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Judge OKs air permit for Kennecott mine project

By John Flesher
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) ~ Kennecott Eagle Minerals Co. has won a round in its campaign to operate a nickel and copper mine in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Ingham County Circuit Judge Paula Manderfield this week ruled the state Department of Environmental Quality acted properly by granting the company an air quality permit last December.

A lawsuit challenging the DEQ's decision had been filed by the Huron Mountain Club, the National Wildlife Federation and the

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GTC works way through lengthy agenda

By Nate Wisneski
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A packed Turtle School gymnasium of 1200 General Tribal Council (GTC) members took a work-horse mentality and plowed through a nine resolution agenda at the November 15 GTC meeting.

Each of the nine resolutions had a five minute presentation from the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) and the petitioner, Madelyn Genskow. Though the OBC

and Genskow didn't agree on all changes, she was pleased to see that they agreed something needed to be done. "Some things needed to change and I am glad the OBC agrees," she said to open her presentations.

Non-Confidentiality Information

Genskow's biggest concern was with boards, committees, and commissions and there ability to keep their members

from discussing information that was not confidential.

The OBC believed that this resolution reiterated legislation already in place and supported adoption of the resolution. The resolution was overwhelmingly passed by the GTC.

Disestablishment of the Oneida Venture Fund

Genskow was requesting to have the Oneida Venture Fund dissolved and the \$2.9 million

balance along with an additional unidentified \$2 million transferred to the land acquisition fund. The OBC supported the transferring of the current balance in the Venture Fund for land acquisition but not the dislovement of the fund and placing an additional \$2 million in the land acquisition fund.

Presentations by the OBC stressed the importance of portfolio diversification with the ever existing attack on

Indian gaming. They stressed that with most of the operating budget funded through gaming, it is important to create new revenue streams if gaming was ever lost.

The final motion passed called for the \$2.9 million Venture Fund balance to be placed in the land acquisition fund for fiscal year 2009 and

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GTC Meeting

Packers' fans say thank you to veterans



Kali Photos/Dawn Walschinski & Nate Wisneski

The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and the Green Bay Packers teamed up to honor America's veterans at halftime on Sunday, November 16. Top: Members of the US Army National Guard admire Challenger the eagle. Right: Oneida veterans, guard soldiers and army recruits hold an American shaped flag. The recruits took their oath of enlistment during halftime.



NASC not yet closing doors

By Nate Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

The Native American Services Center (NASC), 201 W. Walnut Street, was set to close at the end of October but the doors will remain open a little longer due to the generosity of the Oneida Tribe.

The NASC, opened in October of 2007, lost its federal contract and was set to close its doors before hearing from the tribe on November 12 that their funding request was granted. The center remained open with very limited services by community members donating their time.

According to Linda Dallas, the NASC Interim Director, the \$50,000 donation from the tribe is less than the asking amount but will keep the center fully operational until January 31 of next year.

"We had originally asked for the operating budget for three months, which would

have been \$94,000," said Dallas. "We are very thankful to the Oneida Tribe. It gives us the ability to stay open and keep looking for funding."

The center now has only one full time administrative assistant while the other five staff members took 25 percent cuts in pay to ensure the center would be fully functioning. "We have had to become creative, we cut our staff hours but not our business hours. We all work together to make sure everyone gets what they need," Dallas said.

The NASC has sent request for funds proposals to 34 tribes and are waiting to hear back on their status. "I am close to having a heart-attack if no one writes me soon. We are being reviewed and are waiting," said Dallas.

The center has also started the process of looking at funding sources other than Indian tribes. They plan on

submitting funding proposals to foundations and grants November 28.

If the center doesn't receive funding before January 31 Dallas does not plan on closing the center. "I am a fighter. We will somehow manage and are looking at fundraising possibilities," she said.

The center lost its federal contract on September 30 after Indian Health Services deemed the grant could be more effective in another urban setting. It joins the United Amerindian Center (UAC) as recently unsettled centers that serve urban Native Americans. The UAC received a \$100,000 grant from the Oneida Tribe in June of 2007 after they lost their federal grant.

The NASC is open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Veteran's Day celebrations throughout Oneida



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Local

Oneida One Stops and Oneida Casino Travel Center award \$500 grants

Submitted by Angela Parks
Marketing Manager

Five \$500 Grants were awarded at an Oneida Business Committee meeting 11/12/08. Oneida One Stops and the Oneida Casino Travel Center in cooperation with Exxon Mobil secured and awarded the education grants for Pioneer Elementary School in Ashwaubenon, Beth Haven Academy in Ashwaubenon, Bay City Baptist School in Green Bay, Freedom Middle School in Freedom, and Lannoye Elementary School in Pulaski. The principals from each respective school accepted their awards graciously and with much appreciation.

"Oneida Retail continues to invest in the future of our communities, future of our youth and creating a solid foundation for the next seven generations," stated Shawn Suri of the Oneida One Stops and Oneida Casino Travel Center. This is the third year in a row that Oneida has been able to award these types of grants to local schools total-



Photo courtesy of Angela Parks

Left to Right: Ken Fisher of Freedom Middle School, Pam Engel of Lannoye Elementary, Matt Blank of Beth Haven Academy, Ray Anderson of Bay City Baptist School, Pete Marto of Pioneer Elementary and Assistant General Manager of Oneida Tribe Mr. Lloyd Powless

ing \$5000 in grant monies from the Mobil Education Alliance Program. The Exxon/Mobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their

communities through educational grants provided to neighborhood schools. This year was the first year that an award was able to be offered from each of the Oneida One Stops/Oneida Casino Travel Center that the Tribe operates.

First Influenza Case Confirmed in Wisconsin

People Encouraged to Get Flu Shot

State health officials are reminding people across the state to get their influenza vaccine as the first influenza case is announced for the 2008-09 season. A school-age child from Kenosha County is the first confirmed case of influenza among Wisconsin residents.

"This laboratory confirmed case indicates that influenza has arrived in Wisconsin and serves as a reminder to everyone to get their flu shot if they haven't already done so," said Department Secretary Karen Timberlake. "Getting a flu shot is the most effective way to avoid getting the flu."

To get your flu shot, contact your health care provider, local public health department or tribal health clinic. The flu season for Wisconsin generally runs from November to March, with peak activity around early February. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, influenza vaccine will contin-

ue to be shipped to Wisconsin throughout the flu season.

"There is still time for the vaccine to be effective and help prevent complications that can be caused by the flu, such as pneumonia or hospitalization," Timberlake said.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. "Flu" illness ranges from very mild to severe cases, and in some instances, can cause life-threatening complications. Influenza symptoms typically appear 1-3 days after exposure to respiratory droplets from an infected person and include fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, body aches and/or tiredness.

Some ways to stay healthy and to protect yourself and those around you from getting the flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your upper sleeve. If

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Flu

From Page 1A/Mine faces legal hurdles

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

"We commend the court on its thoughtful consideration of the issues, and for ruling in accordance with the applicable laws," said Steve Kohl, a Kennecott attorney.

Michelle Halley, attorney for the wildlife federation, said mine opponents were disappointed and assessing what to do next.

"Even though we lost this round, it was important to pursue because air deposition is likely the most widespread and far-reaching form of pollution," Halley said. "We remain confident in our other pending legal challenges."

Kennecott is targeting an underground ore deposit in

Marquette County expected to yield up to 300 million pounds of nickel and about 200 million pounds of copper, plus smaller amounts of other metals.

It would be Michigan's first nickel mine, and the only U.S. mine where nickel is the primary mineral generated instead of a byproduct.

The mine would be located in the remote Yellow Dog Plains area, renowned for its backwoods trails and trout streams.

Critics fear the mine would pollute groundwater and the nearby Salmon Trout River with sulfuric acid, while Kennecott promises to protect the environment while boosting the regional economy and

creating jobs.

Other legal hurdles remain for the project. An administrative judge conducted a lengthy hearing this year on whether the DEQ obeyed the law when it gave Salt Lake City-based Kennecott permits to operate the mine and discharge water.

He will deliver a recommendation to department director Steven Chester, who will make the final call.

Also pending is the company's application for a groundwater discharge permit from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Both sides would be able to challenge the agency decisions in court.

Oneida holds 24th annual science fair

The Oneida Nation School System is hosting its' 24th annual science fair for students in the FACE Program through 12th grade. As in the past few years, we are actually going to have 2 science fairs. It will be twice as exciting and fun! The first one will be the competitive category for grades 5-12, which will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008. Students in grades 5th through 12th grades with the highest scoring projects will be sponsored by the Oneida Nation School System to attend the American Indian Science & Engineering Science Fair (AISES) in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 26-28, 2009. The second fair, for students in the FACE Program through 4th grade

will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

The Oneida Tribal School was the FIRST tribal school in the nation to have a science fair 23 years ago. Our school also was the first tribal school in Wisconsin to host a Wisconsin State Science Fair in 1991. Over 400 students will be participating and students in grades 5-12 will be competing in 12 different categories.

AISES is a national organization that promises the building of communities by aligning science and technology with traditional Native values. Its' affiliated members include many tribes from all over the country. It provides Native American students opportunities to actively participate in a sci-

ence-based learning environment and create science projects that can be shared with peers, teachers and educators. Science fairs provide a forum for students to have their research recognized and critiqued in the disciplines of science, mathematics, engineering, technology and cultural preservation.

Judges for the annual science fair are professional people from the surrounding communities that graciously volunteer their time and effort in support of the students. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact Science Fair Coordinators Yvette, (920)869-4660, ypeguero@oneidanation.org or Tracy (920)869-1676, or tchriste@oneidanation.org

Dancers visit US troops in Germany



Photo courtesy of Claudia Skenandore

Misty Jackson-Army Staff Sergeant, stationed at Landstuhl Army Base, stands with smoke dancers Lakwaho McLester and Julia McLester of Oneida, Andrea Gurske-jingle and fancy dancer from Red Cliff, and Apesanahkwat of the Menominee Nation. The dancers went to Germany to perform for the troops November 5 – 22. The group performed at Ramstein Air Force Base, at an Army Garrison in Grafenwoehr, and for various elementary, middle and high schools.

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Passing On...


Cornelius, Norrin "Joe", Braatz"
August 25, 1923 – November 6, 2008

Norrin "Joe" Cornelius, age 85 of Bowler, began his journey to the mountaintop peacefully at his home on November 6, 2008 after a brave battle with cancer. Born on August 25, 1923 in Oneida, he was the son of the late Andrew and Lucy Cornelius. He spent much of his childhood in Milwaukee with his family but also resided in Oneida with his maternal grandmother, Sophie (Mason) Cornelius. Joe proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II with the 179th Infantry Antitank Unit of the 5th Army, 45th Division from March of 1943 until October 1945. During the invasion of Anzio, Italy he was taken prisoner by the Germans and spent the next 14 months as a prisoner of war. During his time spent in the military, Joe was awarded with many medals and ribbons including the Presidential Unit Citation, the Purple Heart, POW Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, the WWII Victory Medal, a Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. On August 31, 1947 he was united in marriage to Lois Ann "Lightning" Davids at Mission Lake in the Town of Red Springs. Joe resided in the Shawano area until 1967 when he and his family moved to Bowler where Joe was a well known auto mechanic and school bus driver. He was an avid bingo player and Packer fan. He also enjoyed working in his garage and spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed the trips with different family members to South Dakota to view the progress of the Crazy Horse Mountain carving since 1976.

Joe was the loving father



of his children: Dr. Carol Cornelius of DePere, Jody (Aleta) Cornelius of Oneida, Norma (James) Flauger of Gresham, Dr. Neil (Lorraine) Cornelius of Green Bay, Reva (Robert) Fuhrman of Wausau, Norrin "Fredd" Cornelius of Green Bay, Lowell Cornelius of Bowler and Carmen (Pete Powless) Cornelius of Bowler. He is further survived by: 40 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren; his sister, Shirley (John) Downs of New Braunfels, TX; his brother, Isaac "Jake" (Lanie) Cornelius of Cedarburg; his aunt, Helen Skenandore of Oneida; numerous nieces, nephews, and bingo buddies; and friend of the family, Duaine Gast.

Joe was preceded in death by: his wife, Lois; daughter, Dottie; 2 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; his parents; stepfather, William Cornelius; 3 sisters, Mae, Bernice, Dorothy; twin brother, Norval; and 2 brothers Andrew "Sunny" and Vernon.

Funeral services were hld at 11:00am on Monday, November 10, 2008 at the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness on Moh He Con Nuck Road with Melinda Shriner officiating. Burial will be in the Stockbridge Indian Burial Grounds with Military Rites conducted by the Mohican Veterans, the Oneida Veterans and the Gresham American Legion Post #390. Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano assisted the family with the arrangements. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

The family wishes to sincerely thank the Shawano Community Hospice for their guidance and for the assistance and compassion shown to our father as he prepared for his journey.


Hill-Hartwig, Kathleen Ann
February 19, 1953 - November 9, 2008

Kathleen Ann Hill-Hartwig, 56, of Chicago, Illinois, died on Sunday, November 9, 2008 in Chicago after a long illness. Kathleen was born February 19, 1953, daughter of Roland R. Hill and Beatrice Marie (Silas) Hill.

