



Legislators announce bill on tribal gaming

Madison, Wis. - Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer, R-West Bend, Assembly Speaker John Gard, R-Peshtigo, State Senator Bob Welch, R-Redgranite, and Representative Jeff Fitzgerald, R-Beaver Dam announced they will be introducing a bill to address egregious items contained in compacts negotiated by Gov. Jim Doyle.

"The legislature needed to act to address very serious problems with the recently announced gaming compacts," Panzer said. "It is our responsibility to future generations to make sure these compacts are fair today and in the future."

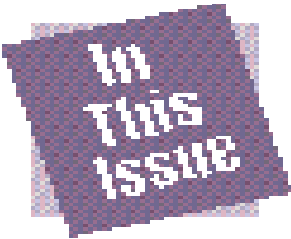
The legislation will include three provisions:

- Any compact that is longer than 10 years in length with an opportunity to renew for 5 more years must be approved by both houses of the legislature.

- Any expansion of tribal gambling to locations currently off tribal reservations land would require approval of both houses of the legislature.

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Bill on Gaming



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Wisconsin Tribes Win!



Photos courtesy of Christopher G. Powless

Members of the Wisconsin Tribes, above, were well represented at the State Capitol in opposition of Senate Bill 41 which was sustained by a Senate vote of 20 to 11. Below, Ernie Stevens Jr., president of the National Indian Gaming Association, addresses the tribal representation on why SB 41 is not good for Indian gaming.

Senate sustains Governor's veto of SB 41

By Keith Skenandore

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After what seemed like an eternity walking the floors of the Wisconsin State Capitol, members of the Oneida Tribe, and nine other Wisconsin tribes, returned home with a State Senate vote that sustained Gov. James Doyle veto of Senate Bill 41.

The Wisconsin State Senate voted 20 to 11, thus failing to override the veto with the 2/3 majority vote needed, falling one vote short.

Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Chairwoman Tina Danforth was ecstatic about the victory, but realizes this issue is still going to be debated for some time.

She hasn't heard any strategic plans by the Republican controlled legislature but she won't be surprised if another bill is introduced.

The state Senate failure to override the governor's veto of legislation giving lawmak-

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Veto Sustained



One vote short

By Keith Skenandore

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The Wisconsin State Senate was one vote shy of receiving the 2/3 majority needed for the override of Senate Bill 41.

The so-called "ace in the hole" was Sen. Roger Breske, D-Erland, former president of the Wisconsin Tavern League, who voted in favor of the override in last week's voice vote on Feb. 27.

Republicans control the Senate 18-13 with two vacancies, meaning they needed 21 votes - three from Democrats - to override Doyle's veto and send it to the Assembly.

Democratic Sens. Chuck Chvala of Madison and Gary George of Milwaukee voted with Republicans, who had also counted on Sen. Roger Breske, D-Eland, to join them.

But Breske said he decid-

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One Vote Short



Senator Breske

Terms of Seneca Nation's casino loan outlined

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) - A lawyer for the Malaysian billionaire financing the Seneca Indian Nation's new Niagara Falls casino defended the deal's interest rates, while a tribal councilor called them too high.

Attorney Steven Horowitz, a New York attorney representing Lim Kok Thay, called the casino a "high-risk venture" because it was planned before the tribe owned the site where the casino is located.

Under the deal, the fixed rate on the loan would begin at 29 percent, though it would be adjusted monthly based on a key rate used in London's money markets. That rate, currently 1.34 percent, pushes the real interest rate on the casino loan to 30.34 percent, The Buffalo News reported.

Knowing the base 29 percent rate might be difficult to pay back in the first year of the casino's operation, negotiators structured the loan in a way that gives the casino lower payments through the end of 2003, Horowitz said.

This year, the Senecas will have to pay only the London bank rate plus 3 percent - a total of about 4.34 percent - plus about one-tenth of the casino's earnings before debt and taxes.

Next year, the casino would no longer have to share profits directly with the lenders but instead make monthly payments on the loan, the newspaper said.

None of the \$80 million in loan proceeds would be paid back until the five-year loan expires, when it would be due all at once, along with deferred first-year interest.

Seneca leaders said the loan was the best they could get on a risky deal. But Michael John, a Seneca councilor, disagreed. He was the only tribal councilor to vote against the loan package in December.

"I believe the interest rates are too high," he said. "As a nation, as a government, I don't see why we should be bending over backwards for these Asian guys."

Wayne Smith, who was deputy assistant secretary of Indian affairs at the Department of the Interior until June, called the loan terms "outrageous."

Oneidas of Wisconsin and Canada meet

The Oneidas of Wisconsin and the Oneidas of Thames held a government to government meeting last week to discuss the economic situation of the Canadian Oneidas and to see what, if anything, can be done to help the Oneida brothers from the north.

The meeting was basically an informational meeting where the Oneidas of Wisconsin shared ideas and logistics of how the organization is set up and how it functions as a unit. The two

groups also discussed what has worked and not worked here in the Oneida community in Wisconsin.

Areas of discussion in a question and answer format where; economic ventures and investments i.e. hotels, banks, seven generations, etc...,land base, land acquisition, culture education and possible joint ventures with both the Oneida groups.

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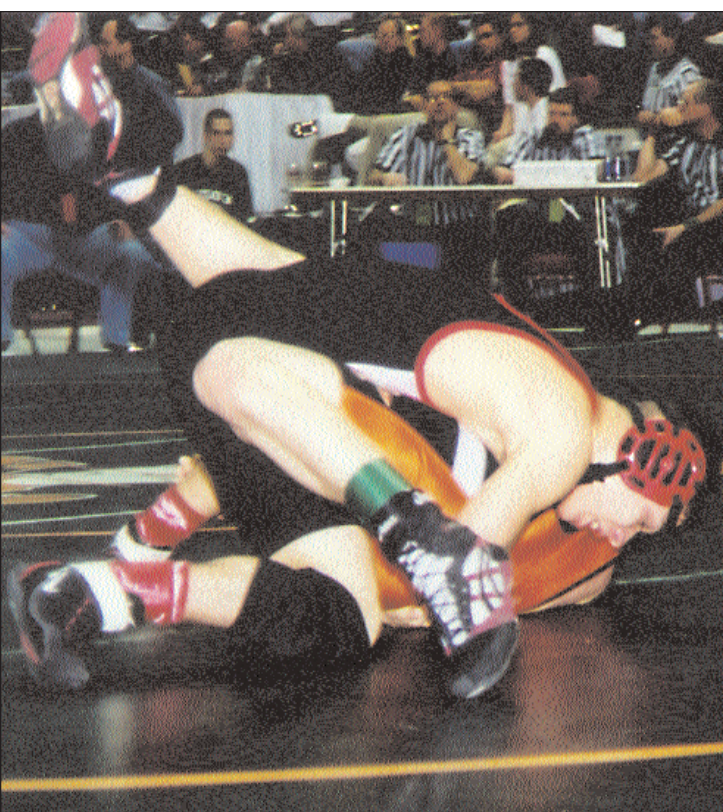
Oneidas Meet



Photo by Phil Wisneski

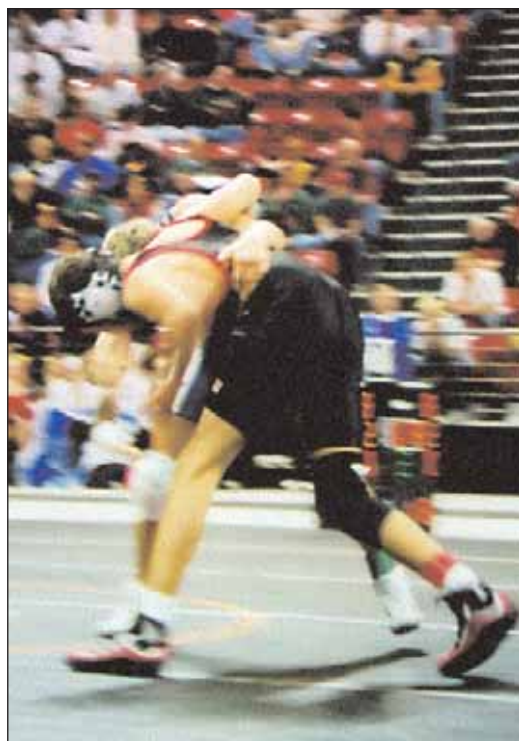
Tsyunhehkwa employee Patti Archiquette explains a straw that is used to drink tea to Randall Phillips of the Oneida Nation of Thames.

Sports



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above: Johnny Skenandore scores three points for a near fall in his quarter final match. Skenandore finished third in the state tournament. **Right:** Les Cornette tries to establish position in his match. Cornette took sixth.



Skenandore places third, Cornette takes 6th at wrestling state finals

By Phil Wisneski

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Two Oneida wrestlers from Seymour High School qualified for the WIAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament held at the Kohl Center in Madison last weekend. Junior Johnny Skenandore placed third while freshman teammate Les Cornette finished sixth.

Both wrestlers won their respectful regional and were awarded opening round byes into the quarter-finals.

Cornette's first match at 112 pounds was against a seasoned veteran in senior Kelly Bires from Mauston. Bires had a 34-3 record going into the match and a 35-3 record following his 5-1 victory over Cornette. From the outset it appeared as if Cornette was out of his environment as he was taken down twenty seconds into the match and remained on the bottom the remainder of the first period. All of Cornette's moves were countered by Bires until thirteen seconds were left in the second period and Cornette was finally able to score one point with an escape and close the gap to 2-1 going into the final period.

The third period however was not a good one for Cornette. Twenty seconds into the period Bires was awarded a point for an escape and quickly took down Cornette to take a commanding 5-1 lead. Cornette came close to an escape a few times down the stretch, but every attempt was thwarted. Bires would eventually go on to win the championship in the 112 weight class.

Cornette's next match had better results as he defeated Travis Fischer from Elkhorn

9-3. The win put Cornette in the fifth place match against Kyle Schneider of Random Lake. Schneider was victorious 5-1.

Cornette finished the season with an outstanding 38-7 record and being able to take the medal stand at the state finals as a freshman is quite an accomplishment.

Skenandore came to the state tournament looking to improve on last year's performance. A year ago he lost his opening match and didn't place. This year was different as he cruised in his quarter-final match against Brandon Acker of Stanley-Boyd. Acker brought an impressive 37-1 record into the match, but he was no match for Skenandore's quickness. The first period was nip and tuck the entire way as the two grapplers exchanged take-downs and escapes the entire period. Acker scored the final escape in the waning seconds of the period and lead 5-4 going into the middle period.

Skenandore began the second period in the down position and quickly turned the 4-5 deficit to a 7-5 advantage with an escape and a take-down. As the match progressed it was obvious that Skenandore was a quicker wrestler and he eventually wore down Acker and recorded his final three points with a near fall.

Skenandore lost a heart breaker in the semifinals 11-9 to Kyle Mueller of River Valley, but was a winner in his final match of the season defeating Travis Bouchonville from Luxemburg Casco 12-1. Skenandore finished the season with a 38-6 record and hopes to improve on that for his senior season.

Boys declaw Lena in regional opening round

By Phil Wisneski

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The Oneida boys basketball team took over a half to figure out how to put the ball in the basket against the Lena Wildcats in the opening round of the WIAA tournament. It wasn't until the third quarter when the Thunderhawks outscored the Wildcats 19-4 that opened up a tight game and took command to advance in the tournament with a 48-38 win at the Turtle School.

Roberto Hill drained three three-pointers in the quarter and Lee Laster scored six of his 14 points in the decisive third stanza. The offensive explosion gave the Thunderhawks a 37-23 lead. The 19 points were one more than the 18 points that Oneida scored the entire first half.

The Wildcats clawed back into the game in the fourth quarter but weren't able to get any closer than eight points the rest of the way.

Hill, Laster and Mike Mousseau all lead the way with 14 points each. The win was the first WIAA tournament victory in the program's history.

In other boys action the Thunderhawks traveled to Jackson to compete in the Heritage Conference tournament. Oneida defeated Living Word Lutheran in the championship game 69-49. Roberto Hill lead Oneida with 19 points followed by Lee Laster's 18 and Mike Mousseau's 16 points. The Timber Wolves were within striking distance late in the fourth quarter when they cut the Oneida lead down to seven. Oneida then switched to a zone defense that completely baffled Living Word Lutheran and the Thunderhawks cruised the rest of the way. The victory gave Oneida the sweep of both the regular season championship and the conference tournament championship.

