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Indian health bill appears dead

By Mary Clare Jalonick

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) ~ Congress is expected to adjourn in December without sending a wide-ranging Indian health bill to President Bush, leaving Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan and American Indian leaders to look to a new president for support.

Barack Obama campaigned in Indian Country more than any presidential candidate before him - mostly during primary season in an attempt to win states with high Indian populations, including North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.

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Need increases as economy sputters

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

The high cost of gas, food and utilities along with a downturn in the economy has hit Oneida tribal members nationwide. Staff at the Center for Self Sufficiency has noticed an increase in requests for help, and are stepping up to meet the need.

The center, located in the Social Services building at 2640 West Point Road, offers a variety of federal, state,

county and tribal programs to help families and individuals get back on their feet according to Family Support Services Director Pre Leverance.

"There are a number of different programs here. Some serve specifically low income, some serve specifically enrolled Oneida Tribal members, and the majority of them are here to support families," she said.

Tracy Metoxen of

Community Support listed the three biggest requests this year.

"Rent assistance, the need has been going up. The utility need has been going up, and medical is right behind them," said Tracy.

Jean Penn of Community Support stated that this year has been unique as far as utilities are concerned. Generally, requests for assistance with utility bills come in the spring when services

are allowed to be cut off for non-payment.

"Normally, things like utilities are seasonal. This year, it's not seasonal, it's continued through the whole summer, accelerated as we moved into fall, and energy assistance is going really, really strong, the calls haven't stopped," said Penn.

Child Care Programs Manager Mary Motquin has seen an increased demand for childcare, especially in the

evenings and overnight.

"The trend we're seeing right now is that parents are having to work multiple jobs because they're low income jobs," said Motquin. "We're seeing less parents going to school because of that need to have to work two jobs to support their household."

According to Economic

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CSS helps needy

ONES band shows holiday spirit



Kali Photos/Steven J. Gandy

Members of the Oneida Nation Turtle School's student band try to stay warm while warming-up their instruments before the Green Bay Holiday Parade which was held Saturday November 22. The students rode a top a World War II era army truck throughout the parade.



Forgotten traditions revitalized in holiday feast

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

Over time traditions are lost and forgotten taking with them a piece of the community's culture and history. One such tradition that was around at the turn of the century was a community Thanksgiving feast at Parish Hall. Fortunately, ten years ago a small group of community members decided to revitalize that tradition with a modern twist.

According to Brian Doxtator, one of the founders of the revitalized feast, the idea cam from a memory his grandmother had from her childhood.

"My grandma remembered when she was young that there were about 10-12 families that would come...meet at the Parish Hall every year and they would all bring food. She said that one family would bring meat and one family would bring potatoes so it was all harvested stuff," Doxtator said.

Doxtator, along with Carole Liggins quipped one afternoon ten years ago about how unfulfilling Thanksgiving can be and what they could do to make it

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Holiday feast

Trail opens on site of 138 year old train rail line

By Nate Wisneski

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The Green Bay and Lake Pepin Railway stretched over 10 miles within the Oneida Reservation after an agreement was reached with Oneida Chiefs in 1870. Part of that railway is now a recreation path for the Oneida community.

A ribbon cutting ceremony featuring speakers and drumming officially opened the path for the public's use on Friday, November 21.

The trail of limestone and pea gravel runs from near the intersection of Highway 55 and Highway 54 and ends near Overland Road. Plans, pending approval, include completion of the trail to Pamperin Park.

According to Tribal Historian Loretta Metoxen, the original railroad helped facilitate westward expansion.

"Railroads were expanding

at a great rate after the Civil War and the railroads were the main arteries through Wisconsin and the west. The Green Bay and Lake Pepin Railway was a way for travel to be affordable for passengers from Green Bay to the west and we happened to be in the way," said Metoxen.

According to Metoxen, the majority of tribal members do not comprehend the importance of the railroad land. "Most Oneida people don't get the connection that it always was our land and it was never alienated," she said.

Metoxen explained that the land was leased, creating a right of way, by the tribe to the Green Bay and Lake Pepin Railway in 1870. "We had over eight million of acres simultaneously with the

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Trail



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

From left to right: Oneida General Manager Debbie Thundercloud, Oneida Business Committee (OBC) Councilwoman Melinda Danforth, Tribal Historian Loretta Metoxen, OBC Chairman Rick Hill, OBC Councilman Tehassi Hill, Environmental Health Division Director Pat Pelkey, OBC Councilwoman Trish King, Parks and Recreation Area Manager Scott Murray and Park Supervisor Kevin Cottrell cut the ribbon to open the new recreation path.



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National American Journalists Association

Local

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of

Michael Lee Skenandore

Happy 39th
Birthday on
December 4th...
Missing You
So Much!



Dad, Mom, Harvey,
Diane, Lisa, and
all your
Family and
Friends



Passing On...



Smith, Ralph J.
August 20, 1950 – November 27, 2008

Ralph J. Smith, age 58 of the Town of Wescott, passed away Thursday, November 27, 2008 in Shawano. Born on August 20, 1950 in Green Bay, he was the son of Betty Lou (Wesco) Hafemann and the late Wilson J. Smith. In 1968 Ralph enlisted with the United States Army and served his country for 3 years. Ralph lived his life as a Traditional Native American and was very proud of his Oneida Indian heritage.

Ralph is survived by his fiancé, Julie Bendada of Antigo; his mother, Betty Lou Hafemann of Shawano; 1 sis-

ter, Rita May Kuik of Pulaski; 5 brothers, Jody (Colleen) Smith of Cecil, John W. (Renee) Smith of Wausau, Tom (Stephanie) Briggs of Merrill, Timothy (Angelia) Briggs of Phlox, Terry (Karolyn) Briggs of Aniwa; and other family members.

Ralph was preceded in death by his father, Wilson Smith; and his older brother, Wilson Joseph Smith Jr.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 30, 2008 at the Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with Jody and Colleen Smith officiating.



House, James Sr.
August 5, 1921 – December 2, 2008

James House, Sr., 87, of Oneida, died Tuesday morning, December 2, 2008 at home. The son of the late Alec and Cornelia (Cornelius) House was born August 5, 1921 in the Town of Hobart. Jim was Oneida's first Golden Gloves Champion Boxer in his younger years, and was three time champion. He married the former Warrean Skenandore on December 10, 1949 in Milwaukee. The couple lived in Milwaukee for many years. She preceded him in death on April 16, 2006. Jim was a decorated U.S. Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army during WW II, and fought in the Battle of the Northern Solomons.

James was retired from Ladish Company in Cudahy. Mr. House was a respected member of the Oneida Community. He was a faithful member of Knutson VFW Post 2304 in Milwaukee, where he was long time chaplain and drill team captain, as well as Robert W. Cornelius VFW Post 7784. In Milwaukee, he was a Cootie Member 157 of the Kiss-Ka-Dee. Jim was a lifetime member of the Eagles Club. He enjoyed working out and was a member of the Oneida Family Fitness Center, and holds his place of distinction in Oneida's Hall of Fame. Jim enjoyed gambling and liked the slot machines.

Survivors include his chil-



dren, James House, Jr., Alec and Sandy House, Joy House, Lynn Loveday, Terry and Lauren House, Warren F. House, 9 grandchildren, Wendy (Ken), Jeffrey (Linda), Connie, Ryan, Babe, Josh, Billy, Jon, Nicole, 7 great-grandchildren, Ciara, Aaron, Araiana, Julien, Savannah, Adam and Joshua, as well as one sister, Kate Skenandore. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one grandson, Ryan Loveday, his siblings, Margaret, George, Vera, Pansy, Warren.

Friends may call at RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, December 5, 2008. Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 6:30 pm. Oneida Veterans will have a Tribute Service at 6:45pm. Parish Prayer service will be held at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue Saturday morning until 10:00 am, when the funeral procession leaves for church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am Saturday morning at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Freedom Road, Oneida. Mother Kristina Henning and Deacons Edmund Powless and Deborah Heckel will officiate. Burial to follow in the church cemetery, with full U.S. Army Burial Detail and Oneida Veterans Rites. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the House family.



Alexander, Violet M.
September 2, 1933 – December 3, 2008

Violet M. Alexander, 75, of Oneida, former Milwaukee resident, passed away Wednesday morning, December 3, 2008 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home. The daughter of the late Charles B. and Katherine (Danforth) Cornelius was born September 2, 1933 in Oneida. Prior to her illness, she had worked for Oneida Nation as a CHR.

Survivors include her son, LaMont Alexander, grandchildren, Ursula, (and great-grandson, Draven), Lucius, Alana, and Jillian, one brother Earl Cornelius, as well as nephews and nieces, including her legal guardian, Sandra Schuyler. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Keith Alexander, three brother, John D. Cornelius, Le Roy Cornelius, and Sanford Cornelius and sisters, Lavinia Huff, Alice Schuyler, Lois Skenandore,

and Marjorie Gerard. Friends may call on Thursday December 4, 2008 (TODAY) at RYAN FUNERAL HOME, De Pere from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 6:30 pm. Visitation will continue on Friday morning after 9:00 am at the Oneida Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Mormon Church, Freedom Road, Oneida, until time of service. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday at the Church with Ian Mishimoto, officiating. Burial to follow in Oneida Methodist Cemetery. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the Alexander family. The family extends a special thanks for Heartland Hospice, especially Nathan, RN, Sister Ruth, Eileen MSW, and Crystal CNA for their care and concern during this time.

Tree growers donate to troops

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) ~ About 16,000 Christmas trees are headed for military bases around the country beginning Tuesday - hundreds of them donated by Wisconsin growers.

Six northeastern Wisconsin growers loaded a FedEx van Monday with about 250 balsam firs, Douglas firs, white pines and other evergreens at Lambeau Field. Those trees are headed for Fort Campbell, a sprawling Army post on the Kentucky-Tennessee line that is home to the 101st Airborne

Division.

From there, the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation will distribute the trees to troops stationed overseas. Most will be sent to bases in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Wisconsin growers donate a total of about 500 trees. About 750 growers nationwide participate in the Trees for Troops program.

Information from: Green Bay Press-Gazette, <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com>

Volunteer needed for elderly

The Board on Aging and Long Term Care is currently recruiting individuals for the Volunteer Ombudsman Program in Outagamie County. These volunteers visit their assigned facility to act as an advocate for that facility's long term care residents.

All volunteers must attend a seven hour initial training, pass a criminal background check and be free of any conflict of interest within the facility in order to be consid-

ered for the program. This is a great volunteer opportunity for anyone who enjoys talking to senior citizens and has a concern for their quality of life.

If you would like to be considered for the program or have questions about the Volunteer Ombudsman Program, please call our Madison toll free number at 1-800-815-0015 or call Cindy Freitag in the Green Bay office at 920-448-5540.

In Loving Memory of...

Travis G. Cornelius

on your Birthday...
December 9, 1981 - July 23, 2005

Our lives go on without you,
but nothing is the same

We try to hide our
heartache when someone
speaks your name

Sad are the hearts that love
you, silent the tears that fall

Living our lives without you
is the hardest part of all!

Lovingly Remembered and Deeply
Missed on your Birthday...
Aunties, uncles, cousins, mom, dad,
brother, sister and mostly Kelis

In Loving Memory of...

Glen H. Skenandore

Who passed on 1 year ago December 3rd

Not a day goes by where
you're not thought of...
missed... and loved...

You will never be
forgotten and you'll always
hold a Special place in our
Hearts.

Deeply Missed & Loved by wife,
children, grandchildren & relatives

In Loving Memory of...

Dave Ninham & Malinda Ninham Jordan

December 5th 2008 would have been
Dave's 78th Birthday

He was taken from us by a drunk driver on
November 17, 1962.

Malinda was killed by a drunk also but it was a
hit and run, on December 5, 1953.

They say (whomever they are) that time
heals...

But every year at this time, I feel the pain
and remember the inconsolable loss.
I can only hope they are in a far better place
than we are,
and hope they know they are loved and
remembered.

The sad thing on this is December 5th,
was the birthday of her first born child and
only son.

To lose your mother is bad enough, but on
your birthday would be devastating.

The Ninham and Jordan girls (Ruth,
Dorothy, Florence, Marlene, June and
Roma)

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Local

Upcoming Events



Calendar

2008

December 5-7

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.

Dec. 5 - 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.

Dec. 6, 13, 20

A Heritage Hill Christmas
WHEN: Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20
TIME: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
PLACE: Heritage Hill State Historical Park, 2640 S. Webster Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54301

We invite your family to celebrate the season in a breathtaking setting by trying historic dancing, toy making, and holiday baking on the farm. Enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride as music of the season fills the park and warms the hearts of guests of all ages. Heritage Hill is also partnering with the Salvation Army to help area citizens during the holidays. Everyone who attends Heritage Hill Christmas with a canned food item will receive one dollar off admission. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (over 62) and \$6 for children (5-17). Children 4 and under free. FMI: (920)448-5150 x 118, or go to www.heritagehillgb.org

December 13

Trickster Gallery's Holiday Party
WHEN: Saturday, December 13
TIME: 1:00pm - 5:00 pm
PLACE: Trickster Gallery, 190 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, Illi.