Kathleen is survived by her siblings, brothers; Alan R. Hill, Gary F. Hill, Wayne B. Hill, Sisters; Carol (Larry) Dixon, Arlene (Don) J. Wilson, Darlene (Bob) D. Murphy, and Marilyn (Don) Danforth, cousin Rene Elm and several nieces and nephews.

She is further survived by

Aunts Marlene Wiesrock-Silas, Sandy (Bob) Riesner-Silas, and Patricia Thompson-Silas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roland and Beatrice; brothers, James Lee Hill, Roland R. Hill Jr., and sister, Karen J. Cornelius. Aunts and Uncle: Verila Smith, Cathrene Lewandowski, and Father Dewey Silas; Grandparents Dewey J. Silas Sr. and Gertrude (Jourdan) Silas.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2008 at the Parish Hall with dinner to follow.

Preserving, Restoring & Developing the Oneida Nation

A Brief Summery of Oneida's GLIS Department

By Keith Doxtator

GIS Project Manager Oneida's GLIS (Geographic Land Information Systems) Department is involved in developing and maintaining Oneida's geographic information to serve many of the Tribe's departments as a valuable planning and decision making tool. This is a relatively newer technology that has become much more widely available as computer, networking and surveying technology is continuing to grow. Oneida's GLIS Department has grown and developed for about 15 years; this applies not only to the databases available, but also to the staff employed. Many new technologies and software programs keep this field on the cutting edge as new uses and



Photo submitted by Keith Doxtator

William Doxtator, GIS Specialist- in the Oneida GLIS Department.

applications are developed regularly.

GIS is a combination of many problem solving approaches that provides Oneida with faster, more

accurate, and more clear visual aids than any previous methods used. Imagine having thousands of maps and databases of information at your fingertips, just a few clicks away from pulling up any and all relevant information to whatever issue is desired. This streamlines the planning processes for many Oneida projects. GIS computer programs offer near-instant access to the wealth of information available to Oneida. Valuable time can then be spent discussing the situations and determining the best case scenario to use instead of researching the many sources that information can come from.

To illustrate the usefulness and many unique capabilities of GIS, picture all the thoughts and decisions planners would need to consider if Oneida were to build a new park. Where is a good location to serve the community? Where are other parks located? Is the land suitable for playground equipment and not prone to flooding? Is the area away from major highways? Etc. A GIS technician can run searches, or queries, for answers to each of those questions, as well as many more, and provide a finished product that shows a map with all potential sites that meet these search criteria. This would save the planners and decision makers a lot of time, and they'd have the confidence of knowing all the aspects considered when finally choosing a location.

The park example represents only a small taste of GIS's usefulness for the Oneida Nation. Oneida utilizes a wide variety of geographic data layers including roads, water, tribal ownership, land use, and environmentally protected areas to name a few. The GLIS Department works to ensure each of these layers are accurate and updated to provide continuous, up-to-date and accurate information for the Tribe.

GIS systems are utilized in almost every business throughout our community; this ranges from utility companies to the police force. As technologies continue to advance and become available for use, Oneida's GLIS will have the opportunity to work with a wide variety of businesses serving the community. Although the specific benefits GIS can provide are unique for each business, they each provide a common benefit: accurate and expansive information designed to make faster, better informed decisions.

For more information about Oneida GLIS, stop into their office at 703 Packerland Drive, or email Keith Doxtator at kdoxtat1@oneidanation.org. National GIS day was November 19th. Please visit www.esri.com to learn more about GIS Day or how other communities are utilizing GIS to help plan and organize their projects.


Cannon, David Dewey
August 28, 1922 – November 10, 2008

David D. Cannon, 86 of Oneida passed away peacefully Monday morning November 10, 2008. He was born August 28, 1922 to the late Cecil and Sophia (Doxtator) Cannon. Dave retired from the Oneida Tribe. He was a veteran of WWII, having served in Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland; Dave was also awarded numerous Ribbons and Medals, one being the Purple Heart. He was a charter member of the Oneida VFW. David enjoyed feeding the birds, going out to eat and visiting with family and friends when he was able.

Numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces

and nephews, as well as many relatives and friends survive Dave.

Dave was preceded in death by his brothers; Howard Sr. (Faun) Cannon, Joseph (Pearl) Cannon, his nephews; Howard Cannon Jr., Robert Cannon, Shawn Cannon, his great nephew; Quincy Cannon, great-great nephew Samuel Cannon Jr. and his special companion Boots.

Dave was buried at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church with Rev. Kristina Henning and Deacon Edmund Powless officiating burial in the parish cemetery. Full military rites followed the service. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the family.



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Local

Upcoming Events

Calendar

2008

Nov. 21

Social Dance and Pie Auction
WHEN: Nov. 21
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Oneida Nation Elementary School

Fundrasier for Richard John who experienced a setback in his health while visiting our community during Kahliwiyo.

Nov. 25

Movie - The Canary Effect
WHEN: Nov. 25
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: Christie Theater, UWGB

UW-Green Bay American Intercultural Center presents a Robin Davey and Yellow Thunder Woman Film, *The Canary Effect: Kill the Indian, Save the Man*. Contact the American Intercultural Center at **920-465-2730**.

November 27

9th Annual Thanksgiving Community Feast
WHEN: Thursday, November 27
TIME: 11:00AM – 2:00PM
PLACE: Parish Hall, Oneida

The Planning Committee for the 9th annual community Thanksgiving Dinner would like to invite you and your family to share a meal prepared by many volunteers. To donate food or cash, please contact: Carole Liggins (**cliggins@oneidanation.org**) (**920-869-4432**). To volunteer, please contact: Paula King Dessart (**pogi@oneidanation.org**) (**920-869-4362**) or Brian Doxtator (**920-471-9166**).

Nov, Dec.

The Polar Express at the National Railroad Museum
WHEN: November 28-30, December 5-7
TIME: 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
PLACE: National Railroad Museum, Ashwaubenon

The story, the train, the magic. The National Railroad Museum (**www.nationalrrmuseum.org**) again presents this classic Christmas event for children of all ages. Tickets are now available in the Museum Store. Reservations are required, call (**920**) **437-7623**, **x-10** during regular Museum hours (Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; or Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 Adult, \$8 Child age 2 - 12. Museum members will receive a \$2.00 discount off the adult ticket price.

Nov. 27 - Dec. 28

12th Annual WPS Garden of Lights
WHEN: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
TIME: 5:00pm - 9:00pm; Sundays: 5:00pm - 8:00pm
PLACE: Green Bay Botanical Gardens, 2600 Larsen Rd.

A Holiday favorite featuring over 200,000 lights crafted in flowers, butterflies, and other botanical themes. Walk the trail or take a horse-drawn wagon ride (additional \$3 adults and \$2 children, subject to availability). Indoor garden railroad also featured. Admission: \$6 adults, \$4 children ages 5-12. Call **920/490-9457 x103** for more information.

November 29

1st Annual Alverno Honor the Circle Pow Wow
WHEN: Saturday, November 29
TIME: Grand entries at 1:00pm and 7:00pm
PLACE: Alverno College Gym, 3400 S. 43rd, Milwaukee Wisconsin

Free admission. Head dancers: Kim Vigue and Dustin Constino. Prayer service at 11:00am sponsored by Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit. 5:00pm Dinner \$6. Contact Stacy Vittal **414-467-4340** for more information.

April 25, 2009

MATC A Return to Tradition Powwow
WHEN: Saturday, April 25
TIME: Grand entries at 1:00pm and 7:00pm
PLACE: MATC Truax Campus, Redsten Gym, 3550 Anderson Street, Madison

Madison Area Technical College hosts A Return to Tradition Powwow. Traditional feast held 5:00pm. Form more information call **608-246-6458** or visit matchmadison.edu/dcr/

Tuesdays

Women's Talking Circle Group
WHEN: Tuesday evenings
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. 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**.

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The seal of the Oneida Tribal Judicial System. It features a central evergreen tree. Above the tree, the words "ONEIDA TRIBAL JUDICIAL SYSTEM" are written in a semi-circle. Below the tree, the words "OFFICIAL SEAL" are written in a semi-circle. The tree is flanked by two stylized, symmetrical patterns that resemble traditional Oneida beadwork or totem poles.

Greetings to all Oneida Tribal Members and Employees! This is the first of a series of articles that will be written to inform you of your Oneida Judicial System. This article will start at the beginning, summarizing the implementation of the Oneida Appeals Commission, now known as the Oneida Judicial System. First of all we would like to recognize all the former Oneida Judicial Officers and Oneida Business Committee Members who were involved in the creation of this forum for resolving disputes.

OBC----Purcell Powless, Kathy Hughes, Amelia Cornelius, Lloyd Powless, Larry Barton, Loretta Metoxen, Ernie Stevens and David King. OAC---Stan Webster, Alberta Baird, Leland Danforth, Mary Dodge, Leanne Doxtator, Alan R. King, Carol Liggins, Lee McLester, Josephine Oudenhoven, Mark A. Stanchik, and Ernest Stevens Jr. We would also like to recognize Attorney Sharon House for all her hard work and dedication on getting the APA & the Oneida Appeals Commission Resolutions approved by the GTC.

On May 2, 1980, the Oneida Business Committee formally adopted the Oneida Administrative Procedures Act and the Oneida Appeals Commission for the purpose of resolving dispute appeals. In 1991, that resolution became law and the Oneida Appeals Commission became the forum for hearing appeals and resolving disputes for those that have no specified hearing forum within the Oneida Tribe. The following is an excerpt of that resolution:

N. Ky. Indian hunt-and-kill site a rare find

UNION, Ky. (AP) ~ Archaeologists have dug up and will display evidence of an American Indian bison hunt that happened hundreds of years ago in northern Kentucky.

Evidence at the site shows hunters killed and butchered the animals with stone tools, leaving the bones and tools behind.

The bones were discovered in Big Bone Creek several years ago but left there.

Staff from the Cincinnati Museum Center and volun-

The Judicial Column, Part 1

The founding of the Oneida Appeals Commission

There is hereby created an Oneida Appeals Commission which shall consist of eleven (11) Oneida Tribally-enrolled members who shall have the authority to hear specified original and appeals actions that arise within the jurisdiction of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. "The Oneida Appeals Commission shall have authority to hear appeals which fall under the jurisdiction of the Oneida Tribe and shall include appeals which arise under the following instances."

A decision of a subcommittee of the Oneida Appeals Commission or a Tribal commission, board or entity action that would be in violation of the Indian as adopted in the Oneida Constitution Civil Rights Act and/or the Oneida Constitution and ordinances, rule and/or regulations duly adopted by the Oneida Tribe.

- 1.) Tribal Committee, commission, board or entity vs. individual.
- 2.) Tribal committee, commission, board or entity action vs. other committee, board or entity action.
- 3.) Individual, enterprise or corporation vs. a Tribal officer, employee or staff person.
- 4.) A Tribal officer, employee or staff member vs. individual, enterprise or corporation.
- 5.) Individual vs. Individual.
- 6.) Individual vs. Tribal Committee, commission, board or entity actions.

A subcommittee of the Oneida Appeals Commission shall have authority to hear and attempt to resolve actions that are subject to ordinance or rules that have no specified hearing forum within the Oneida Tribe

An independent administration of the Oneida Tribal Judicial System, which is

known as the Appeals Commission of the Oneida Tribe, shall select an administrator to administer the judicial arm of the Oneida Tribe, completely separate from any executive branch, legislative branch, and the Personnel Department of the Oneida Tribe in order to maintain the integrity of a separation of powers.

The National Association of Indian Judges

The Oneida Judicial System judicial officers belong to different associations for Tribal Judge's and the NAICJA is one that I will give you an overview on in this edition of the Judicial Column.

NAICJA The National Association of Indian Judges Conference was held at the Radisson Green Bay and hosted by the Oneida Judicial System on October 21-23, 2008. Once a year the association holds its annual meeting/training at different tribal locations throughout the United States. There is a Board of Directors who are represented by various judges throughout the U.S. and they usually have their annual meeting a day before the annual conference. The NAICJA is composed of most of the American Indian Tribal Courts in the United States. It is a national voluntary association of tribal court judges. Its membership is primarily judges, justices and peace-makers serving in tribal judicial systems. NAICJA is a non-profit corporation established in 1969. The NAICJA is primarily devoted to the support of American Indian and Alaska Native Justice Systems through education, information sharing and advocacy. The mission of the NAICJA as a national representative membership organization, is to strengthen and

enhance tribal judicial systems through effective communication and the "Judge's Training Judge's" concept. The presentations at this year's conference were:

Developing & Maintaining State & Tribal Court Relations, Case law Update/U.S. vs. Long, Coordination of Tribal Courts & Peacemakers, The Equity Power of Tribal Courts & Peacemaking, Lighting The Path to Peace, Incorporating Traditional Dispute Resolution Into Tribal Justice Systems, Wellness Court, Creating a Balanced/Peaceful Environment For The Court, The Long Opinion: Impact On Tribal Court Jurisdiction Over Non-Indians, Historical Trauma, Role of Traditional Healers In Peacemaking, Peacemakers In Probation & Parole, The Equity Power of Tribal Courts & Peacemaking and Restoring Balance In Tribal Communities. There was also a day of training for Court Clerks.

