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Return of railroad easement raises plans for future

By Keith Skenandore

Kalihwisaks

Oneida tribal members gathered for a celebration of the return of a 133 acres returned from a railroad easement agreement signed 133 years ago.

The celebration, hosted by

the Railroad Easement Planning Team, brought back memories for the elders who were in attendance as stories were told about the railroad.

Jennifer Hill-Kelly, direc-

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Railroad Easement



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida tribal member Joy Ninham, left, reflects on the railroad as (l-r) Vera Wilson, Lou Williams and Wendell McLester listen in. Plans for future use of the 133 acres returned were discussed at a railroad easement celebration.

Court sets timeline for Cayuga land claim appeal

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - Lawyers for the state, Cayuga and Seneca counties and private landowners have been directed to submit their written appeal arguments in the Cayuga Indian land claim by March 27.

Tribal attorneys and U.S. Justice Department lawyers, who have intervened on the side of the Cayugas, have until May 27 to file their written arguments, court officials said Monday.

The state, counties and landowners will then have until July 8 to respond to the Cayugas' and Justice Department's briefs. And the Indians and the federal government have until Aug. 19 to file their responses.

All parties are limited to 21,000 words in each brief, court officials said.

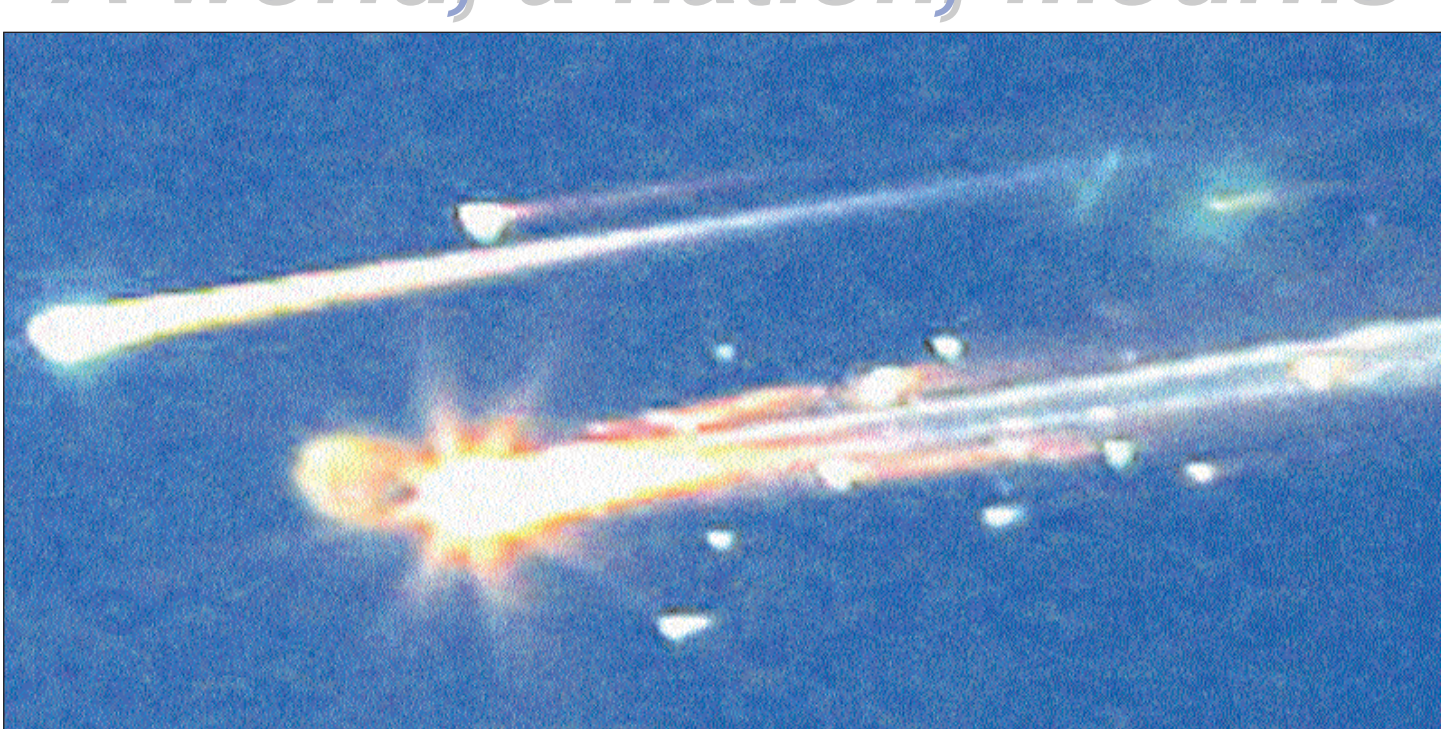
Oral arguments in the appeal will take place no earlier than the week of Sept. 29. Those arguments will be made before the five judges of the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan.

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Cayuga Land Claim



A world, a nation, mourns



AP Photo/Tyler Morning Telegraph, Dr. Scott Lieberman

Debris from the space shuttle Columbia streaks across the sky over Tyler, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003. Amateur photographer Dr. Scott Lieberman shot a series of photos showing the break-up of the space shuttle from his backyard in Tyler early Saturday. Space shuttle Columbia broke apart in flames 200,000 feet over Texas on Saturday, killing all seven astronauts just minutes before they were to glide to a landing in Florida. A Teacher in Space participant says the show must go on.

Teacher in Space participant says NASA should continue forward

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - Former Teacher in Space finalist David Marquart and other Idaho residents, along with the rest of the world, mourned the loss of the second shuttle crew on Saturday, but stressed the nation's space program is worthwhile and should continue.

"I'm disappointed in the possibility of having this setback," said Marquart, 60, a Boise High School mathematics teacher. "I'm hopeful that we as a group, as a society, say 'This is a good thing we're doing.' NASA is such a dedicated group of people."

A science experiment from the Shoshone-Bannock Junior/Senior High School at Fort Hall was included on the Shuttle Columbia flight, which ended in tragedy above Texas.

The six Americans and Israel's first astronaut aboard Columbia were 16 minutes from landing when the shut-

tle broke apart. They had been expected to land at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Former McCall Elementary School teacher Barbara Morgan is assigned as a crew member on a November 2003 shuttle mission to the International Space Station as a Teacher in Space.

Marquart was among the 10 finalists for the teacher program chosen in 1985. Teacher Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was killed in the Jan. 28, 1986, space shuttle Challenger explosion. Morgan was her back-up at the time and has stayed with the program all these years.

Marquart said Morgan has been instrumental in prompting NASA to include teachers in its shuttle pool for the future, rather than having just one Teacher in Space mission.

"If it wasn't for her doing the right things, we wouldn't have the new opening. It's just as any other astronaut put in the pool, but the specialty is education," he said. "When they're not training or flying, they go back to educational venues to spread the word."

Morgan, 51, was in Florida to help NASA with

preparations for the landing of Columbia.

"She was very excited about today, and when she called after the accident, she was just very busy," Morgan's husband, Clay, said Saturday.

"It was just like after the Challenger," he said. "She's just focusing on what she can do to help people. She had seven friends on Columbia."

Marquart said he stayed with the program for a couple years after the Challenger disaster and then returned to teaching. He said each shuttle astronaut candidate is mindful of the danger of riding a rocket to space and back.

"It's a risky business, no question of that," he said. "You try to reduce the danger, but it's a concern for all flights. I think the missions may be bumped until they can fix this."

He also questioned whether future space flights will be with a different vehicle than the shuttle design, given the age of the fleet.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne ordered the flags at state buildings flown at half-staff.

"Like all Americans, Patricia and I mourn the loss of seven brave souls who dedicated their lives to fur-

ther human knowledge," he said. "We grieve for the families of the astronauts lost today and will include them in our prayers."

Idaho's congressional delegation added their condolences. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said that while space travel has in some ways become routine for Americans, the Saturday accident shows the inherent dangers.

"Congress and NASA will thoroughly investigate this accident but nothing should deter us from the important missions of our national space program," Craig said.

A science project planned by students in the Native American Science Association in Fort Hall, Idaho, was included with the flight.

It entailed studying depression in astronauts by looking at doodles the crew makes with water colors. The doodles were to be sent to psychologists from Idaho State University for analysis.

The project also included a filter that uses zeolite to remove urea from urine, leaving water, which was used for the doodles.

Club advisor Ed Galindo and the students traveled to Florida to watch the shuttle take off last month.

Georgia-Pacific reaches river cleanup agreement with regulators



Photo courtesy of Tom Nelson

Scott Hassett, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, left, and Tom Skinner, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, announce Georgia-Pacific's agreement to pay \$4 million to help clean up the Fox River.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Another paper company that polluted the Fox River with harmful PCBs decades ago has agreed with state and federal regulators to start paying for the river's cleanup.

Georgia-Pacific Corp. will initially pay \$4 million to help clean up a seven-mile stretch of the river below the De Pere Dam, the state Department of Natural Resources said Wednesday.

"This agreement assures that we will not lose any time in cleaning up the downstream part of the river," DNR Secretary Scott Hassett said. "This is one of the most complex and difficult cleanup projects in the nation, and I hope everyone will recognize the progress we are making."

Tom Skinner, an administrator with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said Georgia-Pacific's commitment is a symbol that the paper companies want to tackle the river cleanup "through cooperation rather than litigation."

"It is a positive sign that there is an ability to work with the responsible parties," said Skinner, the top administrator for EPA Region 5 based in Chicago.

Skinner said the \$4 million was Georgia-Pacific's "down payment" for the cleanup work that will be required in a future final agreement.

"It is a small portion of what they are going to have to pay," he said.

Polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, were released into the Fox River by seven paper companies that made or recycled carbonless copy paper from the 1950s through the 1970s.

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Fox River

Local

From Page 1/Fox River to receive \$4 million payment from Georgia-Pacific to begin pcb cleanup

The now-banned chemicals were linked to reproductive and developmental problems in people, fish and other wildlife.

Tom Nelson, environmental specialist for the Oneida Nation, said Georgia-Pacific's payment is a great deal.

"This will allow the EPA and DNR to get a lot of work done no matter what the remedy is," said Nelson who attended the press conference.

The Oneida Nation, along with the Menominee Nation, Wisconsin DNR, U.S. EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration form the Fox River Intergovernmental Partnership. The partnership is not involved in the cleanup, except for the DNR and EPA, however, Nelson said the partnership, specifically the Oneida Nation, will participate in the restoration projects.

As for the cleanup, for years, the state has wrestled with what to do about the PCBs buried in the river's sediments.

In June 2001, Appleton Papers and NCR Corp. agreed to provide the DNR and EPA \$40 million over four years to lay the groundwork for dredging portions of the river to remove the PCBs.

In return, the state and fed-

eral governments agreed not to sue the two companies during that time period.

The companies responsible for the cleanup are Appleton Paper, NCR, P.H. Gladfelter Co., Georgia-Pacific (formerly Fort James), WTM1 (formerly Wisconsin Tissue), Riverside Paper Co. and U.S. Paper Co.

No representative of Georgia-Pacific attended Wednesday's news conference.

The companies have contended in the past that there are other, less expensive options than dredging to solve the problem.

Nelson said scientists for some of the paper companies are suggesting capping as a remedy.

"There scientists are telling them capping is more of a permanent solution and that it could be done a lot quicker," he said. "Dredging will take longer, but it should only take six years for the 26 mile upper region of the Fox River."

Earlier this month, the DNR and EPA announced their final plan to rid 26 miles of the Fox River of PCBs dumped into it, using some of the \$40 million to start the work.

The plan calls for both expensive dredging starting in 2004 and letting nature run its

course.

Nelson said evidence proves from previous dredging sites that there is no disturbance of sediments.

"Environmental dredging is designed to not have resuspension in the water," said Nelson. "The data from the environmental dredging projects shows resuspension does not occur."

The regulators said they will announce in June the final plan for the remaining 13 miles of the river - the most expensive phase of the cleanup, including the seven-mile segment covered in the deal with Georgia-Pacific.

According to Nelson, the tribe has supported the split of the record of decision, and they will be monitoring the dredging of the upper 26 mile and lower 13 mile segments.

"The tribe was not part of that decision," said Nelson, "but we were kept informed as much as possible without violating the laws and regulations of the record of decision."

"This will allow the opportunity to get in the water in 2004."

More than a year ago, the DNR and EPA recommended the seven paper companies responsible for dumping the PCBs into the river between Lake Winnebago and the bay of Green Bay spend \$308 mil-

lion to dredge the polluted sediment.

Rebecca Katers, executive director of the Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin, said the \$4 million is "peanuts" compared to at least \$69 million the company may owe for the total cleanup.

"They are getting good public relations from it," she said. "The more they accommodate DNR at this stage, the more likely they are to get favorable treatment."

Bruce Baker, the DNR's Fox River cleanup manager, said meetings have been set up with the companies to talk about implementing the cleanup and how to pay for it.

"The indications and discussions leading up to this is they are being cooperative and want to have some kind of agreement worked out," he said.

Baker said he would be

surprised if the companies don't eventually cooperate with the cleanup. Otherwise, they could be ordered to cooperate.

"There are all kinds of incentives for the companies to settle this and get some agreement," he said.

Skinner said it was impossible to predict when the final cleanup will be completed and paid for by the companies.

"We hope to reach an agreement quickly, but there is no guarantee of it."

On Wednesday evening, about 100 people attended a presentation in Appleton on details of the government's plans for cleaning up the first 26 miles of the river.

Nelson said the timing was right for the release of the plan otherwise another season could have been lost before the dredging could have began.

"The decision to release that remedy now will allow

cleanup to start a year earlier," said Nelson.

Ed Lynch, a DNR engineer for the project, said removing 3,770 pounds of PCBs by dredging would mean that within about 10 years, PCB concentrations in fish would be significantly reduced.

The DNR now recommends that individuals eat no more than 12 meals a year of walleye taken from that stretch of the river.

One man in the crowd questioned whether it was worth almost \$400 million "just to catch good fish."

Lynch said the cleanup is designed to return the river closer to its original condition.

"Is it worth \$400 million? My opinion would be yes," he said.

Keith Skenandore of Kalihwisaks contributed to this story.

From Page 1/Return of railroad easement calls for plans for the future

tor of Environmental Quality, said the celebration, held on Feb. 4, allowed tribal and community members to celebrate, reflect and plan on the return of the land.

"What we really wanted to do with the event was to celebrate," said Hill-Kelley. "This is a significant event in Oneida Nation history."