You're invited to Trickster Gallery's Holiday Party. Raffles, ornament making, vendors and potluck, bring your best dish! Get your holiday photo taken. Donations are being accepted at this event for the American Indian Center of Chicago's Annual Holiday Feast and Celebration on December 20. Gifts needed for newborn to age 16.

December 16

Corn Husk Doll Making
WHEN: Tuesday, December 16
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Tsyunhehkwa^ Retail, 3759 West Mason St., Suite 8

Cost is \$5.00 per a class. Limited class size, advanced registration & payment required. Please make payment at Tsyunhehkwa^ Retail 3759 West Mason Suite 8. 920-497-5821.

December 31

Oneida Sobriety Pow-Wow
WHEN: Wednesday, December 31
TIME: 5:00pm feast, 7:00pm grand entry
PLACE: Oneida Nation Turtle School

Please come join us in celebrating the Oneida Sobriety Pow-Wow. Give-away, raffle, hand drum singing. MC - Wayne Silas Jr., Arena director - John Teller.

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.

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



Submitted by Leland Wigg-Ninham
Oneida Judicial System

Hello to everyone! This article is intended to give the citizens of the Oneida Nation an overview of the training that the Oneida Judicial Officers must attend before they are considered to be qualified to hear any cases in the Oneida Judicial System. This will also review the additional training for the Judicial Officers if they are to remain on the judiciary.

The Oneida Judicial System implemented a Comprehensive Training Plan in 1997, and since then the plan has been continually updated to meet the needs of the Judicial System. The purpose of the comprehensive training plan is to provide a sole source document to identify the subject matter, along with guidelines for each Judicial Officers individual training needs. The training plan is divided into seven sections, each containing numbered sections that identify the major topics. The sequence of accomplishing the training described in this plan has been arranged in a step stone fashion to lead each Judicial Officer toward a progressive completion of each level of qualification. These training levels are arranged in order of preferred progression and the level is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the preceding level.

Training Philosophy

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System demands that it's Judicial Officers render fair and just decisions based on the laws and facts of the case. To make such decisions requires knowledge and skill. Most of our elected Judicial Officers do not have a law degree or previous legal training. Therefore, education and training are key components in providing our Judicial Officers with the skill and knowledge needed to fulfill the role of a Judicial Officer.

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System is committed to providing its Judicial Officers with the best possible training allowing them to become proficient Judges and prepare them to serve the Oneida

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membership. However, training and education must be provided within the limitations of available resources. The Oneida Tribe is fortunate enough to have the resources to provide travel and lodging for out-of-state training. Out-of-state training is valuable because it provides access to national experts in different fields. Also it provides a learning opportunity for our judges and staff to observe other judicial systems and how they operate. However, where no sacrifice in quality is required, in-state training is preferred in order to keep costs lower.

In addition to formal training in a classroom setting, the Oneida Tribal Judicial System supports informal training, as stated previously, by observing other court systems. Observation is done in other Tribal courts as well as in Wisconsin state courts. Hearings are observed to educate the Oneida Judicial Officers on subject matters such as traffic, jury trials, juvenile cases and Indian Child Welfare cases; all subject matters that the Oneida Judiciary is working toward bringing a higher level of equal justice to the Oneida citizens.

At all times when in the public eye and representing the Oneida Nation during travel, Oneida Judicial Officers observe the highest standards of conduct. Tribal members have placed their trust in Judicial Officers to exhibit good judgment in the important affairs of people's lives. The public expects Judicial Officers to exhibit good judgment at all times, particularly when they are representing the Oneida Tribe (see Chapter V. Judicial Code of Conduct). All training is for the benefit of the judicial officer, the litigants who appear before the Court and ultimately, the Oneida people. Therefore, it is extremely important that Oneida Judicial Officers conduct themselves with honor, dignity, respect, and with the highest ethical conduct at all times, twenty-four seven.

The seven levels of Judicial Officers duties and responsibilities are categorized in the following order of succession:

1. Newly Elected Judicial Officer
2. Garnishments Judicial Officer
3. Trial Court Judicial

4. Appellate Court Judicial Officer
 5. Trial Court Lead Judicial Officer
 6. Appellate Court Lead Judicial Officer
 7. Peacemaker / Mediator Judicial Officer
- Each of these positions place increased responsibilities that demand additional training, experience, responsibility and accountability on the assigned Judicial Officer. Although the Judicial Officers are not attorneys, they are law trained. There are eleven Tribal Judiciaries in the state of Wisconsin and most of them serve in the capacity as municipal judge's who don't need to be attorneys, but must know the Federal, State, and most importantly, Tribal Law.
- Section I**
- Training Types**
- 1.1** Judicial Training. This training ensures each Judicial Officer has a clear understanding of the principles of law and the procedures that govern processing a case in accordance with established rules. In addition, the Judicial Officer will receive training on the exercise of judgment and discretion in judicial proceedings. This training will enable the Judicial Officer to conduct pre-hearing conferences, perform legal research, conduct deliberations, conduct fair hearings, manage case files, analyze evidence and write opinions and decisions. How to perform these functions while applying fairness, justice and impartiality in the decision making process. It also spells out the ethical responsibilities that come with accepting the duties of a Judicial Officer.
- 1.2** General Training. This training provides an understanding of the overall function of the Judicial Branch of Government. The background of the Oneida Judicial System underlines the important role that the Judiciary plays in maintaining and enhancing Oneida Sovereignty. This training will enable the Judicial Officer to understand the responsibilities of a Lead Judicial Officer. How to conduct

- a trial, maintain order in the court, and other judicial responsibilities.
- 1.3** Administrative Training. Administrative training provides Judicial Officers, Administrators, Clerks and support staff with the expertise to record and account for all Judicial proceedings. Accurate and organized records are an absolute necessity in every Judicial System. From the time a case enters the door until the final decision is written, it is of utmost importance to maintain clear, concise and accurate case files in an organized manner.
- 1.4** Audit Training. This is the training that each Judicial Officer and staff member obtains by auditing/observing Judicial and Administrative functions. Such training includes, attending deliberations and hearings from the initial review stages to the final decision.
- 1.5** Scholarship Training. Scholarships are available through several training agencies, which usually require an application. Various training agencies provide training at no cost to the participant or Oneida Tribe. In addition, some agencies provide partial scholarships that may cover only tuition or transportation.
- 1.6** Credit Legal Education Courses (CLEs). These are conferences or seminars that provide a broad scope of education, such as, U.S. Supreme Court decision that affect Indian Country. They include; Federal Bar, National American Indian Court Judges Association, Indian Law Students Association at UW-Madison Law School, Sovereignty Symposium, Wisconsin State Forum, Wisconsin Tribal Judges Quarterly and other entities.

This article focused on the Background, Purpose, Training Philosophy, and training types of the Oneida Judicial System Training plan. The next article will focus on Section II, Training Cycle and Section III of the Oneida Judicial System Comprehensive Training Plan.

O ROCK

Oneidas for Recreation for Oneida Culture and Kids

Supports the Petition and Petitioners...

Calling for a GTC Meeting to direct the Oneida Business Committee to keep the Oneida Recreation Program as a completely Tribal entity and not under the Boys and Girls Club or any non-Tribal Program.

Contact Number to reach O ROCK is 920-713-1647

Authorized and paid for by Yvonne Metivier, spokesperson for O ROCK

Local

Begay-Foss, Webster selected as Indian Arts and Crafts Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Joyce Begay-Foss (Diné) and Rebecca Webster (Oneida) have been named the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, respectively, of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

The Board carries out the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990; combats counterfeit activity in the Native American arts and crafts market; promotes the economic development of American Indians and Alaska Natives through their creative work; and operates three Indian

museums in the Plains Region.

“I am honored to serve as Indian Arts and Crafts Board Chairperson and look forward to working with Vice Chairperson Webster, the other Commissioners, and the staff,” Begay-Foss said. “We must ensure that the Board continues to advance and protect the vitality and integrity of the American Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts market and producers of true American treasures from Barrow, Alaska, to Miccosukee, Florida.”

“In addition, I would like to invite Native American artists and tribal communities throughout the country to engage in discussions and recommendations about the issues that impact their work and livelihood by contacting the Indian Arts and Crafts Board with their concerns, Begay-Foss noted.”

Chairman Begay-Foss is the Director of Education at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The museum, operated by the New Mexico Department of Cultural

Affairs, preserves and interprets historic and contemporary collections and information about New Mexico’s Native peoples.

An accomplished Navajo weaver for over 25 years, Begay-Foss has won numerous awards at the Santa Fe Indian Market, Eight Northern Pueblos Arts and Crafts Show, and the San Felipe Arts and Crafts Show. She draws on this expertise as a writer, instructor, and lecturer on traditional Native textiles and dying techniques. She has been involved in addressing issues and concerns of intellectual and cultural property rights of the Southwestern Tribes, especially with Diné (Navajo) weavers.

Vice Chairperson Webster serves the Oneida Tribe as a staff attorney, providing legal advice focusing on tribal land issues and government-to-government relations. She is also an accomplished artisan, specializing in unique Iroquois raised beadwork which has won her awards at Oneida art shows.

As an active community member, Webster has dedicated herself to preserving Oneida culture, arts, and crafts by teaching others forms of Oneida craftwork, including traditional corn husk dolls, moccasins, clothing, and silver jewelry. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, her Masters degree in Public Management from the Robert M. LaFollette School of Public Affairs, and her Juris

Doctor degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

“Serving as a Commissioner on the Indian Arts and Crafts Board has provided me with an excellent opportunity to gain a better understanding of the diverse, rich, and complex spectrum of Native American arts and crafts,” Webster said.

“As Vice Chairperson, I look forward to advancing the levels of education, compliance, and enforcement of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act among consumers, Native American artists and artisans, and the arts and crafts industry,” said Webster. “One of my goals is to assist in promoting Woodland Indian art and encouraging Native American artisans from the Woodland Indian tribes through Indian Arts and Crafts Board outreach efforts.”

The three additional members of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board are Elmer Guy (Diné), president of the Navajo Technical College, Crownpoint, New Mexico; Rose Fosdick (Nome Eskimo Community), vice president of Kawerak, Inc.’s Natural Resources Division, Nome, Alaska; and Chuck Harwood, director of the Northwest Regional Office of the Federal Trade Commission, Seattle, Washington.

For more information on the Indian Arts and Crafts Board commissioners, the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, and the activities of the Board, please visit www.iacb.doi.gov, or call 1-888-ART-FAKE (toll free).

From Page 1A/ Center for Self Sufficiency helping needy

Support Programs Manager Barb Metoxen, the federal program Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANIF) can help with rent or utility bills once in a twelve month period.

“We look for a family facing an eviction or some type of crisis that prevented them from being able to pay their rental obligation or their utility bill. We do also refer everyone that gets those services to our budget councilor we work with at UW-Extension,” said Barb.

Other programs include Community Support, Community Services Block Grant, General Assistance Program, and the Oneida Food Pantry. However, because the different programs often have different funding sources, the requirements of who is eligible for what service can be confusing. For example, the Oneida Food Pantry is open to anyone meeting the income guidelines living on the Oneida reservation, but the General Assistance Program is only available to Oneida members living on tribal land. Councilors at the Center for Self Sufficiency work with clients to get the help they need, whether it’s through Oneida or a Brown our Outagamie county program.

“We have weekly case management meetings where we can sit down together and try to expand resources for any individual that may need further help,” said Penn.

Through Motquin’s program, there are childcare services available for people attending counseling session or classes at the center.

“We sometimes do time out to just give parents a break, especially young parents,” said Motquin. “It’s a lot when they suddenly find themselves with two or three children and they’re alone have to deal with everything.”

While programs like TANIF or the Community Block Grant can be used to get over a rough spot, Leverance cautions the most of the programs are meant to help people in a crisis, and cannot be counted on to be an ongoing income source.

“You’d like to help everyone a little bit, but as with any county or state, funding continues to be cut, and the pot is not bottomless,” said Leverance.

The holidays can add extra stress when money’s tight. The center organizes a giving tree every year to help families get items they need. People can take an ornament from the giving tree and purchase the gift requested on the ornament.

“Whatever we all can do as a community to help those people is important, be it the giving tree here or whatever else we have to do to make it a little bit easier on people with children,” said Penn.”

Extra demand at the Oneida Food Pantry has created a need for donations of non-perishable food such as canned and boxed food, and hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, laundry soap, paper products and baby products.

To contact the Center for Self Sufficiency, call 920-490-6800.