In the semifinal game, Oneida destroyed Fond Du Lac Christian 75-44. Oneida started slowly, but they turned up the heat in the second quarter and lead 34-16 at intermission. The Falcons tried a zone defense to limit the Thunderhawks height advantage, but Roberto Hill and Marvin Spruce shot holes in it draining nine three-pointers between them. Hill had six alone.

Hill lead the Thunderhawks with nine points while Spruce and Mike Mousseau each added 11.

On February 24 Oneida hosted arch-rival Menominee and were victorious 61-42. The Thunderhawks repeatedly pounded the ball inside to Mike Mousseau in the first half and came away with good results. Mousseau scored 12 of his 17 points in the first half and help The Thunderhawks build a 27-18 lead at the break.

Oneida built on the half-

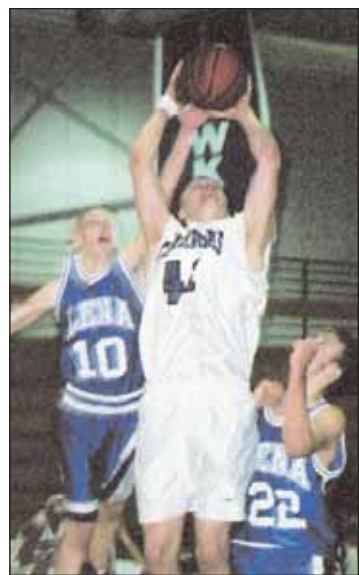


Photo by Phil Wisneski

Lee Laster goes strong to the hoop versus Lena.

time advantage pushing the lead to 48-28 after three quarters and never looked back. Roberto Hill picked up the pace in the second half and dropped in 14 of his game high 19 points in the second half. Presley King also chipped in 14 points for the winners.

Lady Thunderhawks lose in regional final



Photo courtesy of Lena High School

Mariea Denny, with ball, looks to pass the ball inside against the Lena Wildcats in the regional final at Lena. The Lady Thunderhawks lost 60 to 54, but there season was a success with their first win in the WIAA tournament, followed by another tournament victory in the regional semifinal.

By Phil Wisneski

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The Oneida Girls basketball team made school history over the past two weeks. First the team won the first WIAA tournament game in the team's history and then advanced to the WIAA Regional final only to fall to the Lena Wildcats 60-54.

The game was a battle back and forth as both teams traded punches through out the game. The Wildcats held the advantage at halftime 29-22, after being deadlocked at nine at the end of the first quarter. Oneida roared back in the third quarter and outscored Lena 21-12 to take a 43-41 lead into the final quarter. The Thunderhawks however could not hold the lead and were outscored 19-11 the rest of the way.

Oneida only shot 8-17 (47 percent) from the free throw line and it proved costly. Lena on the other hand converted their free throws making 19-24 (79 percent).

In previous tournament action the Thunderhawks started their tournament run with a gutsy 49-42 win over Marinette Catholic Central. The Cavelettes played a tough zone defense and packed the defense in to eliminate the inside game of the Thunderhawks. The strategy worked as Oneida had trouble getting the ball inside the entire game.

In the first quarter both teams struggled to take care of the ball and the sloppy play showed on the scoreboard as Oneida lead 7-6 going into the second quarter.

Marinette Catholic Central took the lead (12-11) in the

second quarter on a baseline jumper by Lucy Gansebom with 5:25 left in the half. The Cavelettes added another basket and were thinking upset. The Thunderhawks, however, had other ideas and went on a 11-0 run in the final two and a half minutes to end the half. Mariea Denny started the run with a three-point basket that tied the game at 14. Amanda Gerondale added a spark on defense in the waning moments as she stole the ball and passed to Maria Stevens for a wide open lay up as time expired at the half.

With the Thunderhawks leading 22-14 going into the second half, the game seemed to be in hand but the pesky Cavelettes refused to go away. To make matters worse for the Thunderhawks their leading rebounder and scorer Maria Stevens picked up her third foul at the 5:30 mark in the quarter. Marinette scrambled the rest of the quarter and tied the game at 30 with a Beth Skorik jumper, but Denny again responded by hitting a three-pointer at the buzzer to give Oneida a little breathing room.

The Thunderhawks started the fourth quarter with a burst that proved to be the determining factor of the game. Lindsay Powless hit a 16 foot jump shot, Denny converted a three point play and a hustle steal and assist by Gerondale to Stevens gave Oneida a 40-30 lead with 5:40 to play. Marinette was able to get back into the game utilizing a press defense and also with the help of Oneida's poor free throw shooting (38 percent).

The Thunderhawks were never really threatened however and held on for the win.

Denny lead Oneida with 23 points, nine coming in the decisive fourth quarter. Irene Danforth added 10 for the Thunderhawks.

In the regional semifinal, the Thunderhawks hosted and defeated the Gibraltar Vikings 49-29. The Vikings used a similar tactic of trying to pack the defense in and not allow the Thunderhawks open looks inside. The plan worked to a certain extent, but Oneida played an aggressive full court pressure defense that caused 6 turnovers in the opening quarter. The Thunderhawks lead 9-2 after one quarter and held Gibraltar scoreless the last six minutes of the quarter.

Two turnovers by the Vikings lead to easy baskets for Oneida and stretched the lead to 15-2 with 5 minutes in the half. The Thunderhawks however went scoreless the rest of the quarter and the Vikings scratched back into the game and trailed only 15-14 heading into the second half.

In the second half the Thunderhawks continued to apply the defensive pressure and get steals. This half however, Oneida was able to convert those turnovers into points. Senior Lindsay Powless' hot outside shooting forced the Vikings to extend their defense thus opening up the middle for Maria Stevens. Stevens then went to work and scored 13 of her game high 24 points in the second half. Overall Oneida outscored Gibraltar 34-15 in the second half and



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Mariea Denny shoots over the outstretched arms of a Gibraltar defender. Oneida won the game 49-29.

were never threatened the entire half.

Stevens also pulled down 16 rebounds. Mariea Denny and Lindsay Powless chipped in eight and seven points respectively.

The squad finished with a 17-5 record overall. The win total is the most ever in school history and the two wins in the tournament are also school and program firsts.

Local

From Page 1/Governor Doyle's veto sustained by Wisconsin State Senate 20 to 11 vote

ers final say on gaming compacts gives the authority back to the governor.

Republican leaders immediately announced a new effort to give them that authority.

The bill Republicans announced after the vote would require approval by both houses of the Legislature:

-For any compact longer than 10 years with an opportunity to renew for five more years.

-For any expansion of tribal gaming off-reservation.

It would prohibit casinos in other countries from affecting what games Wisconsin casinos can offer. The Potawatomi compact allows it to offer any game that a casino within 75 miles of Wisconsin also offers. That would include Canada.

Afterward, Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer, R-West Bend, Assembly Speaker John Gard, R-Peshtigo, and other Republicans said they would introduce a new bill by week's end that would require legislative approval for several provisions in the gaming compacts.

They planned to debate the bill next week.

"This issue is not going to go away, even if everyone in this building wanted it to," Panzer said.

Danforth said the Senate's latest attempt to override the veto was more difficult than what they anticipated, and that they realized they made some mistakes.

"Aside from wanting to use the tribes as an example," she said, "they realize they didn't afford their constituents, which includes tribal communities, an opportunity to be heard through the public hearing process.

"That became the root of discussion today."

She said the Republicans claimed Gov. Doyle was doing things in secrecy and "they turned around and did something that was basically done not with a lot of discussion and input, and not allowing public opinion an opportunity to be involved."

"Hopefully they'll be more judicious about following the normal process and calling for a public hearing before they pass anything that affects Native people in the State of Wisconsin."

The vote capped a bitter two-week fight between Gov. Jim Doyle, a Democrat, and

Republicans that control both houses of the Legislature.

Republican legislative leaders called the Legislature into an extraordinary session two weeks ago to pass a bill giving them oversight of compact negotiations after details began to emerge on an amended compact Doyle was working on with the Oneida Nation.

The bill passed the Senate on a voice vote and the Assembly 58-31.

The governor vetoed that legislation on Feb. 28, saying it would undermine the state's ability to get more money from the tribes to help cover Wisconsin's \$3.2 billion budget deficit. He is counting on \$237 million in extra revenue from gaming compacts in the next two years.

"Today's vote is a victory for the taxpayers of Wisconsin," Doyle said in a statement Tuesday. "The agreements will save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars - revenue that can be used to support our public schools, fund the University of Wisconsin, protect vital health care programs and preserve local services like police and fire protection."

Shortly after announcing

the tentative Oneida agreement on Feb. 18, Doyle's administration then announced it had signed an amended compact with the Forest County Potawatomi.

Both agreements would allow games like craps and roulette while extending the compacts in perpetuity, instead of the current deals that expire after five years. The Potawatomi compact would allow the state to renegotiate oversight details every five years and all provisions in the compact every 25 years.

Sen. Mary Lazich, R-West Bend, said the deals did not give the state adequate oversight and the compact's lack of expiration dates would rob the state of its ability to change them later on.

"Five, 10 years from now we'll look at this roll call and see who gave this state away, and it's a shame. It's a rotten shame," Lazich said.

The Legislature gave the governor sole authority to

approve the compacts in the 1980s. Then-Gov. Tommy Thompson vetoed a similar attempt by lawmakers to gain final say over the compacts in 1999.

The Legislature has not overridden a veto since 1985.

Senate Minority Leader Jon Erpenbach, D-Middleton, said Republicans were only trying to re-establish legislative authority over the compacts now because they no longer controlled the governor's office.

"The governor was given that authority to do what he is doing now," Erpenbach said. "Whether we like it or not, he's doing it. To change the rules in the middle of the game is basically an attempt to grab power away from him."

Danforth said as much as she was told the proposed legislation wasn't party politics, and when she questioned what the issues were, "it eventually went back to party politics.

"Unfortunately that bill was an issue. I think the fact remains that it was very much a power play."

The process also strained the relationship between the state and the 11 tribes that run 17 casinos in Wisconsin, said Jeff Crawford, attorney general for the Potawatomi.

"The bill was changing the rules at the last minute, which we did not think was fair," he said. "Now it appears they're going to make us go through it again. That is not effective or productive use of anyone's time."

Danforth said it's now time to meet with the governor to conclude their gaming compact. Since Doyle's veto of SB41, the Oneida Nation has not met with the governor regarding compact negotiations.

"This means we can continue to work with Gov. Doyle to conclude our compact, and we are hopeful in the next couple of weeks to get this completed."

From Page 1/Wisconsin State Senate one vote short in receiving majority vote

ed to side with Doyle. He said he met with the governor, but Doyle did not promise him anything in exchange for opposing the override.

"Down the road maybe we will be getting something that is good for my district. Why should I buck the governor on a deal like this that's going to lose tomorrow in the Assembly anyway or would have lost in the Assembly?" Breske said.

Oneida Nation Chairwoman Tina Danforth said Breske was able to put the political games aside and see in the long run what was in the best interest of the economic impact that tribal gaming provides.

"He understands he has other constituents and he really extended himself and took a risk by voting for the right reasons," said Danforth, "which is for the betterment of the communities throughout Wisconsin."

Danforth said in speaking with Breske prior to the vote and his sudden change, that he informed her that he would stay with the veto being sustained and that he would not change his vote back.

"He changed it (vote) based on consideration of the attempts to negotiate some things with the Tavern League and the Governor, and it wasn't accepted," said Danforth. "He felt the opportunity to come to an agreement around gaming, and the Tavern League was opposed.

"He basically took it more from a standpoint of economic impact than anything else."

The issue of drunk driving and lowering the blood alcohol content, currently at .01, is an issue with the Tavern League, however Danforth said Breske realizes it will be a federal mandate, and that it

will be forced upon the state no matter what. Danforth is thankful Breske was able to stay focused on the issue at hand which was Indian gaming and their compact negotiations.

Senate upholds Doyle veto of compacts bill

By The Associated Press

Votes Tuesday as the Senate failed to override Gov. Jim Doyle's veto of legislation that would have given lawmakers final say on gaming compacts, on a 20-11 vote.

Overriding the veto required a two-thirds vote of the members present, or 21 votes. Voting yes were 18 Republicans and 2 Democrats. Voting no were zero Republicans and 11 Democrats.