Hill-Kelley said the land returned is original treaty land, and the only other land with that status, is the Norbert Hill Center property.

As for the reflection, she

said tribal members spoke of how the railroad was engrained into the community.

"There were several stories of taking coal and using it in the winter from the railroad," said Hill-Kelley.

Discussion of planning on how to use the land in the future was started, and she says, that discussion will continue until a plan can be formulated.

"We had a real good discussion," she said. "We heard a wide variety of responses."

Suggestions for the land use ranged from restoration of the land to it's original state, developing a trail, using the land to promote downtown Oneida, and to provide economic development and housing needs.

"We heard a lot of different ideas," said Hill-Kelley.

Future meetings will be held to discuss the use of the land. Discussions will also be held with local municipalities to discuss the land use.

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Oneida Small Business Project 2000

Green Bay - The Oneida Small Business Project 2000 Loan Program is doing well. Bay Bank has originated \$1,429,000 in loans since the program began on May 1, 2002. Twelve (12) borrowers have benefited from the Oneida Small Business loan program. The loan amounts range from \$2,000 to \$300,000. The loans have been made to a variety of busi-

ness types including, trucking, printing, automobile maintenance, retail, social awareness, catering, restaurant, and warehousing.

The Oneida Small Business Loan Program provides low interest rate loans to Oneida Tribal Members. The maximum loan amount is \$300,000 and the loans require a minimum equity investment. Bay Bank underwrites, originates

and services these loans for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. The Oneida Tribe provides all of the loan funds.

This loan program is intended to provide Oneida Tribal Members with access to small business loans. As the program grows and more Borrowers repay their loans, more Tribal Members will reap the benefit of the Oneida Small Business Project 2000.

Reggie White's, Urban Hope educational program has been helpful in preparing loan applicants for business ownership/management. If the Borrower does not have a degree in business and has not owned or managed a business, they have been attending the Urban Hope program. Through attending Urban Hope the Borrower will be exposed to all the aspects of a business plan. They are required to prepare a complete business plan in this course. Prospective Borrowers who take the Urban Hope course are provided with a strong source of support and mentoring by fellow entrepreneurs and professionals who cater to small business. The Urban Hope program provides a good sounding board for their business ideas.



Passing On

Jourdan, "Herb" Hubert W.

"Herb" Hubert W. Jourdan, 60, Sun Prairie/Green Bay, died on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at a Madison Hospital. He was born on Feb. 19, 1942, in Oneida, Wis., the son of Vernon and Katherine (Metoxen) Jourdan. He married the former Elaine Aldrich on May 27, 1964, in Oneida. He was a veteran of The United States Army and was stationed in Alaska and he was a member of Sun Prairie United Methodist Church. He was an avid golfer and was also involved with semi-pro baseball, he enjoyed racquetball and was a member of Sun Prairie Athletic Club. Herb was employed for 18 years with the Copps Corporation and was then employed for 18 years with Baraboo Sysco Foods until the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine, Sun Prairie; two sons, Todd (Linda) Jourdan, Columbus, Wis.; and Chad Jourdan, Sun Prairie; two daughters, Melanie Jourdan, Sun Prairie; and Sheila Jourdan, Belleville, Wis.; six grandchildren, Christopher, Shianne, Taran, Hayley, Antonio and Coady. He is also survived by ten brothers and sisters, Kermit (Vickie), Kathleen, Randy (Shirley), Valerie (Marshall), Caroleen, Aloyious, Elaine, June, Marvin (Janice) and Clint (Twila); as well as many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be directed to The American Cancer Society.

Roberto, Michele (Mike)

Michele (Mike) Roberto, 79, Green Bay, entered into eternal life early Thursday morning, Jan. 30, 2003, at home, surrounded by his loving family after suffering through a long illness. Mike was born to the late Maria Theresa and Vito Michele Roberto on Oct. 28, 1923, in the little town of Bari, in Carbonara, Italy. Mike was a veteran soldier of the Italian war where he was honorably discharged. He came to the United States in February of 1955 in search of a better life. Mike met Cecilia Antone and

they were married on Feb. 5, 1963. He worked hard throughout his entire life and was the proud owner and operator of his own Express Pizzeria in Chicago. The couple retired in 1986 and moved to Green Bay. Mike was a caring and wonderful husband as well as being the most sensitive and understanding father a child could ever want. While he was a small guy, his heart was ten times his size and his gentleness will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. He will always be remembered for his cooking, which he enjoyed with a passion. Mike was also fond of his rose gardens, decorating for Christmas, wrestling and a loyal Packer fan. He lived a full life and we were truly blessed to have such a positive influence in our lives. Mike was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and will always be remembered as the little guy who would make crosses out of the palm fronds for the parishioners at Easter Sunday services.

Mike is survived by his wife, Cecilia; and their ten children, Cecilia (Felix) Martinez, Gresham; Florence (Freddie) Klakowicz, Timmon Duxtator (at home), Brenda (Everett) Black Thunder, Patricia (Frank) Gutierrez and Dave Roberto, all of Green Bay; Mike (Mary), Mario, and Frank Roberto, and Mary Mancini, all of Illinois; 14 grandchildren, Dwayne and Raymond Smith, Rick and Frankie Klakowicz, Juanita Martinez, Tony and Mike Duxtator, Theresa, Chanel and Gina Gutierrez, Janee' Duxtator, Michele and Devon Roberto; 23 great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Mike (Lorraine) Antone and one sister-in-law, Viola Ortiz all of Oneida; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sons, Vernon and William; one daughter, Roxanne; one grandchild, Cecilia; one sister, Theresa Roberto; one brother, Frank Roberto; brothers-in-law, Joe Antone, Hansen Antone, Louis Danforth; and sisters-in-law, Katie Cooper, Cynthia Crotty, Emma Sanchez and Mary Danforth; and his faithful cat, Sonny Boy.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt gratitude to all his caregivers from Unity Hospice, (especially Linda and Sandy) and to the staff at Home Instead Senior Care (Benna, Lida, and MaryLou) for their compassion and gentleness they showed to our father and family. Words cannot express the gratitude we have for all the assistance we received and all you have done to honor our father's wishes.

The Creator saw an angel who did his work on earth, The Creator saw how tired this angel came to be. So the Creator, with all his love and mercy, beckoned this tired angel and said come home to me. The Creator sees the tears we shed and He knows the pain we have. But the Creator said be happy Michele is in my hands. We miss you Dad, now and forever.

Skenandore, Lawrence L.

Lawrence L. Skenandore, 76, Germany, formerly of Oneida, died Tuesday Jan. 28, 2003, at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D.C. Lawrence left Oneida in 1942 to join the US Marine Corps. While serving his country, Lawrence fought in two wars as a member of the 5th Marine Division. During World War II he saw action in two major battles, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal where he received the Purple Heart. Lawrence also fought in the Korean War. After his enlistment ran out, he re-enlisted in the Army serving in the 82nd Airborne Division until his retirement. Lawrence continued to reside in Shweinfurt, Germany for many years.

Survivors include his brothers and sisters, Thelma (Harold) Kaiser, Ruth (Lloyd) Wagner, Alice Ninham, Norman (Beverly) Skenandore, Margie (Wilfred) Funmaker, Joshua (Elsworth) Skenandore, Eli R. (Carol) Skenandore, Eleanor (Martin) Duxtator and Emily Skenandore; many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Christian Hofstetter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna.

In Loving Memory of

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She would have been 60 on February 20th



Holidays are hard without you... But I hold onto the love and life we knew!

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Samantha, Francine,
Tina, Dan and all Do
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Local/State

New secretary of tourism makes commitment to Native American tourism

Lac du Flambeau, Wis. - Wisconsin's new tourism secretary has offered a new commitment to tourism by the state to the eleven tribes.

Newly appointed Kevin Shibilski was named to Gov. James Doyle cabinet on January 6. Shibilski, representative of the 24th Senate District in the Wisconsin State Senate since 1995, replaces Moose Speros.

"It's truly an honor to succeed Moose Speros at Tourism," said Shibilski. "I look forward to carrying on the tradition of bolstering Wisconsin's second largest economic engine."

Last month Shibilski attended a meeting of the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) in Lac du Flambeau, and Shibilski informed the tribal representatives that his office would be visible.

"I am here as a partner to all of you," quoted Shibilski to the Lakeland Times. "I see

us having a common mission - to improve tourism - and we have to find ways to partner to fulfill this mission.

"I also want to assure you that you will either see me or a representative from my agency at your functions."

Shibilski told NATOW that the state wants to emphasize cultural and heritage tourism, and to do that, "we must diversify."

"We want to strengthen the arts component, the richness of our cultures," said Shibilski. "This will make visiting Wisconsin a more diverse experience."

He was told there was too much emphasis on marketing in the Midwest and that a focus should be national and international.

NATOW told Shibilski that they have traveled to international travel shows and there has been a lack of Wisconsin representation at these shows.

The Lakeland Times reported that Shibilski said,

"We are going to market to all who are interested, and we know there is international interest. There is a place for international tourism and we need to be a player. We need to beef up our presence and enhance our role in international exposure."

Gloria Cobb, deputy director of economic development at the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, sits on Shibilski's tourism council, and she requested that a Native American within the Department of Tourism serve as liaison to the tribes. She also asked his department become a partner with NATOW in their marketing and research surveys.

As a vote of confidence, Shibilski assured NATOW that someone from his department would attend their annual NATOW conference and golf outing in Bayfield this June.



Photo submitted by Kirby Metoxen

Newly appointed Wisconsin Secretary of Tourism Kevin Shibilski, left, visits with Kirby Metoxen, tourism coordinator for the Oneida Nation, at the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin booth at a recent NATOW meeting.

Workshop for performing artists interested in school and community residencies

Oneida - Discover some of the mysteries of how to successfully present school and community performances and residencies. The Oneida Nation Arts Program is hosting an Artist Residency Training workshop on Saturday, February 22, 2003 for performing artists.

The workshop facilitator is Anna M. Thompson. Anna M. Thompson, has served as joint Executive Director of Fine Arts Programming for the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University (CSB/SJU) since 1998. She administers programming in the Benedicta Arts Center at CSB and the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater at SJU as well as the SJU Art Center and the CSB Galleries. Thompson's 20 years of experience in the arts ranges from teaching and research to performance and administration.



Thompson

She is frequently a speaker on the arts at the regional and national level and is also published in the field. Her most recent publication was "The Power of Transformational Theater" in the March/April issue of the Association of Performing Arts Presenters' Inside Arts. In 2001, she chaired the Local Arrangements Committee for

the Arts Midwest conference in St. Paul, MN. Thompson is a member of Dance USA, Chamber Music America, the Association of Performing Arts Presenters and the Minnesota Presenters Network.

The workshop will be held at the Community Education Center at 2632 S Packerland, Green Bay, WI, from 11:00am until 3:00pm. This workshop is design for performing artists such as musicians, theatre people, dancers, pow wow people, poets or writers.

The workshop is free, but prior registration is require. To register or for more information, contact Beth Bashara at 920-490-3833 or bbashara@oneidanation.org

Museum to re-open on February 11

Oneida, WI - - The Oneida Nation Museum, closed during January for exhibit remodeling, will reopen in February. On display will be two updated exhibits, one on Oneida veterans and another featuring handmade lace and baskets. A new exhibit on "Young Artists of the Oneida Community" will feature winners of the museum's Youth Art Contest held in December. An opening ceremony and reception for the 2003 exhibit is scheduled for Saturday, February 8th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The museum will officially reopen on Tuesday, February 11, 2003. Museum hours are

Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is located at W892 County Road EE, just west of the intersection of county roads E and EE. For further information,

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As Shareholders in the Oneida Nation, tribal members are encouraged to attend this very informative session on the Oneida Judicial Development Series. The Presenters will discuss the Oneida Nation's Judicial Branch of Government and explore avenues for improvement. A keen understanding of our judicial history and future is vital to our efforts to inform our community and to make suggestions for positive change. So, please join us at this special event on **Thursday, February 27 & Friday February 28, 2003** at the Radisson Inn. For further information, please contact the Oneida Appeals Commission at 497-5800.

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March 6 & 20, 2003

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State/National

NCAI leader urges Bush to help tribes with health, poverty

By Robert Gehrke

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The head of the nation's largest American Indian group urged President Bush on Friday to help tribes close disparities in living standards, health and education on reservations across the country.

"We have come through extraordinarily trying times over these two centuries, and we have emerged strong," said Tex Hall, chairman of the National Congress of American Indians. "In the face of policies aimed at ensuring our destruction, we have chosen survival."

"Now we seek not just to survive, but to thrive."

In a "State of Indian Nations" speech, the first of its kind, Hall painted a picture in which American Indian leaders are challenged with high poverty rates, severe impediments to economic development and a skeletal health system.

Nearly one-fourth of

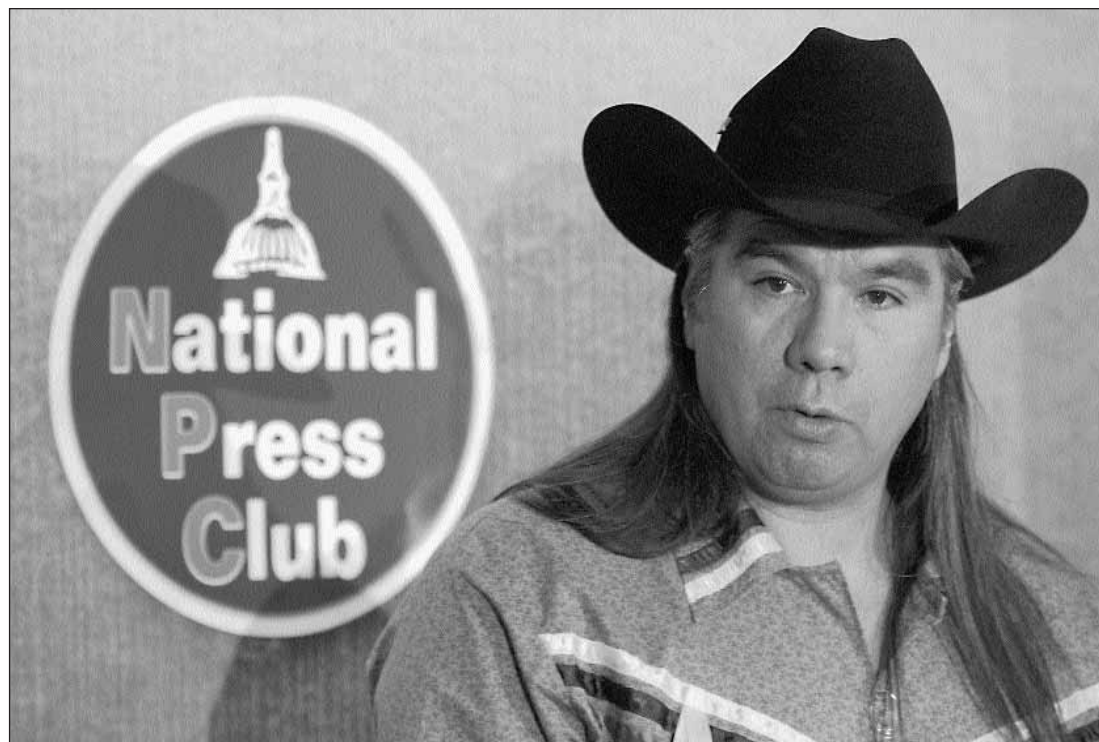
American Indian households have no telephone service, more than 14 percent of reservation homes lack electricity and 8 percent have no running water, Hall said.