You can’t miss with GLIS



Kali photo/Steven J. gandy Oneida GLIS (Geographic land information Systems) Department develops and maintains Oneida’s geographic information. William Duxtater, GIS Specialist, works with Oneida Nation High School students on mapping techniques and software during a presentation at the Oneida Nation High School on Thursday November 20.



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Business Brief

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Oneida Business Committee Forum



Chairman
Rick Hill

Shekólih,
“100 Day Plan” What is this and why is the

Chairman's Corner...

Committee working on this? Since September I have been giving you updates through my articles, on what I and the rest of the BC are working on. Part of that work includes developing and what we are calling the “100 Day Plan.”

Essentially, the “100 Day Plan” has developed into a multi-faceted project that has several moving components, however, the end result will be a work plan the BC can follow throughout the 2008-2011 term. To date, the BC has completed or in the process of completing several components of the “100

Day Plan.” Those components include a review and “assessment” of the organization’s programs and services, a Nation Building workshop with Native Nations Institute, a review and “assessment” of how the BC operates, review of the organization’s Balanced Scorecard finally, work on the Committee’s own balanced scorecard.

From this work, I believe that we will have a product that balances our priorities, and takes into consideration our need to enhance economic development in order to inject new revenues into our

overall financial picture. As we continue to move forward, I will keep you updated about this work plan and I encourage you to review your semi-annual report which will also include more information.

“Get Out the Vote” was a great success. I would like to thank the Legislative Affairs Department staff, the Business Committee, the Business Committee staff and the many other volunteers in our community who dedicated their time to make this event successful. The grassroots effort put forth in our community was out-

standing for this year’s Presidential election. With President-elect Obama taking office next month, we are hopeful that critical policy matters important to Indian Country, like Health Care, Education and Inter-governmental Relations, will be supported and practiced throughout the next four years.

“Happy Holiday Season” As we enter the holiday season in full swing, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday. Please take the time to welcome each other, share your well wishes with those

less fortunate and remember to enjoy the season in safety so that we may all enjoy each other’s company in the upcoming New Year.

I would like to thank you all for taking the time to review the information I have provided. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at either 920-869-4372 or at 920-869-4478.

Yaw^ko,

Richard G. Hill, Chairman

Letters & Opinions...

DOC ignoring our ways

Sagoli,

I have written of this problem before regarding our Traditional Feast. Or should I say ‘denial’ of such a thing to us Native Brothers and Sisters throughout the Wisconsin’s DOC.

It saddens me that in this day and age (21st Century), “Our Ways”, which are ever quickly vanishing, are being denied to us in a place and time that we as a Native People so desperately need to hold on and preserve. “It’s not just feast – It’s our way of life.”

Our biggest obstacle is the DOC’s ignorance to exactly what a Traditional Feast consists of: Other religions are granted their meals, feasts, etc., yet we Natives are pretty much forced to eat whatever is on the institution menu for that day. It would be great if someone from the tribe

(Oneida and others) were to send any and all information as to what food items are involved in the preparation of a Traditional Feast (Ghost Feast), also, information into the history and reasons behind this feast.

If someone would act as an advocate on our behalf to better educate both inmates and administration (DOC) of the Native ways and Traditions to put an end to the ignorance that is abundant in not only this system but throughout this community and society.

We...as a Native People, deserve to practice our ways and traditions so they aren’t forgotten or lost. For some of us inmate/prisoners it’s more important to do so. Some of us feel forgotten and lost. We are in desperate need of the support of our people. Prove to us we aren’t! A-HO!

Yaw^k^

Harold Coo-Coo Peters

2009 ANNUAL General Tribal Council Meeting Notice Monday • January 5, 2009, 6:00PM

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Three Clans Room

Registration begins at 4:00 PM

Please bring Tribal identification and information packet to the meeting.

AGENDA

GTC minutes to be approved

- June 28, 2008 Land Acquisition Minutes
- July 7, 2008 Semi-Annual Minutes
- August 16, 2008 Minutes
- October 11, 2008 Minutes
- November 15, 2008 Minutes

Old Business

- Amendments to the Personnel Policies and Procedures to Comply with the Amended Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy

Accept Annual Report

- Tribal Treasurer’s FY08 annual report
- 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit Report McGladrey & Pullen external auditors
- Presentation by Business Committee & Management

According to the Emergency Stipend Payment Policy approved 12/12/07 by the Oneida Business Committee: Section: 4-2. In order to receive a stipend for attending a GTC meeting, a person shall: (a) be an enrolled Tribal member; (b) be twenty-one (21) years of age or older; (c) except as provided under (1), register no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the published starting time of the meeting by signing an official GTC Registration Form containing the member’s name and enrollment number; and providing a valid Tribal or state issued picture identification. (d) be present for the entire meeting; and (e) provided a picture identification and sign out when the meeting ends. See <http://businesscommittee.oneidanation.org/> or contact the Tribal Secretary Office for a copy of policy.

OBC Forum...

Shekoli,

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage day. We are very honored to have the opportunity to celebrate our heritage with a day to share with family and friends. I would

also like to say “Yaw^ko” to the 1200 members of the General Tribal Council, that attended the November 15th, GTC meeting. It is great to see our people getting together showing support and expressing your concerns about the issues that have been brought forth to the Business Committee and to the Nation. We must all work together in order to keep the positive momentum going throughout our tribe. With the vast amount of issues surrounding our nation, I encourage any tribal member to approach the Business Committee as a whole or on an individual basis if they have any questions or concerns. I have personally taken a stance to make sure we, as the Oneida Business Committee are more interactive with our efforts to reach out and listen to the community.

Education

I will be looking at the Education Resolution of 96’ by GTC directive and consult



Brandon Stevens
Councilman

with community members, Higher Ed., educators, and students with regards to issues raised at the August 16th GTC meeting. We are in the process of creating a team to discuss recommendation to bring before the GTC.

Oneida Higher Education Youth College Fair

I had the honor to speak in front of college hopefuls to encourage students to pursue higher education by sharing my experiences through school. A total of 11 local high schools participated in the fair as well as Menominee Tribal High and Spotted Eagle High. A total of 151 students attended the fair, and it is estimated that 95% of them were Native American high school students. 35 colleges, the Oneida Higher Education department, the Oneida Community Education Center, and 3 branches of the Military were present to give them important information about potential higher educational opportunities. This event was an exceptional demonstration of how Oneida actively participates in the advancement of our youth. Congratulations to the Higher Education Department for the success-

ful outreach.

Youth Interaction

Our children are subject to much more these days with the advancement and the access to technology. They are a lot more aware of their surroundings and have many resources to communicate and to use as outlets. As a Community... as an Oneida Community we must continue our efforts to meet our children needs. They deserve all of our time and attention; they are the leaders of our Nation and need our guidance and support. I am currently gathering information with the intent to create a baseline of need to establish a Mentorship Program in Oneida. Any input or assistance would be much appreciated.

Gas Tax Exemption

The Oneida Business Committee discussed this proposed legislation from Councilman Delgado. I agree that gasoline prices were sky-high over the summer and fall and that it affected many Tribal members. However, the proposed resolution did not address administrative processes for documentation of different exemption processes, nor the effect on the budget. The Committee members that voted against this action supported the intent of this resolution but questioned the process in which it was brought forward. The resolution was forwarded to the Legislative Operating

Committee to address the procedural issues and the financial impact. The L.O.C. is giving Retail a short implementation time to submit proposed SOPs for our review, and to develop other processes so that we do not lose the reimbursement we already receive for members living on the Reservation. Our goal is to keep the process simple, and hopefully as transparent as possible.

I also believe that we should look into this from the perspective of all Tribe's within Wisconsin. We have an opportunity to negotiate a tax agreement with the State under Governor Doyle's administration. It is my hope that this tax agreement will broaden the application of the tax exemption and solidify our government-to-government relationship with the State. We have begun this negotiation process, and although it will take time, it is my hope that we can conclude this agreement within the next year. The end result of the negotiations hopes to be a tax exemption for all 11 Tribes across Wisconsin. The tax exemption would allow tribal members from any tribe in Wisconsin to benefit from the exemption on any reservation in Wisconsin.

Please call with any questions or concerns 920-869-4378

Yaw^ko

Guest editorial...



12-TIME WORLD CHAMPIONS SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS I, II, XXXI

Dear Veterans,

Thank you for making our halftime ceremony during the Packers/Bears game one to remember! I have heard numerous comments that this was one of the best halftimes we have done. It really is a pleasure working with Oneida Nation, everyone is so accommodating and willing to do whatever it takes to make the show happen to the best of their abilities.

Lambeau Field is home to many champions, and I would put your team right up there with them. Thank you once again for being a part of something that was almost magical!

I look forward to working together in years to come!

Sincerely,

Kandi Goltz
Kandi Goltz

Marketing Entertainment Coord.



November 25, 2008

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State

Land Claims Commission Corner

The Oneida Nation in 1866



By Judith L. Jourdan
OLCC Records Technician

I came across a very interesting document the other day while plundering through the mountains of papers yet to be filed and thought I would share it with all of you. The first part of article was titled, "The Oneida Nation in 1866", the second part was the Constitution of the Oneida Nations in Wisconsin. The first part of the article was signed only with the initials D. R. W. and at the bottom of the last page this was written:

According to this document, in the year 1866, there was a small group of Green Bay and Fox River businessmen who were intent on either moving our Oneida community some distance to the west, or if that couldn't be done, then to reduce our reservation to one-fifth its size. The freed up land would then be open to speculators. Morgan L. Martin, the Indian agent to the Oneida people who was appointed by the U. S. Government was the main proponent of this plan. Mr. Martin apparently was unaware of the tenacity of the Oneida people. His strategy was to instigate an intensive propaganda campaign against the Oneidas with the intent of swaying the minds of the United States senators and Congressmen while at the same time convincing the local Wisconsin businessmen that the Oneida people were lazy, shiftless and uncivilized and lacked the ambition to develop their own social structure. They were touted as being "thriftless, reckless and beastly people ... they are, every five of them, the useless

consumers of the subsistence that would sustain a thousand white me ... the Oneidas are a nuisance and an obstacle to the progress of Green Bay..." (from a June 6, 1866 Green Bay Gazette interview). Of course, he forgot to mention that the fledgling town of Green Bay was in no better state at that time or that all of the newly gained resources would go to fatten Martin's land base and that of his business crony speculators with no mention of uplifting the economic advancement of the poor whites of Green Bay. A further illustration of his disdain for the Oneida people came from Morgan's 1866 annual report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, "the Oneidas are not prepared for so advanced a position towards assuming the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, nor is any tribe so long as they retain their mother tongue and use it exclusively in their daily intercourse with each other."

What Morgan had not counted on was Chief Cornelius Hill. Chief Hill was born on this reservation and raised in a tent during his early years, steeped in tribal wisdom and Oneida culture and educated at the Episcopal mission at Nashotah. He met Morgan's attacks with determination. Chief Hill once wrote, "The Oneida have a valuable tract of land that the businessmen want, but they shall not have it for we intend to remain here forever." In a July 16, 1868 letter to the American Churchmen, he later stated that the Oneida "eat, work, live, and worship in a civilized manner. They have schools for their children. There is not a jail, a grogshop, or a house of ill-

fame amongst my people."

As a result of Morgan's plan and to gain a fuller participation in the greater common good of the citizens of Green Bay, the leaders of Oneida drew up "the Oneida Constitution and By Laws of 1866." With their newly established political and legal structure, the Oneida people were able to defend their reservation from virtual destruction. In one of Chief Hill's letters, he was quoted as saying the following:

"Our progress may be slow, and with the adverse circumstances surrounding us it cannot well be otherwise; but progress is our motto, and those who labor to deprive us of this small spot of God's footstool will labor in vain."

The Constitution and By-Laws of 1866 clearly defined the rules and regulations governing the Oneida Nation creating a political and legal structure equal to any municipality. Even though there was no indication that this document was ever ratified by the Oneida people it clearly illustrates our ancestor's ability to maintain a continuous government even during a time of great turmoil.

Sources for part one of the document: Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Annual Reports, 1861-1894; letters from the Green Bay Indian Agency, 1864-1870; Morgan L. Martin Manuscripts and miscellaneous clippings in the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison. (A later notation indicated that the article was written by David N. Tousey, a Stockbridge Indian from Bowler, Wisconsin and edited by David R. Wrone of the History Department at the University of Wisconsin-

Stevens Point.

Sources for part of the document: U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. "Letters received Breen Bay Agency, 1824-1880.: Micro-copy no. M-234, Roll no. 325. 1865-1867.)

The final page of the document had this notation:

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Doyle says federal bailout only part of solution

By Scott Bauer

Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A federal bailout will help Wisconsin and other states facing deep budget deficits, but "it's not going to be the answer," Gov. Jim Doyle said Tuesday.