- Roger Breske (D-Eland), N
- Ronald Brown (R-Eau Claire), Y
- Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee), N
- Charles Chvala (D-Madison), Y
- Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), Y
- Alberta Darling (R-River Hills), Y
- Russell Decker (D-Weston), N
- Michael Ellis (R-Neenah), Y
- Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton), N
- Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau), Y
- Gary George (D-Milwaukee), Y
- Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay), N
- Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls), Y
- Robert Jauch (D-Poplar), N
- Ted Kanavas (R-Brookfield), Y
- Neal Kedzie (R-Elkhorn), Y
- Alan Lasee (R-De Pere), Y
- Mary Lazich (R-New Berlin), Y
- Joe Leibham (R-Sheboygan), Y
- Mark Meyer, D-La Crosse, N
- Gwendolynne Moore (D-Milwaukee), N
- Mary Panzer (R-West Bend), Y
- Tom Reynolds (R-West Allis), Y
- Fred Risser (D-Madison), N
- Judy Robson (D-Beloit), N
- Carol Roessler (R-Oshkosh), Y
- Dale Schultz (R-Richland Center), Y
- Cathy Stepp (R-Sturtevant), Y
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- Robert Wirsch (D-Kenosha), N
- David Zien (R-Eau Claire), Y

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Local



Passing On

Thomas, Annette

Annette Thomas, age 65, Oneida, passed away early Saturday morning February 22, 2003 at a local hospital.

She was born March 26, 1937 in Neenah, daughter of the late Edison and Evelyn (Baird) Metoxen. Annette married Sherman Thomas on April 26, 1958 in Oneida. She was a member of the Oneida Assembly Of God Church where she served as treasurer for many years and served with the women's ministries. Annette enjoyed spending time with her family, friends, and grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and baking for her family and friends. Annette also loved to watch her kid's activities and was an avid Packer fan.

Survivors include her children, Terry Thomas of Oneida, Shelly (Steve) Skenandore of Oneida, Lori (Reese) Hill of Oneida, Gene "John" Thomas of Oneida, Lonnie Thomas and Lori Danforth of Oneida, Jonathan "Gotsy" Thomas of Green Bay, Shawn Thomas and Krissy LaRush of Oneida, Shane Thomas and Christina Bluebird of Green Bay, Her grandchildren further survive, Shoney, Bradley, Shakira, Stevi, Bryce, Adrianna, Felicia, Kayla, Miranda, Antonio, Jamie, and Trent. Two Great grandchildren also survive her, Jamozzy and Charles. Two brothers and two sisters survive, Nick (Mary) Metoxen, Carl (Doris) Metoxen, Carole (Richard Lopez, and Janet (Henry) Huff. Her close friend and sister in law Carol Metoxen, and many nieces, nephews and friends survive her.

She was preceded in death by her husband Sherman, two sons, Bradley, and Jamie. Annette's two brothers Fredric Metoxen and Gene Metoxen also preceded her in death.

The family would like to

thank their family and friends for their care and support. Also a Thank You to Unity Hospice and Bellin Hospital 2nd floor for all you did for us.

Grignon, Jerel L.

Jerel L. Grignon, 51, of Green Bay, died unexpectedly at home on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003. The son of Alfrieda H. (Braaten) Grignon was born April 13, 1951, in Green Bay. Jerry was an artistic person who loved to draw and paint. He enjoyed gardening and camping at our lake. A life-long caretaker of the elderly, he was presently employed by Communicare where he was a CNA for the past 13 years. Even though he did not drive, he always pursued his education to better himself. He donated his time to various charities and truly gave a lot to this world. The time spent with family and friends, especially helping his mother and grandmother with their homes, painting, hanging pictures and curtains will always be cherished. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his mother, Alfrieda Grignon, Green Bay; his brothers, Worden "Gene" (Alice Cihon) Krueger, Santa Fe, N.M.; Blair (Michelle) Braaten, Seymour; James Braaten, De Pere; his sisters, Kelly (Al Griffey, Jr.) Braaten, De Pere; Susan Braaten, Shawano; Lisa (Terry) Metoxen, Seymour; his maternal grandmother, Inez M. Grignon, Green Bay; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and one great-nephew, as well as his special friends, John Cash, Tom Sweeney and Adrian "Bongo" Barrett.

Jerry was preceded in death by his stepfather, Lester Braaten; his maternal grandfather, Michael Grignon; and his special dog, Lady.



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The Family of Bryan R. McLester would like to thank everyone for their donations, thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Knowing that so many of our neighbors, friends, relatives and community members have shown us such compassion will make this path we are to travel more comforting. To the Fire Keepers, Pallbearers, Oneida Singers. Food preparers, servers and so many others who have helped in some way, Thank You! Each and every one of you have a place in our hearts!

B ryan will never begonefrom us as long as he is remembered.

The Family of Bryan Roy McLester



In Memory of

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who crossed over to her Beloved God 1 year ago March 16th, 2002



My prayers have all been answered
She has finally arrived,
she is where there is no
schedule to keep,
She doesn't need to wait
for anyone to come see her,
and she no longer needs me.

I can hear her saying...
If you could see me now,
I'm walking streets of Gold
If you could see me now,
I'm standing tall and whole,
If you could see me now,
you'd know I've seen His face,
If you could see me now,
you'd know the pain is erased.

My smile is back in place, if you could only see me.

Pat has been gone from me one year,
But I can still feel her near.

I hear her whisper in my ear,
I'll always be near you dear.
You will never be forgotten,
you left so much love for me to remember.

There will never be another you for me!
Love Kate

In Memory of my Brother

Timothy Hill

on March 2, 2003

Together A gain

...D ream about, us together again
W hat I want, us together again
I know we'll be together again 'cause
Everywhere I go, Every Smile I see,
I know you are there, Smilin' back at me.
D ancin' in moonlight, I know you are free,
'Cause I can see your star, shinin' down on me.
Good times we'll share again
M akes me wanna dance
Say it loud and proud
all my love for you
A lways been a true
angel to me
N ow above,
I can't wait for you to
wrap your wings around
me
W rap them around me
sometimes hear you whis-
perin', no more pain
N o more worries will you ever see now...

There are times when I look above and beyond
There are times when I feel you smile upon me..
W hat I 'd give just to hold you close
A s on earth
I n heaven we will be together
Together again...

- Janet Jackson

Thinking of you on your birthday.
I Miss You Brother! Justine



In Loving Memory of

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who would have been 41 on March 2nd, 2003

We think of you every day
and miss you very
much!

Peace and Love to you
Timmers

Love You & Miss You!
From Mom, Dad,
Brothers & Sisters



In Loving Memory of

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who would have been 41 years old
on March 2nd

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Since the Creator has taken you from us,
I have had many rainy days.
There is a lot of hurt in my heart,
at times I wonder if I can continue.
I think about you and I know you are
in a better place and you are not
hurting anymore, for that I am grateful.
If I could only see you and talk to you
one more time,
the comfort it would give me.
I try to be a strong person,
but the tears in my eyes are for you brother,
because I Love You!

H appy Birthday Timmers!

Love you and miss you!
Renee and the rest of the
Hill Gang



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Local

Strength in numbers

By Keith Skenandore

Kalihwisaks

Oneida Nation Chairwoman Tina Danforth said the Senate was definitely overwhelmed by the representation of most of the Wisconsin Tribes.

Crystal Holtz, director of advertising for the tribe, said approximately 50 Oneidas attended the March 4 Senate session, and that over 900 Wisconsin tribal members were present as well.

"We did get a lot of compliments from the people that were supporting us in the Senate," said Danforth. "They were happy to see us.

"I think those who didn't expect to see us were very overwhelmed and really taken back by it."

She said since the Senate introduced SB 41 last Tuesday, Feb. 25, that members of the Oneida Tribe made

their presence known. With the Senate debate occurring all day on March 3, a call for Oneida, and Wisconsin tribal representation was requested, and they answered the call.

Holtz said one of Oneida's casino shuttle bus had to return early, but with still no vote occurring at approximately 4:00 pm, the other bus and it's Oneida tribal members and employees, stayed.

"There presence made a difference today," said Danforth, shortly after thanking the Oneida contingent who made the trip to the Capitol. She said it was a great opportunity for them to "come watch their tribal government and state government in action.

"They should be commended for their participation."

At a community meeting held March 3 while the

Senate was still session, lobbyists at the state and federal level provided a legislative issues review. Scott Dacey, governmental affairs consultant with PACE-Capstone, said either at a federal or state level, the tribe needs to become a force and make their presence known.

"They don't fear you," said Dacey. "This community has got to become involved and let them know that they need to tow the line or get their butts kicked."

Lobbyist James Tenuta of Tenuta-Hermes, state lobbyist for the Oneida Tribe, agreed, and said Oneida needs to make the Wisconsin legislators realize if they vote against Oneida, there voting against their community.

Danforth said the events of March 4 was a good example of tribal participation at the state level in the political

process.

"We need to continue this effort," she said.

Stockbridge-Munsee President Robert Chicks reminded the Wisconsin tribes that they come to Madison when a crisis arises and help prevent things, but he says they need to continue to come to Madison for other issues as well and to keep a relationship with our state government.

"I agree with him," said Danforth.

These relationships, good or bad, will continue as another bill on tribal gaming is introduced by members of the Wisconsin legislature. Legislative leaders have said they plan on debating a new bill in both the State Senate and Assembly sometime during the week of March 10 to address "egregious items contained in compacts" negotiated by Gov. Doyle.

From Page 1/Oneidas meet as government to government

explained that economic development is sorely lacking in their community in Canada stating that there is constant federal government legislating against the Nations in Canada. He also explained that there are 5,000 tribal members on their rolls and that 2,000 of those members live in the community. They currently employ 210 employees and are looking to partner with the Oneidas of Wisconsin.

Both groups seemed optimistic about the future and the possibility to work together for the good of both groups.

After the meeting the Oneidas from Thames went on a reservation tour with Kirby Metoxen. The tour consisted of stops at the Tsyunhekwa, health center, apple orchard and numerous other spots of development on the reservation.

From Page 1/New bill on gaming

- Prohibit casinos in other countries from having an impact on the type of games that casinos in Wisconsin may offer. (The Potawatomi Compact includes a 75-mile zone around the State of Wisconsin. If a table game is offered in any casino in that zone, Wisconsin casinos will be allowed to offer the same game.)

"We are not content to sit idly by while the Doyle administration sells out the future of this state for peanuts," Gard added. "I look

forward to the Assembly taking action on this bill quickly."

Legislators announced that this bill is currently being drafted and should be introduced by the end of the week.

CORRECTION

In the February 20th issue of the *Kalihwisaks* on page 1A, Carol Robelia was mistakenly said to work at the Appeals Commission. She currently works at the Personnel Commission.

Business Unit Informational Meeting

March 31, 2003

1:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

Are you aware of what the Tribe is working on? Would you like to know more about a specific area or department? Please come and share at the next BU Info meeting.

If you and/or your department would be willing to present a specific topic, I'd like to hear from you. Call 490-3537 before March 12.

Yaw^{ko}

The family of Mike Roberto wishes to express their gratitude to all who offered sympathy, comfort and help with our family during the loss of our father and husband to Cecilia Roberto.

A very special thank you to Kelly Skenandore, Wayne Cornelius and Henri Cornelius for taking care of all the food preparations and getting the extra assistance from whom I don't even know. These 3 people are very special to me will forever be in my heart and prayers. I love you and will always be there for you, in times of sorrow and happiness.

We would also like to acknowledge the Oneida Singers, the Alicea family, Johnny Doxtator and Marlene and Ervin John for the beautiful hymns and songs that all had special meaning for my dad. To the Oneida Cannery for the corn soup donation, Yaw^{ko}, and to the many who donated food, flowers, words of comfort and money, Yaw^{ko}. To the ladies who helped with serving the food and cleanup, Henri, Kelly, Lisa Summers, Cora John and Adeline Johnson, thank you so much for taking care of all the people who came to share this meal.

To the staff at Malcore Funeral home who made this as painless as possible for us and who granted our wishes with our father's services. To Deacon Cindy Becker from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oneida and to Pastor Lonnie Johnson from the Oneida Assembly of God Church, who also honored our family's wishes with combining the services.

To those that I may have forgotten to name, please know that our prayers of thanks and honor have been said many times for the people of the Oneida Community. May the Creator always protect and bless you, as you continue your walk on earth.