"These statistics are a point of shame to this nation," Hall said. "In 2003, no American should be without access to clean water, telephone service, electricity or passable roads."

American Indian life expectancy is five years less than any other race. Indians are three times as likely to die from diabetes, and are disproportionately affected by other illnesses, but the construction of health care facilities continues to lag.

Government-run schools have fallen into severe disrepair, and only about half of Indian students finish high school. About 17 percent go on to college, compared to 62 percent of students overall.

Hall urged Bush and Congress to enact an economic stimulus package aimed at



AP Photo/Evan Vucci

Tex Hall, president, National Congress of American Indians, gives the first State of the American Indian Nations address, Friday, Jan. 31, 2003 at the National Press Club in Washington.

creating 100,000 jobs in Indian country by 2010 and to provide additional support for reservation infrastructure and Indian health programs. He also urged the president and first lady to visit an Indian school to see the conditions first-hand.

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, said he under-

stands the problems Indians face but sweeping aid programs are unlikely.

"It's such a tight budget we just have to scrap for everything we can get," he said. "I don't see big increases in financial services or money because the money just isn't there, but we're going to fight to get every little bit we can."

Hall also said tribes should

be allowed to decide for themselves if their economic development should include gambling, despite questions raised in recent reports about how much the tribes actually benefit from casino operations.

He said that even small casinos have created jobs and opportunities for suffering reservation economies.

Aquash murder case gets new grand jury hearing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - A federal grand jury in Rapid City took testimony this month on the slaying 27 years ago of American Indian Movement member Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash, according to a woman who testified.

A rancher found the frozen body of Aquash, a member of Mi'kmaq Tribe of Nova Scotia, Canada, on Feb. 24, 1976, north of Wanblee, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. She had been shot once in the head, execution style.

Aquash had been taken from Troy Lynn Yellow Wood's home in Denver in late 1975.

In an interview, Yellow Wood said she testified Jan. 14 before a grand jury in Rapid City.

"She had been brought to my house as a place of refuge. To hide, basically. That's about all I can say. She was at my home," Yellow Wood said.

The Rapid City grand jury is latest of several to take up the case over the years.

Grand juries meet in secret. Federal investigators and prosecutors can't speak about pending cases until someone has been indicted and arrested, so they would not confirm if jurors took testimony. "I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to comment on that," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Mandel of Rapid City.

Talk in Indian Country about possible new evidence revisits a turbulent time in the reservation's history when tensions between AIM members and government-backed factions turned deadly.

Chippewa tribes: Governor can't veto off-reservation casino

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Former Gov. Scott McCallum's decision to veto an off-reservation casino at a former dog track in Hudson is unconstitutional because the federal government can't entrust its obligations to Indian tribes to a state official, attorneys for three tribes argued in papers filed Friday in federal court.

Three Chippewa tribes filed a lawsuit in May 2001

after McCallum blocked them from turning the dog track into a casino. A federal judge in Washington, D.C., moved the lawsuit last August from Washington to Madison.

The tribes - the Sokaogon, Lac Courte Oreilles and Red Cliff - had been granted federal approval to acquire the now-defunct Chippewa Meadows Greyhound Racing Park and to open a casino there.

McCallum declined to approve the deal.

The tribes argued that giving one state political official "unfettered and unreviewable political power" prevents Congress from fulfilling its responsibility to economically disadvantaged tribes.

Unemployment is more than 50 percent on the Lac Courte Oreilles and Red Cliff reservations and 35 percent on the Sokaogon Chippewa reservation, according to

court papers.

Giving a governor the power to veto off-reservation casinos defeats "long-standing federal Indian policy to promote through gaming tribal economic development, tribal self-sufficiency and strong tribal government," attorneys said.

The tribes also argued in Friday's filing that if the court finds the governor had the power to veto such a project, it should rule that

From Page 1/Cayuga land claim timeline set

The appeals will seek to overturn numerous rulings by U.S. District Judge Neal P. McCurn of Syracuse. McCurn has made his rulings at various times since the original claim was filed Nov. 19, 1980.

The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma joined the Cayuga Indian Nation of New York in the lawsuit in 1982. Lawyers for the Seneca-Cayugas will not file a separate appeal but will join the Cayugas of New York.

Among the decisions the parties have said they will appeal:

-The Cayuga Nation and the Seneca-Cayuga tribe will jointly argue that the \$247.9 million damages award is too low and not supported by testimony and evidence.

They will also argue that McCurn was wrong in ruling out evictions of current occupants of the claim area, limiting damages to money only.

"We will say the damages our expert came up with, \$1.7 billion, should be awarded and the \$247.9 million is not supported by facts," said Martin R. Gold, the Cayugas's attorney.

-New York state will seek to overturn McCurn's rulings that the claim is valid and his dismissal of all of the defenses argued by the state. The state will also appeal the \$247.9 million damages award, arguing it should be nothing if the claim is invalid, or no more than \$49 million if the claim is ruled valid. State lawyers also will oppose eviction.

-Cayuga and Seneca counties, private landowners will join the state in appealing McCurn's rulings upholding the claim, with an emphasis on the defense that the Indians waited too long to file their claim. But they cannot appeal the damages award because it is against the state only.

They also will oppose eviction.

Dog track claims governor does not have authority to renew gaming compacts

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - The governor does not have the sole power to renew the gaming compacts that permit American Indian tribes to operate casinos in Wisconsin, attorneys for a dog track suing the state argued in court papers filed Thursday.

The argument was the latest in a series of court filings in a lawsuit brought by Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha, which claims the Wisconsin Constitution, as amended in 1993, outlaws casino gambling.

"He claims power to establish Wisconsin's policy with respect to a massive gambling enterprise, unlimited and unguided by the Legislature or the Constitution," attorneys for Dairyland contended.

The Legislature did not and could not have granted that power to the governor's office, attorneys said.

The owners of the dog track are seeking a court order to stop the governor from renewing tribal gaming com-

pacts.

"He claims the right to establish Wisconsin policy by authorizing a billion-dollar enterprise in an activity which is otherwise entirely illegal and criminal in Wisconsin," attorneys said.

The 1993 amendment clarified that all types of gambling are prohibited in the state except bingo, raffles, pari-mutuel on-track betting and the state-run lottery.

Attorneys for the state Justice Department filed papers last week that said the amendment was not intended to protect the competitive interest of race tracks, which means Dairyland does not have the right to sue.

The 4th District Court of Appeals reinstated Dairyland's lawsuit against the governor last September. The decision overturned Dane County Circuit Judge John C. Albert's ruling dismissing Dairyland's claim because it failed to name the tribes in its lawsuit.

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Legislative Review/Letters & Opinions

Chairwoman's Corner

It is the season for Mother Earth to rest and allow the freeze of winter to replenish her for the upcoming spring. For the Oneida Business Committee, though, this has not been the case. The following is an update of activities the Business Committee will continuously deal with:

LOBBYING

With Governor Doyle bringing in his new team for the State, he has engaged the Tribal Nations of Wisconsin to work on issues cooperatively. With changes from the State level, along has come changes at the Federal level with their agencies as well. This spring will allow for BC members to participate in lobbying efforts to assure continued programming at the State and Federal levels. In addition to lobbying for such critical areas such as health, education, and natural resource issues; we will urge that funding continue in other areas as well.

UNITED TRIBES / GAMING COMPACTS

Oneida has participated in the United Tribes of Wisconsin in an effort to promote common issues concerning gaming compacts. In this forum the Tribes have kept the interest of our collective communities at the forefront. We all understand the economic impact gaming has played in our communities. Oneida specifically funds many governmental functions and provides over 3,000 jobs for Tribal and local citizens. Over 90% of our revenues goes back into Tribal operations and GTC mandates to assure land, health, the general welfare and social needs of Tribal citizens are met.

Oneida has been focusing on gathering data to strengthen our strategic effort on a political, financial, and economic basis. Oneida will negotiate their specific issues as it warrants our needs independent of the United Tribes

effort. As many of you are aware, our renewal notice date for our gaming compact is May 8, 2003. Given this short time frame, the BC's time and commitments will be relegated to assure appropriate attention is given to negotiating our compact. I ask for the community's patience in the interim as this may require cancellation of standing meetings and the scheduling of other relevant meetings with very short notice. From the State side, Governor Doyle has pledged his commitment to working cooperatively with the Tribes and further commits his Secretary of Administration Mark Marotta and Judge Bill Jenarro to getting the compacts completed.

AIRIDIGM

On January 27, 2003 the U.S. Supreme Court announced that the federal bankruptcy law protected Next Wave Telecom Inc. from having its Personal

Communications Systems (PCS) licenses cancelled by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) while Next Wave was recognizing its business affairs in Chapter 11 proceedings. FCC Chairman Michael Powell has been quoted in saying, "The Supreme Court's decision brings much needed certainty to an unsettled area of the law. We are in the process of examining all of the ramifications of the Court's decision. The Commission will faithfully implement the Court's mandate and looks forward to facilitating the provision of service in these bands to the American people as soon as practicable." This is a good result for Oneida and Airidigm as they are in a very similar situation with the question of their licenses before the FCC while also reorganizing through Chapter 11 proceedings. It has been two (2) years since Next Wave initiated their litigation,

and we are hopeful for a similar response to our licenses issue in the very near future.

GANG TASK FORCE

Congratulations to Julie Denny and the Gang Task Force in their efforts to obtain grant funding. The First Nations Development Institute has approved a grant to Oneida from the First Nations Development Institute's Native Youth & Culture Fund. This grant provides funding for community programming and will allow for activities to occur this summer which includes three (3) summer camps with one focusing on a youth-to-youth mentorship project. Best wishes to all of you, and may you have great success in your implementation of camps and/or projects.

CLOSING

Today our country is in a crisis. We are amidst a time when the opportunity for change can be made through



**Chairwoman
Tina Danforth**

peace or war. As the United States looks to bring down its strike in the Middle East, I would like to remind everyone that nothing is won without a challenge. Not even peace. Today is our challenge; our challenge remains to be a peaceful one. Have gratitude for your loved ones, both near and far. Have gratitude for peace. Skûna.

BC Briefing...

More Goals & Objectives

Business Committee

This has been a very busy year already for the Oneida Business Committee. We have begun the negotiation process with the State of Wisconsin to renew our Gaming Compact. This process is moving along in a very positive direction. In compliance with the Gaming Compact, we are also pursuing negotiations for a Service Agreement with Outagamie County. In regards to the Land Claims settlement, we continue to work through the mediation process.

Legislative Operating Committee

The Legislative Operating Committee is back in session. The first meeting after the winter break period was held on January 27, 2003. We are setting our priorities for the second half of the first session which runs from January 27 through May 31, 2003. Our meetings take place every Monday starting at 9:00 a.m. in the LOC Conference Room, second floor, Norbert Hill Center.

Individual Office Objectives

My office has been gathering information addressing the economy of the Oneida Nation, which is the platform I have been assigned to work on from the November BC Retreat. In my research, I have found that there are several tribal departments addressing specific issues of

the Nation's economy. Although they are individual departments with distinct areas of expertise, they all overlap and intertwine in many areas, such as planning, business development, community development, housing, utilities, land, investments, etc. It is unbelievable how much is already accomplished by all the Tribal Departments. We now need to figure a way to bring all this work together and move forward in the same direction.

I am currently working on designing a team to assist me with coordinating all these efforts in order to set the necessary processes and criteria that will help us identify what our Nation's economy truly is. Setting goals and objectives to meet those goals, as well as identifying benchmarks that will help us keep moving forward. My future articles will chronicle our sequence and progress.

To help us address diversification under the economy platform, the OBC held a community meeting on January 21, 2003 regarding the Oneida Venture Fund. The purpose of this meeting was to educate, clarify, and get input on the process for its future use. The Venture Fund is just one small piece that can help enhance the Nation's economy through diversifica-



**Councilwoman
Trish King**

tion. There will be follow-up meetings scheduled to keep the lines of communication open on this topic. We are targeting April 2003 for a Listening Session and August 2003 for a Political House Party. These meetings will be used to update the community on a process for future use of the Venture Fund. Communication is key to the utilization of this fund to help build our economy in a positive way.

It is becoming more and more obvious that the ability of the Oneida Nation to develop a Reservation-based economy is limited by a number of factors including resources such as land and funds, jurisdictional considerations and the pervasive influence of non-controllable environmental trends such as population growth. If the Oneida Nation is to be effective in developing and sustaining a viable economy on the Reservation, its future role may take the form of promoting individual business ownership among members rather than attempting to develop businesses under the Tribal name. The Nation has never engaged in a serious discussion regarding the role the Tribe should play in promoting economic development on the Reservation and has always assumed that the Tribe itself would own busi-

nesses and employ members. Perhaps it is time for a shift in focus away from Tribal ownership and toward individual self-reliance. These and other essential questions will underlie much of our future discussions.

Community News

The Oneida Nation signed agreements on January 22, 2003 for the return of Oneida lands providing easement through the reservation by the railroad. In 1998 it was learned that the Fox Valley and Western Railroad was abandoning the railroad line through the Oneida Reservation. The Oneida Nation utilized various internal resources to commence plans to have the land returned to the Nation. With the assistance and consultation of the Oneida Law Office, Division of Land Management, Oneida Environmental Department and Historical Preservation offices to aid in pursuing return of Oneida lands, the initiative was successful. After 133 years, the Oneida Nation achieved the return of the acreage within the reservation boundaries.