Even with federal help, Wisconsin will face very deep and painful budget cuts, said Doyle, who met with President-elect Barack Obama in Philadelphia, along with other governors.

Wisconsin's budget is projected to be about \$5.4 billion in the red by mid-2011.

It's not alone.

Doyle said 45 states at the meeting with Obama were in a similar situation.

Obama pledged quick work on an economic recovery plan that will include tax cuts and more federal spending.

But a federal bailout alone won't be enough to rescue Wisconsin, Doyle said.

"There isn't enough federal money in the world to take care of the kind of deficits states are facing," he said. "We're going to have to make very, very deep cuts in state government, and they are going to be very painful."

A federal stimulus package should focus on such items as transportation, buildings, health care, unemployment compensation and the education system from kindergarten through college, Doyle said.

Obama did not talk in specifics about how much

money may be in any stimulus package or how much Wisconsin would receive, he said.

To deal with the looming budget shortfall, Doyle has already announced 3,500 state jobs will be left vacant, bonuses for state workers will be eliminated, 500 state cars will be sold, \$30 million in grants will be cut, and state agency budgets will be slashed.

Proposed tax increases on hospitals and oil companies, which Doyle supported but were rejected by the Legislature, also will be revived as part of a budget-balancing plan. A variety of other targeted tax increases are being considered, although Doyle has said he wants to avoid general sales or income tax hikes.

Doyle has repeatedly said the state will need federal help to dig out of its current hole.

His plan for the next two-year budget, which starts in July, will be delivered in February. He's already told state agencies to plan for cuts of more than 10 percent.

Doyle also said he met briefly in private with Obama. Doyle said he thanked Obama for running an "incredible campaign" in Wisconsin and told him he appreciated what happened in the state.

Obama won Wisconsin by 14 points.

DNR: Wisconsin deer kill down 20 percent

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) ~ Hunters killed 276,985 white-tail deer during Wisconsin's nine-day gun season, down 20 percent from a year ago based on preliminary counts, the state Department of Natural Resources reported Tuesday.

"The down numbers may mean the population is moving toward goal. That is a good thing, and that hunting is having a positive effect on deer herd management," DNR deer expert Keith Warnke said. "If this is true, as populations get toward goals, lower harvests like this will become the norm."

The season ended Sunday. According to the DNR,

hunters registered 178,145 antlerless deer - down 19 percent from a year ago - and 98,840 bucks - down 21 percent.

Killing antlerless deer is key to checking the growth of the overpopulated herd because it means the number of does is being reduced.

Of the five regions in the state, only one - south central - killed more deer than a year ago, the DNR said. The number was up 3 percent.

The DNR estimated up to 1.7 million whitetail deer roamed the fields and woods this fall - some 100,000 fewer than a year ago.

Silver carp found in Mississippi at La Crosse

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) ~ The silver carp, one of the notorious leaping fish brought to the U.S. from China, has been found in the Mississippi River near La Crosse in its first known appearance in Wisconsin or Minnesota waters.

La Crosse fisheries supervisor Ron Benjamin with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources said the 24-inch fish was among five Asian carp caught by a commercial fisherman in backwaters of La Crosse last week.

In the same net were two grass carp and a bighead carp, as well as an unidentified carp that got away. The fish were

discovered at a market in Pepin and reported to the Minnesota DNR.

The grass and bighead carp had been found in the area before, but the silver carp hadn't been found farther upstream than Clinton, Iowa.

Benjamin said the development is cause for concern.

Silver carp can grow to 60 pounds or more, and they become a hazard when they leap in front of boats.

Their habit of filter feeding the plankton on which native mussels and fish rely and their prolific reproduction make them a threat to the river's ecosystem.

Annual Youth College Fair well attended

Oneida Higher Education staff grateful for assistance

The Oneida Higher Education (OHE) department would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all those that came out and supported our recent Youth College Fair which took place Friday, November 21, 2008 at the

Radisson Inn Conference Center in Green Bay, WI. 151 area students from 11 local high schools attended as well as Menominee Tribal High and Spotted Eagle Milwaukee. An estimated 95% of them were Native American! 35 higher educational institutions were there to inform students of various educational opportunities. Additionally, The Oneida Higher Education Department,

Community Education Center, and 3 branches of armed services were there to educate students on some the potential resources available to assist them in accomplishing their educational goals. The fair was a success and we could not have accomplished it without the help of various people and departments.

OHE would like to especially thank Jeff Prevost and the Oneida Bingo & Casino Shuttle Department and South

East Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) for donating their services to transport many students to and from the College Fair. Additionally, thank you to the Oneida Nation School System who sponsored the bus for the Oneida High School students who attended. We would also like to thank the Youth Education Services (YES) program staff and advocates, as well as the other high school advisors, who played a big role in getting students to the Fair. Thank you to Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens and Pete King III who donated their time to give short presentations, as well as to our other volunteers who all encouraged the students to pursue higher education with their presence; Janeé Doxtator, Kathy Koehne, Cory Ninham, John Powless III, Leah Stroobants, Becky Webster, Steve Webster, and Sid White. Our gratitude also goes out to the Oneida Community Education Center for allowing us to hold our Volunteer Informational Session there, the Kaliwisaks for advertising and reporting on the fair, and to the Oneida Language House for donating raffle prizes. Furthermore, we would like to thank Lauren Kisner and the Radisson Inn staff, Oneida Printing, and Tsyunhékw^ for their fine work. Finally, we offer a big thank you to all the colleges and universities that attended. Thank you everyone!

Oneida Higher Education Department



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Above, Brandon Stevens, OBC member addresses students from West, Pulaski and East High School during the Youth College Fair. At left, (l to r) Jasmin Webster, a sophomore in Oneida; Heaver Klemens and Jourdan Carpenter, both seniors at Menominee, speak with Traci Haynes at the UW-Oshkosh booth.

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What’s News in Indian Country

Senecas lay off 210 at western NY casinos

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) ~ Declining revenues have led to 210 layoffs at the Seneca Indian Nation's three western New York casinos. The Seneca Gaming Corporation says it is also freezing the salaries of employees making \$70,000 a year or more, suspending year-end bonuses and cutting senior managers’ pay by 5 to 15 percent. Chairman Barry Snyder Sr. said Tuesday that net revenues have decreased over the past several months and tough decisions were necessary to ensure the strength of the company. The Senecas operate casinos in Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Salamanca. The layoffs are being made at all three locations, as well as two attached hotels and entertainment venues. Seneca Gaming says affected workers will be offered severance depending on seniority and position.

1975 slaying defendant wants separate trial

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) _ One of two men charged with the 1975 slaying of a woman on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation wants to be tried separately from the other defendant. John Graham and Richard Marshall have pleaded not guilty to charges they committed or aided and abetted the first-degree murder of Annie Mae Aquash (AH'-kwash). They are scheduled to stand trial in Rapid City starting Feb. 24, which is 33 years after her body was found in the Badlands near Wanblee. According to a court document, prosecutors were told to show the judge which of Graham's statements they plan to use as evidence before the judge decides whether to grant Graham's request for a separate trial. Arlo Looking Cloud was convicted in 2004 for his role in Aquash's murder.

Rochester museum displays 12,000-year-old items

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) _ A new exhibit in Rochester features 12,000-year-old artifacts that were found in a southeastern Minnesota farm field. The artifacts include 65 pieces of silicified sandstone used by native Americans. That includes a well-formed blade and 22 tool blanks from which sharp-edged stone flakes have been chipped off. The artifacts were found 70 years ago in Eyota and were later donated to the Olmsted County History Center. Karl Wolff, the center's curator, says the artifacts cache is one of about only 20 of its size in the country. Experts think the artifacts were brought from central Wisconsin to Minnesota by the Paleo-Indians who were migrating. The exhibit also includes two tusks from a woolly mammoth that were found in the 1970s in Stewartville.

Porcupine woman charged with stabbing man in chest

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) _ Federal grand jurors in Rapid City have indicted a Porcupine woman, accusing her of stabbing a man in the chest with a knife. Forty-two-year-old Sherry Wounded Foot is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon for the Sept. 20 stabbing of Benjamin Hernandez in Porcupine in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. She pleaded not guilty. If convicted, the maximum penalty against Wounded Foot is 10 years in prison. She was taken into custody.

Native Hawaiians protest land appeal

By Mark Niesse
Associated Press Writer
HONOLULU (AP) ~ Hundreds of Native Hawaiians protested Monday against the state selling out lands they believe should be their inheritance. The red-shirted Hawaiians blew conch shells, waved signs and cheered at the Hawaii Capitol to rally against the state of Hawaii's appeal of a court ruling that bars the government from tampering with former Hawaiian monarchy lands. “You cannot sell our lands,” said Hawaiian activist Vicky Holt Takamine at the demonstration. “We are not going to allow them to take our ceded lands for their own selfish purposes.” The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal of a unanimous decision by the Hawaii Supreme Court last January that the state can't sell or exchange land once owned by the Hawaiian kingdom until the claims of Native Hawaiians are resolved. These 1.2 million acres

make up nearly one-third of the state and comprise almost all state-owned lands, including public schools, airports and affordable housing. Gov. Linda Lingle said Monday she will not drop the case despite the demands of the Hawaiians. “Anyone who characterizes our taking this case to the Supreme Court as somehow being against Hawaiian rights is simply misrepresenting the situation,” Lingle said. “These lands were clearly for the benefit of all the people of the state, including the Native Hawaiian community.” Native Hawaiians worry that the case could have unintended consequences if the U.S. Supreme Court decides to use it to end preferential government programs for Hawaiians such as low-cost homes and low-interest loans. It also could derail pending federal legislation that would give Hawaiians autonomy rights similar to those provided American Indians, and perhaps hand over some of these lands to them.

Western New York tribe navigating obstacles

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press Writer

CATTARAUGUS INDIAN RESERVATION, N.Y. (AP) ~ Newly elected Seneca Indian President Barry E. Snyder Sr. said he put a lot of thought into whether to pursue a fourth term as leader of the western New York Indian nation. Who can blame him? With the state a signature away from collecting tax from tribal cigarette sales and a mega casino project mothballed because of economic and legal challenges, even by a former warrior nation’s standards there are tough battles ahead. “A lot of our economic heart is at stake here,” Snyder said after being sworn in this month. For more than 200 years, the Senecas were a little noticed band in the rural reaches of western New York, eventually building a modest reservation-based economy on tax-free gasoline and cigarette sales. That changed dramatically in 2001, when the 7,300-member nation voted to go into the casino business. If approving a gambling referendum was a hopeful first step toward economic independence, the years since have been a full-out run. Since 2002, the Senecas have built a \$1.1 billion economy on three popular casinos and two luxury hotels and entertainment venues, broken ground on a topflight golf course to give high-rollers more reason to stay and swelled their payroll to 6,300 people. In the meantime, they have convinced two governors to back off plans to collect taxes at its workhorse smokeshops, underlining a level of respect - or perhaps fear - its leaders have commanded. Lately, though, the troubled U.S. economy has been opening potholes along the Senecas’ business paths, tripping up plans for a \$333 million casino-hotel project in Buffalo, and leading down-and-out New York state to pursue what it sees as a potential \$400 million-a-year revenue stream - the taxation of cigarettes sold by Indian retailers to non-Indian customers. Adding to the uncertainty is a federal legal challenge to

the Senecas’ existing temporary casino in Buffalo by a well-organized coalition of gambling opponents. The Senecas are on the offensive. Only now, Snyder said, “instead of using weapons for battle, the Seneca warriors of the 21st Century rely on intelligence.” In September, the nation made public a poll it commissioned from Zogby International, which it said concluded that most western New York residents believe Seneca businesses improve the region’s quality of life. Most also think attempts by the state to impose taxes on Indian retailers would break historic treaties between Indian nations and the U.S. government guaranteeing the nation's sovereignty, the poll showed. The poll has been followed by two multi-city print and broadcast advertising campaigns meant to convince Gov. David Paterson to veto the cigarette tax legislation, which would prohibit manufacturers from selling tobacco products without a state tax stamp to any wholesaler who doesn’t certify the cigarettes won’t be sold tax-free. The Senecas say the state’s earlier restrictions on credit card sales and shipping have already cut deeply into cigarette sales. In 2007, nation businesses sold 17.3 million cartons, down from 27.5 million cartons in 2005, according to Seneca figures. But the New York Association of Convenience Stores says allowing any tax-free sales to continue puts the association's taxpaying members at an unfair disadvantage as they compete with lower-priced Seneca smokeshops. “I think most fair-minded citizens would agree that if you contribute \$1 billion a year to New York’s economy, but stand in the way of the state collecting \$1 billion a year in legitimate tax revenue it desperately needs, then

