffles, Live Music and MORE
Contact: Raeann Skenandore 920-497-5821, Sylvia Cornelius-Waupoose 920-496-5352, or Laura Manthe 920-496-5360

June 29
Charlie Hill Show
6-9 pm Radisson \$10
Fundraiser for Indigenous Games
Scott Murray 920-490-3730

July 3
7th Annual Oneida Farmer's Market
2-6 pm
HWY 54 Oneida One Stop
Contact: Bill VerVoort 920-869-4530

Oneida Museum's 11th Annual Cultural Festival
Thursday July 3
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Contact: Sue Peterson 920-869-6539
Fax 920-869-2959
speterso@oneidanation.org

July 3-5
First Nations Golf Association
Oneida Warriors Championship Golf Tournament
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Deadline for entry: June 22, 2008
Open to Professional/Amateur Native Golfers Only
Contact: 920-713-8363 or lking1@oneidanation.org
Crystal Springs Golf Course, Seymour, WI

July 4-5
Oneida 4th of July Golf Championship
Two Person Scramble
Entry Fee: \$250 (per team)
Price includes two rounds of golf with cart. Deadline for entry: June 22, 2008
Open to Natives and Non-Native Golfers
Contacts: Leroy King 920-713-8363 or lking1@oneidanation.org
Crystal Springs Golf Course, Seymour WI

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Falling Leaves 4-H plants a potential bio fuel source

By the OCIFS Coordinator

On Saturday, May 31 approximately 30 people gathered to plant the Oneida Falling Leaves 4-H vegetable garden and a miscanthus research test plot. Some of the items planted were: raspberries, strawberries, watermelon, pumpkin, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, peas and cucumbers just to name a few. The leaders of the 4-H club procured two 260 gallon water tanks for the youth and parents to use to water their garden. The tanks have been modified so they can connect their garden hose to it and water or use pails if they wish. After the garden was planted the Hobart Volunteer

Fire Department filled the tanks with water for the youth.

In addition to the garden the Oneida 4-H club also planted a 50' x 100' miscanthus research test plot with the guidance of two gentlemen from Missouri State. Miscanthus is a tall perennial grass that has been evaluated in Europe during the past 5 – 10 years as a new bioenergy crop. Like other bioenergy crops, the harvested stems of miscanthus may be used as fuel for production of heat and electric power. Including its' use in local power plants to replace coal, or used in the small pellet stoves that heat some of your homes. It can also be used in the production

of ethanol and as livestock bedding. The 4-H club will monitor the progress of miscanthus in this northern climate and report back to the Missouri State folks.

The 4-H youth, parents and leaders wrapped up the planting around Noon and a cook-out followed where Oneida Natural Black Angus beef burgers were served along with hotdogs, potatoes salad and beans. A special thanks goes out to the following people for making this a successful event: Oneida Housing Authority, Hobart Volunteer Fire Department, Missouri State University, Oneida Food Distribution Program and of course the Oneida Falling Leave 4-H members.



Photo courtesy of Falling Leaves 4-H
Members of the Falling Leaves 4-H planted the rhizomes (roots) of the miscanthus grass on Saturday, May 31. Miscanthus is a potential bio-fuel.

Greening your life - little changes add up

By Betsy Galbraith and Bill Koonz

Environmental Department

We live in a country of throw away products and excessive packaging. We seldom get kitchen appliances, computers, TV's or other electrical equipment fixed. They end up in the land fill along with the excess packaging, plastic containers and fast food debris. Land fill managers now charge for dispos-

ing of some electronic devices (our TV cost us \$15 to dispose of). What are some things that we might do to reduce the amounts of energy that goes into the manufacture of products and how can we do a better job of recycling the products that we buy?

- Stop the junkmail. Contact the companies sending you junk mail and ask to be removed from their list. You can also visit <http://www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs4-junk.htm#getofflist>
- Air dry your laundry. Just like grandma used to do. For a small investment, put up some rope and a few poles and save on your energy bill. Or, just tie a line from your deck to a tree. As a side benefit, you'll have .