The Oneida Nation is planning a Community Meeting for Tuesday, February 4, 2003 to solicit community input for the future planning of this property. The meeting will be held from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Please come to this meeting and share your ideas.

ing a lawsuit against the Oneidas over the stalled industrial park development. Clearly, if a constructive working relationship and common interests are established cooperation can replace litigation.

Principle 5: Develop and use a long-term plan for the future. The Village needs to start over on its long-term plan. This plan should be based on our knowledge of the past, public input, and renewed cooperation with the Oneida Nation. As we've observed, the Village appears to be trying to grow too fast without residents input.

The Hobart Village President, Len Teresinski, and the other trustees need to revisit the principles of effective leadership and reconnect with the needs of the commu-

Treasurer's Report

Seku Oneida Nation:

A top priority for the Nation at this time is the compact negotiations with the State of Wisconsin. We are currently in stages where we may be called out at a moments notice. The tribe continues to work with the other ten tribes in Wisconsin, in which we have focused on forming points. The four points we have formed as united tribes in this state include gaming age limits, gaming betting limits/scope of games, the term or length of the compact, and hours of operation.

The Native American Financial Officer's Association (NAFOA) held their semi-annual conference at the Radisson during the last week in January. Oneida has been a long time member of NAFOA. I was honored to have the opportunity to deliver the welcome of their participants to the Oneida Nation.

An area we continue to review is the reporting of financial information to provide the most useful information to the reader. The meetings with Council Members will continue through the first couple of weeks of February, and will then be analyzed to see if the current financial reporting is meeting the needs of the Business Committee. My office will maintain the current presentation of the financial information known as the Treasurer's Report to the Business Committee once a month until further information can be gathered.

The Treasurer's Report for December 2002 was presented on January 22, 2003 to the Business Committee. Overall, everything is looking good with tribal contribution, but we still need to be mindful of yearly expenditures and of where we will be closer to the end of the year. I am very pleased with how well the Divisions have been working together for the betterment of the Nation. Keep up the good work!

A continuing task of the Oneida Business Committee is to develop consolidated goals that we will work

nity. When the Village board actions contradict the needs of the people they represent, its time to sound the alarm. Whether the existing leadership listens to the alarm is up



**Treasurer
Mercie Danforth**

toward in our three year term. As identified in my previous Legislative Review, the revised Vision Statement reads, "The inherent sovereignty of the Ukwehú wene empowers the Onçyote=aka as a strong, self-governing Nation." The Mission Statement had also been revised to read, "The Oneida Business Committee will provide the leadership necessary to promote trust, integrity and community wellness for a socio-economic balance while ensuring Onπ ybte πtka sovereignty." The nine categories for these goals include Youth Development, Community Development, Legislative Initiatives, Gaming Compact, Economy, Financial Initiatives, Operational Organizational Design, and Polymorphism Communication. These goals have been assigned to individual Business Committee members to develop the goal statements and objectives. We have been working individually to develop goal statements and objectives.

The Finance Committee has been reviewing the purpose and processes for its operation. We hope to have our review complete and recommendations for changes within the next two months.

I thank you for your continued support and encouraging words. As always, your comments and questions are always welcome. Please feel free to contact any of the Business Committee Members at (920) 869-4364, or toll free 1-800-236-2214.

to them, but if they don't, the public will address these issues immediately by electing new leadership.

**Paul Egelhoff
Hobart Resident**

Hobart officials need refresher on leadership principles

Hobart officials have been struggling to meet the needs of the people. Hobart officials need to review these five crucial leadership principles.

Principle 1: Conduct local government in the open and with the input by all citizens. No decisions should be made without the opportunity for public input. All public records must be open to the public without delay. The reason for openness is obvious: the elected officials are elected to represent not just the people, but also their ideas. When 94% of the residents in the affected area surveyed for a water project

doesn't want the project that is being forced on them, then the Village should listen.

Principle 2: Make decisions based upon the ability of all citizens to pay for the implementation of those decisions. Buying golf courses, adding services, and increasing taxes are detrimental to residents on fixed incomes. Driving out families or businesses with lifelong roots in the community is poor policy. Requiring one area of the Village to pay for water it doesn't need just to subsidize more development is not responsible government.

Principle 3: Make decisions fairly and consistently for all. If a regulation is implemented, it must be administered evenhandedly. Zoning and land use laws and ordinances must be enforced

equitably. Some of the recent zoning changes and lack of enforcement of zoning requirements reflect that some businesses are more equal than others.

Principle 4: Represent all members of the community equally. Why can't the Village of Hobart officials establish a working relationship with the Oneida Nation? Our communities are unique, in that we share overlapping jurisdiction with the Oneida Nation. Having overlapping jurisdiction with the Oneida Nation is a tremendous opportunity for Hobart but it's been treated as a liability. Other communities have negotiated service agreements with the Oneidas and benefitted from payment for services to lands held in trust, except for Hobart. In addition, now the village is initiat-

Sports & Recreation

Oneida keeps perfect record in conference

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

Oneida kept it's grip on first place in the Heritage conference by crushing the visiting Timberwolves from Living Word Lutheran 76-44. The game was tight in the early going as Living Word Lutheran kept pace trailing only 15-13 at the end of the first quarter. Cold shooting and lack of rebounding contributed to the slow start by Oneida.

The Thunderhawks took flight after being grounded the first quarter and went on to outscore Living Word Lutheran 61-31 the rest of the game and cruised to an easy victory. Roberto Hill got things rolling for Oneida

when he scored 11 of his 18 points in the second quarter.

Lee Laster scored 14 of his game high 26 points in the second half. He also pulled down 14 rebounds. Mike Mousseau converted his ninth double-double of the season pulling down 11 rebounds and dropping in 15 points.

Oneida improves their record to 8-3 for the season and 4-0 in Heritage Conference play. Oneida's game with Wabeno scheduled for January 28 was rescheduled to February 13 due to a water main break at Wabeno High School.

The Thunderhawks next home game will be against Northland Lutheran on February 20 at 7 p.m.



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above: Mike Mousseau shoots a 3-pointer against Living Word Lutheran. Right: Roberto Hill scores 2 of his 18 points in a 76-44 Thunderhawk victory.



Thunderhawk girls win 6th straight; extend conference lead to two games

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

To say that the Oneida girls basketball team is on a roll would be and understatement.

The Thunderhawks have won six straight including their two most recent victories over Stockbridge and Marinette Catholic Central. The squad has been getting it done on the defensive end of the court.

During the winning streak the Thunderhawks have been holding their opponents to 35 points per game. They play an in-your-face type defense and get numerous tipped passes and convert those steals into easy transition buckets.

In their most recent victory against Marinette Catholic Central (MCC), Oneida trailed the Cavaliers 8-12 after one quarter. The Thunderhawks then turned up the defensive pressure and outscored MCC 25-14 the next two quarters and cruised to a 43-33 win. Maria Stevens lead the Thunderhawks with 20 points and Brooke Smith chipped in 8.

In a battle between first and second place in the Heritage Conference, Oneida showed why they belong atop the conference with a convincing 49-38 victory over Stockbridge. The game wasn't nearly as close as the score indicates as the Thunderhawks lead by 19 points after the third quarter. The Thunderhawks swept Stockbridge this year and have a two game lead with two games remaining plus the conference tournament.

Maria Stevens' 15 points paced Oneida, while Irene Danforth and Mariea Denny chipped in 11 and 10.

The Thunderhawks are currently 11-2 for the season and look to improve on that mark when they host conference foe Living Word Lutheran on February 7.

The following Tuesday the Thunderhawks travel to arch rival Menominee before hosting Heritage Christian on February 13. Heritage Christian defeated the Thunderhawks earlier this season.

A job well done

Submitted by Eric Frantz

Fitness Specialist

On behalf of the staff a the Oneida Family Fitness Center, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our members that participated in our recent exercise incentive program , "First and Ten". Even now that the incentive is over, the staff at Oneida Family Fitness encourages all of you to continue to exercise towards a happier and healthier lifestyle. All of you, even the members that did not participate in the incentive, yet come in and exercise on a regular basis, help to serve as role models to your community, family, friends and fellow employees. Again, congratulations to all and continue to keep up the good work.

First place - New York Jets

Comerita Talavera
Maureen Zeise
Winona Miller
Barb Boulanger

Second Place - Kansas City Chiefs

Adrienne Hernandez
Rachel Marquardt
Jeb Cornelius
Jason Loppnow

Third Place - San Francisco 49ers

Carol Cornelius
Ralph Cornelius
Carol Anderson
Judy Wudstrack

Best Individual Attendance

Ralph Cornelius
Maureen Zeise
Raffle Winners
Atlanta Falcons
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Chad Fuss
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Adrienne Hernandez

Oneida Family Fitness is pleased to announce our two members of the month, Adrienne Hernandez, and Ralph Cornelius.

Adrienne has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for a little over a year. She was motivated to begin an exercise program because she wanted to lose weight, gain more energy and feel better about herself. One obstacle that was standing in her way of achieving these goals was to stop eating fast food and eating large meals.

Since exercising on a regular basis, Adrienne has lost weight and now has more energy than she ever had before. Part of her routine to help achieve these accomplishments are running on the treadmill, lifting weights and working certain muscle groups on certain days of the week. The fact that Adrienne wants to stay fit also helps to keep her coming in and exercising.

Besides staying fit, Adrienne enjoys exercising at Oneida Family Fitness because the staff is friendly and there is a variety of exercise classes to take. When not here exercising, Adrienne stays busy by working at the casino, going to college and raising her two children.

Last of all, Adrienne's advice for someone looking to change their lifestyle habits

Oneida Family Fitness Members of the Month

is this, "if you really want to change your habits, then keep working at it."

Congratulations to Adrienne for her hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work.

Ralph has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for almost one year. He decided to begin an exercise program because he wanted to lose some weight. His doctor also recommended that he exercise because he has fibromyalgia (a disease that weakens the muscles). Some accomplishments that Ralph has achieved so far is that he had lost 28 pounds and is able to perform more activities without any pain. The biggest obstacle that he had to overcome to achieve these goals was to work through pain and stiffness that fibromyalgia causes in his body.

When Ralph exercises, he begins by stretching for about 45 minutes, lifts weights for a while, then walks around the track and rides the bikes nearby every couple of laps. "After walking, I take a water class, then I swim about 30 laps in the pool," he said. Although this may seem like a lot of exercise, Ralph is highly motivated by the fact5 that he wants to overcome the muscular pain he experiences and he wants to be healthy to



Ralph Cornelius

spend time with his family.

Ralph enjoys working out at the Oneida Family Fitness because the people are friendly, the staff is helpful and it is not so busy that he can't use the equipment. Besides exercising, Ralph enjoys making jewelry, spending time with his wife and daughter and attending church.

Finally, some advice that Ralph offers for changing your lifestyle habits is this, "Be realistic in setting your goals. Don't aim too high. Start out slowly and don't give up. Let your mind and body guide you. They will tell you what you are capable of."

Congratulations to Ralph for her hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work.

UW-Fox Valley to host 8th grade girls' hoops tourney

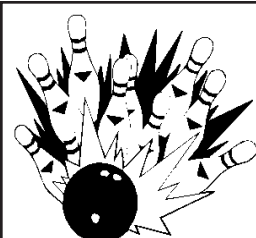
Menasha, WI -- The University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley is going to be hosting an 8th grade girls' basketball tournament in its Fieldhouse on the Menasha campus. The competition is slated for March 7 (Friday), March 8 (Saturday), and March 9 (Sunday).

All teams are guaranteed at least two games over the weekend.

The team entry fee is set at \$100. Rosters are limited to 16 players. WIAA-certified referees are slated to officiate all games.

Interested individuals, potential sponsors and team representatives can get more information about the tournament from Coach John Koslowski, 920-722-2970 or email jkoslow324@aol.com.

The University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley is located at 1478 Midway Road, Menasha, just west of S. Oneida St., east of S. Appleton Road, and south of Hwy. 441. The Fieldhouse is located at the west end of the campus. Free parking is available throughout the tournament.



W.I.G.A.-ONEIDA 9-Pin Singles Bowling Tournament

(9 Pins count as a Strike!)

Saturday, February 8, 2003

Western Lanes-Green Bay

Check-In: 12:00

Bowling: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00 Covers Entry Fee, Bowling & Door Prize Tickets

Special Prize - Anyone Bowling a 299 Game will receive \$500.00

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February 6, 2003

Lifestyles

Section Two

AmVets community service award recipients named



Reka Smith was quite honored to be named Oneida Volunteer of the Year. Above, Lloyd Powless, emcee for the event, assists Reka with the pendleton blanket she received.

Oneida, WI—The 2003 Oneida Amvets Post 54, Community Service Awards proved to be a successful event for the Oneida Community. Jim Martin, the events coordinator for the AmVets, has put together this recognition program which has been a positive aspect in the Oneida community for many years. Family, friends and co-workers attended the

event to share in the excitement of community members being honored with recognition for their achievements throughout the year.

Among the award recipients one lady stood out, a true test of time. Irene Reka (John) Smith received the Oneida Volunteer of the year award. Reka was born in 1914 in Oneida, to her parents, Hyson and Jenny John. She has five

brothers, three sisters and forty-five nieces and nephews. Reka is a lifetime member of the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church of Oneida. In 1933, she became a member of the newly established Altar Guild with Sadie John, Salina Verbruggen, Sister Amy, Sister Francis, Carolyn House, and Mary Hill. In 1940 she moved to Milwaukee. Upon returning home to Oneida in 1980, Reka rejoined the Holy Apostles' Altar Guild and Senior Guild. Reka has attended every Holy Apostles funeral for the last 15 years. As an Altar Guild member, her responsibilities include care, upkeep and changing of the altar linens and commensurate with events of the church calendar. Reka is also a lifetime member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary Post 7784. In the mid 1980's she began volunteer work at the Anna John nursing home, which she currently still does.

The Oneida Tribe took a huge leap forward in technology with the assistance of the Gaming Time and Attendance Department, which they were awarded the Gaming Department of the year. Starting out with three employees and gaining five more employees in the course of one year, this department tackle the feat of putting over 3000 employees for the Oneida Tribe on Cronos. Georgi Mielke, time and attendance manager, asked the crowd "Supervisors, what's my number one rule? ...DAILY!"