your net economic impact on New York state is zero,” NYACS president James Calvin said. Past attempts to collect taxes on reservation sales have been met with violent protests, including tire fires that shut down a portion of the New York State Thruway in 1997 - something no governor is eager to see again. Paterson spokesmen have said the governor will review the bill and solicit input before making any decisions. “He’s got a tough job,” Snyder, 68, said of Paterson, who has estimated the state is \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion shy of balancing its budget this year. The Senecas have had their own cash flow troubles. In August, the nation cited “challenging economic and capital market conditions” before halting construction of the permanent Buffalo Creek Casino, leaving a skeletal steel frame where it had promised one of the largest private projects ever undertaken in the economically struggling upstate city. Work also was suspended at the nation's existing casino and hotel in Salamanca, where a \$130 million expansion was under way. “You tell me when the economy is going to change around and I’ll tell you when we’re going to start building again,” Snyder said recently. “I don’t think anybody can tell us that.” In the meantime, a lawsuit by Citizens Against Casino Gambling in Erie County seeking to shut down a temporary Buffalo casino, which is operating pending completion of the larger one, continues in federal court. In July, Judge William Skretny ruled casino gambling illegal on the site - leading opponents to ask him to go a step further and shut the temporary facility down. “Four months is more than enough time to obey a court

order,” said Cornelius Murray, an Albany attorney representing the group. Snyder said the lawsuit has so far not gotten in the way of the larger casino plans, which are supported by Buffalo's mayor and county leaders, but he said the nation will begin taking a more active role in fighting it. The nation, which because of its sovereign status is not a plaintiff in the suit, was recently given permission to file supporting papers and take part in a future hearing in the case. Snyder foresees New York state eventually legalizing gambling and building its own casinos, making finishing the Buffalo project all the more important. As he lays out other plans for the future - diversifying businesses, creating five-year strategic plans, streamlining tribal operations - Snyder sounds as much CEO as tribal president. But there is more at stake than a company's bottom line, both for individual Seneca members and the nation as a whole. “I hope that the new administration will continue to fight to preserve our race, our territory, our language and our culture,” summed up outgoing President Maurice John. Snyder acknowledges that even as the nation runs luxury hotels, there are some Senecas without running water or sewers. Others are in need of drug and alcohol counseling and children would benefit from after-school programs and summer camps, he said. But first, there is the tribe’s economy. “If you’re not financially sovereign, you really don’t have a good reason to be sovereign,” he said. “I think we’ll get there. It might take a little longer than I thought it would, but if we don’t start, we’ll never know where the end’s going to be.”

number is increasing,” Remington said. “People without health insurance have more diseases. Cancers are detected later, and people have an increased chance of dying. It is certainly not acceptable to have that many people uninsured.” Jefferson and Langlade counties had the fewest people lacking health insurance - 2.8 percent and 3.2 percent - while Sawyer and Clark counties had the most - 22.8 percent and 21.5 percent, according to the research. “Those are big differences. They are not occurring by chance alone,” Remington said. For example, Sawyer County may have more seasonal employers not providing health insurance to workers, while a larger manufacturing base in Jefferson County, near Milwaukee, does, the researcher said. Sawyer County includes the reservation for the Lac Courte Oreilles band of Lake Superior Chippewa in northwest Wisconsin, and Clark County is a farming area just east of Eau Claire in western Wisconsin. The study also found wealthier counties tended to be healthier, which was no surprise, Remington said. People with education and money are more likely to have healthy behaviors, good health care and better overall health, he said.

Study: Ozaukee is Wis.' healthiest county

By Robert Imrie
Associated Press Writer
WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) ~ Southeast Wisconsin is home to some of the state's healthiest - and least healthy - people, according to a University of Wisconsin-Madison study released Thursday. It showed that Milwaukee is one of the unhealthiest places to live in Wisconsin, while suburban Ozaukee and Waukesha counties are among the healthiest. The study calls “attention to the fact we have health discrepancies in Wisconsin,” said Pat Remington, director of UW Population Health Institute. “It is a challenge for the entire state to think about what we might call the unequal distribution of health across the state and what approaches the entire state might do to provide resources and support for communities who need it the most.” A healthy county is one where people live to be 75 and older, their health is generally good and their quality of life is high, Remington said in a telephone interview from Madison. The sixth annual study ranked Wisconsin's counties based on 30 factors including mortality rates, surveys of people about how they felt, the availability of health care, whether people smoked or were obese, binge drinking, level of education, exercise and living in housing with an

increased lead risk. Along with Ozaukee and Waukesha counties, Dane County, home to Madison and state government, ranked as the healthiest. Menominee County, home of the Menominee Tribe in northeast Wisconsin, was once again the least healthiest, followed by the city of Milwaukee and Marquette County in central Wisconsin. Lisa Waukau, chairwoman of the Menominee Indian Tribe, said being last on the list again was disappointing but not unexpected. Menominee County has many people without health insurance, “a lot of risky behavior,” such as smoking, and a high incidence of diabetes because of genetics and poor diet, Waukau said. “We are not a wealthy tribe. We are a poor tribe,” she said. “Poor people don't have the luxury of having that diet that middle class people do. We just don't have the dollars that we can pour into prevention programs.” Waukau said the tribe's No. 1 need is universal health care. “I would like the insurance for my people that Congress has, so we wouldn’t have to go begging when it comes to health care,” she said. The study found 7.5 percent of the state's population under age 65 did not have health insurance. “The general sense is the



In the News with...

~ Loretta Metoxen

During the winter of 1777 George Washington and his troops made their winter camp twenty five miles west of Philadelphia at Valley Forge. The Continental Army faced some of its worst conditions during winter and the Oneida came to aid their American allies. Yet, over the years, that kindness has all but vanished from mainstream American History.

The campaign season of 1777 came to a close as the winter months approached. The war was not going well for the Americans. The British had captured Philadelphia in September, the first Capital to the Rebels and home to the Continental Congress. After the Congress escaped, Washington and his troops made their winter camp at Valley Forge. The site was a strategic location from which the army would be able to monitor the British.

Conditions worsened for the already weary army when a harsh winter set in and it became harder for the army's supply system to get goods to the soldiers. They were starving and had inadequate supplies and clothing. It was even noted that the soldiers' feet would bleed due to their feet freezing in their boots which served little protection.

Tribal Historian Loretta Metoxen, wrote “Chief Shenandoah (the deer) was an unwavering friend to the Americans. He believed in the cause of the Colonist and warned his white neighbors of British invaders. It was he and his Oneidas who saved Washington’s starving army at Valley Forge by bringing them several hundred bushels of corn.”

Several hundreds of bushels would convert into 70 lbs per bushel and the route was no easy one. The Oneidas traveled over 400 miles from Fort Stanwix to Valley Forge. Even with this amount of corn it wasn't enough to adequately feed all the troops but was considered a great deed by the Oneidas.

"The soldiers were so ravenously hungry that they had to be held back from eating uncooked dried corn which would have bloated their bellies." Says Loretta.

An Oneida woman named Polly Cooper had stayed with the troops and showed them how to cook the corn. There are two different accounts of how she was recognized. In one story, Washington had offered her money but she refused. Martha Washington had bought her a shawl, bonnet and hat from Philadelphia. What we do know is that Martha gave Polly one of her shawls.



Photo courtesy of Cultural Heritage Department

N.E. States.

Oncidas travel 400 miles to deliver corn to Valley

J. Whidley.

Present day use of Oneida Corn

Carol Elm measures out corn bread portions for tsyunhehkwa during the seasonal Thanksgiving rush. A total of 608 loaves of the Corn Bread came out of the cannery this season.



Hundreds of loaves of bread were stored in the cannery while they awaited pick-up. The cannery serviced 155 families during Thanksgiving. The cannery is currently taking Christmas orders with the last day to order being December 19.

Corn Soup Recipe

Place about 4 quarts of clean corn in a large enamel kettle (aluminum or stainless steel will blacken). Add enough water to cover the corn and heat to boiling. When water boils, add 1/2 cup sifted hardwood ashes or 4 tablespoons of baking soda.

Boil approximately one hour, stirring occasionally. The corn will turn a bright orange color. Drain the corn and wash immediately with cold water, rubbing to loosen the hulls.

Cook the corn again with fresh water four times until the corn is tender and swells up about 3 times its' original size (approximately 5-6 hours total time).

While the corn is cooking, prepare about two pounds of kidney beans by sorting and soaking. Cut up about 3-4 pounds of pork (salt pork, side pork, pork hocks, or pork roast) into small bite size pieces. Cook the meat with the beans.

After corn is cooked, add the beans and meat and simmer for about one hour to mix the flavors together.



South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

SEOTS Office Hours:
Mon.-Fri.: 8-4:30PM, **CLOSED NOON TO 1:00PM**
Call for available weekend hours, **(414) 329-4101**

- ## Activities Calendar for the month of January 2009
- 1 **Thursday:**
CLOSED New Year's Day!
- 2 **Friday:** Last day to call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM
- 5 **Monday:**
Oneida Singers – 6:30PM, BIRD ROOM
- 6 **Tuesday:** No Activities Scheduled
- 7 **Wednesday:**
We Indians Reading Program – ‘Skeleton Man’, 4:00PM – 6:00PM, BIRD ROOM
- 8 **Thursday:**
Craft Class, Raised Beadwork – Coin Purse – 6:00PM Cost: \$15, WOLF ROOM
- 9 **Friday:**
Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM
- 10 **Saturday:**
Language, 10:00AM, BIRD ROOM
- 12 **Monday:**
Oneida Singers – 6:30PM, BIRD ROOM
- 13 **Tuesday:**
Board Meeting – 6:00PM, BIRD ROOM
- 14 **Wednesday:**
We Indians Reading Program – “Skeleton Man”, 4:00PM-6:00PM, BIRD RM.
- 15 **Thursday:**
Craft Class, Raised Beadwork – Coin Purse – 6:00PM Cost: \$15, WOLF ROOM / Cultural Heritage – Mid-Winter Ceremonies, 6:00PM, TURTLE ROOM / Book Club – “Basic Call to Consciousness”, John Mohawk/Chief Oren Lyons, 6:00PM, BIRD ROOM
- 16 **Friday:**
Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM
- 17 **Saturday:**
GTC MEETING – Oneida, Van leaves at 7:00AM Reserve your spot, Call 414.329.4101
- 19 **Monday:**
Oneida Singers – 6:30PM, BIRD ROOM
- 20 **Tuesday:** No Activities Scheduled
- 21 **Wednesday:**
We Indians Reading Program – “Skeleton Man”, 4:00PM-6:00PM, BIRD RM.
- 22 **Thursday:**
Craft Class, Raised Beadwork – Coin Purse – 6:00PM Cost: \$15, WOLF ROOM
- 23 **Friday:**
Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM
- 24 **Saturday:**
Language, 10:00AM, BIRD ROOM
- 26 **Monday:**
Oneida Singers – 6:30PM, BIRD ROOM / Pink Shawl Meeting, 5:30PM, POTLUCK – TURTLE ROOM
- 27 **Tuesday:**
Board Meeting – 6:00PM, BIRD ROOM / Oneida Med Pick-up
- 28 **Wednesday:**
MAIRN Meeting (Milwaukee Area Indian Resource Network) 12:00PM – 2:00PM, Speaker: Pete Stevens from Max & Sass, POTLUCK, BIRD ROOM / We Indians Reading Program – “Skeleton Man”, 4:00PM-6:00PM, BIRD ROOM
- 29 **Thursday:**
Craft Class, Raised Beadwork – Coin Purse – 6:00PM Cost: \$15, WOLF ROOM
- 30 **Friday:**
Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you!
Check your Kalihwisaks for SEOTS News once a month or go to www.oneidanation.org click on SEOTS for a listing of events. The office is located at:
6820 W. Wedgewood Drive • Ph: (414) 329-4101
(1 Block South of Morgan Avenue)

SEOTS Mission...
Our mission is to provide for the well-being of On-yote-a-ka in southeastern Wisconsin; Preserving Our Culture and Environment for the next Seven Generations.

Education for a Lifetime

By Mark W. Powless
SEOTS

Cardinal Stritch University is an Independent Franciscan Catholic university located in Metropolitan Milwaukee. The school promotes the development of men and women who possess moral and aesthetic values, and who are able to take their places as responsible persons serving the local and global communities. Student diversity is an

important component to the campus and it continues to grow.

With this growth, more relationships are developing between the university and the community. Most recently, Cardinal Stritch University and the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Center have joined together to discuss ways to assist the Native American Community with education needs. There are

many Native Americans who may be working full-time, have children and perhaps a very busy schedule. However, Stritch wants these individuals to know that there are programs that accommodate the lifestyle of the busy adult in search of options to complete a degree.