Yaw^{ko}
Family of Mike Roberto

A Tribute to My Father

Dad, you were an amazing man to me. I was always so proud to say that I was your daughter. These last few months have been hard on everyone, and I knew that you felt bad for being a burden. There were so many times that I wished you would just get better, but deep in my heart, I knew it was not meant to be.

I prayed so often, just for you to be comfortable, and not to be afraid of going home. Our prayers were answered, and you went peacefully in sleep.

Dad, today I kept remembering all the times you played with us. I remember the times you would take us to the park after church each Sunday afternoon. I remember crawling on your lap and falling asleep, and you trying to comb my long tangled curls. For all the times you helped me with my homework and taking me to school, I thank you for being there.

I thank you dad for being there, when I thought my world was falling apart. You told me to take care of myself, but I wanted to take care of you. I thought that I could carry the weight on my shoulders, but my shoulders weren't big enough. So I asked the Creator kindly, to take you home instead. Your work on earth has finished, and you did a wonderful job. And I will take with me, all the tenderness and kindness you taught to all your children. You gave us sincerity, when you expressed your love and concern for us. You gave us honesty, when we needed advice. You gave us your gratitude, as we cared for you, and you gave us humbleness, when you could no longer do for yourself. I thank you Dad, for all these virtues you gave so freely of yourself.

I know you loved your roses, and I tried real hard to give you a garden these last few years. So please know, that your garden was planted with love, and I will do my best to keep it that way.

Dad, I hope you felt my warmness, as I held you that last morning. I will miss you Dad, and know that I will cry often, but my tears of sorrow will one day turn to tears of joy, when I know I'll see you again.

Dad, please stay close to me, please be that rose in my heart, for I still need you, because you are truly an amazing man to me.

I love you Dad,
Your daughter Dolly

What's Happening!

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Thursdays - March 6 & 20, 2003

ONEIDA FALLING LEAVES 4-H CLUB

The Oneida Falling Leaves 4-H club meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the County H Recreation Center located at N6457 County H. The activities run from 6:00-7:45 pm. We hope to see you there!

Thursdays - March 6 & 20, 2003

ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION

"Winter Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule"

TIME: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

WHERE: Oneida Library

Contact LLC Coordinator at 869-4403

Sunday ~ March 9, 2003

ONEIDA SPORTSMEN CLUB

Oneida Sportsmen Club monthly meeting at 6:00 pm in the Community Room, Oneida Police Dept., 2783 Freedom Rd., Oneida, WI For more information, call Jerry Jordan (920) 336-3737, or Jim Green (920) 833-7786.

Thursday ~ March 13, 2003

Modern Dance Troupe, *Rosy Simas* & Company, performs in the ONEIDA CONCERTS: Night Sun Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. General Seating. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with ID. Box Office (920) 403-3950.

Thursday ~ March 13 & 27, 2003

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TOWN SUPPERS,

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Three nights - Three Topics - Three Locations.

March 13th - Oneida Youth - Site II

March 27th - Oneida Families - Three Sisters Community Building.

April 10th - The Oneida Community - (TBA)

All Oneida community members are encouraged to attend. Food & Door Prizes!

Thursday ~ March 20, 2003

ATTENTION - ALL WRITERS AND ACTORS:

The Oneida Nation Arts Program will be hosting workshops for writers/actors to develop poems, stories, or skits for public presentation this summer. Workshop facilitators are Poet & Performer Ed Two Rivers and Playwright & Director, Fred Gaines. The first of five workshops will begin on Thursday evening March 20 at the Community Education Center and will be held every Thursday thereafter. People under 30 years old from 6:00pm-7:00pm, and from 7:00-8:00pm for over 30. For more information, contact Beth Bashara at (920) 490-3833 or bbashara@oneidanation.org.

March 28 & 29, 2003

Oneida Pantry Easter Basket Fundraising Campaign.

Bake sales and raffles will be held at the Bingo Hall. Volunteers are mostly elders so we probably won't make it to the Nite Owl sessions. Friday, 28th: 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday, 29th: 10 am to 2:30 pm and 3 to 7 pm. Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these events, call Nori Damrow at the Pantry, 869-1041. Bakery donations are appreciated for the fundraising campaign.

Sunday ~ April 13, 2003

Oneida Sportsmen Club monthly meeting at 6:00 pm in the Community Room, Oneida Police Dept., 2783 Freedom Rd., Oneida, WI For more information, call Jerry Jordan (920) 336-3737, or Jim Green (920) 833-7786.

April 11 ~ 14, 2003

WIEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Green Bay Radisson Hotel & Conference Center For further information, contact Mitch Metoxen at 920-869-4370 or Anita Barber at 920-869-4381. For registration information see website: www.wiea.org

Please call the *Kalihwisaks* office at 869-4280, 4277 or 4279 to include events in this section.

State

Dairyland track seeking lower taxes, expanded simulcasting

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) - Dairyland Greyhound Park will take an aggressive legislative campaign to Madison in the coming weeks in an effort to keep up with the state's Indian gaming casinos, Dairyland executives said.

Track officials said they will seek expanded simulcasting and lower taxes.

"We hope the Legislature or the governor will give us some relief," said Harold Ripps, Dairyland's majority owner. "Hopefully somewhere we'll get some help. We understand the limits the state has. But we're just trying to survive, and in order to do so we feel that some help would be appropriate."

Two recent deals tentatively approved with the Forest County Potawatomi and the Oneida Nation allow for major gambling expansion, which Dairyland officials say threatens the future of the track.

Roy Berger, Dairyland's executive vice president, said he is hopeful the state will consider the track's political agenda as it tries to turn a profit.

"We hope there is a call to action on the part of the legislators in Wisconsin when they realize the plight of the two racetracks that are left," Berger said. "We are not asking for handouts, never have been."

"All we want is to be treated on a level playing field."

The Potawatomi compact allows for unlimited simulcasting, a right the tribe promised last week it would not exercise as long as Dairyland, just 40 miles to the south, stays open.

Dairyland will now seek that same removal of simulcast limits as part of its political agenda, Berger said. Currently, revenues from simulcasting cannot exceed those from Dairyland's live

racing.

A similar measure was approved by both houses of the state Legislature and went before then-Gov. Scott McCallum in 2001.

He vetoed the bill, arguing that it amounted to an expansion of gambling.

Berger said McCallum's veto made no sense and he hopes Gov. Jim Doyle will be more receptive to the idea.

Assembly Minority Leader Jim Kreuser, D-Kenosha, said he expects the simulcast lan-

guage will go before the Assembly soon, and he will support repealing the current rules.

"That was already passed by two bodies of the Legislature and redlined without any rhyme or reason by our former governor," Kreuser said. "That could very well see the light of day. It does bring more revenue to the state. If people from Illinois want to come up and spend their money here, God bless them."

Still, Ripps said the simulcasting expansion would not have a major effect on the track's bottom line. Dairyland has lost money each of the last three years and expects to lose \$338,000 in 2003.

Ripps estimated the track's debt, which it continues to pay down, at \$22 million.

"It's not a big thing," Ripps said of the expansion. "It's not going to make us very solvent because of it."

Tax relief would be a bigger help, he said.

Track figures show that in 2002 Dairyland paid the state more than \$1.4 million in two taxes based on the amount of money wagered: \$898,193 in a "parimutuel tax" and \$553,402 in a "special programs tax."

Dairyland officials said those taxes should be lowered.

"We think we're justified in asking," Ripps said. "State taxes are far exceeding anything we're making. That doesn't seem quite fair."

Appeals Court uphold tribe's position in dispute over island

By Robert Imrie

Associated Press Writer

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) - A state appeals court Tuesday refused to overturn a tribal referendum that rejected a plan to buy a 26-acre island on a northern Wisconsin reservation for \$1.5 million to keep it from being developed into homes by its Colorado owner.

At issue in the dispute is Strawberry Island in Flambeau Lake on the reservation of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The island, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and considered a likely Indian burial site, is owned by Walter Mills of Aspen, Colo., whose family has owned it since 1910,

according to court records.

Mills sought permission from Vilas County in 1995 for a permit to build a home and garage on one of 16 lots proposed for development on the island, court records said. Mills had received approval in 1976 to subdivide the land into lots.

The county denied the building permit, raising several concerns, including that building on the island might disturb human remains linked to a territorial dispute between and Chippewa and Sioux nations decades ago, court records said.

Those concerns led to negotiations to sell the island to the tribe for \$1.5 million "subject to approval of tribe membership if needed," court records said.

endium was not needed.

Vilas County Circuit Judge Robert Kinney denied the motion, ruling the election was a political question.

The 3rd District Court of Appeals unanimously ruled Tuesday that Kinney properly used his discretion in refusing to "overturn the decision of a sovereign nation."

It's part of a doctrine that defers to the "judgments of other states or sovereigns out of mutual respect and for the purpose of furthering the orderly administration of justice," the three-judge panel said.

The tribe wanted Mills to pay its legal fees and costs,

arguing he filed a "frivolous appeal" of the dispute.

The appeals court disagreed.

"We cannot conclude that Mills' appeal was filed to harass the tribe or that he should have known the appeal was without any reasonable basis in the law," the panel said.

Rock County approves casino resolution

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) - The Rock County Board voted Thursday night to approve an agreement with the city of Beloit about proceeds from a proposed off-reservation American Indian casino.

The agreement, approved 17-11, would give the county 30 percent of the \$145 million promised to the city over a 10-year period if the casino is built.

The Bad River and St. Croix bands of Chippewa want to build a casino off Interstate 90 in Beloit. The complex would have 3,000 slot machines, 75 blackjack tables, a hotel, theater, convention hall and several restaurants.

The tribes have agreed to pay \$145 million over the first 10 years of the casino's operation. The city and county would use that money to provide services such as additional law enforcement.

Rock County's share would be \$43.5 million over the first 10 years.

County supervisors who supported the resolution said Rock County can't afford to lose out on the money if the casino is approved.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs has been reviewing the Beloit proposal. The BIA must approve the project before Gov. Jim Doyle can consider it for approval.

Doyle has said he might support opening one or two casinos in southern Wisconsin, but under stringent conditions.

Administration Secretary Marc Marotta said those conditions would be if the project has community support, benefited the state and had federal approval.

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PLEASE REMEMBER... IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER/PARENT OR THEIR LEGAL GUARDIAN OR POWER OF ATTORNEY TO KEEP THEIR ADDRESS CURRENT WITH THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT.

Oneida United Methodist Church

Are you a member of the Church?

Our membership committee worked very hard updating a membership list. The committee concurred that if your name was not on the list as of July 31, 2002, (exceptions are the people that have joined since then) you are not a member of the Oneida United Methodist Church. If you have any questions about your membership, applying for membership, or renewing your vows, contact chair of the membership committee Eldred Nicholas at 869-2342.

Become a member by...

1. Profession of Faith. If you've never been a member of any church, you can join a United Methodist church by professing Jesus Christ as your Savior.
2. Renewal of Vows. If you once belonged to a church but are currently inactive you can join by renewing your vows.
3. Transfer of membership. Methodist members or other denominations may have their membership moved to the Oneida United Methodist Church.

"The Book of Discipline" on page 232 (225.2) states, baptized children and youth of the church eighteen years and under are not full members. Adults that are baptized are not full members of the church. This is preparatory membership. Baptism is enrollment towards confirmation preparation.

"The Book of Discipline" governs all United Methodist Churches. The book states (page 227 1-d) that if you are neglectful of your responsibilities for two years you may be taken off the membership list. On (page 227-b) states while primary responsibility and initiatives rests with each member faithfully to perform their vows they took before God and the congregation to support the United Methodist Church through their attendance, prayers, gifts and service.

The church is a voluntary association. Entry into the church is on the basis of a decision personally made, prayerfully considered, and ultimately confirmed by the taking of vows of membership which are only as binding as our own faith determines them to be.

This letter was approved by the administrative council of the Oneida United Methodist Church on January 30, 2003.