The Oneida AmVets would like to thank Lloyd Powless, Mary Adams, Carolyn Skenandore, Jenny Webster, Winnifred Thomas and other AmVet members for assisting with the awards banquet. Congratulations to all of the award recipients listed at left..



Officer Matthew Ninham received recognition as Law Enforcement person of the year. As a young officer, Ninham has seen more tragedy in one year than most officers may see in a lifetime. Ninham's peers believe he is an asset to the Oneida Police Department as well as a role model for the community.

*Photos courtesy of
LeeAnn Laes*

At right, Jerry Cornelius humbly accepted the Oneida Veterans Service Award from Veteran's Director Gary Metoxen as Carolyn Skenandore looks on. Below, Shirley Barber graciously accepted the Educator of the Year award from emcee Lloyd Powless.



AmVets Community Service Award Recipients

Elder of the Year

Althea Schuyler

Medical Health Person of the Year

Debra Danforth

Educator of the Year

Shirley Barber

Social Services Person of the Year

Mary Motquin

Law Enforcement Person of the Year

Officer Matthew Ninham

Oneida Veterans Service Award

Jerry Cornelius

Retail Division:

Cherisse A. Slove Memorial Scholarship Award

Angelena Webster

Caretaker of the Land

Eleanora K. Cornelius

Gaming Employees of the Year

Jessalyn Harvath

Gaming Department of the Year

Gaming Time & Attendance Department

2001 Customer Service Award

Maurie Reed

Courage/Leadership Award for the Year

Nathan King

Lifetime Achievement Award

Ella Sauer

Security Dept..Employees of the Year

Officer Allen Weber
Sergeant James White

Oneida Volunteer of the Year

Reka Smith

Elderly Services:

Roberta Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship Award

Laura House



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Old Games

By Joseph Christjohn
ONES correspondent

The games on the computer are cool, because they are like Playstation 2. The Playstation 2 is like a bunch of computers. But the computers don't have as much graphics as Playstation 2 does. The reason to play the computer games is the greater variety, more than Playstation 2. For example: this game called "Rampage." It is a game where you have to smash buildings and eat people. Then you go stage to stage, smashing buildings and killing each other. The things that smash everything are a big ugly ape, a big lizard, and a wolf--that is blue.

Next there is a game called "Defender." You have to kill a lot of alien ships and you have plenty of guns to kill aliens.

Senior Spotlight: Shines on Reiter

By Bobbi Jo Reed
O.N.H.S Junior



Erin Reiter

Erin Janelle Reiter is a 17 year old senior here at Oneida Nation High School. She has been attending this school since she was a sophomore.

Erin's favorite class is Yearbook with Becky Anderson. Her least favorite class is Health.

On the weekends to have fun Erin goes out with her friends. She also goes to the club.

Erin's friends are, Jamison King, Miguel Ninham, Lata Danforth, Amanda Gerondale, Tsyoslake House, Irene Danforth, Cece Danforth, Felicia Nicholas, Katrina Paprocki, Roberto Hill, Paris Flores, Mariea

Another game is called "Bubble." You have to wash up all of the little germs and little ants.

Last, there is this game called "Tabbed Root Beer." This game is about where this little guy, who looks like Mario but a bit taller. You have to put root beer into mugs and slide the mugs down the little counter to the people. If they don't go all the way down the counter they will come back for some more root beer. When they get enough you will get a tab (give you a bill for the root beer you bought) and you have to run all the way down the counter and get the money. If you are fast enough to get all the people past the doors you will beat the game.

Denny, Maria Stevens, Mike Mousseau, Loli Hill, Kerri Krenzke, Jessica Skenandore, Crystal King, Holly Eisch, Damonte Collins, Josh House, Prez King, Latsi Hill, Patricia Thomas, Brooke Smith, Lee Laster, Derrick King, Sara Eisch, Bucko Reiter, Jermaine Webster, Elizabeth House, Lindsay Powless, Tony Stevens, Bobbi Jo Reed, Kayukwaliyo Danforth, Coleman Reed, Michelle Wade, Josh Adams, Dezi Metoxen and DeAngelo Doxtator.

Erin's likes it when she is having fun with her friends and her dislikes are when people tell her what to do.

Erin also plays Basketball for the Oneida Nation High School Thunder Hawks.

Her hobbies are talking on the phone, playing Basketball, Volleyball and watching T.V.

Her siblings are Nikki, Bucko, Reanna and Erika. She also has one nephew named Kyle and one niece named Alexis.

Her parents are Susan King and Warren Reiter.

Reiter is the granddaughter to Harriet & Warren Reiter and Pete King.

Legends, Snow and Fun

By Brooke Metoxen-Smith

Out here in Oneida, where it would normally be cold and white outside, there is little of that and, instead, only dry and brown grass and cold winds. But in nearby St. Paul, Minnesota, there is a Winter Carnival on the way. It's famous for its huge winter ice castles that are sculpted during the week of festivities. There is more than ice sculpting that goes on, though. There is also a dance and time for teens, open ice skating, salsa dancing, a water-skiing extravaganza and even a pow-wow!

In Minnesota, the 2003 St. Paul Winter Carnival wouldn't be anything without their legend and history. They believe that Astraio's, the god of starlight, and Eos, the goddess of the rosy-fingered moon, were wed and had five children: Boreas, Titan, Euros, Zephyros, and Notos.

Boreas was given powers and was named "King of the Winds." He then gave each of his brothers a piece of his power. To Titan, he gave the North wind; to Euros, he gave the East wind, to Zephyros, he gave the West wind; and to Notos, he gave the South wind.

Boread liked to travel and he came upon St. Paul. He saw the beauty and decided that St. Paul would be his place of enjoyment. But Vulcanus Rex (God of Fire and the enemy of Boreas), didn't want that to happen. So they fought. When Vulcanus was beaten, Boreas wanted to celebrate and decided to have a carnival.

This year, St. Paul celebrates its 117th anniversary and the carnival runs from January 24th through February 2nd. If you're heading that way, you might want to check it out. It's said to be the "coolest" carnival on earth!

Four-minute passing time finally in place

By Patricia Thomas

ONHS sophomore

Can tardiness affect how we do in school? Do we have enough "passing time" to get to our classes? Until recently, students at ONHS were complaining because there wasn't enough time to get to classes. There used to be only three minutes to get to classes and a lot of students were being marked tardy.

The controversy was discussed by many students, most feeling a need for more time to get to classes. Desi Metoxen said, "I think that we should have a five minute

passing period and that classes should be cut shorter." Thomas House stated, "The only reason why students want a five minute passing period is to kiss and hug in the hallways."

But when I asked some of the teachers how they felt about this, most said that felt that there was plenty enough time to get to classes on time right now. Denis Gullickson, ONHS English teacher, said "A longer passing period is a good idea, but only if students can be responsible and use their time wisely. If they continue to get to class late, then it really does-

Student poll on cigarette smoking

By Erin Reiter

People know that smoking is a dangerous and unhealthy habit but still youth keep on. This is certainly true at Oneida Nation High School. A poll was taken in the library to see how many students here do really smoke and why. Some replies are listed below.

DO YOU SMOKE?	WHY?
* yes	I don't know
* yes	I don't know
* yes	Addicted habit (started young)
* yes	To be cool
* no	Not healthy
* yes	One day got addicted and I can't stop
* yes	Can't stop
* yes	Stressed
* yes	My parents let me, because they said its better than doing other drugs
* no	I just quit
* yes	Brings up your buzz 20%
* no	Bad for your health
* no	Just never did
* yes	Trying to stop (addicted)
* no	It's not healthy & its dumb
* no	My hearts bad
* yes	Stress relief
* no	It's stupid
* no	I don't want to waste my money
* yes	I can't help it no more, started too young
* yes	Stress
* no	I don't know

Chevelles

By Dwight Hill

ONES correspondent

I like cars. I don't know about you, but I think they are great. I have been interested in cars since I was 3 or 4 years old. I'll always like them, especially the old ones.

I picked Chevelles because I'm interested in that particular car and I think they're sweet. The first Chevelle was shown to the press on August 1963 as a 1964 year model car. In 1965, one of the rarest of Chevelles was produced, the Z16 Malibu. The were only 201 of these cars made. The price for one of these cars was \$4200 in 1965.

In 1966, the Chevelle got its first redesign. A new exterior and interior were added. The 67 Chevelle had the same body style as the 66. Changes were also made to the grill, front end, and rear end. Also a new model was added "the station wagon." There were not many changes for the

Chevelle in 1967. In 1968 a lot of changes were made to the Chevelle. The frame was stronger then earlier Chevelles. The standard engine remained the 325 hp 396 cubic inch engine. In 1969 there was little change for the front and rear end. Chevelle sport coupes and convertibles did away with side vent windows, while they still remained on other models.

You'll probably be able to see some of these cars at Wisconsin's biggest car show in Iola in July. It's about one hour to an hour an a half away from Green Bay. You also might see a couple at Oneida's own car show "cruz on da rez" at the end of the school year.

n't make a difference." Fortunately, the passing period was recently changed to four minutes and it seems to have helped cut down on tardies considerably. The complaints by students that they can't get to class on time also seem to have been reduced.

My Scoop

Behavior Issues at ONHS

By Bobbi Jo Reed
ONHS JUNIOR

Student behavior is a very important issue here at ONHS and at any other school. Some students just don't want to behave and some don't have any respect. Respect towards others and towards yourself is a big part of this. There is a controversy at this point about how there needs to be more respect and better attitudes in this school. Personally, I think that there is a lack of respect towards teachers, peers and property.

I sent out a questionnaire to some students and got back a good amount of feedback. Some people say that a few students here "have no respect for other people's property." We can't make everyone be good and not act up but when it occurs there always should be a consequence. Then, people might think twice the next time. Most students said that we need more rules, especially for the students who can't abide by the one's we already have. Only a few of the students said that there are too many rules now. But, please, this is a high school. Some people need to start acting their own age. When the students who plan on going to college actually do go, there will be plenty of rules and there will be much harsher consequences to deal with.

Mariea Denny, a senior says, " Yes some students need to act their own age."

She thinks that that the consequences at ONHS "Are the same as any other school."

Patricia Thomas, a sophomore says, " I feel like students should act how they want, be themselves." Consequences at ONHS, says Patricia, "seem too harsh compared to other public schools I've been to."

Desi Metoxen, a sophomore, says, "some kids at Tribal School need to act more mature instead of immature." About stricter rules she says, "I don't really think it would matter if we got stricter rules because I think some kids wouldn't really go by them 'cause they have tried to make stricter rules before." She also thinks the consequences at ONHS are "Pretty fair."

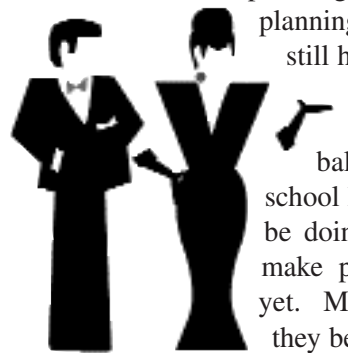
An Extraordinary Prom

by Katrina Paprocki,

This year's prom will be one of the best in the school's history. With the juniors planning it, it will be a sure success. Already this year, there has been an Indian taco sale and there are plans for a bake sale to raise some extra money in order to pay for prom. Junior, Thomas House, says, "The senior class of 2004 is the best class to ever come out of ONHS, and the prom will be proof!"

All of the previous planning for the prom didn't start until late February, but this year it started right after Christmas break. There are a few seniors that are chipping in with the planning. Even though they have a lot of planning to do with their trip, they're still helping the juniors.

Homecoming wasn't all that great even though the football team won for the first time in school history. So, the junior class will be doing everything in their power to make prom the most memorable one yet. More details will be presented as they become available.



Education

Oneida Community
Presenting...Cast members of ‘The Turtle War Party’



Photo courtesy of Patti Morin

Above, (left photo) are the War Party animal characters who will be performing in the upcoming play. Above, right, are additional participants who make up the cast.

Oneida, WI – You have an amazing opportunity to attend the play of “The Turtle War Party.” It will be performed at the Turtle School February 12 and 13, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Turtle School Cafeteria. The Story will be told in the Oneida language. The actors will be doing the play in English. The actors are from the Oneida Tribal School and

members of the Oneida Community. The Oneida Arts Council, the Oneida Community and the Oneida Tribal School are presenting the play. The play was adapted from Turtle War Party, by Chief Cornplanter in 1904. It was translated by Amos Christjohn in 1984. The story was edited by Cliff Abbott.

The story of the Turtle War Party demonstrates choices that are made. In Oneida stories, there are always messages regarding vainness, patience, greed, and trust. The play is a teaching lesson, which is enjoyable, thoughtful and caring. The moral of this play has a message important to everyone of all ages.

The play will be held at the Turtle Elementary School Cafeteria February 12 and 13 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and is wheel chair accessible. The Norbert Hill performances, held on February 26 and 27 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., will have the atmosphere of a theater setting, utilizing the lights and effects available. Sound enhancement will be

used at both locations. Ticket Information is as follows: Adults: \$5 prior to the performance \$7 at the door; Children: 5 to 11 – \$2.50; School Group Ticket prices are negotiable. For ticket purchases or questions PLEASE contact Patti Morin at 920-869-1676 ext. 606 at Oneida Nation Elementary School.

Free Tax assistance available

Need help in filling out your federal and state tax forms? This year, accounting students from the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay (UWGB) will be helping taxpayers prepare their tax returns free of charge through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA is a program administered by the Internal Revenue Service. Each year, approximately 71,000 volunteers nationwide assist more than 3.5 million taxpayers in completing their tax returns.

The UWGB will be helping taxpayers each week from February 10, 2003, through April 15, 2003, at the following times and locations (*the students will not be available during the week of March 17, 2003, the week of UWGB’s spring break*):

1. Fort Howard Family Resource Center, 520 Dousman Street, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.
2. Salvation Army, 626 Union Court, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
3. Oneida Center for Self-Sufficiency, 2640 West Point

Road, Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
4. UWGB Wood Hall, 1st Floor, Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
5. St. Willebrord’s Parish, 209 South Adams, February 22, March 29, and April 12, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The students have been trained to assist taxpayers in filing the following forms: Federal Form 1040EZ and Wisconsin Form 1EZ
Federal Form 1040A (with accompanying schedules for Earned Income Credit, the Child Care Credit, Education Credits, etc.) and Wisconsin Form 1A

When you visit a VITA site for tax preparation, please bring with you the tax forms you received in the mail, as well as any W-2 forms (showing your wages for the year), Form 1099s (showing any interest or dividends you may have received) and any other tax forms or documents which you may have (including your federal and state tax returns for 2001). The person preparing your return will also need your social security number and the social security numbers of

your spouse and anyone you claim as a dependent or as a qualifying child for the earned income credit. If you have any questions about filing your return, please call the IRS’ toll-free number, 1-800-TAX-1040 (1-800-829-1040).