Cardinal Stritch University and the College of Business & Management has made a major commitment to the needs of adult students who are holding down jobs and are coming back to school as a way of strengthening their careers. Educating adults has been a major emphasis at Cardinal Stritch since the early 1980's. All classes are offered in an accelerated format in the College of Business & Management, which includes five to eight week long course. Classes are held one night per week and are offered at various location sites in Wisconsin including: Milwaukee, Brookfield, Kenosha, Madison, Green Bay & Appleton & Wausau. In addition, classes are also offered

in our Minnesota sites including: Rochester, Plymouth, Blaine & Edina. Classes start year-round and class sizes are small to keep the classroom experience most effective. Programs includes: Associates, Bachelor's & Master's Degree Programs in Business & Management. There are also certificate programs available including: Human Resource Management, Sales & Sales Management & Project Management. Select programs are also available online.

In an effort share more program specifics about the College of Business & Management Programs, Cardinal Stritch University will be holding an information meeting at Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services on Friday, January 30, 2009 from 6-8pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mark Powless, SEOTS Director at (414) 329-4104.

Rides Provided to Cultural Heritage Class

Thursday • January 15th, 2009

6:00PM

Presented by...

Randy Cornelius

TOPIC:

✓ **Mid-Winter Ceremony**

If you need a ride call

414-329-4101



Amvets step up to help needy

Kali photo/Nate Wisneski
Jim Martin (left), Commander, and Jerry Cornelius (right), Treasurer of the Oneida Amvets Post #54 load turkeys ready to be giving to needy families in the Oneida area. The Amvets gave away 104 turkeys and wanted to thank Sandy Skenandore for delivering 18 turkeys to Social Services clients.

New Procedure for dispensing Medication at SEOTS



Due to limited parking at the rear entrance of the SEOTS building, effective September 11, 2008, individuals coming to SEOTS for prescription pick-up must use the FRONT entrance located at 6811 W. Morgan Avenue for **THURSDAY PICKUP ONLY**. All other business will be conducted at the main office. Any questions please call **1 (414) 329-4101**.

PRESCRIPTION REFILLS:
Please be advised that the Oneida Pharmacy will no longer be able to fill last minute prescriptions. This means ALL prescription orders MUST be phoned into the Oneida Pharmacy and then to SEOTS per tribal policies. You MUST call in your Prescription order **NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM** on **FRIDAY** in order to receive your medication by the following Wednesday.

For your Information...

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

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

Information around the city
211 Impact – Simply call 211 for help with life/food/shelter/health/crisis intervention, etc.
Pow Wow AA Group – All Welcome, Thursday's - 8:00pm,

1st Baptist Church, 1576 So. 78th

- **Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center:** (414) 383-9526
- Milwaukee Indian Manpower at Spotted Eagle High School (414) 342-0706
- Domestic Violence – Milwaukee Women's Center: (414) 272-5132
- Domestic Violence Task Force Contact Person – Bagwajikwe Madosh (414) 345-8688
- Indian Council for the Elderly Meals on Monday and Friday –11:30am, 631 N. 19th St. at Redeemer Lutheran Church - First Friday of the month at 5pm. Phone # (414) 934-8096
- Indian Community School (414) 525-6100
- American Indian Council on Alcoholism (414) 671-2200.

Learn the Oneida Language...Saturday, January 10th & 24th
10:00AM – 12:00PM, Language Teacher Mark Powless
Come for an interesting evening and learn about our Culture!

Dorgan announces newly-designed \$1 Native American Coin for 2009



One side of the Sacagewea coin depicts an American Indian woman planting seeds in a field of corn, beans and squash, representing the Three Sisters method of planting.

Drawing courtesy U.S. Mint

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) announced that the U.S. Mint will unveil the newly-designed \$1 Native American coin for 2009 today in commemoration of Native American Heritage Day.

Senator Dorgan, Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, sponsored legislation that directs the

Secretary of the Treasury to strike and issue the new \$1 coin to recognize Native Americans for their contributions to the history and development of our Nation. The new coin, slated to be released into circulation in January 2009, will circulate along with the United States Mint's Presidential \$1 Coins.

"This coin is a unique way

to remind the American people of the contributions of Native Americans to this country," said Dorgan. "I am proud to have been able to continue and expand this coin program with a new coin minted every year. It is my hope that it is a source of pride in the Native American community, and reminds all Americans of our commitment to the Native population."

Like the Presidential \$1 Coins, the Native American \$1 Coins will be struck in the distinctive gold-colored alloy. The coin's obverse (heads side) will feature the Golden Dollar's striking image of Sakakawea—the young Shoshone woman who guided Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their his-

toric expedition-by sculptor Glenna Goodacre. Inscriptions include LIBERTY and IN GOD WE TRUST. The year, mint mark and E PLURIBUS UNUM are incused on the coin's edge.

The reverse (tails side) of the Native American \$1 Coin will bear a new design each year. The featured design for 2009, by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Norman E. Nemeth, is based on an agricultural theme, a significant part of Native American culture. This design depicts a Native American woman planting seeds in a field of corn, beans and squash, representing the Three Sisters method of planting. Inscriptions include UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and \$1.

Choosing children's toys next 'Downtown Third Thursdays' topic

Event is free and open to the public

GREEN BAY — Just in time for the holidays, the next "Downtown Third Thursdays" lecture series will feature a discussion on choosing the best toys for toddler development.

The discussion, led by University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Prof. Jennifer Zapf, is set for noon to 12:45 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Baylake Bank City Center, 301 N. Adams St., Suite 110, in downtown Green Bay. The event is free and open to the public.

Advance registration is required. Registration is available online at <http://www.uwgb.edu/downtown/>.

With many toys to choose from when deciding on the perfect gift for a young child, it is easy to get overwhelmed. Whether you are looking for toys that will encourage the creative side in him or toys that will further the athletic abilities in her, there is no shortage of valuable products on the market.

How do you decide which toy will provide the most fun while also providing valuable experiences that will help foster development? Zapf will answer this question and others by briefly reviewing the literature on the developing child (infants to age 12) and reviewing toys that are best suited to enhance young children's social, physical and cognitive development.

Zapf teaches "Psychology of Cognitive Processes" and "Experimental Psychology" at UW-Green Bay. Her research interests include children's language acquisition and cognitive development, children's comprehension and production of the English plural and the role of number concepts in children's language learning.

The Downtown Third Thursdays lecture series is sponsored by the UW-Green Bay Office of the Chancellor, the UW-Green Bay Alumni Association, Downtown Green Bay, Inc., Olde Main Street, Inc., and On Broadway, Inc., in collaboration with UW-Green Bay Outreach and Adult Access.

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For more information call:

**Ron Hill at 920.496.5385 or
Annette Cornelius at 920.496.5384**

Environmental

Oneida sets body piercing and tattoo standards

Submitted by **Stephanie Mineau, R.S.**

Environmental Health & Safety Division

The Tribe just passed a Tattooing & Body Piercing Law in November 2008 to protect the health & safety of the public from unsanitary and unlicensed tattooists & body piercers within Reservation boundaries.

Tattoos are a unique form of self expression for approximately 14% of the adult public according to a Harris Interactive poll. Tattooing places tattoo artists in direct contact with their client's blood and at risk of transmitting potential diseases contained in that blood to themselves or future clients if proper safety measures are not in place. Some common diseases transmitted by blood, also known as blood borne pathogens associated with the tattoo industry include: hepatitis B, C, HIV and staphylococcus skin infections.

Disease Risks

Hepatitis B & C are liver diseases caused by either the hepatitis B or C viruses, both transmitted by contact with an infected person's blood or sharing needles.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Hepatitis B can range in

severity from a mild short term illness to long term chronic illness leading to liver disease or cancer. Hepatitis C most often becomes a chronic condition such as cirrhosis of the liver or cancer.

Skin infections are also a health risk associated with the tattoo/body piercing industry. Staph bacteria, can cause skin infections that may look like a pimple or boil and can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. More serious infections may cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or surgical wound infections. Staph is commonly spread if artists reuse disposable razors, towels, or forget to wash their hands and parlor equipment between clients.

Who is at Risk?

Teens are highly susceptible for utilizing unlicensed tattoo & body piercing artists because the Tattooing & Body Piercing Law throughout Wisconsin and Oneida does not allow anyone under 18 to obtain a tattoo from a licensed tattoo shop. Body piercings may be permitted with parental consent for teens 16-18. Anxious teens may feel tempted to take a short cut, but taking a risk on unsanitary conditions and unsterile equipment could cost teens more than they ever bargained

for.

Tattoo Regulation in Oneida & Beyond?

The state of Wisconsin first adopted a Tattoo & Body Piercing Code in 1996. Local health departments use Registered Sanitarians to inspect and license each facility & artist annually (A Registered Sanitarian is recognized by the National Environmental Health Association as a competent professional in environmental health issues). The Tribe has two Registered Sanitarians with four years of experience inspecting tattoo artists from around the country and the world at Tattoos by Rick International Tattoo Conventions held biannually at the Radisson Conference Center.

Oneida's Law has been modeled after the state code with a few additions. The Oneida Tattooing & Body Piercing Law requires permanent tattoo & body piercers to attend an educational course on blood borne pathogens & infection control prior to obtaining a license. The Environmental Health & Safety Division recommends contacting a licensed artist for all tattooing & body piercing services. Licensed tattoo & body piercing artists are required to take every precau-



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Mineau

Registered Sanitarian Stephanie Mineau of Oneida Environmental Health and Safety inspects paperwork of a vendor at the Tattoos by Rick International Tattoo Convention held at the Radisson Conference Center.

tion to avoid passing germs from one client to the next. Secondly, do your research; there are several excellent websites for curious body art clients. Check them out at:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/BodyArt/>
- Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Think Before You Ink

<http://www.fda.gov/consumer/features/tattoos120607.pdf>

- Alliance of Professional Tattooist, Inc <http://www.safe-tattoos.com/FAQ.html>
- Oneida Environmental Health & Safety <http://www.oneidanation.org>

The LOC is holding a public hearing **December 23, 2008, 11:30 AM** at the Norbert Hill Center, Business Committee Conference Room. If you have comments or questions regarding the permanent adoption of this code, this will be your opportunity to voice them.

Christmas 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: jbettters@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 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th by 6:30PM

Pick up days are... December 23rd, 8-4:30PM

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Call for Agriculture Trainers

Plans are currently being made to host a series of agricultural training workshops during the Spring and Summer months of 2009. At this time, we are looking for community members who are knowledgeable in the areas of:

Organic gardening
Raised Bed gardening
Square Foot gardening
Orchards
Chickens
Home Canning
Food Dehydration
Animal Husbandry (cows,

pigs, goats, sheep, etc)
Raising Berries
Honey Bees
Herbs and Medicines
Soap Making
Maple Syruping

If you have knowledge in any of these areas or others that are agriculturally related and would be interested in conducting a training workshop, please contact:

Susan Daniels, Midwest Field Coordinator
Heifer International
715-758-6095 or 920-562-

2534
susan.daniels@heifer.org

Materials and related costs for these workshops will be provided by Heifer International.

We are also looking for ideas from community members on the types of food they would like to grow or agricultural projects they would like to learn about. From those ideas additional training workshops will be planned.

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.

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!

Breakfast with Santa



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.

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Education

Oneida Nation High School Academic Honors

Quarter One - 2008/2009

Highest honors

Kyle White, grd. 12 - 4.00
Yuntle=Kal McLester, grd. 12 - 3.945
Douglas Reed Jr., grd. 12 - 3.835

High Honors

Louis Guerra, grd. 12 - 3.778
Maria Metoxen grd. 11 - 3.778
Garrett Miller, grd. 12 - 3.723
Cody Grignon, grd. 11, - 3.722
Chelsey Cornelius, grd. 09 - 3.620
Joslin Skenandore, grd. 12 - 3.612
Shalessa Danforth, grd. 11 - 3.612
Maria Guerra, grd. 11 - 3.612
Jaylee Godfrey, grd.