Presenters at this years conference were: Justice Barbara Smith, Supreme Court Justice for the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, Ms. Melody McCoy, Staff Attorney for the Native American Rights Fund, Pablo Padilla Jr., Attorney from New Mexico, Andrew M. Small, Attorney & Judge, Justice N. Patrick Crooks, Supreme Court Justice of Wisconsin, Associate Professor Taliawagi Helton, Attorney & Judge, Ernest H. St. Germaine, Peacemaker & Tribal Judge for Lac du Flambeau, and David D. Raasch, Tribal Judge, Stockbridge Munsee /Peacemaker & Tribal Project Coordinator for FVTC.

The next issue of The Judicial Column will identify the mandated training requirements necessary for judicial officers to complete prior to sitting on cases.

From Page 1A/ Flu

you use a tissue, throw it away after one use.

- Use your own drinking cups and straws.
- Avoid being exposed to people who are sick with flu-like symptoms.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Eat nutritious meals, get plenty of rest and do not smoke.
- Frequently clean commonly touched surfaces (i.e., door knobs, refrigerator handle, telephone, faucets).
- If you think you have the flu, stay home, get rest, drink plenty of liquids and avoid using alcohol and tobacco. If your symptoms persist, contact your doctor.

To learn more about influenza, visit <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/influenza/index.htm>.

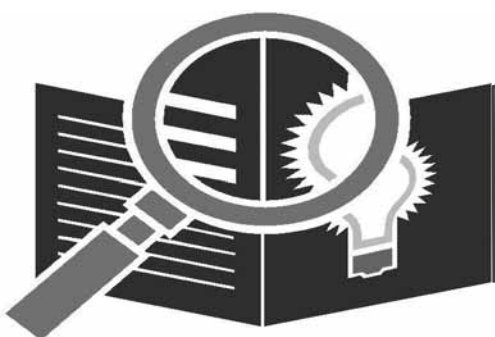
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Tsyunhehekw^ holiday classes

Herbal Holiday Gifts December 2, 2008 5:00 p.m. 3759 West Mason, Suite 4, Oneida WI	Corn Husk Doll Making December 16, 2008 5 p.m. 3759 West Mason, Suite 4, Oneida WI
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Cost is \$5.00 per a class. Limited class size, advanced registration & payment required. Please make payment at Tsyunhehkw^ Retail 3759 West Mason Suite 8. **920-497-5821**.

Business



BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

Oneida Doctor eyes up healthy vision

Preventative care is crucial to healthy eyes

By Steven J. Gandy

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The doctor is in...at Sam's Club that is. Optometrist Jason Gospodarek, O.D. has recently begun a practice at the Sam's Club on W. Mason Street in Green Bay.

Although Gospodarek works in the club's building, he is not technically employed by the big box mega-chain. He is an Independent Doctor of Optometry leasing space and accepting new patients and hoping some of his former patients will return.

Gospodarek was formerly employed by the Oneida Tribe at the Oneida Community Health Center.

"I started working full-time at Ridgeview Plaza and then over at the new health center I became the director over there and specialized in ocular disease," Gospodarek said. "I was over there from 2001 through 2006. September of 2006 was the last time I worked until about 2 months ago when I started here."

Gospodarek is available for appointments Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Saturday from



9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For those individuals that are not members at Sam's Club, there's no need to worry.

"A lot of people don't know that there's no membership needed for Sam's Club to come here for eye exams. We're open for walk-ins all the time," he said.

Gospodarek is also offering a 10 percent discount for all tribal members on exams. He notes that the 10 percent however, is strictly for the services he provides and is not available on merchandise pur-

chased at Sam's Club's optometry clinic.

"The 10 percent does not include a new pair of glasses or contact or anything else purchased out there," he said.

Gospodarek's services include comprehensive eye exams, contact lens fittings, foreign body removal, diagnosis and treatment of eye disease and treatment of eye injuries among others.

During Gospodarek's nearly two year hiatus from practicing optometry he was busy with other ventures related to the preventative care of eye

disease.

"What I've been working on for the last two years, and it's sort of going to be, I think a pretty big thing for me, is I'm making a high-end ocular supplement for people who have eye disease," he said.

Optiplex is the name of the supplement and should be launched this spring with the help of the nutritional supplement super-power Douglas Laboratories.

"It's going to be for anyone who has eye disease, but it going to be mainly for people that have macular degenera-

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Steven J. Gandy

Dr. Jason Gospodarek O.D. is an Independent Doctor of Optometry with an office located in Sam's Club on W. Mason St in Green Bay.

tion or want to prevent it, diabetic retinopathy, cataracts, and maybe glaucoma," he explained.

In addition to the medical problems and prevention, Optiplex will also be able to serve as an optical performance enhancer.

"The niche we're also going to hit is real high performance sports like trap shooters or anybody that needs to improve their night vision," Gospodarek said.

Gospodarek completed the formula, which contains more than 40 ingredients, earlier this year and also plans to complete a preventative eye care book to go along with the supplement.

For more information about Gospodarek's practice visit or call his office at (920) 491-9054.

Tis the Season to Give and to Watch Your Budget

The excitement and anticipation of the holiday season is here and so are the advertisements announcing all the great deals available. Black Friday, the biggest shopping day of the year, is fast approaching and with the current economic conditions, it is more important than ever to set a budget and stick with it. Purchasing more than you can afford can ruin your holiday and start the new year on a sour note. Here are a few tips to avoid getting too caught up in this season of giving.

Set a realistic budget

Begin with a list detailing who you want to purchase gifts for and how much you would like to spend. It is easy to get caught up in the spirit of the season; however, it is important to stick to your budget. Giving gifts is fun, but receiving huge bills later that you can't afford isn't.

Take only one credit card with you

It will be much easier to keep track of purchases if you are using one account rather than spreading purchases over several accounts.

Debit cards are a great tool to help control holiday spending

A debit card acts like a check and will only access available funds. Simply create



your budget and have those funds in your account on the day of your shopping trip. The key to using this method is PIN access. Accessing your debit card through a PIN number is more secure and will instantly transfer the funds.

Avoid credit offers

"No payments for six months" is tempting for purchasing a gift more expensive than what you have budgeted. This deal may be great at first, but can later become a problem when the balance is due.

Start saving for next year

Determine a budget for next year's holiday season and set up a separate holiday spending account. In the coming year, put a set amount away each month. This is far easier than waiting until November or December.

Remember, the key to a less stressful holiday is to take charge of your holiday with responsible spending. Don't let it take charge of you.

Business Brief

If you are an Oneida Business owner contact us at:

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Oneida Arts Board awards grants

The Oneida Nation Arts Board awarded grants through their regranteeing program, the Dollars for Arts Program (DAP). The grants were awarded to organizations and Oneida artists with funds provided by the Wisconsin Arts Board and the Oneida tribe. The awards for fiscal 2009 were for excellence in art, artist development, and artistic projects that benefit the Oneida community. The following is the list of award winners, amount of grants and a brief description of grant activities:

- Loretta Webster - \$500 Oneida Artist Fellowship for excellence in raised beading
 - Amelia Cornelius - \$2,913 Artist Development Award to create a display of corn husk dolls of the nine traditional chiefs with Oneida titles and English translations to be displayed at the Norbert Hill Center.
 - Jill Martus-Ninham - \$2,442 Artist Development Award for a mobile photography exhibit.
 - Betty Willems - \$452 Artist Development Award to expand exposure of Iroquois raised beadwork and the roll of Native women.
 - Oneida Nation High School - \$2,521 Community Award for a theatre workshop using the screenplay "Bang, Bang You're Dead" as a backdrop for efforts to create an original screen play in a collaborative effort with Oneida High School students. The purpose of the screenplay is to understand and avert violence in schools.
 - Northeast Wisconsin Dance Organization - \$2,886 Community Award to underwrite participation fees for Oneida children to participate in the December 2008 professional production of the Nutcracker Ballet at the Meyer Theatre plus lecture and demo for Oneida students at the Meyer Theatre.
 - College of Menominee Nation, Green Bay Campus - \$2,593 Community Award toward the summer production of Native American theatrical works that will generate an interest in Native American Theatre and provide Oneida students hands-on experience in creating theatre productions.
 - Wise Women Gathering Place - \$1,359 Community Award to bring trainers from the Okitchidag Gikinoamaagad Peer Education Program to provide theatrical training for Oneida youth. The youth will prepare and produce a theatrical production highlighting teen dating violence prevention.
- The grants are awarded for artistic endeavors and projects in both traditional and contemporary styles of dance, literature, music, theatre, and visual arts. The applicants are rated by a Peer Panel Review and funds are allocated by the Oneida Nation Arts Board based on the recommendations of the panel review. All activities must occur between October 1, 2008, and September 30, 2009. For more information about the Dollars for Arts regranteeing program contact Christine Klimmek at cklimmek@oneidation.org or call 920-490-3831.



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Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Available at Bay Bank

Homeownership in Indian Country

In 1992, Congress established the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program. The program was designed to offer homeownership and housing rehabilitation opportunities for eligible Native American individuals, families, tribes, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities. (Including Indian Housing Authorities) on their native lands and within and approved Indian area as defined in HUD P.I.H. Notice 2004-19.

Section 184 Program Highlights

- Nationwide program on trust land, allotted trust, or fee simple land. In the State of Wisconsin, Tribal Members may obtain financing through the 184 Program for properties located **on** or **off** the Reservation.
- Refinancing available
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To obtain additional information or to apply for a Section 184 loan, please contact a mortgage specialist at Bay Bank.

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Oneida Veteran's Day Dedication's



The Oneida Community celebrated Veteran's Day November 8th through the 11th. The annual Veteran's Pow wow was held Saturday, November 8th at the Turtle School where more than 30 veterans were honored with eagle feathers. On November 11th veterans along with community members observed the day with a ceremony at the Oneida Veteran's Memorial.



Oneida Business Committee Forum



Vice-Chairwoman
Kathy Hughes

The last week in October I attended the Bemidji Area Joint Tribal/Federal/Urban Health Meeting in Minneapolis. This meeting gathers health representatives from a three State region, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. Of course this was prior to the national elections so much of the perspective for the future was hampered by not knowing who would be leading the new administration. Health care was a priority for both parties but they have very different

Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...

approaches to addressing the issues. I suspect it will still be a while before we see what the strategies are actually going to be. For the Indian Health Service all we need is more money and we already know that is not going to happen. But reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act will go a long way toward setting a firm path for the I.H.S and the financial impact is minimal when compared to what is being spent on the war in Iraq or the bailout.

From this meeting and others, Type 2 Diabetes is a problem that continues to grow. Our Youth are becoming more and more at risk due to inactivity and obesity. The CDC has recognized this growing problem in Indian Country and funded a four book series called "The Eagle Books". This series promotes diabetes prevention and encourages a return to traditional Native American customs for healthy living. More information can be obtained by going to

www.cdc.gov/diabetes or by calling **1-800-CDC-INFO**.

Recently, I along with Staff from the Social Services Department met with Secretary Bicha who heads the State's Department of Children and Families. This is a new department and was my first meeting with the Secretary. We discussed numerous topics not the least of which was our new Child Support Services. In order for the Tribe to do a good job we must have the cooperation of the State, most specifically through access to their data base. This is something

that is being worked on and expected to be accomplished within a few months. While Oneida is not the first Tribe in the State to operate its own child support agency, we are much larger than those previously engaged in efforts with the State, therefore, different challenges need to be addressed. The Secretary was very supportive and interested in being a good partner for these efforts. For the Tribe, this is a task that is being dealt with through a deliberate and slow process because of the lives that are impacted. We are starting with Brown County and will expand as an

area is completed and problems are overcome.

I would also like to take advantage of my editorial time to remind you of the position of the Tribal Ombudsman. This person is there to take any concerns, issues or complaints you might have with any of the departments at the Oneida Community Health Center or Oneida Behavioral Health. As an example, I recently was told of a policy change now requiring parents to take children out of school in order to receive shots. Nurses will only give them between

2:00pm and 3:30pm. The parent who called me was upset at the short notice on the change and at the necessity of taking the child out of school early for a shot that he must receive for at least three more years. I certainly can commiserate with this family but it is the job of the Ombudsman to review all the details and work with the clinic staff, in this case, to bring everyone to a better understanding of the issue and hopefully resolve the conflicts. Matt Cornelius is our Ombudsman and can be reached at **920-490-3700**, ext **3915**.

OBC Forum...

Sagoli,

For the past few months, the new Business Committee has been actively engaged in numerous activities/projects such as the 100 Day Planning Process, Nation Building, Balance Scorecard, etc., which have consumed much of our time. However, the time has been well spent as we expect that the results from these activities and projects will reap rewards that will allow us to move forward and govern this Nation in a strategic, productive and meaningful manner. In this article, I would like the community to get a glimpse of what this Business Committee has committed to doing. Thus, I have provided a brief overview of activities/projects that we have engaged in.

100 Day Planning Process

Shortly following our inauguration in to office, the Business Committee engaged in the 100 Day Planning Process. The Business Committee and staff came together and jointly committed to develop an action plan that will refine our governmental processes, clearly define roles and responsibilities, and set a path to move forward and govern in a responsible manner.

Three teams were established that are working diligently to create the forums and foster discussions that are needed to fully develop the action plan that we antic-

ipate will set a foundation with long-term guiding principles and processes and will set the strategic direction for this Nation. It is intended that an action plan will be derived out of this process, which will allow us to set the Business Committee's priorities and direction for the next 3 years.