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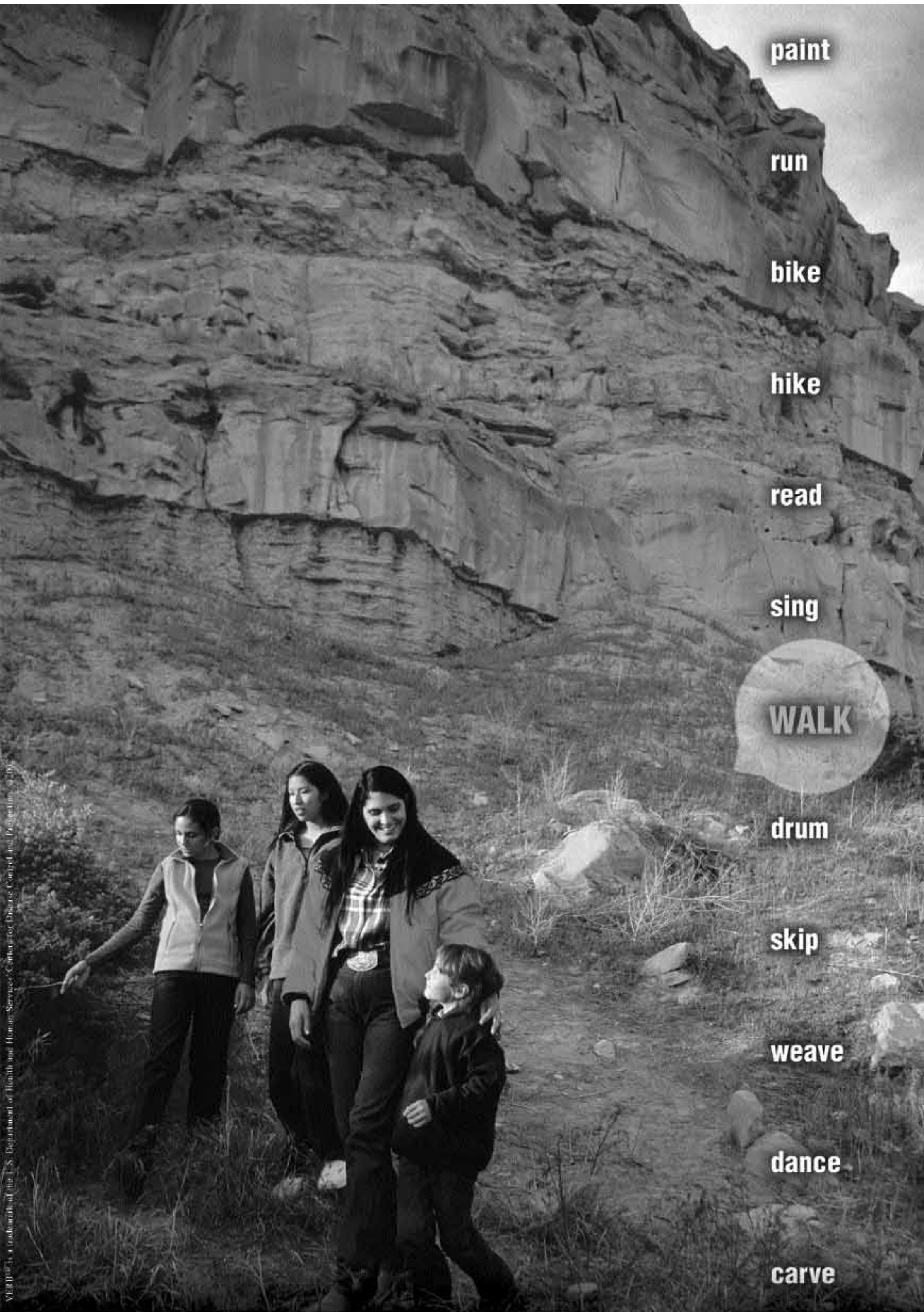


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Legislative Review

Chairwoman's Corner

Sheku,

To all of the people in the Oneida community I extend to each of you my greetings and best wishes. For the past few weeks the Oneida Business Committee and staff have been very busy working on the Oneida Gaming compact with the Governor, his staff and the other United Tribes in Wisconsin. In an effort to keep you continually updated I wish to relay to you the following:

GAMING COMPACT UPDATE

The Oneida Nation and the State of Wisconsin have come to an agreement, in principle, on fee structure and the four points in regards to our gaming compact. A letter of intent was sent to the Governor for his consideration and signature.

On fee, Oneida has agreed to pay \$20 million in year one

(beginning July, 2005); \$18 million in year two, and an alternating percentage of 4% and 5% of net win for every year after until year nine. From year nine to perpetuity, Oneida has agreed to pay 4.5% of net win.

In return, Oneida will get three of four points which are: an expanded scope of games (Las Vegas style), the current restrictions/limitations on the betting limits removed and expanded hours of operation. What the State hasn't agreed to is returning the age from 21 back to 18. The State negotiators did relay that they would consider raising the age to participate in the State lottery to 21. The above fee and points were agreed upon on Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

That evening we had a

community meeting which was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. We told the participants that we had been having discussions with the State up until the 18th, and plan to continue to meet with them until our compact is completed. We also relayed to the State negotiators that we would be continually updating our citizens on these negotiations. I informed those present at the community meeting what had been discussed and agreed upon between the State and the Business Committee as well as received input from those present.

So far there have been two community meetings pertaining to the gaming compact. The Business Committee realizes the importance of keeping our Tribal employees and citizens updated on what is happening surrounding our gaming compact. The last community meeting held was on Thursday, February 27th at Noon. This was very well attended with and a good discussion took place. There were many good questions asked, and I was very pleased with the support shown by my constituents. Thank you.

On Thursday, February 27th the Business Committee along with the Legislative Affairs Department brought together some of the local legislators and some of our vendors to appraise them of our current situation in regards to the proposed Senate Bill 41 (SB 41) and ask for their support in opposition of SB 41. There was a good turnout, and we received positive feedback from those elected officials and vendors

who were present.

On Monday evening of March 3rd the Legislative Affairs Department hosted a community meeting to review State and Federal Legislative Issues. There was a good turnout despite the inclement weather. The majority of the discussions evolved around the gaming compact.

SENATE BILL 41

Senate Bill 41 is legislation that was proposed by the Republican party. This bill, if it were not vetoed by the Governor would have given the State legislature final approval over any gaming compact. It essentially gives the legislature the power to drag out and hamper the compacting process. The Republican State legislators say it has been introduced based on the issue of perpetuity and representation. The real issue, however, is politics. When Governor Thompson was in office, the Republican legislature opposed the very same type of legislation that was brought forth by the Democrats. This is very bad politics which is harmful to the Tribes and the State. We are doing everything we can to combat this bill. The very good news is that on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 the Governor's veto of this bill was upheld in the Senate by the slim margin of just one vote.

WHAT IS ONEIDA DOING?

Previously I mentioned the community meetings and the meeting we've had with local officials and vendors, but Oneida had been doing all that we can to opposed Senate

Bill 41. Myself along with other Business Committee members have been lobbying in Madison since the bill's inception. There have been various GroupWise messages sent Tribal wide. We asked Tribal citizens and employees to voice their opposition by calling their local representatives. In conjunction with that request, a draft form letter and talking points were made available to anyone interested in utilizing them.

We have developed flyers that have been handed out to our casino patrons and our customers at our retail outlets. Petitions have been started. We had made a couple of our casino shuttles available to take anyone interested to Madison on Monday and Tuesday, March 3-4, to have a presence at the capitol. We were working with other Nations in Wisconsin who were doing the same. We wanted to show the legislators that we are a people with our own economic base and we also impact the State's economy. I am happy to report that your presence and support in mass numbers (there were over 1000 Tribal citizens and employees from all over the State) made all the difference in keeping SB41 from becoming a reality.

CLOSING

In closing I would like to once again thank everyone for their support in this compacting process. Your presence in Madison, especially on Monday & Tuesday, March 3-4, 2003 made a positive and lasting impression on our State legislatures to show them just how much Indian



Chairwoman Tina Danforth

gaming means to our economic future in Oneida as well as the economic future for the State.

I also thank everyone here in Oneida for their understanding and patience as we have been forced to postpone other business while we complete this process, which shouldn't take us much longer.

On a final closing note I want to relay my thoughts on a very different but serious subject. In looking at the future I cannot help but see the daily news reminders of the impending war for the Nation and for the many young people from our Nation that are overseas now or will be going overseas in the near future. I wish to relay to you that you are in my thoughts and prayers and I ask everyone to also pray for them and their families in these trying times.

Pray for peace. Skana.

Treasurer's Report

Seku Oneida Nation:

The Oneida Nation is in the midst of compact negotiations with the State of Wisconsin. Although we have come to an agreement in principle, there is still a way to go in our negotiations.

During the past couple of weeks I have received questions and inquiries regarding the compact process, and why we have a compact with the State of Wisconsin. I would like to share the questions I received and the answers to those questions so we may all better understand the compact process.

1. Why does the Tribe have to have a compact with the State of Wisconsin at all?

The answer originates from the Federal Law titled the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, or IGRA, which was passed in 1988. In IGRA, it identifies that the Indian Tribes shall request the state to enter into a Tribal-State compact. You can find more information and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act on the National Indian Gaming Commission website (www.nigc.gov). Without the State's approval in the form of a compact, the Tribe cannot lawfully operate gaming.

2. Why does the Tribe have to pay the State anything?

According to IGRA, the Tribe is required to pay for regulatory fees and exclusivity. One can argue the price for exclusivity, but this price depends on each individual Tribe and what they are receiving for the exclusivity.

3. What gives the governor the authority to negotiate and engage in compact negotiations?

Wisconsin State Law, statute 14.035 gives the governor the authority to enter into compacts with the Tribes in the State of Wisconsin.

4. What is the new legislation that is being proposed in the State of Wisconsin?

The Wisconsin State Legislature has passed a law, Senate Bill 41, which includes a provision for ratification of State-Tribal gaming compacts by the Wisconsin State Legislature. What this does is take away from the Governor the authority to approve the compacts. Because we have to negotiate with the State, we would prefer to negotiate with the Governor alone, and not the Governor and the entire legislature, which includes approximately 130 state rep-



Treasurer Mercie Danforth

resentatives. Other states that include their legislature in the compact process show that including the legislature can prolong the process. In some instances, it can take years to complete. Please note that this bill was passed by the Legislature calling an extraordinary session and without a public hearing.

To our great disappointment, we have seen the true colors of some of our legislators through the negative treatment we have received during our council members lobbying efforts. I feel it is important for the citizenship and community to know what we have experienced in the past week from our fellow elected State Government Officials. For example, in a recent visit to a Senator's office from our Chairwoman, Lobbyist, and Legislative Affairs Director, our Chairwoman didn't even get in the door before the Senator hollered for her to get out. As she was complying with his request he informed them to come back in. It is our hope and contention to receive the same respect that we continue to show state officials and legislators as elected officials. The demeanor we have experienced lately with some legislators is disrespectful and intolerable.

The Governor has vetoed Senate Bill 41 and it is now in the State Legislator's hands whether they chose to override this bill or not. It is our hope that the State Legislators can put aside their political party issues, look at the real issues and act on this bill accordingly.

It is important the people realize what gaming does, not only for the Oneida Nation,

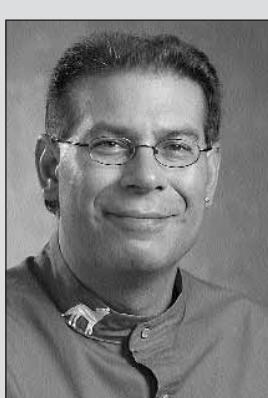
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BC Briefing...

Wisconsin Legislature making history

I would like to address my thoughts regarding the Wisconsin State Legislature attempting to demand a voice regarding the ratification of our gaming compact. The Oneida Nation certainly should feel like a political football that's being tossed around between Governor Jim Doyle and the Democrats and Republicans that comprise this state's legislature. I'm actually astounded that the legislature would call themselves into an "extraordinary session" to take up the topic of providing oversight of all eleven tribal compacts. The "extraordinary session" has been only the twelfth time in this states history that this has occurred, and that such an act was deemed warranted by the lawmakers is absurd. The legislature called themselves into session to vote on having a say on the validity of our agreements with the Governor. The proposed legislation passed both Houses two weeks ago, giving the Governor six days to veto the bill. The Governor vetoed the bill on Friday, February 28th while the entire Oneida Business Committee was in Madison at a United Tribes of Wisconsin meeting, as well as, lobbying key individuals in the legislature. The legislature, upon hearing of the Governor exercising his executive right to veto, called themselves into another unprecedented "extraordinary session" on Monday, March 3rd. That makes the 13th time in the

states history, twice within one week, to address an Indian issue in Wisconsin. Due to the submittal of my legislative review to the Kahlilwisaks and the timeliness of the proceedings, I currently do not know which way the votes registered in the



Councilman Paul Ninham

Senate and Assembly (a two-thirds vote is needed to override the Governor's veto.)