Science Fair creativity



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida Nation Middle School Student Dwight Hill waits patiently answers questions regarding his Science Fair project “Milk Beans” while being judged by Debbie Cornelius, left, and two unidentified judges.

USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines

The **ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS** announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (Child Care Component) at the following sites:

Oneida Head Start, ONES-Head Start, Airport Road Child Care, and NHC Child Care
The Child and Adult Care Fop

he Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The Program provides financial assistance to child care centers so that nutritious meals can be integrated with nonresidential child care services. The goal of the Program is to improve the diets of young children and increase the opportunity for children to eat a variety of nutritious foods. The meals and snacks served meet standards set by USDA.

The amount of reimbursement received by the Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsor is based upon the household incomes of the children enrolled for care. A larger reimbursement is paid for meals served to children from low income households.

Listed below are the USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines which are effective July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003.

Household Size	FREE Annual Income Level (must be at or below)	Reduced Annual Income Level (must be at or between)
1	\$11,518	\$11,518.01 and \$16,391
2	15,522	15,522.01 and 22,089
3	19,526	19,526.01 and 27,787
4	23,530	23,530.01 and 33,485
5	27,534	27,534.01 and 39,183
6	31,538	31,538.01 and 44,881
7	35,542	34,723.01 and 50,579
8	39,546	39,546.01 and 56,277
For each Additional Household Member Add...	4,004	4,004 and 5,698

Children enrolled for child care are served the meals at no separate charge and without regard to race, sex, color, disability, age, or national origin. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20250-9410. Any questions, please call Valerie at 496-7863 or 869-4369.

Scholarships
Available

Alverno College
Scholarships

Alverno College, a small liberal arts college for women in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is one of a few colleges nationwide that has been selected for participation in the Alfred Harcourt Foundation scholarship program. Each scholarship is worth \$7000 per year, renewable for 4 years, to students interested in the field of nursing or the liberal arts. Students are nominated by Alverno if they possess special potential to contribute positively to their career and the community. Contact the admissions office at 414-382-6100 or 800-933-3401 for more information and application materials. **Deadline for this scholarship is February 21, 2003.**

Truman D. Picard
Scholarship

The Intertribal Timber Council invites all interested Native American students to apply to the Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program, which awards funds to students seeking an education in Natural Resources. This year scholarships will be awarded in the following categories: 2003 graduating senior high school students seeking an education in Natural Resources (\$1,200 scholarships) and students currently attending institutions of higher education and studying Natural Resources (\$1,800 scholarships). Applicants must provide a letter of application, a resume, 3 letters of reference and proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe. **The deadline for all materials is April 4, 2003.** For more information contact the Intertribal Timber Council, Education Committee, 1112 N.E. 21st Avenue, Portland OR 97232-2114; call (503) 282-4296; Email itcl@teleport.com; or on the web at www.itcnet.org.

Scholarship
Opportunities at
Alverno College

Alverno College for women in Milwaukee will offer the following scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year: The Peck Scholarship Program for excellence in leadership and community service and the Eleanor Roosevelt community service scholar program. These are both 4-year, full tuition scholarships awarded to first year students with any intended academic major. The Ellen Harcourt Scholarship is a \$7,000 per year scholarship awarded to first year students with a strong academic background, character and intellect. Certain majors are not eligible. **Deadline for the Peck and Roosevelt Scholarships is March 14, 2003. Deadline for the Harcourt Scholarship is February 21, 2003.**

For more information and application materials contact the Alverno College Admissions Office at 414-382-6100 or 800-933-3401.

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2. I will discuss what is involved in becoming a foster parent.
3. Question/answer time.

**Refreshments will be provided!!
See you there!!!**

Health/Eye on Environment

The evolution of dentures

Submitted by S. Burrell
DDS, Dental Clinic

According to the Academy of General Dentistry dentures have existed since 700 BC. Early humans utilized many materials to replace lost teeth. Most commonly, animal teeth such as those

of dogs and the hippopotamus were used. When these teeth were unavailable, the teeth of humans were used. Often, the poor sold their teeth for food and other goods. During the time of the Romans and Greeks gold or ivory was utilized to form small teeth. These teeth often fit

poorly and could only be utilized for esthetics. They however, believed dentures to be status symbols due to their expensive cost and many wealthy citizens purchased them.

The American Dental Association notes that many Americans are familiar with the myth that President George Washington had a set of false teeth made from wood. This however, would have been impossible since the wood would have turned to mush in the mouth.

Researchers believe that the dentures were most likely fabricated from human or animal teeth. These teeth were held in the mouth with string or springs. Because of the poor fit, patients would have to remove the teeth before eating, to prevent them from flying out of the mouth.

Many years of work and thought went into designing new dentures that fit well and were esthetically pleasing. Researchers have reported that in 1774 the first set of porcelain teeth were invented. These teeth however, were bulky and painful to wear. In 1808, an Italian dentist used pins to mount the porcelain teeth separately. It wasn't until, 1839 that dental historians noted that vulcanized rubber was used to hold separate denture teeth. This improved the fit of the denture and allowed patients to use them for eating.

Modern dentures are fabricated for the individual patient and are comfortable to wear and eat with. Teeth are fabricated from plastic or porcelain. They are more affordable and are not reserved for only the wealthy.

Clothing drive coming soon

Submitted by Diane Jourdan

Recycling Coordinator

We're back, we're bad, and we're ready for anything you got to give. Clothing and coats that is, or small household items (dishes utensils, knickknacks, shoes, belts, purses, etc.). No furniture please.

Bring your items to the Parish Hall located across the street from the Holy Apostle's Church.,2937 Freedom Road (or County Road E). The times will be Monday through Friday, April 7 - 11, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday, April 12, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Remember how it goes? You bring in items you don't need anymore in good, clean condition and if you see something you like--take it home with you. No limit on

items you take. If you don't have anything to bring in--come on down help sort for awhile and take what you need.

If there is anyone out there that would like to volunteer to sort and stack piles please we could use the help. Just come on in and pick a pile.

If you know of a tribe with-in Wisconsin that you think could use our donations call the Recycling Program at 920-497-5812, extension 164 as soon as you see this article.

Even if you see this article on the weekend or after business hours call the Environmental Health & Services office at 920-497-5812. Leave your name and a phone number and we will return your call. If you live outside the area call our 800 number 1-800-261-2163.

Food Safety Class Schedule for 2003

Submitted by Environmental, Health & Safety Area

The Food Safety Class schedule is ready for 2003. This is a FREE class for anyone who wants to learn more about food safety. Topics covered include; Personal Hygiene, Purchasing, Storing, Receiving, Preparing, Cooking, Serving, Cleaning and Sanitizing.

CLASS TYPE	DATE	PLACE & TIME
CERTIFICATION- 1ST TIME	March 4	All classes are held from 5:00-9:00 pm, at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 4.
	May 6	
	June 10	
	June 24	
	August 5	
	October 7	
RECERTIFICATION	December 9	
	March 11	Classes are held from both 12:00-1:00pm, and 5:00-6:00 pm, at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 4.
	May 13	
	June 11	
	June 25	
	August 12	
	October 14	
	December 16	

The CERTIFICATION class is for people who have never taken class before, or have missed one year or more of class. RECERTIFICATION class is for students who have taken their first class, and have maintained their certification annually.

According to the Oneida Food Service Code, people are required to participate in this FREE class in order to participate in the following food sale activities:

- Selling food at any Tribally sponsored event; Honor The Youth Powwow, Family Carnival, Annual Powwow, etc. Other requirements also apply with regard to inspections, fees, and permitting.
- Selling food to people in Tribal buildings and offices. Other requirements also apply with regard to licensing, inspecting, food preparation location, etc.

Special classes can also be scheduled for groups of 6 or more. To register for class contact the Environmental, Health & Safety Area at 920-497-5812, ext. 122 or 132. For further questions or information, contact the Tribal Sanitarian at 920-497-5812, ext. 125, or at jfalck@oneidanation.org.

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Falck

Pictured at right is a food safety class which is conducted by Environmental, Health and Safety area. The classes are free to anyone wanting to learn more about food safety.



Visitors welcome



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida tribal and community members, above, toured the new Oneida Health Center at their open house on January 25. At right, Andy and Lorrie John stop and chat with Eric Krawczyk, director of Community Health Services, left, while touring the new facility.



Scholarships Available

Summer Research at UW Madison

The University of Wisconsin invites minority undergraduates to participate in its 2003 summer research program, held June 2nd to August 1st. Students will work with UW Madison faculty and researchers. They will also participate in seminars concerning test taking (GRE), the grad school application process, writing scientific research papers and applying for fellowships and financial aid. The program covers most expenses and offers a \$3000 stipend. Applicants must be African American, Hispanic or Native American undergraduates at the sophomore level or higher, with a gpa of at least 3.0. Applications will be taken beginning January 31, 2003. For more information contact Ms. Lambert at jflamber@facstaff.wisc.edu or 608-263-4580.

Minority Health Care Scholarship

St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center is now accepting applications for the Minority Health Care Scholarship Program. The program provides tuition scholarships up to \$2500 annually to 2 minority students. Applicants must be

enrolled full time in a baccalaureate or associate degree program at Edgewood College, Madison Area Technical College or University of Wisconsin-Madison. Scholarships will be available in the areas of: Dietetics, Medical Lab Technician, Medical Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Radiography Technology and Respiratory Therapy. For more information call Ester Lowery at 608-258-6632 or 800-236-6101. Application deadline is March 1, 2003.

Indian Health Service Scholarships

Competitive applications are now being accepted for academic year 2003-2004 Indian Health Service (IHS) Scholarship Programs. The purpose of the scholarship program is to train the health professional personnel necessary to staff IHS health programs and other health programs serving Indian people. The scholarships fall under 3 categories: (1) Health Professions Preparatory, (2) Health Professions Pregraduate; and (3) Health Professions. Scholarship winners receive the cost of tuition and fees, books, uniforms,

and a stipend to cover living expenses. Applicants must be American Indian or Alaska Native. For more information and/or application materials contact the Oneida Higher Education Office at 920-869-4033 or 1-800-236-2214. You may contact Tony Buckanaga, Scholarship Coordinator, at 218-444-0486 or 800-892-3079. Deadline for all application materials is February 28, 2003.

Agriculture Scholarship

Monsanto and American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture are cooperating to provide \$150,000 in scholarships through the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program. The goal is to help young people from farm families to develop their skills for a challenging future in agriculture. There are 100 scholarships in the amount of \$1500 each for college-bound high school seniors. For more information contact Scott Baucum at 314-694-7653 or Marsha Purcell at 847-685-8764. Or visit one of these web sites: www.farmsource.com or www.agfoundation.org. Application deadline is February 15, 2003.

Culture/Heritage

Coyote: An Elder’s view

(Ed. Note: From Native Self-sufficiency, a worthy publication put out by the Tribal Sovereignty Program under The Youth Project, Vol. 6/No. 1 POB 10 Forestville CA 95436 Coyote is a Wylaiiki from Round Valley, California is an interpreter for native Elders and traditional people.)

Part three of six

Q: From a native perspective, what do you think American society lacks?

Everything, the lack of a philosophy, lack of a stable form of government, lack of religion. 200 years is no time to develop a nation. Right now it is still a child. Our communities have known this world for tens of thousands of years. The things that we do are tried and tested over many thousands of years and they work. That is why we use them. To accept everything the American people say is foolish. They say, “Take this medicine, it will be good for you.” Then, the next year, they take this medicine off the market because it causes cancer. They have treated half the population like guinea pigs. There is no stability in that sort of thing.

The other main weakness is that it is urban-

based. All policies are made in urban areas, even through they are dependent on the rural areas as a source of food, water, and energy. The rural people in America, whether they are black, red, white, purple, or whatever, are the ones that produce what the others need to survive. That is where the food comes from, the water, the energy, the green things, good air – all these things come from rural communities. The rural people haven’t been heard from for many generations now.

The urban person doesn’t have any planned cities; they have urban sprawl with leapfrogs out into suburbia away from the mess they created. It is like a cancerous growth, it keeps going out and out. They keep beaming pictures out via the tube about what life is like in the United States, so that it attracts our young people. There are big, high paying jobs, good education, go to this college, come over here and work for us. They attract our workforce, our most valuable resources – our children. Rather than sending their children out to us and letting them learn the good ways, they attract our children to that place and they come back broken, damaged and twisted human beings. They come back that way, or they come back with no minds at all.

Language Resolutions passed by BC

Over the years the BC has passed four resolutions supporting the importance of the Oneida language for our Nation. These resolutions acknowledge the significance of the Oneida language and offer ways to implement programs and policies. In the next issue, we will report on what has been accomplished and the work that has yet to be done. We encourage EVERY-ONE to participate in language and to speak Oneida wherever and whenever you can because speaking Oneida supports our sovereignty as the Oneida Nation.

Dr. Carol Cornelius

ONEIDA LANGUAGE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #1-12-94-A

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oneida Business committee declare that the Oneida Language be the official national language of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: That the declaration of the Oneida Language as the official national language of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin be a beginning step for future goals.

RESOLUTION # 5-18-94G

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that now is the time for a new beginning; a time to heal. A time to re-examine the actions of the past and most important, to assume responsibility of the present

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we, as a Nation, allow ourselves as leaders to experience the healing process to assist our people to a state of mind which creates in individuals a healthy, happy life path, of positive self-concepts.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that the Oneida, as a Nation, move away from being victims and become a people again, who can determine our own direction by utilizing criteria and choices in the development and enacting of policy and procedures that are sensitive, and compatible with our Oneida culture and heritage and that will allow us to exercise our spiritual beliefs, speak our language, wear our hair long, and be true Oneida people as the Creator intended us to be.