Councilwoman
Melinda Danforth

Nation Building

Recently, the entire Business Committee and staff were engaged in a 2-day Nation Building Seminar. This provided an opportunity to evaluate what types of systems of effective governing work for Tribal Nations and compare that to our own systems. We spent time looking at the evolution of our past history by reviewing past General Tribal actions that created our current governing structure. The reality that hit us all, was that it was evident that once again the Oneida Nation has outgrown its current structure. This spurred discussion surrounding "change" and the need to engage our community in discussions about what's working for us and what is not. At the end, the Business Committee and staff were committed to begin making change necessary to create an environment in which our community and constituents

want to invest time and energy in shaping our Nation's future and to continue to strengthen and clearly define the relationship between the General Tribal Council, the Business Committee and the organization.

Legislative Operating Committee (L.O.C.)

The five Council Members of the Business Committee are charged with the drafting, amending and codification of all the laws, ordinances and policies of the Nation. As this is one area that is crucial in the exercise of our inherent sovereignty, the LOC made a commitment to begin to restructure our processes so that the legislative process becomes more streamlined. We also are looking at ways to be more inclusive and interactive with our community, so that we ensure that the affects of the law are clear. The LOC has begun to meet to prioritize our work and align our work in conjunction with the strategic direction that the Business Committee and General Tribal Council have given. The following items are currently being sponsored by my office; however, if there are laws or amendments that our tribal membership wishes to promote, please contact

me.

- **C o n s t i t u t i o n a l** Amendments - Amendments to the Constitution are being considered to allow for Absentee Balloting & lowering the voting age from 21 to 18)
 - **Election Law Amendments** - govern the process for Absentee Balloting
 - **Education Code** - Code that puts the procedures, powers, rights, duties and responsibilities of all aspects of the Oneida Nation School System into one document. Long-term this document will encompass all educational institutions of the Tribe.
 - **Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance Amendments**
 - **Venture Fund Policy** - a review of this policy was mandated by the General Tribal Council
 - **Boxing Ordinance Amendments** - a revamped law will allow for Gaming to host boxing & mixed martial arts events (revenue generation)
- I'd like to thank the community for their patience and understanding as we move forward in our process to establish the Business Committee's future direction. Please feel free to contact my office at anytime with your suggestions. I can be reached at **1-800-236-2214** ext. **4461** or via email at **mdanforj@oneidanation.org**

Yaw^ko

Letters & Opinions...

Oneida votes says thanks

Oneida Votes thanks the Oneida Community for helping get out the vote for the 2008 election. Many thanks to our volunteers who gave their time and energy: Marj Stevens, Michelle Hill, Shawna Powless, Elizabeth House, Bernadine Vigue, Frances Brennan, Hugh Danforth, Patrick Danforth, Jerry Danforth, Rhiannon Stevens, Michelle White, Emma White, Winoni Washburn, Tina Webster, Greg Matson, Dave Powless, Melissa Nuthuis. Transportation Volunteers include, Cliff Doxtator, Russell Metoxen, Harry Martin, and Paula Christjohn. Much of the work going door to door was done by John Powless, Mr. Canvass! The Oneida Votes core group includes John Powless, Laura Manthe, Chad Wilson, Jennifer Hill-Kelley and Patty Hoeft.

Oneida Votes is a volunteer grassroots group who work to get Oneida's to vote Democratic in local, state and national elections. We will see you in Spring 2009 for the

local elections. Yaw^ko!

Jennifer Hill-Kelly

Say no to Thornberry


Skekoli,
What could we do with \$12.2 million?

Let me guess, buy a bankrupt golf course with a monthly mortgage of \$65,500+ or \$786,000 annually plus a ten year "service agreement fee" 25% of the property taxes estimated at \$236,000. The service fee would be \$59,000+ annually. Besides, the costs of running it, and what do we know about running a golf course? More money spent on non-Indian jobs.

Restrictions are attached to the property, essentially aimed at preventing any buyer from putting the land into trust. Village of Hobart would have to consent to a sale or transfer of the property which would remove the property from the tax rolls or remove the property from the tax rolls or remove the property from Hobart's zoning authority and

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Letters



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Dawn Walschinski – dwalschi@oneidanation.org
If you have any questions, please feel free to call (920) 869-4277.

Saturday's General Tribal Council Meeting

First, in regards to this past Saturday's General Tribal Council meeting, I'd like to commend those GTC members who attended. There were 9 important issues before you to consider and you considered all of them. You approved some of the resolutions that came before you, modified some, and disapproved others. The meeting took more than 4 hours but you remained steadfast in your commitment to complete your work and you did just that. I can't help but imagine that our ancestors once fulfilled their citizenship responsibilities in much of the same way.

Emergency Gas Tax Exemption Resolution

In my previous update, I informed you that my Office had prepared an emergency resolution which would provide a gas-tax exemption for all Oneidas,

no matter where they live, when they buy gas at Tribal facilities. That emergency action was rejected by the Oneida Business Committee at the November 12th Oneida Business Committee meeting. Voting for the rejection of the gas-tax exemption were Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes, Secretary Patty Hoeft, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Councilwoman Melinda Danforth, Councilwoman Trish King and Councilman Bandon Stevens. Voting to support gas-tax relief for non-Reservation Oneidas were Councilman Ron "Tehassi" Hill and myself.

The issue however, is not over. The Business Committee did refer the emergency gas-tax relief resolution to the Legislative Operating Committee for



Councilman
Ed Delgado

gas-tax relief resolution for the General Tribal Council to consider if the Business Committee does not act on this issue in a timely manner.

Access To GTC In A More Timely Manner

No one can argue that the Oneida Tribe needs to diversify its economy in order to have more income streams coming into the Tribe. In other words, "the Tribe needs to do business." It is also my feeling that the General Tribal Council should provide permission to the

Oneida Business Committee to utilize unbudgeted or borrowed funds for business dealings. The question is, how can the Business Committee involve the General Tribal Council in today's fast moving business world when our current policy requires almost a month to call a General Tribal Council meeting? I don't have the exact answer, but my preliminary thinking on this issue is that the Tribe's Ten (10) Day Notice Policy needs to be amended to allow the Tribal Chairman the ability to call an Emergency General Tribal Council meeting within 3 days (or more?) to get GTC permission to invest-in or purchase a business which would require the Tribe to borrow money to do so. My Office welcomes comments and ideas regarding this issue.

Thank You

Local

Grandparents feast with the next generation



Top, Don McLester enjoys some quality time with his grandsons during the Grandparents feast that was held on Friday, November 14 at the Norbert Hill cafeteria. Above and left, 'Challenger', the famous bald eagle graced the crowd with his presence near the end of the feast. Challenger was a part of the half-time performance at Lambeau field at the November 16th game against the Chicago Bears. The Packers won 37-3.

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jurisdiction.

What do you think, DA. (When pigs fly) A Federal Court Judge determined the restrictions would remain in place. The business would enhance our casino, hotel, only if the restrictions were gone. We really don't need a golf course, what we need is Mother Earth, without restrictions.

When we were asked to vote, my understanding was to go ahead only if the restrictions were removed. Wait, the price has dropped ... \$10.5, not much of a drop and where are all the anxious buyers.

Why did we pay \$100 dollar stipends to 800 or 900+ to vote, only to have our business committee override OUR DIRECTIVE (our thanks to only one, Ed Delgado, who stood up for our vote, and voted NO).

If we can get our hands on this kind of money, let's use it for the good of all people (The Oneida People) go forward with the assisted living complex and a new nursing home next to the Health Center (it's been on the back burner all too long).

Perhaps another very large per capita?

Personally, I'm not for that, just food for thought. We will all grow old, even if the young don't believe it.

Because this will be a bank loan, (not our bank) we will be strapped with this mortgage for 30 years and then some. When I say We, I mean every enrolled Oneida Member.

If we allow this, I have a house with a view of Russia you can purchase.

In this case, the Oneida business committee may be delegated the duties and responsibilities by the Oneida GTC and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida GTC. People, THAT'S US! Let's start reviewing.

Thank you for the dinner invitation

Grants, Cannery & Bob Brown,

Thank you for inviting us to your Ghost Dinner. It was an excellent meal & good company.

Second Shift Custodian

Honoring our Veterans should be #1 Priority

On Tuesday Nov 11th a nation came together to honor our veterans. And as we as tribal people see a veteran as one of the most respected people on our mother earth, we as a tribal nation should be ashamed on how we treat our vets. I was at the last veterans honoring and it all most made me cry when the speaker was talking about how it was to serve in Vietnam hearing the hurt in his voice made me just want to cry for the pain he holds in and the voices that never been heard. I have a father and a uncle and many more veterans in my family that have served in all branches of services. And I try to talk to all of them to hear the stories they have to share. And trust me, my uncle has some great ones he can tell. But I must say I was ashamed to be at this great event the turn out was very poor maybe 20 people most vets them selves. I did see a few tribal BC members (Trish, Melinda) But where was our tribal chair or co-chair and rest of the BC this should take the highest priority over any other business the tribe may need we know it comes up once a year and the day it comes. We as a community need to come together and support our Vets. Look how long it took them to get the place on the rez. But yet we as a tribe can give out money like it's nobody's business.

I just wanted to Thank You vets for all you have done and the families of all vets thank you, too.

*Yaw^ko
Donna Ysebaert*

*Thank You,
Shawn Skenandore #9393
Second Shift Custodians*

ONEIDA HEALTH CENTER AJNH CRAFT/BAKE SALE

Date: Friday, December 12, 2008

Where: Oneida Health Center
Main Conference Room

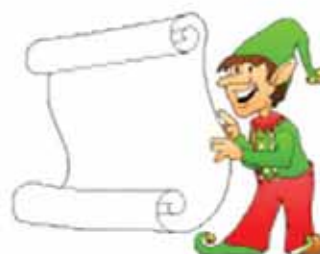
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MILWAUKEE PUBLIC THEATRE PRESENTS

WINTER VOICES

Native American stories to warm the heart
featuring Thirza Defoe

7 pm, Friday, December 5
Lincoln Center of the Arts
820 E. Knapp Street, Milwaukee

Tickets: \$10/\$5 for students, seniors, those with disabilities
School shows: Dec. 4, 10 am & 12:30 pm; Dec. 5, 10 am
Special rates for school and other groups

Celebrate the coming of winter with a vibrant spectacle honoring and exploring Native American culture. WINTER VOICES heralds the season with a timely and festive performance featuring nationally recognized storyteller/dancer/musician Thirza Defoe of the Ojibwe and Oneida people.

In WINTER VOICES, an Iroquois Corn Husk Doll, Snohomish Coyote and Elk, Lakota Grass Dancers, and a little Shingabiss duck from Wisconsin's own woodlands explore the change of seasons through captivating narrative, masks, song, dance, and traditional rhythms, integrated with authentic Asian and European warrior/martial artistry.

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What’s News in Indian Country

Tribal members change constitution

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) ~ Oglala Sioux tribal members have approved a constitutional change that will separate the tribal court system from the executive branch.

That means tribal judges will no longer be subject to appointment or removal by the tribal council.

Tribal members voted 372-260 for the change.

Also approved was a change in the requirements for tribal enrollment.

The change will allow any child born to a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe to be enrolled, regardless of whether they live on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Voters rejected a proposal to change the tribal name from the Oglala Sioux Tribe to the Oglala Lakota Oyate. Oyate means “people” or “nation.”

Members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe rejected a members renaming proposal in June.

The Sioux name was dropped by the Sisseton-Wahpeton tribe six years ago. It has since been known as the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

Results of the Pine Ridge election, conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, now go to the secretary of the interior for legal review before becoming official.

Choctaws regain Mother Mound

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. (AP) ~ The state of Mississippi has returned what's known as the “Mother Mound” to the Band of Choctaw Indians.

The mound is located on a one-acre tract of land where the Kemper, Neshoba and Winston county lines meet. To the Choctaws, the Nanih Waiya Mound is known as the birthplace of the five civilized tribes as they are known - the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole.

Tribal leaders say the Choctaws lost the land through treaties. The state turned it into a state park.

Lawmakers in 2007 agreed to return the land to the tribe. The ceremony was held this past week.

Miko Beasley Denson, chief of the tribe, says the Choctaws have other sites it hopes to get back for the tribe.

Upstate tribe keeps pressure on over tax proposal

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) ~ A western New York Indian nation continues to make clear its opposition to a proposal to tax cigarettes now sold tax-free by tribes.

The Seneca Nation has begun a two-week print and broadcast advertising campaign meant to convince Gov. David Paterson to veto a bill passed by the Legislature in August.

The Senecas say their \$1 billion economy is one of the few bright spots upstate and should be left alone.

The bill would prohibit manufacturers from selling tobacco products without a state tax stamp to any wholesaler that doesn't certify the cigarettes won't be resold tax-free.

Paterson spokesmen have said the governor will review the bill and solicit input before making any decisions.

Native Americans to weigh in on NY bridge project

NEW YORK (AP) ~ A \$630 million project to replace New York City's Kosciuszko (Kuh-SHOOS'-koh) Bridge will include input from Native Americans in Wisconsin and Oklahoma.

Highway Administration spokesman Doug Hecox says New York state has notified federal officials that the project could affect some ancestral land of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans, based in Wisconsin, and the Delaware Nation, based in Oklahoma.