My primary concern is that the Oneida Nation and Governor Doyle should be the sole negotiators and parties involved with gaming compact negotiations. Having legislative oversight has not proven advantageous nor successful with other states that conduct Indian gaming. New Mexico, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Michigan and Nevada can share horror stories on the Tribal-State gaming compacting process. The legislatures have proven to be detrimental to negotiations between Tribes and their respective Governors. Another concern is the fact that racial tension is being brought to light by several legislators and the media in the State Capitol. Two weeks ago, I sat in the gallery of the Senate Chambers with several Oneida Business Committee Members and staff from the Oneida Nation. As we watched and listened to the debate on the floor, Senator Chuck Chvala from Madison delivered great respect and admiration for the Oneida Nation for practicing the

Seven Generation philosophy. He pointed out that he was an advocate and friend of the Indian Nations in Wisconsin, although he was in favor of and voted for the proposed legislation at the end of the day.

One interesting comment the Senator made was that he wanted the full legislature to vote on the merits of the bill and not with racism in mind. The Senator proceeded to scold his Senate colleagues by stating that they all know that racism towards Wisconsin's Indian Nations and people are prevalent and that it is evidenced within the State legislature. I know that racism abounds within the state and flourishes amongst various special interest groups, but to hear and watch a Wisconsin State Senator speak to the fact is mind-boggling. As additional Senators rose to speak to the issue and raise their support for legislative oversight, blood began to run to the boiling point with myself and amongst my peers as we subjected ourselves to witness the lies, ignorance, and hatred on the Senate floor by Wisconsin's elected officials. I respect Senator Chvala for bringing the issue to the forefront and addressing the Senate in a harsh manner.

An additional concern and disappointment is with Tribal-State relationships at the current time. It seems as though our elected leadership in Madison is using the compacting process as a tool to

discredit our Democratic Governor. The Republican majority legislature is willing to create a bumpy and messy four years for the Executive Branch and there using Indian Nations, Indian people and Indian issues as political pawns in a political war. As I was in Madison last week, the NBC television affiliate ran a story about the compacting process and the agreement that the Potawatomi signed with the Governor. The coverage was at a Legislative Council meeting in the Capitol that was ill noticed and called for the sole purpose of intimidating the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, a key individual negotiating the compacts with the Oneida Nation. The television station showed stock footage of the spear fishing controversy in the northern part of the state in the 1980's. The media was not properly advised as they continued to show the violence at the boat landings. Racism should not be tolerated state-wide, locally and within our own community. Why would the media open up some racial wounds that obviously have not healed? Why is the media likening the compacting process to spear fishing? What is the real reason behind the Tavern League's opposition to the Governor negotiating and executing compacts with tribes? Why are eleven Tribal Nations and 50,000 individual Indians living in Wisconsin being held hostage by the legislature? What's not to love about Indians? Put your seatbelts on!

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but also for the State of Wisconsin. As mentioned earlier, it is our hope that the Legislators really look at the whole picture and without taking into consideration the political party issues. This issue has a major effect far beyond Democratic v. Republican. This conflict is not needed considering the budget crunch and the current economy of the State of Wisconsin today.

The Oneida Nation's Gaming Operation has provided approximately 3,200

jobs in this area. This is 3,200 people who are not receiving unemployment or welfare from the State, but working and contributing to the community and providing for their own families. Gaming has provided services such as Health, Education, Day Care, Social Services, Public Works, Elderly Services and much more. These are just a few services that the state does not have to provide the citizens of the tribe or the surrounding community resulting in cost savings.

Closer to home, the budget time line for the Oneida Nation FY2004 has been developed and approved by the Business Committee on February 26, 2003 for implementation. I would like to thank the individuals for developing and bringing the time line forward. At this time, the meeting date for General Tribal Council approval of the FY 2004 budget is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2003.

On another note, I would like to congratulate the

Oneida Nation High School girl's basketball team on a great season. The girls made it to regional competition, where they lost to Lena in a nail biting game. Great job girls!

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.

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BC Briefing...

SB41 defeated

As always it is an honor to address the Oneida Nation. It has been quite an interesting and busy few months with the Oneida Business Committee negotiating its gaming compact with the State of Wisconsin. Recently, the State Legislature introduced Senate Bill 41 (S.B. 41) that would allow the State Legislature to have final approval of the gaming compacts. I would like to note that the State Legislature called this extraordinary session to pass S.B. 41 without first having a public hearing to listen to citizens concerns and based their decision to pass legislation on misleading information from the media.

In anticipation of testifying before the State Legislature, I prepared my own testimony in case I was called upon to do so. However, the State Legislature did not hear or accept written testimony regarding this legislation, but rather pushed this legislation through for a vote. On Friday, February 28, 2003 Governor Doyle vetoed S.B. 41.

Following is an excerpt of my testimony.

As my ancestors, elders and leaders historically have done, I stand before you prepared to defend and protect the sovereign rights of my Nation for the next 7 Generations.

First, the passage of SB 41 through the State Legislature without holding a public hearing is truly a reflection of how the Legislature will operate throughout this term.

This symbolizes that the Legislature would rather pass legislation based on media prints and then gain information to ultimately find out whether or not the legislation passed was truly beneficial to Wisconsin citizens. The compacting process the Wisconsin Tribes and the Governor engaged in, do not a reflect a monumental error in this federally recognized process, but rather sadly, the passage of SB 41 reflects a monumental error in the procedures for passing legislation.

I've been an elected official for only 7 months and have learned politics 101 in that short amount of time. However, one valuable piece of advice that has stood with me was to make decisions based on fact and not to believe everything you read in the media. It amazes me that, some of you as elected officials, have based your sole decision to pass SB 41 on the newspaper articles that were published. This reflects a breakdown in our democracy and the responsibilities each of you have in representing ALL Wisconsin citizens.

The Governor of the State of Wisconsin clearly recognized that the Tribes have a right through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to operate gaming within the State of Wisconsin. He also recognized that the State of Wisconsin clearly needed to address the budget deficit



**Councilman
Curtis Danforth**

and had asked the Tribes to contribute to reducing that deficit. The compact provisions would allow for a steady stream of revenue to flow into the State of Wisconsin's budget for as long as the gaming compacts exist. This is a time for the State of Wisconsin to realize the significant contributions that Indian gaming has provided citizens of Wisconsin. For example, the Tribe provides employment, charitable contributions, and boosting the standard of living of Wisconsin citizens.

As the economic conditions nationally and statewide begin to deteriorate, the State of Wisconsin needs for its legislature and Governor to work hand in hand to secure the financial future of the State of Wisconsin. By passing this legislation, the State Legislature jeopardizes over 100,000 jobs, which are critical to the stability of the local communities in which Indian gaming operations are present. This is only the beginning of the effects that this legislation could have. The fact is, the current compacting process is working to secure a win-win situation for both the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Tribes.

On a final note, I had an opportunity to sit up in the gallery and listen to representatives yell and scream at each other while this legislation was being introduced. I

noted very clearly that standard process once again was not followed in the passage of legislation pertaining to Native American Tribes. If you all remember back to the September 11th terrorist attacks, it wasn't long ago when the United States stood in unison on its attack against terrorism. The Oneida Tribe and Tribes of Wisconsin will also stand in unison, regarding attacks on our sovereignty.

A very BIG YAW^ KO to everyone who contributed to the defeat of the SB 41. This was an unified effort by all tribes in the state of Wisconsin and it showed. It was an overwhelming experience to see about 300 to 400 Native people rallying in Madison. Our voices do count and Tuesday evening it showed. Even though this particular bill was defeated, we must be prepared for these spur of the moment situations all the time. Please remember that your voice as a voter and resident of the State of Wisconsin is very important to maintaining and protecting our sovereign rights as individuals and as a Nation.

On the home front, I wish to commend the LADY THUNDERHAWKS basketball squad for their achievements. The Lady Thunderhawks made it to the Regional Championship game for the first time in Oneida Nation High School history. The Lady Thunderhawks lost a heartbreaker against Lena High School. Again, CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the Lady Thunderhawks for an outstanding season!

Letter to the Editor

Confidential

Ooh if I could write in five hundred words or less the many issues, incidents, and events that have taken place within our tribal structure over the past several terms. Within a span of nine to twelve years, think of the awareness I could bring forward in writing a book. The many sequence of events that have transpired not only for myself but throughout our tribal structure now and over the years could tell a very revealing metamorphosis. Until then, 500 Words.

At today's regularly scheduled B.C. meeting, according to Business Committee Member, Brian Doxtator; FYI - the monthly/quarterly ONCOA/Adhoc Committee had an open meeting regarding input to housing. As told, there was an E-mail directive that there could not be discussion with anyone because this particular meeting was then changed to a "confidential and secret meeting," after it was already an open meeting.

For clarification, I asked Mr. Doxtator, on the specific date of this particular meeting, he could only respond, "go ask Arlie Doxtator." It can be confusing, when they can't answer questions in regards to their own information!

An outside, non-native, investigative body, API; located on the east side of Green Bay, downtown; has been hired by the Oneida Nation Gaming Commission to conduct an investigation on me and an incident in the Gaming Commission Office at 2669 W. Mason St. in Green Bay. After trying to sort through the confusion of it all my interpretation of this mess is that Oneida Gaming Commission Chairperson, Louise (King) Cornelius; OGC Vice-Chairperson, Amelia Cornelius; OGC Secretary, Shirley Hill; OGC Member Mark Powless; and OGC Member Oscar Schyler JR.; have made false accusa-

tions against myself, OGC Member Linda Dallas, and OGC Member Rochelle Powless. API Investigator, Mary Krone; interviewed me on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, on the events that occurred on Monday, January 6, 2003. All this after January 27, 2003, OGC meeting was changed to a confidential (secret) meeting, days later.

We (Tribe) have a Finance Committee that makes recommendations on monetary matters. Business Committee Members sit on this committee and are involved in making those recommendations. Those recommendations are then sent to the Business Committee for approval. Those same individuals that make these types of recommendations then vote on their own recommendations when they (recommendations) are before the Business Committee!

We (Tribe) have a Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) who meet weekly to create, define, rewrite and change tribal laws, they also control Public Hearings. I have sat and listened to and watched many times five members of the Business Committee make recommendations and changes to laws, policies, resolutions, and such, then send to the Business Committee for approval. Sounds familiar.

I wonder what's up with the giggle, giggle, snort, snort remarks during an LOC meeting. Some Business Committee Members sure like to throw around some 'Inside Joke,' comments and remarks with facial expressions during discussion, as a bonus I guess.

Yes, the Business Committee discussed the items under Executive Session during open session today, February 26, 2003. Facilities Licensing??

Cathy Metoxen



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"Political House Party"

Consistency in applying disciplinary procedures, whatever!
(Topic: The Appeals Process & Revision to the Administrative Procedures Act)

Date: Thursday, March 20th, 2003

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Senior Center on Riverdale Dr.

R.S.V.P. Lisa Summers at 869-4478 or via email: lsummer2@oneidanation.org by

Monday, March 17th, 2003.

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Purpose of the "Political House Party Series"

Role of the Supervisor

Appeals Process

Revisions to the Administrative Procedures Act

Question & Answer Period

Closing Remarks

Recreation News

Oneida Recreation wins double dip against Stockbridge

Submitted by Recreation Staff

On February 21 at the Sonny King Gymnasium, the Oneida Recreation 4th-6th grade boys and girls teams swept a double header against Mohican Recreation Department. In the early game the Oneida girls won a thriller by a score of 20-17. Their defense stiffened in the final seconds causing a three point attempt to fall short as time expired. Alexis Mosely, Justine Mehojah and Cree Metoxen lead the way with six points each. In the night cap, the boys needed overtime to slip by Stockbridge by a score of 31-28. Brennon White and Joseph Skenandore lead the boys with 16 and 9 points respectfully.

Oneida Recreation would like to thank the Mohican Recreation teams and staff for making the trip. They played great games and were very respectful at all times. Hopefully the two teams can hook up again in the future for another great event.

Both the girls and boys played great and the teams had a lot of fun. Each team has a bright future if they continue to play together. Congratulations to all who participated.