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Greening

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For more information contact:

Raeann Skenandore at 497-5821

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Community Bike Rodeo

Sponsored by the Oneida Police Department and Injury Prevention



The Oneida Police Department and Injury Prevention are proud to sponsor this years Community Bike Rodeo. The Rodeo will focus on bicycle safety and basic riding skills.


When: Saturday June 14, 2008 8:00 A.M - 12:00P.M.

Where: Oneida Nation Elementary School Parking Lot

Who: Children ages 6-14 years of age

Children are required to bring their own bicycle. The Injury Prevention Program will provide free helmets to all participants. Register with Officer Boulanger by phone at 920-869-6678 or e-mail at eboulan1@oneidanation.org. Space is limited so please register early. All registrations must be received by Friday June 06, 2008. In case of inclement weather the event will be rescheduled for a later date to be announced.

Oneida Police Department
2783 Freedom Rd
Oneida WI, 54155



Phone: 920-869-6678

Fax: 920-869-1864

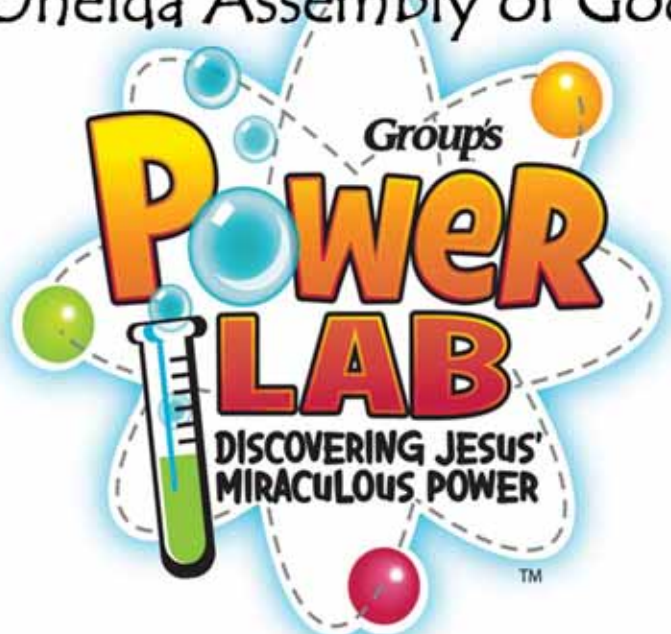
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KID'S SUMMER POWER LAB

Friday, June 20th

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Oneida Assembly of God



For kids kindergarten to 5th grade

A one day Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Youth Group from Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, Indiana.

(Lunch will be provided)

For more information contact

Lonnie Johnson at (920)680-8320.

Letters

Letters & Opinions...

Ashley on the mend

As some of you may know, my baby girl Ashley Lasee is an 18 year old who is a very sick child, she may not be a child, but as any parent knows your children will always be your babies.

Ashley is currently in the hospital in Rochester, Minn. (The Mayo Clinic). She has been there since April 9; she is in need of a second liver transplant. She is currently in the final stages of her disease, she is first on the list for transplant, however due to her kidneys shutting down transplanting organs is not an option right now. If dialysis can fix her kidneys, and she is in stable condition, Ashley can receive her liver transplant.

The look on my baby's face when doctors told her and I this horrible news; she had lost all hope, fell into tears and asked, "So I'm dying? And I just told my mom I had a feeling you were going to tell us we could go to our apartment." It is such a bad feeling, I feel so helpless. Mothers are supposed to make things better for their children. However, Ashley did ask me for some tips on how to fight this. I told her we were not giving up, we came this far and we are not giving up. We starting sharing our little tips with each other, her brothers, sister, Auntie, Uncle, Grandma, family and friends. Ashley has been fighting this and has shown great improvements! She is walking, talking, eating, getting her dexterity back, and smiling! Along with that, lab work is headed in the right direction.



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All right Ashley! We love you!

In the mean time, Ashley and her family would like to take this time to thank family, friends, and the community for their kind support, prayers, and donations during this time of need. The strong support from the community gives us stronger support for Ashley; as a result, she gets better.

Thank you everyone! Special thanks to Bobbie Webster and Brian Doxtator. Thank you so much for listening.