Dan Keefe of New York's Historic Preservation Office says preliminary studies show the area could hold buried artifacts.

Letters are being mailed to the tribes this week. They will have 30 days to respond.

The bridge carries the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway over Newtown Creek.

Menominee sue US over proposed Kenosha casino

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) ~ The Menominee tribe filed a lawsuit Friday claiming the U.S. Department of the Interior improperly changed the rules for approving its proposed off-reservation casino at Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court asks that a judge halt the review process for the casino and issue a temporary restraining order and then an injunction to prevent an illegal rejection of the proposal.

The Keshena-based tribe asked last month that the Interior Department temporarily suspend the review of the proposal and postpone it until the next administration takes office, but the request was denied.

Named as defendants are the Department of the Interior and its secretary, Dirk Kempthorne.

Tulsa resort to be Hard Rock Casino

TULSA, Okla. (AP) ~ The Cherokee Nation is planning to brand its expanded 19-story hotel and casino near Tulsa as the Hard Rock Casino Tulsa.

Cherokee Nation Enterprises announced Friday a license agreement with Hard Rock Hotel Holdings. The agreement still must be approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission.

As part of the Hard Rock brand, the new resort will include the traditional Hard Rock decor, memorabilia and merchandise, and will have influences from Cherokee heritage and Oklahoma's musical history.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith says the tribe retains full ownership and management of the facility.

The \$155 million expansion project is nearing completion, with the new gaming floor expected to open in December and the hotel set to open in spring 2009.

Holiday card features Oneida artist

Arts Wisconsin, the state's arts service, advocacy and development organization, is pleased to feature the artwork of Karen Ann Hoffman, of Stevens Point, WI, for the organization's 2008 holiday card campaign.

The original image, “Spring Returns,” is a black pincushion of Iroquois raised beadwork.

Karen Ann is a skilled artist of Iroquois raised beadwork. This beautiful style of Woodland beadwork embodies Iroquois worldviews. Its designs reach deeply into Iroquois heritage and tradition. A note from the artist about this piece: “Birds are an ancient symbol in Iroquois tradition. They tell us that spring comes back to the North when the birds carry the berries back with them during their return after the winter. The story of the birds, spring and berries reminds us that even after a long, dark winter; there is hope. There is

always hope.” Karen Ann has described her work in this way:

First executed with bone and shell,

Later with moose hair and hide,

And now with glass beads and velvet;

This art is a material language which

Embodies, preserves and expresses Iroquois World View

Karen Ann is a member of the Oneida nation, one of the six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy. Contact Karen Ann at **715-345-0403** or www.arts.state.wi.us/static/Fo%20l%20k%20d%20i%20r%20h%20o%20f%20f%20h%20o%20f%20f%20m%20a%20n%204%20h%20t%20m.

Cards are available for sale in sets of 6/\$5 and 12/\$10, and may be purchased through Arts Wisconsin, at **608-255-8316**, akatz@artswisconsin.org.

Arts Wisconsin is the only organization speaking up and working for ALL the arts across Wisconsin, providing



Photo courtesy of Karen Ann Hoffman

Hoffman's “Spring Returns” was selected for the 2008 holiday card campaign by Arts Wisconsin.

advocacy, education, technical assistance, information, resources, and strategic alliances for the arts sector and the general public. We believe that everyone, everywhere in the state should have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the arts, and that the arts, culture, cre-

ativity and innovation are essential to Wisconsin's economic, educational and civic success, now and into the future. Arts Wisconsin is proud to feature the work of Wisconsin artists on its annual holiday card. The 2008 edition is eighth in the series.

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the Treasurer to work with the Land Commission to identify if any additional funds can be used for land purchases, along with the suspension of activity in the Venture Fund until policies and procedures are reviewed and approved by the GTC.

Oneida Personnel Commission Membership

The motion submitted by the petitioner called for no person with the rank of Assistant Director or their immediate family member the ability to serve on the Oneida Personnel Commission. Genskow felt passing the resolution would correct the problem of family members and conflicts of interest in regards to employee relations. The OBC and current members of the Oneida Personnel Commission felt there are already policies in place to protect employees. The OBC also felt the term Assistant Director needed clarification. The motion was not supported by the GTC.

Amend Burial Fund Endowment

Petitioner Genskow asked for an increase in the current Burial Fund from \$5000 to \$10,000 due to rising funeral costs. The OBC agreed that the current Burial Fund needed to be addressed and supported the idea of pushing the topic to the January budget meeting to hear the proposed Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus (OLIPP), which would replace the current Burial Fund. The OLIPP calls for an increase in benefits received by tribal members and the GTC agreed that any decision to increase the current Burial Fund should be considered after action on the OLIPP.

Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

Genskow asked that a freeze be placed on money budgeted or borrowed to Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (OSGC) until a full financial disclosure is done, names and entities of people who have financial interest as owners are revealed and a full audit is completed and brought before the GTC.

The OBC explained the role of OSGC and its importance to economic diversity along with the need to review policies in place for the tribe’s

charters.

The GTC passed the resolution drafted by the OBC that called for new requirements of all chartered corporations, not just OSGC. It called for consistent reports to be submitted to the OBC and GTC, complete audits submitted to the Audit Committee and available to the GTC, and reports on how business partners and opportunities are identified and chosen.

Executive Session

Both the petitioner and the OBC agreed that a policy needed to be developed in regards to the use of Executive Session. A motion was quickly adopted to have the newly developed policy brought before the GTC in July of 2009.

Expenditure Restriction

With spending restrictions set at \$250,000 for the OBC and management while the gaming division’s restriction would be placed at \$1 million, Genskow set out to set strict

limitations on spending for tribal departments. “This resolution will bring controls to spending by the GTC, controls which have long been needed to save the tribe from bad decisions and spending,” said Genskow.

The OBC cited a recently passed resolution that would require all expenditures totaling \$500,000 be approved by the OBC and presented to the GTC as a step to create spending transparency. “We are trying not to create a larger bureaucracy when dealing with our vendors,” said councilwoman Melinda Danforth.

The GTC supported the recently passed resolution by the OBC.

Treasurer’s Report to General Tribal Council

The petitioner requested the Treasurer’s Report to include all receipts and expenditures of the tribe be fully explained and presented to the GTC in the annual and semi-annual reports.

The OBC supported a resolution that called for a more comprehensive look at the

tribe’s finances and also created protection of the financial information by the OBC. The plan also would overturn prior GTC directives that restricted the publication of financial information to ensure it is not released to the public.

Both requests were voted on and the OBC motion needed two-thirds majority to pass and failed, while, Genskow’s motion passed.

Prior General Tribal Council Directives

Petitioner Genskow asked that all GTC directives dating back to 1994 must be implemented before the end of fiscal year 2010 or the OBC would face removal of office. The motion presented requested an amendment to the current removal law to allow elected officials to be removed from office for not carrying out GTC directives. The amendment was attached to the language that stated prior GTC directives, dating back to 194, must be enforced by fiscal year 2010. The motion was quickly passed.

Breakfast with Santa

Ho Ho Ho,
Merry Christmas!
Come to
Breakfast with
Santa,
at the
Civic Center
on
Saturday
December 13th,
2008. For families
with youth ages
0 to 8 years old.
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Enjoy Breakfast of Pancakes, Sausage and Juice. Get a picture, visit Santa and receive a gift! Please call Kim at 833-0010 with any questions.

Don't forget to bring your extra change to vote on your favorite tree in our winter wonderland. All proceeds go to the Oneida Pantry.

ONEIDA NATION EMPLOYEE BINGO NIGHT

Wednesday, Nov. 26
10:30pm

ALL 6 PACKS \$10 EACH

Must show employee badge to participate. Bold Games are not included in the pack and may be purchased separately.

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| 1. Crazy Bingo..... | \$400 |
| 2. Crazy Six Pack..... | \$400 |
| 3. Any Outside Line | \$400 |
| 4. Double Bingo | \$400 |
| 5. Crazy Nine Pack..... | \$400 |
| 6. Dual Dab (\$1) | \$500 |
| 7. Double Triple Game (\$2) | \$300, \$600 |

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TURKEY CALLING CONTEST

Limited to 10 participants. Participant with the best turkey call receives a prize of \$99!

20 Drawings for a \$25 Bingo Pass.

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| 8. JumbOneida (\$3.50 or 4/\$10)\$500, \$1,000* | |
| 9. Bonanza (\$1) | \$1,000* |
| 10. Crazy Bingo..... | \$400 |
| 11. Letter X | \$400 |
| 12. Hardway Bingo | \$400 |
| 13. Double Bingo | \$400 |
| 14. Blackout (\$2) | \$3,000 |

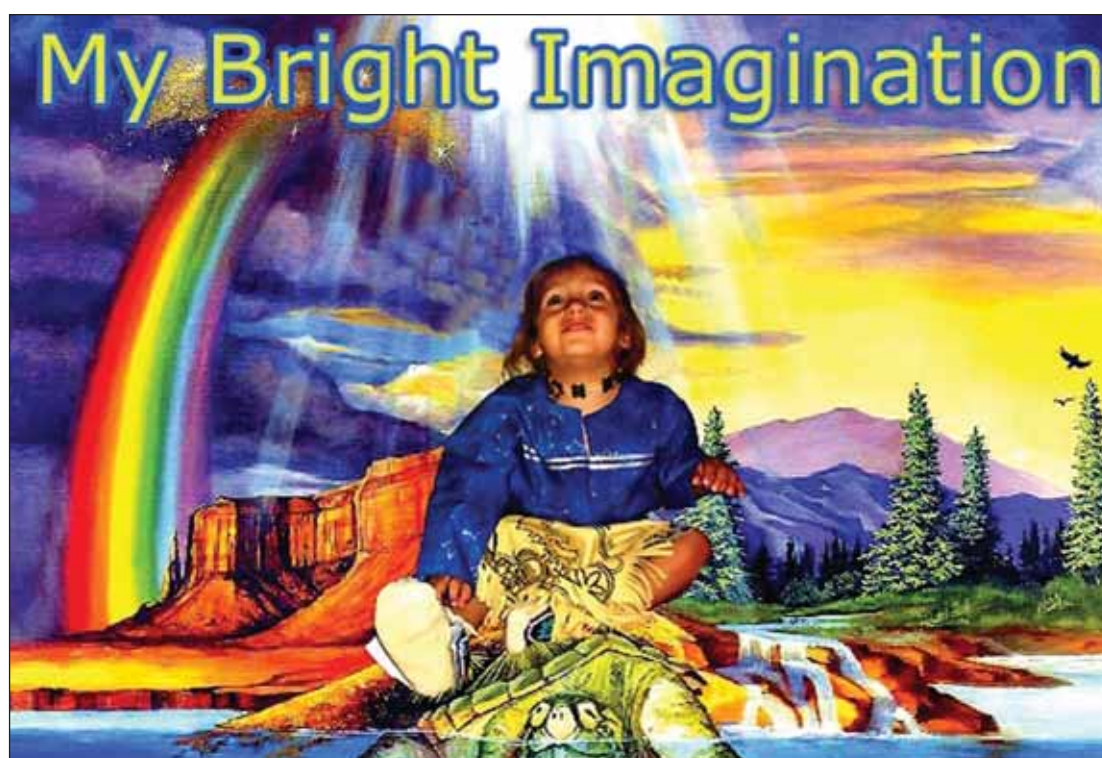
*Employees are not eligible to win any jackpots associated with the games played at Employee Bingos.

Contact Fawne Teller, Bingo/Off-Track Betting Director at
920-429-3413 or email fteller@oneidanation.org.



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Oneida FACE Program joining forces with RealeBooks initiative



This graphic was created by Stephanie Stevens for her RealeBook My Bright Imagination.

Family and Child Education (FACE) is a family literacy program for Native American families funded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Since 1990, FACE has been helping Native American parents reach their goals and support for their children's education.

Stephanie Stevens and

Ernie Stevens III have opened the door to new possibilities for local publication with RealeBooks. RealeBooks are unique because they are easy to create and produce and can be made to reflect the culture and language of any community. FACE programs have been making RealeBooks for several years. In 2004, the BIE provided training, software and materials to all 39 FACE programs so that they could create RealeBooks for the families in their programs and teach adult students to create them for children. The RealeBook project is just one of the many initiatives over the last 16 years aimed at building the literacy opportunities of the families in Native American communities served by the FACE program.

Stephanie has written over a dozen RealeBooks. She is a

graphic artist and photographer. She takes her son's scanned artwork, and blends it with her artistic abilities. She also takes Oneida language and makes it come to life in a book with bright vivid images, easy for children (and adults) to grasp and learn. The Steven's book, My Bright Imagination, illustrates their family's quite different approach to child rearing. When faced with the prospect of a boring rainy day, instead of turning on the TV, dropping in a DVD, or cranking up the computer games, she and her husband (Ernie III) challenge little Ernie to use his imagination. They then create a book that captures what this bright youngster's imagination conjures up. In so doing, they honor the power of his mind and spirit as well as provide the rest of us with some insight into the culture of the

Oneida.