The boys team members were: Coach Kokomoss White, Coach Larry Jourdan, Leon White, Trent Jourdan, Brennon White, Paul Guitierrez, Eddie Santiago, Bobby Mills, DJ Robertson, Tyson McNaughton, Michael Santiago, Marquis Hines, Deitric Gray and Joseph Skenandore.

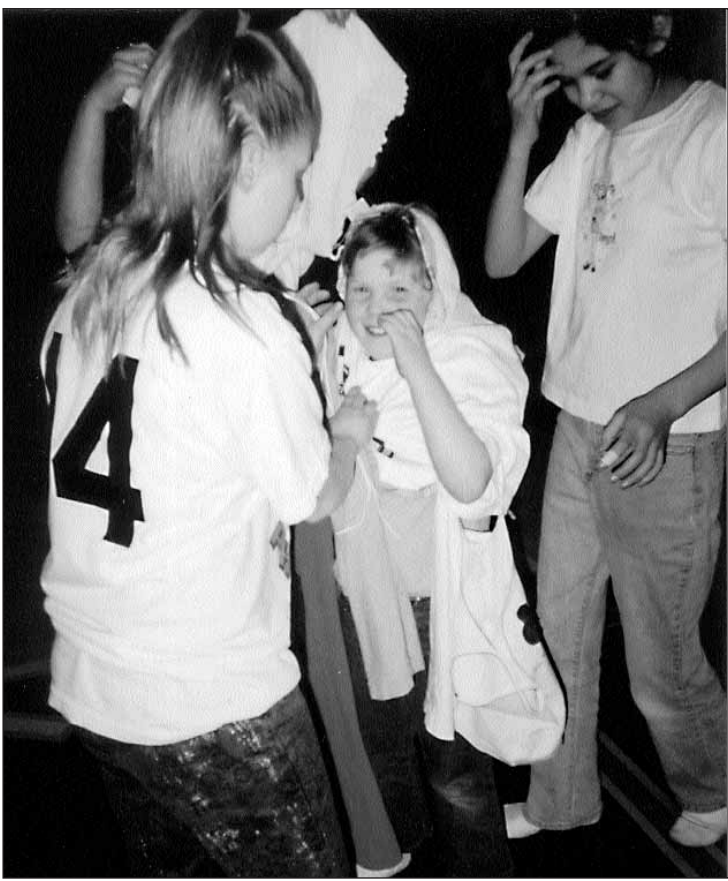
The girls team members were: Coach Kim Diemer, Alexis Mosely, Kari Ann Menore, Justine Mehojah, Megan Polar, Jasmine Webster, Shenandoah Thompson, Natasha Polar, Cree Metoxen and Brandi Metoxen.

Valentine fun with Oneida Recreation

Submitted by Tracey Hill

On Friday February 14th, approximately 80 youth showed up at the Civic Center ready to strut their stuff. A night of fun included: a dance contest(in which all willing participants received a prize), a light supper & refreshments were served. There was a special visit from Alice Skenandore and Bev Scow who introduced “virtue dating”, thank you the kids had a blast. Thank you Native Artz for doing a great job with the D.J. services, it was appropriate and just what the kids asked for. I would also like to thank two of our Recreation members; Brett Metoxen and B.J. Christjohn, these two individuals helped clean up after the dance with out being asked. It is young men like the both of you that make a difference and your dedication to keep your Recreation Center clean was well appreciated. Be proud of yourself, thank you.

On Thursday, February 13th, Oneida Recreation and Elderly Services teamed up to give the elderly a Valentine bash. Even though it was cold out, a few elderly managed to make their way to the Recreation facility on Cty Hwy H for a morning full of surprises. The activities



A clothes relay and some cosmic bowling was part of the slumber party held by the Oneida Recreation Department. At top left, Shannon Laster, Twilight Laster and Natasha Polar participate in the clothes relay. At right, from top to bottom, Cree Metoxen, Catherine Mills, Scharlene Laster and Shendola Bedharl form their own pyramid at cosmic bowling.



Photos courtesy of Recreation

Oneida Family Fitness Member of the Month

Kelly Skenandore
February 2003

Kelly has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for six years. She was motivated to begin an exercise program to stay in shape. Right now, she is trying to reduce her body fat and tone her muscles for the upcoming swimsuit season. The two biggest obstacles for Kelly to work towards a healthy lifestyle are trying to maintain a high level of motivation and eating candy.

In the time that Kelly has been a member here, she has achieved many accomplishments. She has participated in two half-marathons, triathlons and other numerous competitive events. She has also lost weight and body fat, achieved member of the month status and obtained a ropes course certification. To help her achieve these many goals, Kelly has taken every class that Oneida Family Fitness has to offer, and participates in different ones all the time. Currently, she utilizes strength training and running, and also participates in kickboxing and yoga. Kelly continually pushes herself to achieve the health and fitness goals that she sets for herself.

When asked why she enjoys exercising at Oneida Family Fitness, Kelly had this to say: "I really enjoy the variety of classes, the quality of the equipment, and the personal interaction with the staff, and my trainer and friend, Michelle Mielke. She's great!"

Besides exercising, Kelly works as an executive casino host, gets outside to enjoy warm, sunny days, and spends time with friends and family.

Finally, Kelly's advice for beginning an exercise program is this: "Jump in and get started! Stop making excuses! You'll feel better and look great because of it!"

Congratulations to Kelly for your hard work and dedication! Keep up the good work!



Photos courtesy of Recreation

Valentine fun was held by Oneida Recreation as the youth of the program teamed up with the elderly for a morning of surprises. Homemade Valentines were made for the elderly, and they also participated in some recreational activities.

included: a luscious lip contest, hearts on me contest, ping pong into my heart contest, search for your heart contest, and we even walked a few laps in the gym for our heart, and made a homemade valentine. Thanks to all the elderly who made it out to join us, your company is always welcomed.

For more information



about our elderly program or any other Recreational programs offered at Cty Hwy H, feel free to contact us at 833-0010.

Heart healthy Saturday

Submitted by Lori Bembnister

On Saturday Feb 15, we held our Heart Healthy Saturday to help celebrate February as heart month. We had 25-30 people join us over at the fitness center for some fun cardiovascular events. We started off with a jump rope contest. Those that tried it found out it wasn't as easy as it looked. It was good to see people challenge themselves to do better each time. Our best time of 7 minutes and 8 seconds goes to Tina J. WOW how awesome is that. Way to go Tina you rocked the house. Then we decided to have a hula hoop contest. Many of us found out we weren't as good of hula hoopers as we thought we were. That's okay though we tried and that is all that matters. However, one of our members Tina H. made it seem like nothing. Tina was able to hula hoop around her neck for 5 minutes and 19 seconds. WOW that is awesome. Way to go Tina you rock. Last but not least we had a hippidity hop race. First the kids raced and then the adults. This was a lot of fun. It wasn't as easy as it looked. It helped bring many of us back to our youth. It was really great to have as young as 3 years old and as old as 76 years old trying out the different events. We hope that you

It's a slumber party

On Friday February 21, 8:00 p.m. was the beginning of a long night of fun and games as a result of the girls from the Civic Center and County H had a slumber party. We started off our evening with a pizza party, pigging out on pizza and bread sticks from Papa John's. Next, the group went to Ashwaubenon Lanes for cosmic bowling. The bus ride over was filled with excitement as the girls chanted cheers of excitement and loyalty to Oneida Recreation. The girls had a great time bowling during teen night and getting crazy with different ways to partner bowl and dancing in the lanes.

The group returned to the Civic at around midnight, the girls were broken into teams for relay races. Relays were fun while the girls choose two types of clothing from their bags and had to put on every

piece of clothing by the end of the race. The leaders were having a blast watching the girls trip over their own feet while wearing about ten layers of clothing. Three man potato sack races were next and the girls were ready. Besides three different types of relays the kids also participated in water chugging contests, truth or dare, glo-stick tag, nail painting, noodle tag and a movie to end the evening. It was no wonder the girls were so tired the next day. The girls evening was fun packed.

Everyone started to fall asleep around 5:00 a.m. Wake time was a t 7:30 a.m. and leaving to go home at 8 a.m. We had a total of 27 girls participate and each enjoyed and had a great time. As staff, we would like to thank the girls for a successful sleep over and hope the participation continues.

all had a lot of fun participating in our cardiovascular activities. Thank you all very much for coming out to our Heart Healthy Saturday. We hope that you had a lot of fun and look forward to next year. Lets keep those hearts healthy

Photos courtesy of Recreation

A Heart Healthy Saturday brought out the young and old as they participated in some heart healthy fun. From jumping, at right, to hippidity hop races, below, even to some hula hoop contests, fun was had by all as ages 3 to 76 competed in the heart beating events.



Villemure named Oneida Family Fitness Member of the Month

Submitted by Oneida Family Fitness

Albert Villemure has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness off and on for a total of three years. He began an exercise program because he wanted to get into shape. The hardest part for him to get into shape was to make it in to exercise on a daily basis.

Recently, Albert has been exercising on a regular basis. Since he has lots of free time, he has no excuses for not making it in every day. He enjoys working on his cardiovascular health by using the elliptical machine, bicycle and treadmill.

Albert enjoys working out at Oneida Family Fitness because it isn't very busy and he can work out when he wants to. When he is not exercising, he enjoys golf, fly

fishing and skiing. Finally, Albert's advice for starting an exercise program is this: Get Started!"

Valentine's Dance

Submitted by Recreation Staff

Valentines Day was a fun time had by all. The recreation department held it's first Valentine's Day Dance with Master DJ Mick Escamea. This was a great chance for the kids to blow off a little steam showing off their dance moves. There were over 100 kids in attendance which lasted from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Winners of the dance competition were awarded prizes in each age bracket.

In between the competitions, the kids were fed lunch

Congratulations to Albert for your hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work.

to keep up the high energy night. Our guests seem to enjoy themselves, and the party was a great success. Thanks to all that participated and thanks to all our new members.

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Father Silas' installation embraced by community

By Yvonne Kaquatosh
Kalihwisaks

It was a celebration that was embraced by the community last Wednesday evening when one of Oneidas own was officially installed at the Church of the Holy Apostles.

The special mass which was held February 26 for Father Dewey Silas, was an historic moment due to the fact that it would be the sec-

ond time in the annals of the church that a priest with Oneida heritage would oversee the parish. Father Silas is 65.

It was 100 years ago, when in 1903 at the age of 69, Rev. Cornelius Hill was ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Russell E. Jacobus, Deacon Edmund Powless, and Rev. Michael Grey-fow,

Vicar of St. Luke's in Milwaukee joined the congregation for the formal induction, along with the Oneida Singers. Jennifer Stevens, well known for her operatic voice, sang The Lord's Prayer prior to communion, while hymns in the Oneida Language echoed throughout the church during communion. A post communion hymn, the Te Deum, was per-

formed by Kirby Metoxen, one of the Oneida Singers.

The unique qualities of Father Silas were shared with the congregation as they were relayed in a sermon provided by Rev. Michael Grey-fow, a fellow member of St. Luke's and long time friend. He said, "I know few people who have the humility of Dewey Silas." There were parishioners nodding in agreement as reverend Grey-fow touched on a few traits of the vicar. "We are here today to mark the formal beginning of what was planned by God long before," added Rev. Grey-fow.

Prior to the induction, members of the congregation came forward presenting Father Silas with a variety of gifts including a bible, beaded stole, a key to the parish, oil for healing, bread and water, communion, and wine. The clergy presented the canons, the laws of the church.

There was also an entourage of St. Luke's parishioners in attendance who traveled to Oneida from Milwaukee to witness the blessed event. Roy Resler, a spokesman for the group, presented a gift to Father Silas on behalf of fellow members. The vicar was as excited as a kid at Christmas time, as he asked, "Can I open it now?" The gift was a stole he could wear at future parish gatherings. He said, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

At the conclusion of the special ceremony, those in attendance enjoyed a catered meal provided by W.T. Creations at the Parish Hall.

His parents, the late Dewey and Gertrude Silas, raised nine children - three boys and six girls. As the youngest son,

he was affectionately nicknamed 'Babe' to those who grew up with him in Milwaukee. He said he is occasionally referred to by his nickname yet today. He was only 8 years old when the family relocated to Milwaukee from Oneida. St. Luke's of Milwaukee then became his home parish.

Dewey devoted thirty-six years to Ampco Metal as a machine operator in Milwaukee and is the proud father of three - David, Angela and Steven.