10 - 3.612

Tyler Pamanet, grd. 12 - 3.557
Layni Stevens, grd. 11 - 3.557

Shane Skenandore, grd. 9 - 3.555

Honors

Carissa Metoxen, grd. 12 - 3.445
Edward Santiago, grd. 10 - 3.445
Alexandria Red Hail, grd. 11 - 3.334
Guadalupe Martinez, grd. 09 - 3.239
Paul Gutierrez, grd. 12 - 3.223
Salene La Rock, grd. 10 - 3.222
Anthony Cornelius, grd. 9 - 3.143
Angelina Red Hail, grd. 11 - 3.112
Schuyler Sallaway, grd. 12 - 3.000

Honors list 2008/2009 first quarter

Elementary School

Michaela Welch - 4.00
Sophie Skenandore-Wheelock - 3.951
Joseff Cornelius - 3.853
Cierra Johnson - 3.754
Peter King Jr. - 3.753
Lexandria Metoxen - 3.704
Jermaine Running Bear - 3.704
Thomas Arce - 3.666
Taliah Frederick - 3.655
Jada Sitting Bear - 3.654
Michael Robinson - 3.631
Synala Smith - 3.604
Brittney Hill - 3.581
Jenna Cornelius-Daubon - 3.579
Saquoia Metoxen - 3.556
Kain Hill - 3.544
Sandra Torres-Mejia - 3.531
Aleena Escamea - 3.507
Yohnehtote Danforth - 3.458
Makayla Doxtater - 3.458
Tabbitha Ninham - 3.482
Dakota Doxtater-Hill - 3.407
Sadie Wilber - 3.407
Shienne Red Hail - 3.406
Shantel Wilber - 3.403
Keyana Neal - 3.333
Gavin White - 3.309
Riley Waubano - 3.285

Angeequay Schuyler - 3.284
Mariah Miranda - 3.283
Marissa Danforth - 3.234
Ariel Webster - 3.233
Robert Clary - 3.223
David Doxtater-Hill - 3.210
Zhaida Wilbanks - 3.199
Constance Webster - 3.187
Kiandra Gerald - 3.185
Cameron Hill - 3.161
Yakira Tate - 3.161
William Johnson - 3.161
Iselena Torres-Mejiah
Christian Thomas - 3.159
Ernesto Amezquita - 3.138
Charles Cornelius Jr. - 3.135
Nevada Webster Jr. - 3.135
Destiny Ortiz-Nicholas - 3.110
Brianna Bissonette - 3.069
Louisa Mehojah - 3.050
Mya Ackley - 3.036
Jade Cornelius-Daubon - 3.012

Middle School

Cayman Berg-Morales - 3.805
Byran Halona - 3.805
Akacia Muscavitch - 3.784
Noelle Metoxen - 3.686
Aleah Jimenez - 3.573
Briana Doxtator - 3.529

Paige Ninham - 3.509
Cody Cornelius - 3.500
Nicholas Metoxen - 3.500
Tyler Stevens - 3.444
Kaylynn Powless - 3.426
Diego Metoxen - 3.418
Vance Starr - 3.408
Angelica Schuyler - 3.396
Frederick Miller - 3.360
Eveyonna Ortega - 3.355
Julian Webster - 3.352
James Hebb - 3.318
Paul Christjohn - 3.316
Ruby John - 3.289
Aaron Hill - 3.278
Sequoyah Morgan - 3.245
Amanda Williams - 3.236
Jonathan Danforth - 3.222
Corrina Schuyler - 3.204
Daniel Arce - 3.203
Kylene Welch - 3.168
Abalone Paprocki - 3.146
Jesse Stevens - 3.146
Karissa Cornelius-Waupoose - 3.141
Emmitt Bigmedicine - 3.130
Denver Dean - 3.084
Dante Thomas - 3.078
Larissa Lucas - 3.067

Wayne Waubano
Riley Waubano
Lanuhkwat VanDyke-Cornelius
Yanet Torres-Mejiah
Sandra Torres-Mejiah
Iselena Torres-Mejiah
Christian Thomas
Joseph Smith
Jessiana Skenandore
Carlos Smith
Hailey Metoxen
Chayton Mousseau
Jaydee Johnson
Jack Mehojah Jr.
Teken Hill
Florence John
Justin Hill
Justin P. Hill
Angalina Hernandez
Jacqueline Hill
Kiandra Gerald
Mason Hebb
Kamey Counard
Kasey Counard
Ava Belisle
Jayden Butler
Jaya Skenandore

Perfect Attendance

Elementary School
Dylan Waupekenay

Middle School

Diego Metoxen
Mitchel Cornelius
Emmitt Big Medicine

Middle school pinches pennies for puppies



Photo courtesy of Kathy Giese

Tammy, far right, from the Bay Area Human Society brought canines Porter and Saki to thank students for raising nearly \$300 in coins.

By Kathy Giese

Language Arts Teacher

On Oct. 6, 2008 the Oneida Nation Middle School began a Penny Pitch to raise money for the Bay Area Humane Society. They were very excited! Every day students would bring in their spare change and contribute what they could to this fantastic agency which saves countless animals' lives on a daily basis. Their donations grew. We decided to count the money after two weeks. At that point, they had raised about \$185. They were really impressed!

We continued collecting donations until October 30th. In the end, we collected almost \$300. All of the students were thrilled and so proud of themselves for gen-

erating this incredible amount. On November 6, 2008, Tammy from the Bay Area Humane Society came to visit us and to collect our donation. She brought her friends Saki and Porter from the Bay Area Humane Society to thank us all personally. She was very pleased and expressed her extreme gratitude for our generous contribution.

This was a terrific experience for the students. They really enjoyed the process of collecting and counting the money, knowing it was going for such a worthy cause. Ultimately, they learned about the joy of giving and helping others.

Yaw^ko to all the parents, students, and staff for their support!

Oneida Nation School System 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 science-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

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

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Thunderhawk

Iroquois Music Class visits Madison

By Janene Skenandore
ONHS Senior

This year's Iroquois music class, under the direction of Kalana Brooks, has had four performances so far this year. Of course they were all successful.

September 18, we performed at the Oneida Housekeeping Department's Appreciation Dinner in Green Bay.

The second performance was at the Multi-Jurisdictional Conference at the Radisson on November 12. We performed for a culinary arts school. We got to taste the different kinds of food they made, and then we preformed our songs and dances.

The third performance was for the e second place that we went was UW-Madison Native American Group on November 18.

Our last performance was at the Turtle School on November 21. It was a social dance and a pie auction for the Richard John family and



Photo courtesy of Kal'na'ke Brooks

Students: Ericka Behringer Quinn LaRock Amelia Gonzolas Bradley Granquist Yuntle^kala McLester Tyler Pamanet Janene Skenandore Joslin Skenandore Cameron Stevens Kalene Beechtree Chelsey Cornelius Shalessa Danforth Kanani Nunies, Leah PociopaRaquel Gonzolas Hodazah-Maniwinga PigeonLexi SilvaDelia KohelQuianna Webster, Shaina Powless TEACHER: Kal'na>kehtskwas Brooks

brought in \$1030. It was a great experience.

We have been planning another performance coming

up at Seymour High School, but the details are still to be determined.

The class this year has lots

of strong female singers and only four male singers. But even with only four male singers, we sound good.

Oneida Higher Education College Fair held at Rad

By Leah Pociopa
ONHS senior

The Oneida Higher Education Department recently held the Annual Youth College Fair for 2008. It was hosted at the Radisson Inn, on Friday November 21.

About twenty-five ONHS students attended the event.

There were many other high schools that came from all over Wisconsin. A total of forty-one colleges also made their appearance.

The Oneida students who went said they had a good

time. Senior Tyler Pamanet said, "It was alright. It got me thinking about college."

Oneida Business Committee member, Brandon Stevens, was also there and made a speech to the students about the importance of higher education.

A "thank you" goes out to ONHS guidance counselor, Tom Kenote, for bringing us there.

Also, thanks to Oneida's Higher Education Department for hosting the event.

Giant meteor in future

By Jaylee Godfrey
ONHS sophomore

Looking for something to worry about down the road?

According to NASA and other sky watchers, there is an asteroid headed toward earth expected to hit in the year 2029. It can't travel faster than light, especially carrying

around its mass! But it is predicted to pass just below the altitude of geosynchronous satellites

Observers have named it Apophis.

In 2029 it could pass through a gravitational keyhole. But, it is most likely to miss us. There is also a future predicted impact on 2036, and an additional impact date in 2037. The probability for one of these hitting us is one in 12.3 million of it happening, but you never know, it could possibly be that one.

Some people say the world is supposed to end this way, could it be? Or could it be that the world will be flooded by water like I've heard the world is supposed to end?

Guess we'll have to wait and see!

Black Friday a hectic day

By Jaylee Godfrey
ONHS sophomore

Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving where stores put up tons of sales early in the morning. This year, it was Friday, November 28. It's like the official first day to start Christmas shopping. This day is dated back at least to 1924, although the words "Black Friday" have only dated back to the 1960s.

Stores open as early as 4:00 a.m. The idea of getting up early and going get tons of discounts on Christmas goods may sound fun; you should rethink what you call fun. Many people get crazy, literally. They shove and push and grab things out of your hands. Many people like to avoid this day because it is so hectic.

The National Retail

Federation reported that Black Friday this year was an improvement over last year.

More than 172 million shoppers went to stores or online websites over the weekend, up from 147 million last year.

The average shopper spent \$372.57 over the weekend, up from \$347.55 last year.

Total spending was said to be about \$41 billion.

23.3 percent of shoppers were at the stores by 5 a.m. More than half were at the stores by 9 a.m.

However, NRF CEO, Tracy Mullin, said that "Holiday sales are not expected to continue at this brick pace, but it is encouraging that Americans seem excited to go shopping grade."

B-ball Tournament Play

By Tyler Pamanet
ONHS senior

This year's Thunderhawk Boys Basketball Team is off to a good start. Our record is 1-1 so far. We played Pioneer Christian and won, 55-50, on November 24. Then, we lost to Milwaukee North-a Division I school. We are a Division IV school. We lost horribly, so I won't say the score.

Our next game is December 3, against Wisconsin Valley. Our coaches told us last week and this week that this is a guaranteed win for us, which should put our record a 2-1.

Starters are Eddie Santiago, Dylan Wheelock, Tyler Pamanet, Paul Gutierrez, and freshman, Anthony Cornelius.

This weekend, we head into tournament action at Kohler High School. We haven't seen what all teams are going to be there, besides Kohler and, obviously, us Thunderhawks. We are hoping to win the tournament and continue with a good season.

Our Head Coach, Scott Murray, believes in us. Because of this, he pushes us at every practice to perform our best.

Thunderhawk

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Is 'Vitamin' Water really Vitamin Water?

By Maria Guerra
Thunderhawk Times Editor

It turns out there are a lot of vitamins in Vitamin Water, but when you start thinking that it's better for you than any other soft drink, you're wrong.

Vitamin water contains almost all the vitamins that are good for you, but unless you drink it with healthy food and not junk food, it probably

won't do much. Actually, the best this drink does for a normal healthy person is give them more vitamin E, which almost every American lacks. But as I said before, unless you drink the vitamin water with your (healthy) meal, it's not going to do much for you other than giving you some vitamins that you weren't really lacking in the first place.

Also, vitamin water contains 32.5 grams crystalline fructose, which is just a fancy way of saying "sugar."

If you reach the back of the bottle, you will find that there is less than 1% of actual fruit juice in vitamin water.

If you are lacking in vitamins and eat pretty healthy already, Vitamin Water is good for you!

My Scoop

"President" Barack Obama

By Leticia Behringer
ONHS senior

Barack Obama isn't even president yet and he's already ahead of the game. He's working on things early, I think, but he's a prepared man and I think he's excited to be our new president.

He just announced his economic team members—Larry Summers, Timothy Geitner, Christina Romer and Paul Volcker.

He also announced his national security team—Hillary Clinton, Robert Gates and Jim Jones.

I think that it's wrong that certain people still aren't giving him a chance or they are judging him because he's black. I don't think it should be about his race, I think it should be about him making a difference. It's not just white people who can make a difference. Every race can make a difference, because we are all people.

I think Barack Obama will make a good president. He takes office on January 20.

Election Relief

By Maria Guerra
ONHS junior

The 2008 presidential election is over, and I'm sure I'm speaking for almost everyone when I say it didn't come a minute too early.

Even at ONHS, the election stirred thoughts and discussions, to the point where the student council held a mock election on Monday, November 3.

Even though it wasn't a "real" election, it seemed to foreshadow the outcome—Barack Obama won the mock election with Ralph Nader coming in second and John McCain last.

Obama's acceptance speech was something to hear. And, from most of the students I've heard talk about it, it seems they stayed up and watched it too.

I think this is exactly what we needed, something different. It doesn't matter what happens from now on, as long as we get progress and change.

Like Obama said, "We'll have to try a few things before we get it right, and it took take a while, but we'll get there."

Creative Writing class

By Louis Guerra
ONHS Senior

Creative Writing, taught by second-year ONHS language arts teacher Amy Livermore, is a unique class that ONHS offers. If students love writing, this class is a must.

Amy does a great job making the class enjoyable, even for students who weren't into writing before taking the course.

She teaches students about different types of poems, short stories, and more. There's always something creative to work on.

One of our assignments was to write a parody of a classic poem. I did one about a Camaro, parodying "Love in a Life" by Robert Browning. Amy said my work on this project "was terrific!" She also added that most of the things I have written in class are about Camaros. It



Amy Livermore

makes sense, they are my favorite car.

Ask any of Amy's students about the class and they will all have positive things to say about it.

Amy says, "The best thing I love about creati ve writing class is that the students are always trying. They put a lot of effort into what they do. I shouldn't be surprised by their creativity, but this year, I have felt blown away by what they have been producing!"

Alicia Keys helps youth

By Jaylee Godfrey
ONHS sophomore

When she's not recording hit singles and grabbing Grammy awards, she's devoting her time to fighting global AIDS epidemic.