So, let's say that you have a child or two who could stand to connect with their creative/imaginative side a bit more. Children that read and have been read to throughout their lives, create a storehouse of stories and mental images just dying to be expressed in some creative way. With their imaginations engaged, they have nearly everything they need to take in the vast expanse of the next rainy day to create a mystery or an adventure or an imaginative twist to every day life that will generate hours of enjoyment in their scanned artwork, pictures they pose in costume or create with dramatic flare using their toys or action figures and before you (and they) know it, their RealeBook creation will delight the rest of us!

Now, we don't need to turn on the electronics or scan the newspaper or call around the neighborhood to find rainy day (or any other kind of) "entertainment" for our little ones. We just need to follow the lead of our friends the Stevens, to use our own (maybe slightly rusty) creativity and imagine the possibilities for our kids and for ourselves!

Visit www.realebooks.com to see the RealeBooks. You can type in Oneida into the search engine, and you will see some of the Realebooks created by the Stevens and the FACE teachers and parents. You can download the free software, and create your own! Enjoy!

~ Mark W.F. Condon (one of the founders of Realebooks.)

2008 Holiday GIFT-A-RAMA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008

10 am-6 pm

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, Across from the Airport

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- Children's Games —
- Farmers' Market Bags & Shirts —
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Scavenger hunt for adults & children

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Gary Smith, 869-1041 || gsmith@oneidanation.org
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Christmas on the Rez

...is back for another decorative season!

Once again, the Special Events Department is proud to bring a little "light" to the reservation by sponsoring the 8th Annual "Christmas on the Rez". It's FUN, EASY and SIMPLE TO DO! Just read over the contest rules, fill out the registration form, return the form to the Special Events Department and then let your imagination take over!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Must be a street address) City Zip

PHONE: _____
Home Work

CATEGORY: (Please Circle Only ONE) Native American Other

Contest Rules are as Follows:

1. Must be an enrolled Oneida Tribal Member who is Head of Household.
2. Must be at least 18 years old.
3. Must be a private residence or business within the reservation boundaries.
4. Must be outdoor decorations.
5. One residence or business per category.
6. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th place in two (2) categories.
7. All applications must be submitted by **Friday, November 21, 2008 by 4:30 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Drop off location: 2615 Packerland Dr., Suite A/B
Applications can also be mailed to:
Oneida Tourism Department
P.O. Box 365
Oneida, WI 54155

8. Judging will take place on **Thursday, December 18, 2008**. Decisions of the Judges are **FINAL**.

For further information or questions, please call the Oneida Tourism Department at (920) 496-5020

Environmental

How the Oneida Prepared for Winter in years past

By Michelle Danforth and Nicolas Reynolds
Oneida Cultural Heritage

During the harvest season, there were many preparations to secure the food supply for winter. There were many fruits dried by the sun and in the fields the corn, beans and squash were picked. There were even nuts and other edible plants that were collected and stored in baskets, pots or pits in the ground. Corn, smoked or dried fish or wild game were hung in the rafters of the longhouse. The provisions were split up equally among the families and rationed for the winter months.

After everything was harvested there would be a Harvest Ceremony to give thanks to the Creator for all that was given. Then a hunting party comprised mainly of men and newlywed wives would depart for the hunting grounds before the river would freeze over. This group would hunt; cure the meat and hides to preserve them for the winter. Then when the rivers would open for the spring, the hunting party would return home where the meat and hides would be divided up and it would carry the Oneidas meat needs over for the year.

During the early 1900s, after the Oneidas had moved to Wisconsin, many owned their own farms. Most farm homesteads were fairly self sufficient and everything was grown on the farm to support the family's needs. Families frequently used



Photo courtesy of Oneida Cultural Heritage

Women in the Oneida community gather for a husking bee to help prepare the corn for storage. Agriculture was often a communal activity where families would gather to help harvest each other's fields.

oxen because they were a dependent draft animal and were good in deep snow.

Loretta Metoxen, Tribal Historian said, "The food supply was rationed and waste was not tolerated. If things got really bad, they would even butcher one of their oxen for meat."

The other thing that Oneida farmers did with extra crops was trade and barter for tools, buckets, kettles, 100 lbs of flour, and 25-50 lbs of sugar, salt and pepper.

Oneidas grew corn, oats, and some wheat. The farmers processed their grain at a local flour mill but it would take a half of a day to travel by horse and wagon. Carrots, beets and beans were known as winter keepers and were stored in cellars. Items were also preserved like salt pickles, canned tomatoes, pickled sweet and sour beans, jams, jellies, and local fruit. Hickory and butternuts were also collected and stored.

Farm chores were divided

up among family members. Oneidas were very social people and the community would have husking bees, where everyone would go to one family's field, pick the corn and then move on to the next. Just as in the past days, if someone was sick or had died other family members and neighbors pitched in to make sure the work was done.

Today, there are still hunters for the community but with a few rules and regulations. Oneida Conservation allows for feast permits to hunt deer for the ceremonies at the longhouse. Randy Cornelius commented, "That sometimes we will even hunt during the regular season for people who can't hunt and we will try to fulfill their tag to get meat for them."

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(Thank you creator and mother earth)



Oneida hosts 7th Integrated Resource Management Plan Workshop



Contributed photo

Pat Pelky, Environmental Health and Safety Director, welcomes IRMP workshop participants.

Submitted by Betsy Galbraith

Environmental Protection Specialist

The 7th National Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) workshop was held at the Radisson hotel October 27-30. This event, sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), drew over 100 tribal representatives from across the United States from Alaska to Maine; Florida to California.

The BIA provides funding for tribes to develop their own plans for maintaining, integrating, and developing long and short term management plans for their resources. In doing so, tribes will be better able to make long term decisions regarding their resources and also progress on sovereignty issues. Once awarded grants, tribes are free to develop IRMPs that suit their local needs; they are not bound by BIA guidelines.

Participants heard from

BIA and tribal representatives about how IRMP's might be developed and identified some of the pitfalls that may delay or sidetrack the process. They were also rewarded with Oneida hospitality including a welcome reception, reservation tour, and an evening meal at the Parish Hall. The menu included a traditional dinner of cornbread, corn soup, berries, buffalo, and apple crisp; with much of the ingredients produced on the reservation. Buffalo Creek entertained the guests.

The workshop participants went away with a wealth of knowledge and a better understanding of and appreciation for the Oneida Reservation and its people. The sharing of information, networking, learning about other cultures, and what has succeeded and failed elsewhere were some of the most important features of the workshop.

The Oneida Tribe has recently been successful in obtaining a grant for \$80,000 to develop its own IRMP. The Oneida version will complement the Oneida Nation Comprehensive Plan and further develop the natural resource and environmental protection components. Development of the IRMP is expected to take two years. It will involve a core group of writers and information gatherers from many different tribal departments as well as participation from the community and tribal government. The IRMP team will gather information and ideas from the community throughout the process as community involvement is the keystone for development of an IRMP. For more information, please contact Betsy Galbraith, Environmental Protection Specialist at 920-496-5327.

Guide to dairy goat business available

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has released a new guide, "Starting a Dairy Goat Business," for anyone looking to get into one of the state's fastest growing agriculture sectors.

Topics included in the free 104-page guide:

- Researching the industry and determining feasibility
- Identifying a support team
- Assessing farm land
- Determining labor needs
- Practical facilities
- Financing the farm
- Writing a business plan

- Cull, kids and breeding stock
- Exit strategies.

To receive a copy of the guide, contact Jeanne Meier, jeanne.meier@wisconsin.gov, 608-224-5121.

Wisconsin leads the nation in the number of dairy goats, with about 33,000 head.

Oneida Home Resources Fair Returns!

Last year our event educated over 100 community members. Whether you are an existing homeowner, looking to buy, or renting, there is something for everybody at the Oneida Home Resources Fair.

Save the Date on your calendar...
Wednesday
January 21, 2009
from 2 to 6PM at the
Radisson Hotel

After attending the home resources fair, you will leave with a strong knowledge of:

- Whether renting or buying is right for you
- Tribal, Federal, and State grant and rebate opportunities
- Buyer Beware Concerns
- How to obtain a mortgage
- Healthy Homes Program (mold, asbestos, lead, etc)
- Wells and Septic Program
- Renewable Energy
- Energy Efficiency and Home Performance Testing
- Recycling
- Zoning and Permits



The Oneida Home Resources Fair is a cross-organizational team effort: Oneida Housing Authority; Division of Land Management; Environmental, Health, & Safety Division; Environmental Resource Board, Oneida Community Health Center, Oneida Zoning, and others.

For more information on this event call Bill Koonz at EH & S 490-5350 or Diana Mann at OHA 869-2227.

There will be Food & Prizes!

Thanksgiving Kan^stohale Order

The Cannery will be accepting orders for our holiday corn bread. Please call Jamie in the Cannery to request your Kan^stohale or e-mail her at: jbetters@oneidanation.org.

Ordering Instructions: Please leave... 1. Name, 2. What day will be your pick up, 3. Contact number you will be at on the day of your pick up, and 4. The amount you wish to order.

The last day to order is **NOVEMBER 21**
by **6:30PM**

Pick up days are...

November 25th, 8-6:30PM &
November 26th, 8-12PM



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Education

Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Young Adult Arts Club

Submitted by **Gabrielle Metoxen**
ONAP

(Oneida, WI) - Young adults between the ages of 13 - 17 and 18 - 26, the Oneida Nation Arts Program is pleased to announce a new program just for you! The Young Adult (YA) Arts Club is designed to give community young adults a unique arts experience that is for "ya" and by "ya."

The YA Arts Club was cre-

ated to expose young adults to different art forms and to create a young adult artistic presents in the Oneida community. Young adults will plan their own projects, working with cool artists in both traditional and contemporary art forms and in both performing and visual arts.

The first meetings are on Thursday, November 20 and December 4 at 7:00pm at the Arts Program Cottage, 1270 Packerland (behind the

Oneida Fitness Center). At the meeting, you will learn about the program, discuss possible ideas for community arts projects, and create timelines for working on projects.

Come check it out! Open to the general public, all young adults are invited to attend. For more information please see our web site at www.oneidanationarts.org or contact Gabrielle Metoxen at **920-490-3830** or **gmetoxe2@oneidanation.org**.

OHA hosts story stick workshop

OHA Recreation recently hosted a group of 30 tribal members and friends who came to learn an enjoyable and meaningful process. The focus was on learning how to facilitate other groups who will be making story sticks of strength.

The class took place at the 3 Sisters' Community Building on Friday, November 7. Attendees included members of the YES staff, the assistant of the Oneida Health Center health promotion program, the leader of the Wise Women's group, members of the 3 Sisters' women's support group, and many others.

The story stick process, based on Native American research by Sandy Dennett, enables each individual to create a meaningful representation of his or her sources of strength. The variety of story



Submitted photo

Sandy Dennett, right, teaches Chris Skenandore, standing, and others how to make story sticks.

sticks and the stories shared on Friday created an atmosphere of friendship, congeniality, and heartfelt thoughts about sources of strength.

Another workshop for learning the facilitator techniques will be shared in the spring. If you are interested,

please call Sandy Dennett at **(920) 265-1777** or email her at **nativesunshine.SDennett1@gmail.com**. If you have any interest in activities in the 3 Sisters area contact Isabel Parker at **(920) 498-2011**. The center is open daily from 11 am to 7 pm.

Become a futuremaker!



Register today for spring classes!

For more information or to register call:

**(920) 498-5444 or
(800) 422-NWTC, ext. 5444
or go to: www.nwtc.edu
and click on my.NWTC**

Northeast
Wisconsin Technical College

ONEIDA FACE Program

Family And Child Education

is a National Literacy based program designed to focus on Native American Families.

- Services are provided for adults and children from birth to age 5.
- Center Base Early Childhood Program is located in the Turtle School and meets Mon.-Thurs. from 8:00-2:30.

For more information,

1.920.869.4634

Rasmussen College to offer tuition discount to all Oneida Tribe members

Green Bay (Wis.) - Rasmussen College Green Bay has partnered with the Oneida Tribe of Indians to offer a 10 percent tuition discount and \$60 application fee waiver to all tribe members nationwide.

"We are very excited about this new partnership with the Oneida Tribe," said Rasmussen College Green Bay, Campus Director Scott Borley. "The Oneida Tribe shares the same values as Rasmussen when it comes to supporting community and education. By offering this tuition assistance, we are creating even more educational opportunities for individuals; we are helping to create successful futures."

The Oneida Nation employs over 3,400 individuals in 70 buildings in the Green Bay area. There are 15,000 Oneida Tribe of Indians nationwide.

The Nation places a high priority in higher education.

According to the Oneida Nation Web site (www.oneidanation.org), the Higher Education program of the Oneida Tribe of Indians Wisconsin promotes higher education to all enrolled Tribal members by providing guidance, support and financial assistance to those attending accredited institutions of higher learning. The Tribe's Higher Education Grant can award up to \$20,000 per academic year for tribal members.

Rasmussen College Green Bay campus is located at 904 S. Taylor Street, Green Bay, Wis. 54303.

For more information regarding programs available, contact the campus at **(920) 593-8400** or visit **www.Rasmussen.edu**.

The clock is ticking!

Graduation from High School is just around the corner!

Do you know what your future holds? Take a step in the right direction at:

**oneida Higher Education's
Annual Youth College Fair 2008**

Friday, November 21, 2008 11am-2pm

**Radisson Inn Hotel & Conference Center/ Green Bay
Grand Council Ballroom South**

Approximately 200 Green Bay area Native-American high school students and prospective college students have attended each year!