Ashley, Debbie, Justin, Bobbie, and Tyler Benefit amount raised \$1035; countless hours were donated to Debbie

Contributions can still be made to: Bay Bank c/o Ashley Lasee Benefit Fund

Debbie Cornelius

Editors note: According to Ashely's web page on www.caringbridge.org/visit/aslhylasee, she received a liver and kidney on Wednesday, June 4 and is recuperating from the transplant operation.

Thank you in time of grief

To the Oneida community, thank you from myself-Steve Mittag and my family for your thoughts, prayers and flowers in regard to the loss of my grand-daughter. My entire family want to express our heartfelt thank you to the Oneida Nation.

Thank you, Steve Mittag

Guest Editorial
Major Paul Howard

To the Oneida Nation Tribe,

I recently sent out an email to a few family members and close friends requesting used golf balls for my Soldiers stationed in Iraq. 15 months of long, hot, and tough days can wear down your spirits. My idea was to give the Soldiers in my battalion a chance to hit a few golf balls as a break from their 12-hour shifts that run 7 days a week. Within a week, I received a shipment of several hundred golf balls. This simple requests has taken on a life of it's own and I want to send a note of sincere thanks to the Oneida Nation Tribe and other patriotic participants that took to time to gather and ship the golf balls.

Just yesterday, about 10 Soldiers gathered around our little golf area and hit a few balls at the end of a long day. For 15 minutes, Soldiers laughed and joked as they missed and mis-hit balls all over the place.

The smiles and laughter were priceless. These Soldiers have been working seven days a week for the last 7 months and are staring at another eight months before they return home. Even the most diligent, hard-nosed Soldiers can lose motivation and need a simple laugh and smile to recharge. You are contributing to that laugh.

During World War II, America was mobilized for the war effort. Families sacrificed for the greater good of the war. The government rationed commodities. Big businesses re-tooled manufacturing lines to build planes, jeeps, and tanks. Children collected scrap metal to build bombs and ammunition. Women started working the manufacturing lines and ferrying planes to Europe. Here is the result: America's greatest generation developed, America's triumph over evil, and an undy-



Photo courtesy of Major Paul Howard

Sergeant Adam Eisenhower from lake Isabella, California takes a swing at a donated golf ball.

ing appreciation for the men and women who served their country.


The opposite was true during the Vietnam conflict. The American population fell out of graces with the war effort. They were not connected and energized to help the average Soldier. The distaste for war snowballed into a pure hatred for the war and anything associated with it (Soldiers included). Protest replaced the American population's sacrifice. Here is the result: a generation of veterans ashamed of their selfless duty, a lost war, and a population still healing from the scars of lackluster support to the troops.

Thanks to people like you that do not carry machine guns for a living, but still want to support America's fight against evil, we will win this war. Ousting Saddam was just the first part required to get this country on its feet. You cannot win a war with-

out support from Americans. The Army is a microcosm of society. If the American population quits on the Army, the Army will follow suit. Small things that average American's do make a difference. I carry a small, faded star in my pocket sent to me by a man I will never meet. He sent it enclosed in a card addressed to "any Soldier". The note with the small cloth star read, "I am part of an American Flag which can no longer fly due to sun and wind damage. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not forgotten".

Tell the people collecting the golf balls, that their kind act makes a difference. We don't feel forgotten! Regardless of who is President next year, Soldiers will wake up each morning prepared to act in defense of your nation.

Major Paul Howard



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Dawn Walschinski – dwalschi@oneidanation.org

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Education

Marian University's John Reilly Education Program features...

Building Inquiring Minds Around Classroom Texts

FOND DU LAC, Wis. – Marian University's School of Education will hold its sixth annual John Reilly Education Program in Marian's Stayer Center for Technology & Executive Learning Aug. 18-19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The two-day program, "Building Inquiring Minds Around Classroom Texts," is designed for educators. It will show how the act of reading will result in meaningful ends for students, and outline how a rich vein of instructional strategies can help students

rely upon their own questions to mold their comprehension and guide their learning.

The featured presenter is Doug Buehl, a reading specialist in the Madison Metropolitan School District and a teacher at Madison East High School. He is the author of "Classroom Strategies for Interactive Learning," and co-author of "Reading and the High School Student." With more than 30 years of experience in high school teaching and reading programs, Buehl is recognized as a leader in the field of literacy and inter-

active learning in PK-12 education, particularly at the high school level.