RESOLUTION # 9-25-96-A

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business committee re-asserts and declares again that the Oneida Language is the official language of the Oneida Tribe and that the following shall be declarations upon which administrative policy shall be based:

- I. The Oneida Language is in a state of moribund emergency and there exists a real possibility that it could be irretrievably lost.
- II. The Oneida Business Committee will oversee and evaluate all Oneida language programs and projects with direct consultation and assistance of fluent Oneida speakers who will be invited to sit with the Oneida Tribal Chairwoman as Experts of the Oneida Language.
- III. All Native Oneida Speakers are a National treasure and shall be accorded all respect due as the primary custodians of the Oneida Language in this community, and shall be the final authorities in evaluating all Oneida language programs, projects and initiatives conducted under the auspices of the Oneida Tribe.
- IV. All Oneida language projects, programs, and initiatives shall be reviewed annually by the Oneida Business Committee with the assistance of the Oneida speakers.
- V. Certification for Elder native speakers of the Oneida language, as well as students and faculty shall be developed by the Oneida Tribe which shall be the standard of the Oneida language for Tribal members and employees. This shall include incentives for employees to be included in the Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures, and language opportunities for Tribal members to avail themselves.
- VI. Innovative language projects will be encouraged, provided they are first reviewed by the Elder Speakers and the Oneida Business committee and evaluated during their progress and upon completion.

SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 8-02-00-C ONEIDA LANGUAGE RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the General Tribal Council affirms that the Oneida language is the official language of the Nation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the General Tribal Council directs the Oneida Business Committee to:


- I. Identify all Oneida Language speakers
- II. Develop a plan of action to incorporate the Oneida Language into the day-to-day affairs throughout the Nation, including the Tribal Schools, students, employees, and the community at large.
- III. Develop an incentive plan that rewards achieving higher language skill levels.
- IV. Report on the State of the Language progress in the annual and semi-annual General Tribal Council meetings.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that preservation and restoration of the Oneida language be given a place in the Nations’ priorities second only to health care, and equal to housing and education.

(Note: This resolution was presented at two GTC meetings in which a quorum was not present, therefore, it was passed by the BC).

January 2003

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Foods



ONEIDA
Language Lesson

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kan@talok	okhale> ow@lu		Bread and meat
gun naw da loak oh ka lee oh wahl			
osah#hta	okhale> o=n^ste		Beans and corn
oh zaw hay da oh ka lee ohh must			
onu>uhsla>k%	okhale> k@ik		Pumpkin and berries
oh new ooh slawh go oh ka lee guy heak			
owist%lsli	okhale> teyohy%tsis		Butter and salt
oh wiss stow sli oh ka lee day yoh hyo gis			
onuhtha	okhale> o>nh&hsa		Milk and eggs
oh noon d oh ka lee own who saw			

For language tapes call 920-490-2472

Oneida Pronunciation System

VOWELS:

- “a” has the sound of the “a” in ah or father
- “e” has the sound of the “e” in egg or eight
- “i” has the sound “i” in ski or machine
- “o” has the sound of the “o” in hope or low
- “u” has the sound of “un” in tune
- “<” has the sound of “on” in son

CONSONANTS:

- These consonants have the same sound as they usually do in English: h, l, n, w, and y. The letters ‘t’, ‘k’, and ‘s’ each have two (2) pronunciations depending on other sounds near them.
- ‘t’ normally has the sound like a ‘d’. If a ‘k’, ‘h’, or ‘s’ follows, then the ‘t’ sounds as top.
 - ‘k’ normally has a g-like sound but if a ‘t’, ‘s’, or ‘h’ follows, it has the sound as kill.
 - ‘s’ coming between two vowels makes a ‘z’ sound, before or after an ‘h’ like the sound in sea.
 - ‘>’ glottal stop. Stops sound like in the word like ‘oh, oh’
 - ‘tshy’ or ‘tsi’ sounds like ‘j’
 - ‘tshy’ or ‘tshi’ sounds like ‘ch’
 - ‘sy’ sounds like ‘sh’
 - ‘#’ accent mark over a vowel indicates stressed syllable in a word.
 - Combination of ‘#’ makes of falling tone sound.
 - ‘=’ lengthens the sound of a vowel and underlined sounds are whispered.

Family returns handmade baskets used to pay doctor

OAKVILLE, Wash. (AP) - Dozens of hand-woven baskets, given by local Indians to the white doctor who treated them for 40 years spanning the turn of the last century, are being returned to the reservation by the doctor’s descendants.

The 70 baskets and other artifacts were given by the Chehalis and Quinault to Dr. Jacob Outwater Van Winkle, who moved his practice here from New York in 1893. After his death in 1934, the baskets, moccasins and arrowheads were distributed to relatives in Seattle and back East.

When the entire collection came into the possession of his niece, Mary Stiltner - the last member of her generation - she decided to return them to the people who made them.

“These baskets and other artifacts represent years of admiration and affection bestowed upon a much loved and appreciated doctor,” wrote Stiltner, who still lives in the area.

“They have brought joy to several generations of our family. And it seems right that they should now be displayed in a place of honor among the ancestors of those who lovingly crafted them more than 100 years ago.”

The collection is being given to the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Indian Reservation, where it is to be displayed for a time.

The materials then will be stored at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma or the University of Washington’s Burke Museum until the tribe has its own cultural center. Stiltner, who acquired the full collection on the death of a sister last fall, has made clear that she wants it to remain intact.

The gift is a priceless contribution to restoring the tribes’ historical knowledge, said Mark Colson, who chairs the reservation’s cultural committee.

“It’s going to open so many doors, it’s unbe-



AP Photo/The Chronicle, Gary J. Cichowski

Mary Stiltner, center, listens as Trudy Marcellay, left, and Yvonne Peterson examine some of the baskets made by Chehalis Indians and gifted to Stiltner’s uncle, Dr. Jacob Outwater Van Winkle.

lievable,” he said.

Many techniques used in weaving the baskets have been lost over the past 100 years, said tribal basket weaver Yvonne Peterson.

“It’s reaching back in time. It’s having a connection with the ancestors through their history books,” Peterson said of Stiltner’s gift.

“It’s a very spiritual moment to know that someone preserved them and cared enough to keep them together.”

Van Winkle treated Indians, railroad employees and other area residents, receiving baskets from tribal members in trade for medical services or in appreciation for his contributions to healing the sick, Stiltner wrote.

Basket making, once a fundamental part of tribal life, faded during the 20th century but was kept alive by tribal elders including Hazel Pete, who died Jan. 2. Pete’s daughters, weavers Peterson and Trudy Marcellay, said they hope the Van Winkle collection will help inspire a new generation.

Colson selected an arrow painted with red and black rings to explain the gift’s impact.

“To touch something like this is overwhelming

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Culture/Heritage

Native dance presentation: A lesson in cultural roots



Rhiannon Boyd

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

It was nearly two years in the making, but Rhiannon Boyd never gave up her goal. And finally last Wednesday her goal and vision came to life with a cultural presentation by Oneida dancers in front of the entire Ashwaubenon High School student body. Included in the dancing were displays of traditional ribbon shirts, wampum belts and other Native American pieces in the school's cafeteria.

"I wanted to do this because every time someone found out that I was of Indian descent they always were curious and asked questions," said Boyd. She has Oneida, Menominee and Brothertown blood lines.

So instead of repeating herself all the time, she devoted her energy to putting together the presentation.

Boyd, now a sophomore, came up with the idea as a freshman. She sat in her history class and read the clashing "facts" in the history books and wanted to re-bunk the issue.

"I also experienced some of the stereotypes in school

and wanted to straighten them out," Boyd said. "It (presentation) will also give the students a reason as to why I may do certain things I do and also it will hopefully give them (students and staff) a different view point."

The presentation itself included about twenty dancers and the Duck Creek Crossing drum. The MC was Stan Webster, and Bob Brown provided the opening prayer. Brown gave the opening in both Oneida and English, and then gave the reason why the Oneida people give thanks for everything on Mother Earth. Webster also gave brief descriptions of each type of dance category before the exhibition began. He also told some short historical stories that gave perspective to the audience. The highlight of the presentation was when the teachers of the school joined the dancers for an inter-tribal song. The student body cheered loudly in approval as the teachers strutted their stuff.

At the end of the presentation the student body rose in appreciation and applauded Boyd for her efforts.

"It was so overwhelming and the students were great," said Boyd. "I feel like I made a difference."

Boyd is planning to attend Haskell in Lawrence, Kansas after she graduates. She would like to get into gaming or politics. Currently her favorite subject is math. Boyd is the daughter of Brian and Brandie Stevens and has two younger brothers, Cody and Raven.

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whelming, to see the medicine and prayers that were put into this to feed the people," he said.

The arrow feather was from a red-tailed hawk, he said. The bow was made of yew, strung with a cord made from twisted deer sinew. Dots on the arrow represent spiritual power songs.

"There's a lot of teachings from these," Colson said. "There's a reason for everything."

Stories were the backbone of tribal culture, he said. "How you interpret that story was how you resolved that problem."

Van Winkle's daughter, Katherine Van Winkle Palmer, recorded the Chehalis creation stories in 1924, as she was finishing her doctorate. A rare signed copy of her 1925 book, "Honne, the spirit of the Chehalis," is being given to the reservation along with her father's artifact collection.

She recorded the stories as told by George Saunders, who lived in the lower Chehalis Valley but was descended from the Nisqually and Cowlitz tribes. At the time, there were no Chehalis Indians "who could tell the

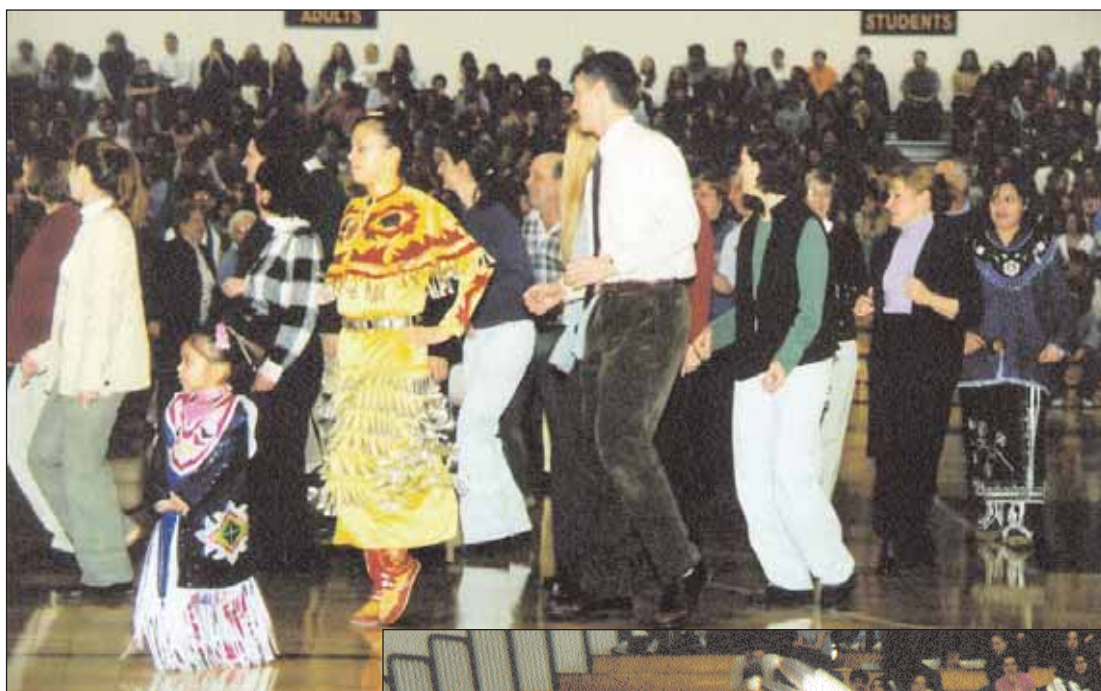
legend in sequence and of the completeness which it appears in this book," Palmer wrote.

There was no word for God in the Chehalis language, but Honne, or "Whon" in the Chehalis dialect, is the "changer," Colson said. According to the book, Rainbow Falls near Dryad began as a salmon trap Honne created, and Grand Mound had a name meaning "the star that fell."

Palmer's book is out of print, but copies can be seen at the Lewis County Historical Society in Chehalis and through the Timberland Regional libraries in Chehalis and Winlock. Palmer went on to found the paleontology school at Cornell University in upstate New York.

This month, the tribe hopes to start classes in the Chehalis dialect, to be taught by an anthropologist from Vancouver, British Columbia, who has written a dictionary of the language. The last fluent speaker died about two years ago.

The Chehalis Tribe has about 700 enrolled members, 300 to 400 of whom live on the reservation between Rochester and Oakville.



Above left: Alicia Summers dances during the Cultural Presentation organized by Rhiannon Boyd at Ashwaubenon High School. Above: Melinda Bain (yellow) and Hattie Summers lead a group of teachers in an inter-tribal song, much to the delight of the students. Above right: Louisa Mehojah spins while performing. Right: An unidentified traditional struts his stuff.



ONEIDA LANGUAGE FAIR

Onayote? a-ká tsi? Thuwatilihunyáníhtha?



Swakwe-kú kalo nutá-sé Ukwewuwnéha Atwata-tí.
(All of you Come here Oneida Language We will speak)

Kanhke (WHEN)

To niyohwistáe (TIME)

Atwatekhu-ní (WE WILL ALL EAT)

Katsa? nu (WHERE)

Friday, March 7, 2003

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Presentations

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Turtle School-gymnasium/cafeteria

Come share with us your Oneida language that you have learned in the past year. Presentations include phrases, skits, word lists, poetry and songs.



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REGISTRATION - DEADLINE February 21, 2003

Name: _____ How many attending: _____

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Description: (Please use large visuals, presentations can be individual or as a group, time limit 5-15 minutes.) _____

Mail to: Language Revitalization
P.O. Box 365
Oneida, WI 54155



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. Please include baby's full (first, middle & last) name, parents (first & last), d.o.b., weight (lbs. & oz.), length, grandparents (maternal/paternal), siblings (names only). Also, if the baby was given an Indian name, please include the correct spelling and meaning. Please include phone number where you can be reached during the day!



Mason Allen Schmutzler

Mason Allen Schmutzler, newborn son to Todd and Diane Schmutzler, was born on January 22, 2003 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield, WI weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20.5 inches in length. The proud Grandparents are Lloyd & Ruth Wagner and Woodrow, Jr. & Sherry (Skenandore) Schmutzler and Diane Halverson. The proud great-grandparents are the late Walter and Eva Skenandore, the late Joe & Dora Wagner, the late Woodrow, Sr. & Audrey Schmutzler and Arthur & Fern Halverson. Mason has one brother, Sawyer.