This is an excellent opportunity to connect with many higher education institutions who are interested in learning more about YOU! Check out a school you are thinking about attending, or if you're not sure where you want to go yet, get information from several colleges to help you make your decision.

Also, you will have an opportunity to meet several successful young Oneida professionals and current college students and ask them questions about their own personal experiences.

Raffle Prizes: I-Pod, Portable DVD Player, and more!!!

**For more information about the Youth College Fair 2008, or about the Oneida Higher Education grant and services, feel free to contact Nicole Stroobants; Oneida Higher Education Advisor
Phone: (920) 869-4332 (direct) Email: nstrooba@oneidanation.org**

SIGN UP TODAY !

PARENTS WELCOME!!!

**Permission slips due no later than
Tuesday, November 18th, 2008.**



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Thunderhawk

ONHS Students pay tribute to vets

By Jaylee Godfrey

ONHS sophomore

On Monday, November 10, four Veterans-Ken Hill, Marty Antone, Cletus Ninham, and Tim Ninham-came to the Oneida Nation High School to speak about their experiences and what it means to serve their country. They had a lot to say.

Cletus Ninham went deeply into his experiences, saying, "There were things I was seeing that I wasn't supposed to see." He got advice which he did not follow, he said, but he wished he would have. That advice was not to make friends because when he lost them, it would hurt.

The event was sponsored by the ONHS Student Council and held in the Oneida Business Committee Conference Room. Also speaking at the event was Oneida Nation High School Student Council Vice President/Community Affairs, Kanani Nunies and Student Council President Yuntle McLester. Members of the Student Council committee that put the event together



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The Oneida Nation High School Student Council stands with the Oneida Veterans that earlier gave a presentation about military history and tradition to the student body on Veterans Day.

were freshmen Guadalupe Martinez, JoJo Santiago and Anthony Cornelius and sophomore Robert Lagest. Student Council Treasurer Doug Reed was also very involved in the planning.

The event was a nice way to pay tribute to our veterans. Besides the program, there were 200 flags placed outside

in front of the school, representing the 200 Native American veterans in our community. So the number was significant.

On a personal side, this event made me seriously think about joining the Marines, just like my Grandpa, Darwin Charles John. I probably wouldn't be

able to handle the tragedies that come along with joining the Marines. So I might not join. But, it is a possibility. But, I would like to thank all of the Veterans. Not just the ones in our community. And a special thanks to these four Veterans who shared their story.

There's Thanksgiving, and then there's the Thanksgiving Address

By Louis Guerra

ONHS senior

With the Thanksgiving holiday coming up, "giving thanks" gets a lot of attention.

If you go to the Longhouse for ceremonies, you will be familiar with the Thanksgiving Address or Kahnahelatunksla.

The students her at ONHS are all familiar with it. We do it at the beginning, and the end of every week.

There is a more to it, however, than just saying "thank you." It is meant to say thanks to all of creation, for staying here, and continuing to do their duty up to this point. It is asking creation to continue to do their duty.

And we don't just thank them because we have been doing so for years. We do it

because we WANT to thank them. We are taught that all of creation "leans in" when we do the address, because they are waiting to hear themselves get thanked.

Without everything in nature that is here and helps us everyday, none of us would be here.

Think of it this way, if you helped complete a big project at work, it would have never gotten done without you. And if you weren't thanked, you would feel like you weren't needed. You may not want to help out any more. So it can be with the natural world around us-the earth, the birds, the grasses, the trees, the animals, and so on.

This is why we give thanks.

USS Green Bay

By Doug Reed

Thunderhawk Times Assistant Editor

According to experts, the USS Green Bay is a San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock and it is the second USS Navy ship to be named for Green Bay, Wisconsin. The ship is designed to carry an entire battalion of 699 officers and marines.

The ship was finished in August of 2003 and it was christened in July of 2006.

Green Bay mayor, Jim Schmitt said the ship would be commissioned on January 24, 2009 and it would join the U.S. Pacific Fleet then.

On Friday evening, October 17, a colors presentation was held at the Radisson Hotel in order to get everything started. ONHS students and staff were honored to go to the event. The students who attended were Tyler Pamanet, Carissa Metoxen, Yuntle McLester, Douglas Reed,

Erica Behringer, Kanani Nunies, and Guadalupe Martinez. They were accompanied by teachers Carol Johnson and Vicky Norton. Johnson said that "It was a very formal event with lots of dignitaries. Our students were all dressed very nicely-the guys had dress pants and nice shirts and the girls all wore dresses. It was really something."

I can say that we had a good time there. They had us at the first table on the left-hand side. There were about seventy tables all together, with ten people at each table.

Each person in attendance got a heavy gold coin with the USS Green Bay on it. The program also featured Hollywood actor, James McEachin, as an old soldier.

The USS Green Bay is 684' in length and 105 feet in width. It can reach 22 knots, or 24.2 mph. It has a crew of 360.

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Winter Sports About to Begin

By Janene Skenandore

ONHS Senior

This winter sports season, ONHS athletes will see some familiar faces as they take to the basketball court. Recent ONHS grads Twyla Danforth, Freddie Hernandez, and Darrell Skenandore will be helping both the girls and boys basketball teams as assistant coaches.

That was just some of the news I got in a recent interview with ONHS Athletic Director, Mike Hanke. Hanke, who is in his third year as a math teacher, took on the duties of AD last year.

Hanke said he enjoys his position as athletic director "very much." He said he "likes being involved in the students' lives." As athletic director, he doesn't just get to see students as in a classroom "but also on the field or gym floor." Besides, he said he

also enjoys sports.

Hanke said he thought the girls' basketball team should "have a good year." The things they will need to improve on, he said, will be "a commitment to attend practices and lots of conditioning." The girls' head coach will be Dennis Danforth, who is also the head track coach. He will be assisted by Danforth and Hernandez.

For the boys' basketball team, the coach will be Scott Murray. He will be assisted by Skenandore. When asked how the boys' team would do without last year's leaders, Truman Powless and Nick Cantu, Hanke responded "it's very difficult to lose great players like that, especially a player like Nick who had a total of 975 points last year. But they will do all right."

Right now there are about

ten players who are planning to start practice on Monday, November 17. Other players are talking about joining as soon as they become eligible. The team does have two returning starters, Dylan Wheelock and Eddie Santiago.

The wrestling team looks to have just one competitor, Eli Ninham.

After winter sports finish, ONHS will have a boys' lacrosse team coached by Sonny Hill and a co-ed track team coached by Danforth and ONHS phy ed instructor Ces Dawson. Girls' softball is being looked into. Hanke said that in order to have softball, the team would need players. But if ONHS does have a softball team, it will be coached by ONHS computer teacher Gary Lancelle. Spring sports start in early March.

My Scoop

Obama brings new hope

By Carl Tepiew

ONHS sophomore

Barack Obama is now the President-elect. He is starting to meet with people who will help him make a good government "for the people and by the people." There is new hope for many.

People from all over the world are celebrating Obama's victory.

I still see a lot of Obama "signs" in yards.

Lots of students in our class were for Obama. So were the teachers.

Obama was in Chicago when he won. There was a celebration at Grant Park.

The electoral vote was 365 Obama, 149 McCain when I wrote this. Missouri was still undecided.

But Obama is our new president and many people are hopeful.

End negative campaign ads

By Louis Guerra

ONHS senior

The presidential campaign ended on Tuesday, November 4 with Barack Obama's victory. However, is anyone else wondering why expensive presidential commercials are just used to bash the opponents? Wouldn't it be a better idea to use commercials to spread goods facts about the people who are running?

It's the same thing with all the political mail that everyone gets every four years. All that is mailed is more negative stuff.

I believe that both the commercials and the mail can be used for promoting positive things.

It's just something to think about...

Basketball is underway

By Tyler Pamanet

ONHS senior

We all know that the 2008 Thunderhawk football and volleyball seasons were not as successful as they could have been.

Oneida athletes have a chance to turn things around with the start of basketball and, this year, both the boys and girls teams hope to have good seasons.

Our boys' team had its first practice on Monday, November 17, 2008.

As usual, things got started with a lot of running to get the team in condition for the four-month-long season. Then, we play three games in four days.

Our first scrimmage is on Saturday, November 22,

2008 at Kohler.

Then-to actually kick off the season-we have our first home game on November 24, 2008 against Pioneer Christian of Marinette.

On November 25, we have an away game against Milwaukee North.

The girls' team has been practicing for a week longer, since Monday, November 10. Their first action was a home contest on Wednesday, November 19 against Milwaukee South.

The girls will also play against Pioneer Christian at the Turtle School on the 24, at 5:30. The guys play at 7:00. The girls will also travel to Milwaukee for a 5:30 game against North, with the boys playing again at 7:00.

Allison Bailey Gives Her Vocab Test

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Acumen? Churlish? Expurgate? Incontrovertible? Loquacious?

You may not know what all of those words mean, but if you are in Journalism Class this quarter, that would cost you!

On Monday, November 17, ONHS senior Allison Bailey, administered her legendary vocabulary test. The test covered the first fifty words from a list entitled. "100 Words Every High School Graduate Show Know."

Bailey took charge of the test because she is a self-proclaimed word nut.

"I don't know why I like

words, I just do," Allison said. "I like knowing different words that you can use for things."

Even teachers Lynn Adrian and Denis Gullickson took the test. The deal there was that any student who got a better score than one of them would be treated to a sub and a soda.

For anyone taking her test, Allison warned, "You'd better study!"

The results will be in later in the week. Then, the class moves on to the next fifty words from the list. For the rest of you aspiring word-smiths, you can find the list posted on the internet.

Good News

New Arrivals

If you have a birth announcement, please send it to the Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920) 869-4280 for more information. There is NO CHARGE for birth announcements. However, if you would like to include a photo, please send a SASE with your submission. Please include baby's full (first, middle & last) name, parents (first & last), d.o.b., weight (lbs. & oz.), length, grandparents (maternal/paternal), siblings (first 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!

Henry James Smith
 Henry James Smith was born to proud parents Matt and Lenore Smith on October 22nd at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh weighing 7lbs 2oz and 20.5 inches long.
 Maternal Grandparents are Sherman and Christine Webster of Oshkosh. Paternal Grandparents are Jean Robinson and the late Tom Smith of Minnesota.
 Great Grandparents are the late Mathias and Genevieve (Pecore) Otradovec of Suring and the late James and Christine (Pierce) Webster of Neopit.
 Henry James has one sister, Kaya, at home.

Happy Birthday

**Superwoman
Becky**
 On November 21



From the other
Superwoman, Aunt Julie

Happy 23rd Birthday

Ricky
 on November 21st



Love, Mom & Dad, Alison,
Steve & Sereen

Congratulations

**Daisee
Francour**

on taking 1st place
at WIAA Sectionals
3rd seed doubles and
way to go being named
Varsity Captain for
2009-2010!



Love, Mom

Happy Birthday

**Happy Belated Birthday
Daddy**



"28" Already?
From the Family
Ashlyn and Nicki

Congratulations



**Steven & Sereen
(Powless) Pamonicutt**
 on their marriage August 30th



Much Love, Mom, Carol, Alison & Ricky

Happy 16th Birthday

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 On November 13, 2008



From Mom and Family

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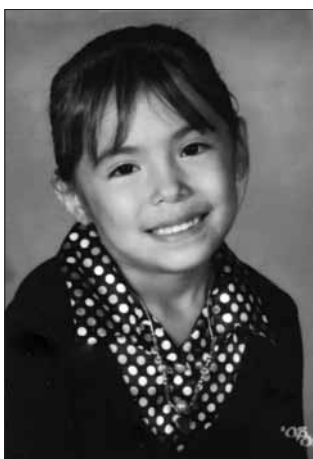
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Mom, Alex, Felicia, Briley,
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Happy 6th Birthday

Madison

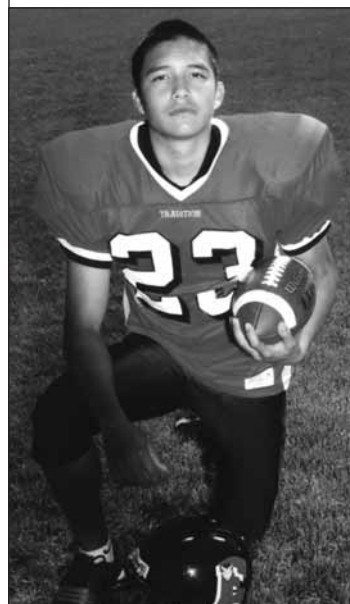


Love Daddy, Grandma,
Deb, Ashley, Tyler, Bobbie
Joe, Cole Wolf

Happy 17th Birthday

**To my Awesome Son...
'T-Mo'**

on **November 30th**
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will take you far in life.
Keep up the great strides
you have maintained in
school because one day,
you will be rewarded for
all your hard work &
dedication! You certainly
deserve all the best that
life has to offer!



Love You Always & Forever,
Mom and Siblings... Rob,
Kristi (Craig), Liana and of
course your niece Carmella

P.S. I hope you enjoy the
Packer game with your uncle
on your birthday!