After engaging in this workshop, attendees are invited to participate in one or both of the follow-up one-credit courses through Marian University's Professional Development Institute at \$200 per credit.

Graduate credit instruction will be held Aug. 18-19 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and the second optional graduate credit instructional program will be held Sept. 19-20.

The John Reilly Education

Program is named in memory of John Reilly, a Fond du Lac County businessman for 40 years, who had more than 20 members of his family pursue careers in education. To date, the funds from the John Reilly Foundation have secured speakers such as authors Peggy Deitz Shea and YuYi Morales, Eric Jensen, Ian Jukes and Dr. Robert Marzano.

Reservations must be made in advance to Brenda Moss at bsmoss55@marianuniversity.edu or (920) 923-8095 by July 15.

A Graduation Message from Governor Jim Doyle:

Congratulations Graduates!

I applaud you on your great achievement. This is a day of celebration and accomplishment for you and you should be very proud of yourself. You've worked hard and shown dedication to your education, and in doing so, you chose a better future for yourself and your family.

Wisconsin will have new opportunities in future, and we need young leaders who are smart and motivated to guide us. Each of you has tremendous promise to make a lasting contribution to our state. After all, your dreams are Wisconsin's dreams, and your successes will be Wisconsin's successes. Our future depends on you.

Regardless of whether you are going out into the workforce or furthering your education, there are endless possibilities open to you in Wisconsin if you work hard. As Governor, I want each of you to go as far as your hard work and talent can take you. I have tremendous faith in your future success.



On behalf the entire State of Wisconsin, I offer you my congratulations and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

A handwritten signature of Jim Doyle in black ink.

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UW-Oshkosh News

Barber earns Bachelor of Science degree at UWO



Yeh ne talolaks-She gathers the pines
Desiree' Morning Dove Barber

Special to Kalihwisaks

When you see this beautiful young woman, congratulate her on her most recent accomplishment.

She just earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on May 17, 2008 where she obtained a double major and a double minor. Her majors are: Medical Technology (she reads lab results for doctors) and Biology. Her minors are: Microbiology and Chemistry.

She will be completing her medical internship June 6, 2008 at Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, WI.

It is quite an accomplishment for a girl who grew up in a single parent household on a reservation.

Desiree' attended Oneida Head Start and the Oneida Nation School System where she graduated in 2002 as Valedictorian. As a Valedictorian Desiree' qualified for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship. During the fall of her senior year she applied for and became a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship. Other financial support included an AmVets award and some funding from

the Oneida

Education Grant.

Desiree' is a very accomplished student who took advantage of opportunities that came her way. Some of her experience includes a 2 week camp in middle school through the YMCA working with horses, before entering high school she attended a summer aviation program where she learned how to pilot a plane and in high school she traveled as a Student Ambassador throughout Europe.

Desiree' made the Deans list at Oshkosh and awarded the Wisconsin Indian Education Association Undergraduate Award in 2007.

Her success is attributed not only to her dedication and tenacity but to the love, support and guidance of some very special women in her life; Toto Shirley, Aunt Linda, and Aunt Shirl. Desiree's Aunt Teresa and Mom Anita also inspired her to follow her dreams. Others who encouraged Desiree are her brothers; Tyrone, Jasper, and Standing Wolf. Her family wishes to extend a special thanks to the hard working ever dedicated Barb Miller who encouraged Desiree' to apply to Oshkosh and the Gates Foundation. Barb also played a major role in helping Desiree' through the tough times of her college career. There are many others that helped Desiree' along her life path including the wonderful respite, academic and spiritual people who have touched the lives of her family.

Best wishes to you Desiree' with our continued gratitude that the Creator keeps a hand of protection, good health and happiness around you always.



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Good News

Congratulations Rhiannon Metoxen

To my wife "RC" on your graduation from Haskell Indian Nations University Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Tribal Management I am so Proud of You!



Love Eli, Jossalyn, Sonny, Lil Eli & Brennan XXXOOO

Congratulations Aaron...

on all of your Accomplishments!
Best of Luck at UTI



Love from AL
your family
(too many to list...)