Alicia Keys is a real life celebrity hero. Recently she teamed up with KEEP A CHILD ALIVE. She joined

because she says she thought it was important to give children throughout the world a chance and a voice.

I admire her aspiration in helping children. She is helping make a difference in a world with tons of problems, eliminating one problem at a time!

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owner/operators of those establishments, including temporary
establishments. The proposed amendments would cover tem-
porary establishments and the licensing of practitioners on a
temporary basis.

When: December 23, 2008
Where: Business Committee Conference Room (BCCR)
Time: 11:30AM

Public Hearing Process

I. Testimony:
Oral: There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral presenta-
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Oneida, WI 54155-0365

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*To provide quality service in all personnel operations with integrity,
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Good News

New Arrivals

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

Charlotte Electa Roller

Charlotte Electa Roller was born on Thursday afternoon, November 13, 12:12 pm to Yvette and Mark Roller at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee. She weighed 7 lbs 13 oz. and was 20 inches at birth. Charlotte's proud grandparents are Christine Klimmek, Ellen and Mike Roller. Her maternal great-grandparents are Josefa and Warren Skenadore. Charlotte has two older brothers, Henry, 5 years old and Louis, 2 years old.



Happy 13th Birthday

LaKota Jade
on November 15



Love, Mom, Asa and the entire Hill gang

Happy 16th Birthday

Coleman



From Dad and Mom,
Shakira, Anastasia, Natasha,
Kelly & Vernon

Happy 2nd Birthday

Asa Star

on December 7th



Love, Mom, LaKota, and the entire Hill gang

Happy Birthday

Nogees
December 13

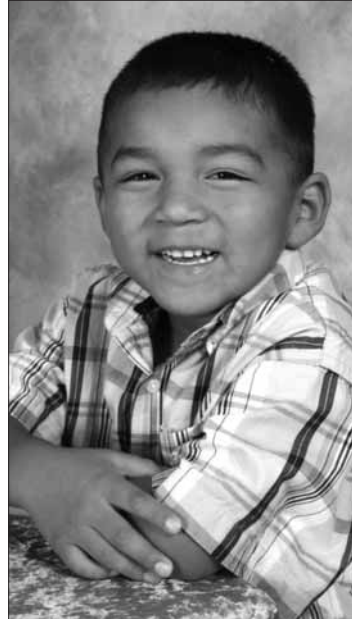


From Popeye, Carole & Do!
Do!

Happy 5th Birthday

Alonzo

on December 1st



We love you soooo much!
Love, Mama, Adrian & Asaylea

Check out the kalihwisaks



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kalihwisaks

NEXT DEADLINE
is... **Wednesday**
December 10, 2008
@ 4:30 P.M.

with a
PUBLISH DATE
of... **Thursday,**
December 18, 2008

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Happy Birthday

I would like to wish my little "Beautiful Angel"
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December 31, 2008.



Love you so much, Grandma Stephanie and Mama Margarita

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ONE'S Family Winter Social Dance



Oneida Nation Elementary School
Friday December 19th
5:30: Meal
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After February 17, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before to receive low power, Class A or translator television stations and with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and similar products. Information about the DTV transition is available from <http://www.DTV.gov>, and from <http://www.dtv2009.gov> or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

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Health

National Drunk, Drugged Driving Prevention Month

Amy L Spears

Injury Prevention Coordinator

Driving under the influence is one of America's deadliest crimes, in Wisconsin alone more than 6500 people are killed or injured each year. ***On average every 77 minutes, nearly 18 times a day, a Wisconsin citizen is killed or injured in an alcohol-related crash.*** According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

The holiday season is supposed to be a time for family, friends, and festive celebrations. Unfortunately, each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's, there is a tragic jump in the number of alcohol-related highway fatalities. Since 1981, every President of the United States has proclaimed December "National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" to help underscore the public's commitment to preventing impaired driving and promoting the use of designated drivers and sober ride programs. The month of

December and the New Year's Eve holiday are also often

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highlighted by significant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving such as the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.

For a safer holiday season always make sure to:

● Designate a sober driver before the party begins.

● Just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

● ***Friends don't let friends drive drunk!*** Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired.

If you are hosting a holiday party remind your guests to plan ahead, always offer a non-alcoholic alternative, and make sure all your guests leave with a sober driver.

Driving impaired or riding with someone who is

impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real, not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired are very significant. This is not the way you want to spend your holiday season. ***So remember, this holiday season, if you catch a buzz, catch a ride.***

Please contact Amy Spears at aspears@oneidanation.org or 920-496-5357 with any questions.



Not sure if you've had too many?
I'll check for you.

THE FACTS:

- Impaired driving kills nearly 18,000 people each year.
- About 250,000 people are hurt and 1.5 million are arrested.
- Countless Americans will be affected by this violent crime in their lifetime.
- You, your friends, your family could be next.

SO BE PREPARED:

- If you drink, don't drive.
- Designate a sober driver.
- Call a taxi or ...
- Spend the night wherever you choose to celebrate.

You Drink & Drive. YOU LOSE

Remember: When You Drink & Drive. You Lose.

Blood drive a success



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Oneida Pantry Director Gary Smith takes time out of his day to give to the community in a different way during the Oneida Blood Drive.

Smith is donating his red blood cells while Registered Nurse, Judy Corrigan, monitors his progress.

Organizers of the drive had 42 donors through the doors with 4 having to be deferred for various reasons. They attempted double red cells on 5 people which yielded 9 units. The total for the day was 39 successful units donated. Rita Kamps, RN, said, "In these economic times (donating blood) is always one way you can give that doesn't cost you any money and we are fortunate that our employer allows two hours of paid time to donate."

The next blood drive is scheduled for Friday, January 16 at Oneida Family Fitness.

ONEIDA HEALTH CENTER
AJNH CRAFT/BAKE SALE

Date: Friday, December 12, 2008

Where: Oneida Health Center

Main Conference Room

Time: 11:00 A.M. til 3:30 P.M.

Great assortment of Crafts and Bake Goods

Any questions please contact

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Sports

Local Oneida buckmasters rack up big bucks

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Oneida Reservation hunters bucked state-wide trends when it comes to the 2008 gun deer hunt season.

According to Shad Webster, Conservation Manager, this year's harvest was about 10% higher than last year. That compares to Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources numbers which have an estimated 20% decrease from 2007 throughout the state.

Though the gun harvest yielded higher than state averages, bow hunters on the reservation did not fair so well. Webster saw about a 50% decrease from last year's bow harvest. "This year we felt the harvest numbers were down for archery because last year was the first harsh winter in about eight years. Genetically, deer don't

remember how to (herd) up and in turn can't find food sources. Also, food sources are being manipulated by other wild life species, wild turkey are flourishing and are eating the deer food. The state also takes on an aggressive antlerless harvest and that fluctuates our numbers," he said. There were 101 deer killed last bow season compared to 34 this year and 143 deer killed this year with 121 shot last year. The final number for this year deer hunt will not be finalized until the muzzleloader season, which started December 1, ends on January 4.

According to Webster, it appears the total deer population within reservation hunting boundaries is down this year. "We do (track deer population) but it is hard thing to do because it is always fluctuating due to road kill and

sever winter conditions," he said. He also feels the current T-Zone requirements bordering the reservation are driving down the herd numbers. T-Zone requires hunters to shoot a doe before shooting a buck. "If you are removing does from the area bucks aren't going to stick around."

The Conservation Office was surprised by the amount of large deer garnered. "The most points we saw was 13. There was a lot better mass, more points and bigger bodies this year," said Warden Harvey Kosowski.

Overall the hunt was safe with no reported accidents with firearms to the Conservation Office. Hunters can also encouraged for future hunts. "We did hear about quite a few big bucks that got away," said Webster.



Photo courtesy of Oneida Conservation

Dawn Lara poses with her 10 point buck weighing 148 lbs at the Oneida Conservation Office. Her son Arron Lara stands behind her. The buck was one of many large deer harvested this hunting season.

Phoenix Suns join in celebration of Native American Heritage Day

PHOENIX, AZ.
NOVEMBER 28, 2008

The Phoenix Suns joined with the Arizona Indian tribes, the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI), and the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) in celebrating Native American Heritage Day 2008 on Friday at U.S. Airways Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

NIGA Chairman Ernie Steven, Jr. joins Native American youth in observing Phoenix Sun pre-game warm up and practice session at the U.S. Airways Center in Phoenix, Arizona

Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman of NIGA and honorary vice president of NABI said "Native American Heritage Day is the start of something powerful: Renewed pride for our children and grandchildren, respect and honor for our Native American culture and a real understanding between the American public and our Native American nations. Through this day of recognition we can dispel the years of misconceptions about our Native people. I am proud of the fact that Indian country has continued to maintain our

heritage, culture and our languages despite the historical struggles through tribal and cultural termination, loss of homelands, destruction of tribal economies and the deprivation of our people." Stevens continued, "Since 1911, American Indians have been seeking a day of recognition, and today we see the vision of our historic leaders reflected in the faces of our young people here today."

Prior to the Suns basketball game against the Miami Heat, 250 Native American ticket holders were greeting by Chairman Stevens, Suns representatives, and NABI representatives where they were given Phoenix Suns paraphernalia commemorating the celebration of Native American Heritage day. They then had the opportunity to join in a private pre-game viewing of the Phoenix Suns practice and warm-up session before the doors opened to the general public.

Members of the Bird Dancers from the Salt River Pima Indian Community join Chairman Stevens and NABI co-founder GinaMarie Scarpa and Ken Poocha, Executive Director of the Arizona

Commission of Indian Affairs at the pre-game Native American Heritage day events at the U.S. Airways Center plaza in Phoenix, Arizona.

After the pre-game practice session the group joined the crowd in the plaza outside the U.S. West Arena where the Bird Singers of the Salt River Indian Community, lead by Linda Gonzales performed.

Upon introduction of Chairman Stevens, Ken Poocha, Executive Director of the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs addressed the crowd about the importance of the day.

Reading from a NIGA press release, Poocha said. "This law encourages the United States to honor Native America by celebrating Native American Heritage Day in all of your communities as a way to create stronger public awareness and understanding of Indian country."

NIGA Chairman Ernie Steven, Jr. joins Mark West and GinaMarie Scarpa, co-founders of NABI, Karl Jim, CEO of 21 Native, Ken Poocha, Executive Director of the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs on the arena

floor during official half-time acknowledgement of Native American Heritage day 2008

"Native American Heritage Day will help the American public to better understand Native American contributions to the Nation and will give a voice to our proud Native American people. Native Americans have always served in the military from the American Revolution to the current conflict in Iraq. The Oneida Nation gave food and aid to General Washington and the troops at Valley Forge. Since World War I, Native Americans have served in the military at a higher rate per capita than any other group in the Nation." Chairman Stevens told the plaza pre-game crowd.

Stevens continued, "For too long, the rich Native American heritage of our Nation has been ignored or overlooked. Native Americans have made tremendous contributions to the Nation and, indeed, the entire world through agriculture, architecture, art, democracy, medicine, and science. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and the

Founding Fathers studied the Iroquois Confederacy when developing our Constitution's system of checks and balances. Sixty percent of the food crops grown worldwide today were first cultivated by Native Americans - including beans, corn, potatoes, peppers, squash, sweet potatoes, and tomatoes. Medicines used today to fight cancer, malaria and other infectious diseases were first used by Native Americans."

The Phoenix Suns gave full recognition to Native American Heritage Day during half-time activities where Chairman Stevens joined Poocha, Mark West, and Gina Marie Scarpa, NABI Co-founders and Karl Jim, CEO of 21 Native graphic design company and designer of the commemorative Native American Heritage Day t-shirts.

NBA Basketball legend, and Phoenix Suns center joins NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr., after a post-game autograph session NABI co-founder GinaMarie Scarpa said, "The Phoenix Suns have always reached out to our Native Community and shown amazing support to the NABI tournaments. Celebrating this important

day with Native Country continues to build a relationship that will be long lasting. We look forward to next year's game celebrating this very important day."

Earlier in the day in our Nation's Capitol, NIGA Executive Director Mark Van Norman, appeared on the Jay Nightwolf radio program to promote Native American Heritage Day in our Nation's Capitol. Broadcast throughout Washington, D.C., the Nightwolf program dedicated its show to Native American Heritage Day. Van Norman stated "Native American Heritage Day is important to promote better public understanding of the beauty and diversity and value of Indian culture and our contributions."

The Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian celebrated the day by having NativeAmerican storytellers perform in the museum's Rasmussen Theatre.

House Joint Resolution 02 was passed and signed into law in October of this year.

Indian Country will ask Congress to renew Native American Heritage Day for 2009 and we hope this is the first of many future celebrations.



News from the Division of Land Management

Dream Home Open Houses

TUESDAY
December 16, 2008
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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December 17, 2008
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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