Happy Birthday

Deb



Love, Robert, Madison,
Abigail, Ashley, Tyler,
Bobbie Joe, Cole Wolf

Chelsea Reed



Graduate of the University California Los Angeles
with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Earth and
Environmental Science.

She is currently working on her Master's degree at
San Francisco State University, in the Geo Science
Department.

We are all so proud of you! Lots of love, Mom, Dad,
Katelyn, T.J., Uncle Michael and Grandma. Chelsea is the
granddaughter of Eleanor Cornelius/Baily.



Shannon Powless



Our son and brother,
has retired from the
United States Air Force
 after serving his country for 20 years! Also,
thank you for the "Military Parent Medal" that
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Health

Compensation for veterans with ALS

VA Secretary Establishes ALS as a Presumptive Compensable Illness Cites Association between Military Service and Later Development of ALS

WASHINGTON (, 2008) - Veterans with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) may receive badly-needed support for themselves and their families after the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced Tuesday, Sept. 23 that ALS will become a presumptively compensable illness for all veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military.

"Veterans are developing ALS in rates higher than the general population and it was appropriate to take action," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake said. Secretary Peake based his decision primarily on a November 2006 report by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine (IOM) on the association between active-duty service and ALS.

The report, titled Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in Veterans: Review of the Scientific Literature, analyzed numerous previous studies on the issue and concluded that "there is limited and suggestive evidence of an association between military service and later development of ALS."

"ALS is a disease that progresses rapidly, once it is diagnosed," the Secretary

explained. "There simply isn't time to develop the evidence needed to support compensation claims before many veterans become seriously ill. My decision will make those claims much easier to process, and for them and their families to receive the compensation they have earned through their service to our nation."

ALS, also called Lou Gehrig's disease, is a neuromuscular disease that affects about 20,000 to 30,000 people of all races and ethnicities in the United States, is often relentlessly progressive, and is almost always fatal. ALS causes degeneration of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that leads to muscle weakness, muscle atrophy, and spontaneous muscle activity. Currently, the cause of ALS is unknown, and there is no effective treatment.

The new interim final regulation applies to all applications for benefits received by VA on or after September 23, 2008, or that are pending before VA, the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, or the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on that date.

Kerry Metoxen Oneida Nation Veteran Service Officer urges you to "please contact your Tribal Veteran Service Officer if you or a Veteran you know has ALS". In Oneida call: **920-490-3921** or outside of the Oneida Nation, check **www.wicvso.org** for your Wisconsin County Veteran Services Office.

Teaching Tools Foster Science and Diabetes Education in Native American Schools

Schools across the country now have free access to an innovative set of teaching tools designed to increase the understanding of science, health, and diabetes among American Indian and Alaska Native students from kindergarten through the 12th grade. The comprehensive new curriculum, called "Health is Life in Balance," is being launched today at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

The curriculum, a product of the Diabetes-based Science Education in Tribal Schools (DETS) program, integrates science and Native American traditions to educate students about science, diabetes and its risk factors, and the importance of nutrition and physical activity in maintaining health and balance in life. Applying an inquiry-based approach to learning, the curriculum builds research skills in observation, measurement, prediction, experimentation, and communication. The project was developed in collaboration with eight tribal colleges and universities and several Native American organizations, with funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Indian Health Service (IHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Diabetes, a major cause of heart disease and stroke and the most common cause in adults of blindness, kidney failure, and amputations not related to trauma, now afflicts nearly 24 million people in the United States. Type 2 diabetes, the most common form

of the disease, is linked to older age, obesity, physical inactivity, family history of the disease, and a history of gestational diabetes. In the last 30 years, the incidence of type 2 diabetes has been steadily rising.

The rate of diagnosed diabetes in American Indians and Alaska Natives is two to three times that of non-Hispanic whites. Nearly 17 percent of the total adult population served by the IHS has diagnosed diabetes. After adjusting for population age differences, diabetes rates vary from 6 percent among Alaska Native adults to 29 percent among American Indian adults in southern Arizona. Once seen only in adults, type 2 diabetes is increasingly being diagnosed in youth, especially in American Indian and other minority populations.

"Many people don't know that type 2 diabetes can often be prevented by losing a modest amount of weight through diet and regular physical activity," said Griffin P. Rodgers, M.D., director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), which contributed most of the funding for the project. "We hope that this innovative, well tested curriculum will reduce the rapidly rising incidence of type 2 diabetes in Native Americans by teaching young people about diabetes prevention."

Alvin Windy Boy, former chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, a group of elected tribal officials who advise the Indian Health

Service on diabetes topics, voiced the need for the curriculum at a 2002 meeting of the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee (DMICC), which coordinates federal research and activities related to diabetes. The materials were designed and extensively tested by staff in eight tribal colleges and universities, who worked with 63 teachers and 1,500 students in schools across 14 states. "This curriculum is an important step in educating American Indian and Alaska Native youth about preventing type 2 diabetes. The materials are understandable, tailored for students at different grade levels, and make the concepts relevant to our lives and families," said Windy Boy.

"We're pleased that our native youth will now be learning how to prevent type 2 diabetes early in life and in their own schools. We hope some of these students will be inspired to become health professionals to help us in the fight against diabetes and other chronic diseases," added Buford Rolin, who now chairs the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee.

The curriculum units provide accurate, culturally tailored materials and lesson plans for use in more than 1,000 tribal schools on reservations and in public schools that have a sizable number of Native American students. "This curriculum can change perceptions and attitudes about diabetes and empower young people to adopt healthier lifestyles," said Kelly Acton, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention of the IHS, which will oversee distribution to schools.

To order printed copies or CDs of the curriculum free of charge, see the IHS website <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Diabetes/>.

"The DETS curriculum represents a true collaboration between tribal colleges and universities and federal partners dedicated to promoting health and preventing diabetes in future generations. We applaud this partnership and collective commitment to the health and wellness of American Indian and Alaska Natives," said Ann Albright, Ph.D., Director, CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation.

CDC, through its Division of Diabetes Translation www.cdc.gov/diabetes, funds 59 diabetes prevention and control programs across all states, and U.S.-Affiliated ter-

ritories and island jurisdictions, and 11 tribes and tribal organizations. The kindergarten through fourth grade lessons in the DETS curriculum incorporate the four-book Eagle Books series for children. The original art for the Eagle Books is featured in an exhibition, "Through the Eyes of the Eagle-Illustrating Healthy Living for Children," at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian until January 4, 2009.

The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP), co-sponsored by NIH and CDC, provides diabetes education to improve the treatment and outcomes for people with diabetes, promote early diagnosis, and prevent or delay the onset of diabetes. In its' "Small Steps. Big Rewards. Prevent Type 2 Diabetes" campaign, the NDEP is reaching out to people at risk for type 2 diabetes with the message that they have the power to turn the tide against this disease. For more information about preventing type 2 diabetes, see www.ndep.nih.gov/.

The Indian Health Service is the primary source of health care services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 1.9 million of the nation's estimated 3.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. For more information, see www.ihs.gov.

The DETS program was also supported by the NIH Office of Science Education, which coordinates science education activities for the NIH and develops model science education programs for grades k through 12 and the general public. For more information about OSE and free educational resources at the NIH, see <http://science.education.nih.gov>.

NIDDK, part of the NIH, conducts and supports basic and clinical research and research training on some of the most common, severe and disabling conditions affecting Americans. The Institute's research interests include diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, nutrition, and obesity; and kidney, urologic and hematologic diseases. For more information, visit www.niddk.nih.gov.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) - The Nation's Medical Research Agency - includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.

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Hunting Moon

November 2008

Elders show Halloween spirit at annual party

Rumor has it the Elders had a lot of fun at their Halloween Party. They had their little treat bags with a five dollar Match Play in, listened to the music group called “Classic Memories”, carved pumpkins, ate snacks and had a Costume Contest.

We would like to thank the Business Committee members for taking time out of their schedule to come and spend time with our Elders and for judging the Costume Contest. Our first place winner was, Jane Salzmnn. Our second place winner was, Faith

Thornton and our third place winner was Noel Cleven. We would like to thank everyone else for competing, that’s one of the aspects that make our Halloween Party such a success.

At the pumpkin carving contest, the table of winners received, Walmart gift certificates. Elderly Services would like to thank the Orchard for the donation of the pumpkins for this event. We would also like to thank the ONCOA board for the donation of the Walmart cards, for the winners of our pumpkin contest.



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy
Joyce Johnson (left), Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator/Supervisor and Grace Griffey (right), Elder enjoy the Elder Halloween party festivities on October 31 at the Senior Center meal site in Oneida.

Last but never least the Elderly Services Program would like to thank the Casino staff for

the donation of the Match plays that were in the treat bags.

Elderly Services would also like to thank the group at the Meal site for preparing the food, decorating and getting the band to play for the Halloween party. Thanks for all the hard work and going the extra mile.

Oneida Public Transit Information

Oneida Public Transit has a staff of 10 - drivers, 2 - dispatchers, 1 - office administrator, 2 - shift leaders, and 1 - director. We are under Governmental Services with Don White as the Division Director.

Telephone numbers to reach the shift leaders, drivers, or the dispatchers is **920-833-1658** or **920-833-1659**. If you need to talk to Carol Prendiville, Office Administrator please call **920-833-1415**. To reach the Director please call **920-833-9827**.

Our first priority is the Medical needs and with the people going to their place of employment. The weekly hours are Mondays through Fridays: 1 bus on the road at 5:00 A.M. and then we have busses out from 6:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. We will make arrangements if something does come up and people need to be transported over the week-ends. We would like to have a least one weeks

notice in advance.

Our department is not restricted to the reservation boundaries. For medical needs we will take or attempt to get you to your appointments no matter where they are. We have taken a few people to Milwaukee and to Madison for the medical needs that they could not receive here.

We appreciate when you give us advance notice when you have to go places besides our Oneida Health Center.

The other major item is that if your appointment has been cancelled or changed, we would like to know ahead of time.

Here is a list of the prices that we charge:

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If you need to talk to me, Cliff Webster, Oneida Transit Director, please feel free to call or if you are in the area stop in. We can have a soda or coffee over our discussion. My door is always open to our community members.

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If you need to talk to me, Cliff Webster, Oneida Transit Director, please feel free to call or if you are in the area stop in. We can have a soda or coffee over our discussion. My door is always open to our community members.

Local scholarship available to single Oneida mothers

Oneida Elderly Services are delighted to announce the availability of the Roberta J Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of Roberta Kinshasa’s dedication and hard work that she put forth towards obtaining her Bachelors Degree.

The Roberta J Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship Fund is set up for women going back to school to further their education and for their continued efforts in academic achievement. The scholarship funds are generated from fund raising activities of the Oneida Elderly Services.

Oneida Women are encouraged to apply for

the “Roberta J Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship”. A \$300.00 scholarship will be awarded directly to an individual meeting the following criteria:

- Must be returning to school (Freshmen are not eligible)
- Must be a single mother
- An enrolled member of Oneida Indians of Wisconsin
- Must have a 3.0 or B cumulative grade point average
- Seeking a degree or certificate in an accredited college and/or technical school

Please submit application along with short essay regarding yourself, a copy of your last semester’s grades/trans-

scripts, and a copy of your tribal ID.

Applications can be pick up at:
Oneida Elderly Services
2907 S Overland Rd
Oneida Higher Education
N7210 Seminary Rd
Oneida WI 54155

Applications are due January 10th. Winner will be announced via telephone and group-wise one week before the AMVETS Community Service Award Banquet. Presentation of the award will be at the AMVETS Community Service Awards Banquet.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Director of Oneida Elderly Services at (920) 869-2448.

Thank you
Dan Skenandore from Little Bear Development for your assistance in coordinating the constructions of the elders garages and drive ways.
- Elderly Services

Recipes wanted!

Looking for authentic Oneida recipes to make into a cookbook. It can be desserts, breakfast, breads, anything!

Contact Hillary Lewis-Reimers at:
(920) 869-2448 ext.6853
hlewis@oneidation.org

Effective January 1, 2009...

...Oneida Elderly Services WILL NO LONGER Rent space for private parties at the Senior Center Mealsite.

Any concerns please call Florence Petri at **920-869-2448** or Brenda Jorgenson at **920-869-869-1551**

Thank you

Diabetic Luncheon

Time.....10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Place.....Parish Hall
Date.....December 18, 2008

Come and learn about a diabetes related topic, do a gentle fitness activity, and enjoy a great lunch!

Limited to the first 40 who sign up!
Call the WIC office at 869-4829 by December 17

Alzheimer’s Discovery Group
Monday and Wednesday
9:30-11:30 am
For transportation to the group call Elderly Services at 920-869-2448

SNOW PLOWING
Those on Lifeline – 70 years old and older
To get on the list for snow removal please call Elderly Services at 920-869-2448
Ask for Cheryl Ault

Elder’s Meditation of the Day
“Spiritual Values are an Attitude.”
Leonard George, Chief Councilor

Attitude is a direction which we follow. If you have a positive attitude, it means you will lean towards a positive direction. If you have a negative attitude, it means you will lean away from the Spirit. Therefore, if we lean toward spiritual values, then our actions will become significant and important. If we lean away from spiritual values, our actions will become insignificant or unimportant. For example, if we love, we will lean towards it; we will prefer to express and embrace it.

Great Spirit, teach me the significance of spiritual values.