Congratulations Cyndi Luttrell

on your Bachelor's Degree from University of St. Thomas
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Love ya,
Mom, Dad, Donna and Amy

Happy 6th Birthday

Maddox
on June 4th



Love Mumma, Daddy,
Grandmas, Grandpas,
Aunties, Uncles, Cousins
& Jake too

Happy Birthday

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on your First Communion



Love Mom, Dad & Family

New Arrivals

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

Jaydah Joyce Bork

Jaydah Joyce Bork born on May 5, 2008 8 lbs 8 oz 19.5 inches Daughter to Nathan and Cindy Bork Big Sister

Naleyah Maternal Grandparents David and Roxy Charles and Sue Doxtator Paternal Grandparents Dan and Peggy Bork Julie and Rick Hietpas Great Grandparents Arlie and Erma Doxtator, Art and Leona Charles, Carl and Helen Bork, Helen Webster.

Izabella Maria Denise Nunez-Rodriguez

Izabella Maria Denise Nunez-Rodriguez, was born to Tabitha Nunez and Josue Rodriguez on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. She weighed 7lbs. 6oz. and was 20 inches long. The grandparents are: Denise Thompson and Wesley Smith. Izabella has 5 siblings, Aiyana, Marissa, Vanessa, Rosaline and Matteo.

Alexander Edward Christjohn

Alexander Edward Christjohn was born to Fran & Terri Christjohn on Friday, May 9, 2008. He weighed 6 lbs 7 oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Rosalie, Marvin, Stan, and Nancy. Alexander has 3 siblings, Hunter, Janace, Jairica.

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Happy 2nd Birthday

Andrew Louis Allen Metoxen
on June 8th



Love Always, Mom, Dad and your two sisters Takenya & Skyleasia

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to my Big Sister Kahnekaw^Iyehse "She Stirs the Waters"



Love you, Chaske

Happy Birthday

Happy GOLDEN Birthday!
Keeshon Wayka
is turning 7 on June 7th!



Love You!
Mom

Happy 6th Birthday

Malia Lois John Jacobs
on June 2nd



Love Mom

Happy 3rd Birthday

on June 1st to
Makiah Goodeagle



We Love You!
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Please see my platform in the June 19th issue of *kalihwisaks*

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Questions, please call:
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Oneida Nation Arts Program Presents:
8th Oneida Summer Concert Series

Thursday, June 19th

Noon Hour Lunch Concert 12 pm (bring your lunch)

Evening Picnic at 6:30 pm (\$5 per plate)

Evening Concert 7:00 p.m.

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Oneida, WI 54155

All Applications must be
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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 pub-

Public Hearing

lic hearing or do not plan to speak at the hearing, the Oneida Tribe encourages those to submit written testimony. A maximum of ten (10) pages, doubled spaced, can be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the Tribal Secretary (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 Skenandore 08-TC-006;
Linda King, 08-TC-009;
Bonnie Stoneman 08-TC-011;
Kalene White, 08-TC-016;
Blanche Escamea 08-TC-025;
Barbara McKinzie 08-TC-027;
Geronimo Powless 08-TC-029

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

Experience an adventurous summer with Camp Hope

By Steven W. Jandt
Community Center Director

Camp Hope is a summer day camp for kids ages 7-12 located right in Green Bay. The program runs Monday-Friday from 7am-5pm for 11 weeks of the summer recess. Most of the camp is run off site. Three days a week kids are out on all day field trips throughout the area. The trips are a mixture of educational and recreational activities and include places such as; Brewer games, Bay Beach, Funset Boulevard, swimming lessons at the YWCA, the Brown County Library, and various parks and swimming pools. Camp Hope also has "in-house" activities that

include; gym, arts and crafts, education, computer skills, and bibles studies and music.

Camp Hope is affordable for everyone in the community!! Working with families that cannot afford traditional childcare, The Salvation Army adjusts its weekly fee to meet families' economic constraints. Qualifying families only pay \$20 per week!! Space is limited so sign up today!