Anne Marie Bowers

Anne Marie Bowers, newborn daughter to Ken & Jodi Lee Bowers of Milwaukee, WI, was born on December 16, 2002 at 9:21 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee, WI weighing 9 lb., 3 oz., and measured 20.5 inches in length. The proud grandparents are Jerry & Oleta (Johns) Partl of Milwaukee and Vern & Dorothy Bowers of Franklin, WI. Maternal Great-grandparents are the late Orin P. Johns & the late Olive Johns Doxtator. Anne Marie has three older sisters, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Christina.

Valentine's Day Bash/Dance



Friday, February 14, 2003
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Happy Birthday

Happy 50th Birthday
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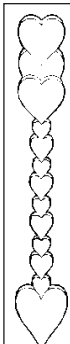
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for your guidance.

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Forrest, Colee, and Family



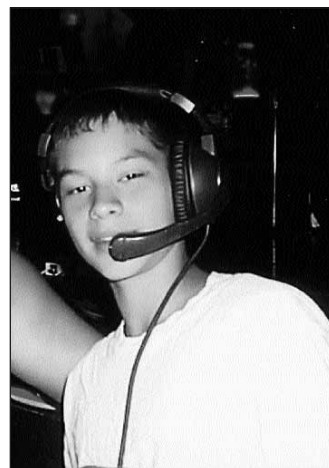
Happy Valentine's
Day to our Kids!

Eli, Rob, Kristi,
Mercy, Schuyler,
Trevor & Liana

XOXO We Love
You All Dearly!

Happy Birthday

Happy 14th Birthday
Jerrel
January 28th



Love you! Dad, Jane, &
your Lil' Bro Isaiah

Happy Birthday

Happy 1st Birthday to
Jordan
on February 16th



Love Mom, Dad and
your brother Kyle

Happy Birthday

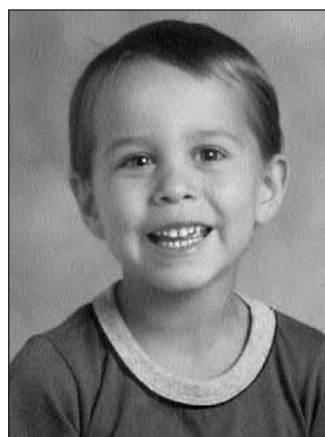
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Scooter
Happy 4th Birthday



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Your Dad, "Lone Wolf"

Happy Birthday

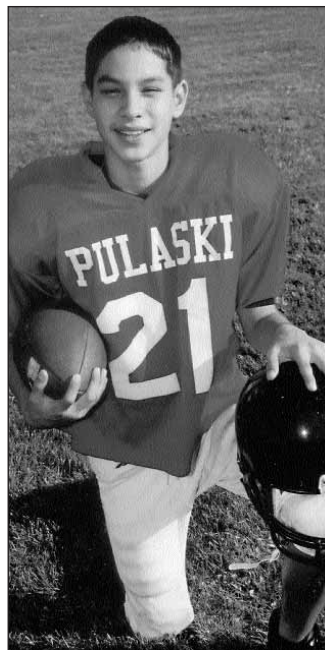
Happy 4th Birthday to
Bret on February 9th



Love Mom, Dad and
your brother Kyle

Happy Birthday

to our
M V P
on January 28th



Love Mom, Rod,
Grandma & Grandpa
Kurowski,
Uncle Jason, Jayleah,
Alex & Jianna

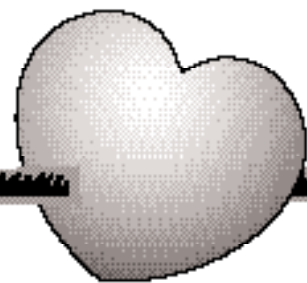
Happy Birthday

Dad & Jerrel



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Board Vacancies

Anna John Nursing home Commission: one (1) vacancy . Qualifications: Two members of the Nursing Home Commission may be professional persons or licensed persons or members of the general public. All other members of the commission must be enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe. No voting member can be employed at the Nursing Home. They may serve in an advisory capacity. Term of office shall be two years. Deadline date is March 7, 2003.

Oneida nation Arts Board: Qualifications: The Oneida Nation Arts Board oversees and influences the Arts Program. As a board member, you are expected to: attend bi-monthly meetings, serve on one committee; Board Development, Recognition, Fund Raising and Program Oversee or manage the dollars for the Arts Program, attend Arts Program events, and advocate for the arts and artists. Each member must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. This term shall be for three years. Deadline date is March 7, 2003.

Public Notice

Notice to Tribal Members: The Oneida Division of Land Management is requesting the assistance of the Tribal membership in naming two roads. The roads will be part of a housing subdivision that Oneida Housing Authority is creating. The subdivision will be located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Cty. H Road and Ranch Road. The history of the parcel includes that this parcel was originally allotted to Honiorest Stevens, allotment # 350. Due to the passing of Honiorest prior to a fee patent being issued, a sale of Honiorest's land was arranged and bids were received from several people. The fee patent was issued to Elizabeth King in 1910. The heirs that were determined at the time of sale were: Elizabeth Stevens, Melissa Cornelius, Mitchell Stevens, Elizabeth King, Celinda Webster, Electa Elm, and Phoebe Stevens. Each heir received a portion of the proceeds of the sale. Elizabeth sold the land to a non tribal, Ira Martin, the following year. Several transactions later, in 1916, Cyrenus & Huldah Powless purchased the land. They held the land approximately two years before they too sold to a non tribal. It wasn't until 1993 the Oneida Tribe purchased the land and other neighboring parcels from Orville & Theresa VandenElzen. The next year, 1994, the land was placed into tribal trust status. If you would like to make suggestions on the naming of these road, please respond in writing to Diane Wilson, DOLM Property Manager, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or fax: 920-869-1689 or email at dwilson@oneidanation.org.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY Project Description: The Oneida Nation is proposing to construct a new building at the Site One Athletic Field. The building will be used to store athletic equipment, house rest rooms and a concession stand. The purpose of the building is to provide sanitary facilities to the community, recreational equipment storage and assist Tribal athletic programs an opportunity to generate additional program funds. Currently sanitary facilities for the site are provided by temporary, portable restroom, there is limited storage space and vendors do not have an approved space for food preparation. Location: This property is located in T23E, R19N, Sec. 3, Village of Hobart, Brown County Wisconsin. The building will placed near the

north edge of the property between the existing ball diamonds, near the corner of Cty. Hwy. E and Service Rd. A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared regarding this proposed action in compliance with the Oneida Environmental Policy (2-13-93B) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The draft EA contains project information, affected environment, project alternatives and consultation letters. Comments were requested from the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding possible impacts to threatened and endangered species, and from the Oneida Tribe and State Historical Society of Wisconsin about possible impacts to historic properties. No significant impacts to these resources are anticipated, and recommendations from these sources will be followed. Need for Project: The athletic field does not have storage space that can be secured. This project will provide secure storage area for program equipment. The current sanitary facilities do not provide hand washing and must be serviced by an outside contractor on a regular basis. Alternatives: The preferred alternative is to construct a 20' X 50' brick building to serve as sanitary facilities, storage facility and concession stand. The "No-Action" alternative was also evaluated. It was rejected due the fact that it would not address the need for sanitary facilities, or storage. Comments & Availability: Interested parties can obtain copies of these documents from the above address. Comments regarding the proposed action may also be submitted within 30 days of the date of this NOA. ~-Contact Jennifer Hill-Kelley or Tom Nelson at (920) 497-5812 or write Oneida Environmental Department, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155.

The Cultural Resource Management Program is currently seeking information regarding the area of the Oneida Reservation described as: T24N R19E Section 25, NW1/4 SW1/4 which is 0.02 acres will be disturbed, also known as portion of Trout Creek, situated on Brown County land, within the contiguous boundaries of the Oneida Nation. The proposed project will consist of bank stabilization with geotextile and stone. The primary benefits are to reduce sediment loading to stream and protect a 2 foot diameter oak tree and a group of basswood trees. These trees provide band stability and shade to the stream. All permits have been applied for. We are requesting information from the members of the community in regards to cultural, historical or archaeological concerns which may exist within the proposed development area. Any information that is shared with our staff will be helpful in determining the extent of development and to what degree the area will be protected and preserved. The Cultural Resource Management Program Staff can exercise a great deal of discretion in protection of these sites, maintenance of confidentiality and respect for anonymity. If you have any information you are willing to share, please contact our office at 490-2095 and ask for Corina Williams.

To the community, from Cultural Heritage Department. Survey question: The Cultural Heritage Preservation wants to know the community's feelings and input on potential demolition sites. Old Tribal Building\Fish Creek and HWY. H; White building\ccc building site2; Shaueman house, barn and silo\across from site 2; and Decaster cabin, cottage and root cellar. Any information obtained

will be held in strict confidentiality. Your comments and oral histories will help provide us the most reasonable preservation. All comments can be mailed tolor call me at (920) 490-2096 ext. 184. Attention Ms. Corina Williams, Oneida tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Cultural Heritage Department, PO Box 365, Oneida , WI 54155.

Dream Home for Sale

1936 Everbreeze Road, Green Bay Open House February 8 from 10am-Noon Application deadline: February 14, 2001. Split Level home. 3 bedrooms; 2 baths; with an attached 2 car garage. Selling price - \$82,500; Minimum down payment - \$4,125; Monthly gross income needed - \$2,384; Estimated monthly payment - \$504.97 plus monthly real estate tax payment of \$162.53. Open house flyer's will be on site. Please contact the Loan Department at 490-2090 for further information.

ONHS Coaching Vacancy

Head Girls Softball Coach. The season begins March 31 and ends late May. Practices are from 3:30-5:30, M-F. Applicant must be certified, or be able to obtain certification in CPR and First Aid. If interested please submit a resume and letter of interest to Oneida Athletic Director Lance Kelley, by February 7, 2003.

Oneida Nation Jobs

Note: Oneida Nation jobs posted "until filled" may close without notice.

Community Health Staff Nurse Position #01137 Salary: Grade 11/ Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience) Position Summary: This position is responsible for providing professional nursing care to members of the Oneida Community. This position will work with several different community programs as well as self-referred individuals seeking services at the Oneida Health Center. Incumbent must be willing and able to work occasional evenings and weekends as needed/required. This is an exempt position and reports to the Community Health Nursing Supervisor. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date: February 13, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 14, 2003

Prenatal Care Coordinator RN Position #01478 Salary: Grade 11/ Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience) Position Summary: This position is responsible for developing and participating in programs necessary to provide professional nursing services and intervention for pregnant women to ensure they receive prenatal care and other necessary services with the expectation of improving pregnancy outcomes and decreasing medical and hospital costs. Incumbent must

be willing to work evenings as needed/required. This is an exempt position and reports to the Community Health Nursing Supervisor. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date: February 13, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 14, 2003

Deputy Clerk of Courts/Secretary Position #00202 Salary: Grade 05 \$9.71/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience).**Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** Position Summary: This position will perform a variety of administrative and secretarial duties for the Oneida Appeals Commission. Incumbent must present a professional appearance and demeanor in dealing with the Appeals Commission, staff and the general public. This position must be willing to obtain additional training in the legal and administrative field to meet the mission of the Oneida Appeals Commission within the first year of employment. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Clerk of Court. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

Closing Date: February 7, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 7, 2003

Custodian I Roving Position #00202 Salary: Grade 02 \$7.971/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). Position Summary: This position will perform basic and routine custodial duties at various buildings throughout the Oneida Tribe and work shift hours to include evenings, weekends and holidays as determined and assigned by the custodial supervisor. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Custodial Supervisor. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

Closing Date: February 11, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 14, 2003

Director Community Education Center Position #00087 Salary: Grade 11 \$31,907/ Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). Position Summary: This position will facilitate learning for the Oneida community in life skills through formal education and training courses. Incumbent will provide leadership for the Community Education Center (CEC) and staff. Incumbent will work cooperatively with the tribal organization to effectively identify and reach current and potential customers. Directs the operations of the CEC and actively pursue external funding to cover learning costs. Incumbent may be required to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends. This is an exempt position and reports to the Governmental Services Director. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

Closing Date: February 20, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 21, 2003

Director of Marketing Position #00622 Salary: Grade 13 \$36,836/ Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** Position Summary: This position is responsible to create, develop, implement and monitor all revenue generating promotional programs, which combine advertising and marketing incentives to increase sales of products and services offered by the Oneida Tribe's Gaming Division. Employee will ensure dissemination of information to employees of the Marketing Department, other departments, for publicity and

tournaments, via, regular scheduled meetings, memos, etc... Incumbent must be willing and able to work nights, weekends and holidays as needed/required. This is a designated key, exempt position and reports to the Assistant Gaming Manager- operator. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date: February 20, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 21, 2003

Teacher/Tutor - Seymour School District Position #00923 Salary: Grade 08 \$25,147/Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). Position Summary: This position will assist in providing educational services to Middle and High School Native American students in developing their academic skills especially in the math and services areas to advance to the next grade level. Incumbent will conduct and oversee individual and group tutoring sessions, using the Y.E.S. Tutoring Program guidelines. This position will be responsible for conducting student skills assessments and designing curriculum/lesson plans for students based on the needs identified from the skills assessment. Incumbent will work flexible hours including evenings and weekends for meetings and special events. This is an exempt position and reports to the Youth Educational Services Director. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date: February 20, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 21, 2003

Background Investigations Department Manager Position #00060 Salary: Grade 09 \$27,164/Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience).**Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin**

Position Summary: This position will supervise the employees of the Background Investigations Department who conduct pre-employment and background bonding investigations for all applicants/employees of the Oneida nation. This position will determine employee/applicant eligibility for employment. This is an exempt position to and reports to the Human Resources Area Managers. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

Closing Date: February 27, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 21, 2003

Director - Veterans Affairs Position #00707 Salary: Grade 09 \$26,229/Annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience).**Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** Position Summary: This position will manage the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Department (ONVAD). This position is responsible for carrying out the day to day operations of services and benefit deliveries to veterans, their spouse and beneficiaries as provided by law. The incumbent will ensure programming is effective, efficient and financially viable within the limitations of established policies and delegated authority. This sis an exempt position and reports to the Governmental Services Division Director. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding.

Closing Date: February 27, 2003 **Proposed Start Date:** April 28, 2003

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