For more information or if you have any questions, you may email me at: steve_jandt@usc.salvation-army.org or check out the website at: www.sagreen-bay.org

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For more information call **490-3730**



By Eric Frantz
Fitness Specialist

Summer is finally here, and it's time to get your body in ship-shape condition. Luckily, the staff at Oneida Family Fitness is ready to help you do just that. Beat the Heat Summer Challenge will help you increase your activity level, lose weight, lose inches, and gain flexibility.

This is a free exercise incentive that will be eight weeks long, starting on Monday June 16 and lasting until Friday August 8. The incentive is open to all Oneida Family Fitness members ages 12 and up.

For the incentive, participants will form two-person teams and to help encourage each other to increase their activity levels through regular exercise. Points will be earned throughout the incentive at Oneida Family Fitness based on daily check-ins, group exercise participation, pre/post fitness measurements, losing weight, losing inches, and gaining flexibility.

Prizes will be awarded to the top five teams with the most accumulated points.

The top three teams will earn Oneida Retail Cards up to a \$100 value, while the other two teams will win Oneida Family Fitness pro-shop apparel.

If this sounds like the right thing to get you moving this summer, then stop in at Oneida Family Fitness to check it out! You may pick up an Incentive Guideline Sheet at the front desk. You may also view this sheet on the OFF Intranet Page, or email Eric Frantz at efrantz@oneidanation.org for more information.

Relay for Life July 25-26

By Ryan Engel
Fitness Specialist Supervisor

Oneida Relay for Life is a 16 hour walk around the track at Norbert Hill Center, N7210 Seminary Road in Oneida. The walk starts Friday, July 25 at 6:00pm and goes through into Saturday, July 26!

You are welcome to come out and support the community in this walk. This walk is to raise money for the American Cancer Society. You can either join a team or create a team of your own. To find out more about the Oneida Relay for Life please feel free to contact any of the following members:

- Jenny Webster @ Little Bear (jwebste1@oneidanation.org)
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The Oneida Family Fitness logo, featuring a circular design with the text 'ONEIDA FAMILY FITNESS' and an illustration of people.

Principles and benefits of tai chi

By Jessica Trembl
Fitness Specialist

Tai chi practice combines relaxed, fluid movement with a calm, alert mental awareness. Tai chi training involves learning solo routines, known as forms. There are many different training forms, both traditional and modern. Most modern styles of tai chi developed from at least one of the five traditional tai chi schools of Chen, Yang, Wu/Hao, Wu, and Sun. The true creator of tai chi is debated, but the oldest documented tradition is that of the Chen family from the 1820s.

Today, tai chi has spread worldwide. Tai Chi translates as "Supreme Ultimate."

The concept of the "supreme ultimate" is a Chinese philosophy that there is a common source that unifies all apparent opposites. Tai Chi Ch'uan (taijiquan) translates as "Supreme Ultimate Boxing" this is the principle of staying centered both mentally and physically

in the midst of conflict. By focusing the mind on the tai chi movements of the form helps bring about a state of relaxation and clarity that promotes stress management.

The non-impact techniques of tai chi chuan condition the joints through a full range of motion while maintaining relaxation, rather than muscular tension. The slow repetitive work involved with tai chi chuan helps develop healthy breathing patterns, improves body awareness, postural alignment, coordination, strength, while providing minimal stress to the joints.

Practicing tai chi regularly is a great way to relieve stress, release tension, and energize the mind and body. A new tai chi class will be offered at Oneida Family Fitness this summer. Watch for the new Summer Aerobic Schedule to get posted so you don't miss this great opportunity to try tai chi!

Sifu David Leung's Tai Chi Seminars

A large Yin Yang symbol.

A photograph of a man in a white shirt and black pants performing a Tai Chi movement on a colorful mat.

Monday, June 23, 2008
10:15 - 11:45am

Tuesday, June 24, 2008
6:00 - 7:30pm

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Sifu David Leung began his Tai Chi training in the 1950's in Hong Kong. Master Leung moved to the United States and opened his own Tai Chi school in Eugene, Oregon in 1970.

His understanding of Asian culture, substantial knowledge of Chinese Martial Arts, and energetic teaching style combine to make his seminars extremely interesting, informative, and entertaining.

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The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at:
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Look for **O.F.F. highlights** once a month in the Kali.