His calling to become a full fledged priest came late in life. He was ordained a deacon in his early fifties. He was encouraged to complete the final 1 _ years of a 3 year requirement. After receiving a scholarship to complete the process, he attended the United Theological Seminary in Minnesota with the support of his wife Marlene, who

stayed in Milwaukee during that time.

Upon completion, he was placed at All Saints Cathedral in Milwaukee for approximately 1 _ years. He was then assigned to St. John's Episcopal (on 26th and Mineral) for 2 years before arriving back home to Oneida, at the Church of the Holy Apostles on October 21, 2001.

In retrospect, Father Silas says, "I feel more comfortable with my own people - to the point of including native language in my sermons." The only other church he says he felt comfortable at was St. John's Episcopal. It was also referred to as the Mission Church of San Juan for his Spanish speaking congregation.

Father Silas baptized seven babies, presided over four marriages, and twenty-eight funerals in 2002.



Photo by Yvonne Kaquatosh

Bishop Russell E. Jacobus formally installs Father Dewey Silas as Vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles of Oneida during a special ceremony on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.



Photo by Yvonne Kaquatosh

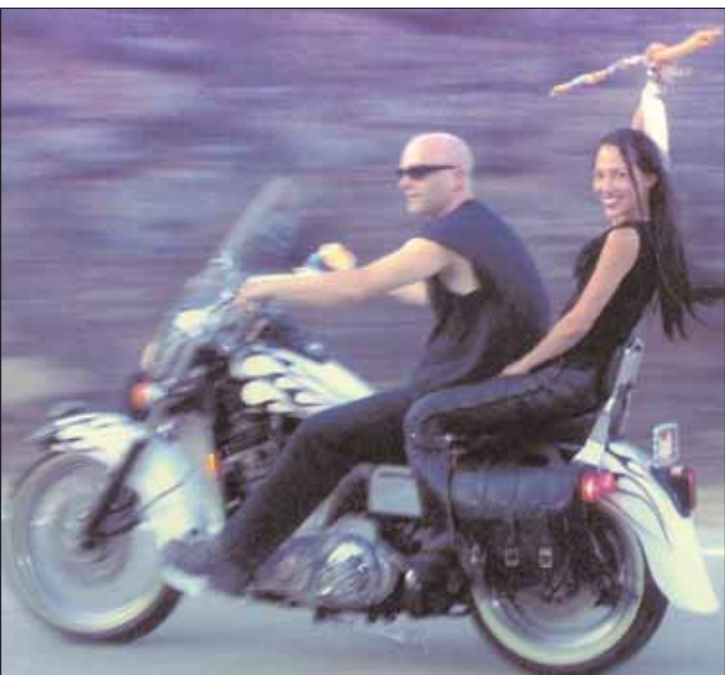
Father Silas shows parishioners the beautiful stole he received from members of his former parish, St. Luke's in Milwaukee, as his wife Marlene, Bishop Jacobus, and other clergy look on.



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Rev. Michael Grey-fow, Vicar of St. Luke's in Milwaukee addressed the congregation with the sermon, reflecting on memorable moments he has shared through the years with Father Silas.

Bedard & Deni to perform in Oneida and Shawano



Promotional photo courtesy of Rod Greengrass

Irene Bedard and Deni, an electronic/pop/dance band with a Native American heart.

Irene Bedard, voice of Disney's "Pocahontas" and also in the movie, "Smoke Signals", will be performing a live concert with her band Deni, (Electronic/pop/dance band with a Native American heart) for the Oneida Community at the Norbert Hill Auditorium in Oneida, Wisconsin on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. An autograph session will follow. Donations of \$1.00/\$2.00 will be accepted at the door to help defray the cost of bringing her here to perform. She will also be giving a motivational speech to the Oneida Nation High School and a Storytelling presentation to the Oneida Family Literacy Even Start Program.

The event at Norbert Hill is sponsored by the Oneida Family Literacy Even Start Program and the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Green Bay.

If you miss the performance in Oneida, the actress/entertainer along with her band Deni, will also be performing in Shawano, Wisconsin on Thursday, March 13 at Somethin' To Do, 136 South Main Street.

Special guests include Little Big Band, and The Firebirds. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Probably best known as an actress, particularly as the voice of Disney's "Pocahontas", the female star of "Smoke Signals", "Lakota Woman: Siege at Wounded

Knee", and over 20 other motion pictures, Irene can also be seen and heard fronting the band Irene Bedard & DENI

Born in Anchorage, Alaska to a full-blooded Inupiat Eskimo mother and a half Cree/half French Canadian father, Irene's performing career began as a child constantly putting on plays and entertaining family and friends. It has never stopped. Her filmography is already admirable and extensive, and her love of music and singing is finally coming to the forefront in her life. Though she will continue acting, her first love, she is able to express another side of her complex and heart-centered personality through her music with

Deni. A manifestation of her love for her Native People is Irene's ongoing involvement in Aboriginal rights and her willingness to be outspoken on issues and at events. She has also helped found Guardians of Sacred Lands, a group formed to bring awareness to Native issues and educate the public about sacred lands.

Deni has been a musician over 15 years, working with bands like Tooba Blooze and Little Rooms, from Ohio to NYC. He has had lead roles in off-Broadway hits, record label deals, and scored short and feature films, all of which has given him a well-rounded

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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 Honiores Stevens, allotment # 350. Due to the passing of Honiores prior to a fee patent being issued, a sale of Honiores'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.

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 to\or 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.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS COMMERCIAL LAND AVAILABLE FOR LEASING. The Oneida Division of Land Management will be accepting applications from Tribal Members to lease 4.05 acres (176,233 square feet) of undeveloped land for commercial leasing. The 4.05 acres are located within the Village of Hobart Industrial Park, Brown County and within the Oneida Reservation Boundaries. The Oneida Zoning is commercial and industrial uses. There is a 40' building setback. The property has a 30' and 15' storm water easement along one side and there is a 12' utility easement in front. The Tribal Lessee must be able to develop according to Tribal Ordinances. The site is located on O'Hare Blvd. and quarter of a mile West of Packerland Drive. Sanitary sewer, water, gas and electric utilities are available. The Tribal Lessee will have to apply to the Village of Hobart for utility hookups and apply to the Oneida Zoning Office for building and land use permits. The land is not in trust. The Oneida Land Commission will make one selection from all the lease applications received prior to the deadline date. Selection is based on a completed lease application, concept paper, good credit rating, financing, business plan and 100% Oneida owned business. The lease term is for ten years. The monthly lease fee for the first five years is \$380 and \$455 a month for the second five years. Please contact Bernice Elm at 920-869-1690 X 1819 for more information or pick up the lease packet from the Front Desk at Division of Land Management, 470 Airport Road, Oneida, WI. The deadline to apply is March 24, 2003.

Services

Sewing Done: Ribbon Shirts and dresses made to order. Some alterations. We also will be having a basement sale every weekend rain or shine; Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9-5 at 3260 South Pine Tree Road, Oneida. Call Shirley at 497-1326.

Legal Notice

Setting Time and Notice to Creditors: requesting for information

The following estate is being prepared for probate by the Oneida Tribe of WI, Appeals Commission. All creditor claims must be filed **on or before March 7, 2003.**

**Linda Jane
DOB 06/06/1915
DOD 11/06/2002**

Send all creditors claims and information relating to the decedent to the following address: **Carla Clark, Probate, Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI, Division of Land Management, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. DATED February 3, 2003.**

Legal Notice

Setting Time and Notice to Creditors: requesting for information

The following estate is being prepared for probate by the Oneida Tribe of WI, Appeals Commission. All creditor claims must be filed **on or before March 1, 2003.**

**Whitney A Metoxen
DOB 04/27/1921
DOD 12/12/2002**

Send all creditors claims and information relating to the decedent to the following address: **Carla Clark, Probate, Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI, Division of Land Management, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. DATED January 28, 2003.**

Dream Homes For Sale

1124 Town Road, DePere

Open House

March 12 from 4:00-6:00 pm

March 15 from 10am-Noon

Application deadline:

March 21, 2003.

Tri-level home, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms. Selling price - \$145,500; Minimum down payment - \$7,275; Monthly gross income needed - \$3,495; Estimated monthly Real Estate tax payment - \$190.59. Estimated monthly mortgage payment - \$788.14. Open house flyer's will be on site. Please contact Loan Department at 490-2090 for further information.

**2892 West Point Rd.,
Green Bay
Open House**

March 12 from 4:00-6:00 pm

March 15 from 10am-Noon

Application deadline:

March 21, 2003.

Ranch home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathrooms. Selling price - \$92,000; Minimum down payment - \$4,600; Monthly gross income needed - \$2,419; Estimated monthly Real Estate tax payment - \$114.20. Estimated monthly mortgage payment - \$563.12.

Open house flyer's will be on site. Please contact Loan Department at 490-2090 for further information.

**2163 Wood Crest Drive,
Green Bay
Open House**

March 12 from 4:00-6:00 pm

March 15 from 10am-Noon

Application deadline:

March 21, 2003.

Ranch home, 3 bedrooms, 2

bathrooms. Selling price - \$90,000; Minimum down payment - \$4,500; Monthly gross income needed - \$2,714; Estimated monthly Real Estate tax payment - \$209.07. Estimated monthly mortgage payment - \$550.88.

Open house flyer's will be on site. Please contact Loan Department at 490-2090 for further information.

Oneida Nation Jobs

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

Dispatcher

Position #00757

Salary: Grade 6 \$10.42/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) Position Summary: This position operates an AS/400 System specific to law enforcement utilizing CAD (Computer Automated Dispatch) screen and perform data entry within the same system. This position operates the TIME (Transaction Information for Management Enforcement) system, by querying current status and interpreting information contained in teletyping to appropriate personnel. This position requires a great deal of interaction with employees and the public to achieve cooperation. This position works shifts including nights, weekends and holidays as assigned by the police department. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Office Manager. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:

March 14, 2003

Proposed Start Date:

May 19, 2003

Student Advocate -

Green Bay

Position #00291

Salary: Grade 7 \$11.21/Hr (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.) Position Summary: This position will provide services which address the social, emotional, cultural and educational needs of Native American students in the assigned school. The incumbent will be responsible to develop, coordinate, facilitate in the long term planning with the Native American students, parents and school personnel in the long term plan for the students success. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Youth Educational Services (Y.E.S.) Assistant Director. Continuation of position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:

March 20, 2003

Proposed Start Date:

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendment to the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law which would change licensing fees, fines, permit rates and other regulatory changes. Submitted by the Environmental Resources Board (ERB) and the Oneida Conservation Department.

When: Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Where: Ridegeview Plaza, Suite #4

Time: 5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

I. Testimony:

A. Oral: There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral testimony. Each participant is encouraged to provide a written transcript of his/her oral testimony, to be submitted while present at the public hearing or within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the below named individuals.

B. Written: For those who cannot attend the scheduled public hearing or do not plan to speak at the hearing, the Oneida Tribe encourages those to submit written testimony. A maximum of ten (10) pages, doubled spaced, can be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the Tribal Secretary (Julie Barton) or Bridget Long, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center, 2nd floor or at N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida WI 54155.

* If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed policy or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Bridget Long at the Legislative Reference Office via GroupWise blong@oneidanation.org or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office Fax # is 869-4399.

FOR SALE BY OWNER

On behalf of the Oneida Tribe, the Division of Land Management is offering to the Oneida Tribal membership, 40 acres of vacant land.

FOR SALE: 40 acres of Vacant Land, Town of Thornapple, Rusk County, Wisconsin. Parcel # 19-00009-00. Asking price \$34,900. Annual taxes \$374.33. Buyer will need to secure own financing.

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“Rollin’ Doublez!!!”

By Teresa Guillermo
ONHS junior

Backgammon is a game that has been around for along time. The ancient Greeks and the Romans played the game a long time ago. Backgammon was refined in England, in the seventeenth century, which is when it got it’s name Backgammon. Though it’s not as popular now as it was in the 1970’s, it is still played by many people. Most people know backgammon as “that game on the other side of a checker board.”

Backgammon is a game played by two people, on a board that consists of 24 narrow triangles, called points. The points alternate in color, and are put into four quadrants of six. The quadrants are referred to as each players home board and outer board, which are separated by a ridge down the center of the board, called the bar.

The whole object of the game is for the players to get all their “checkers” or “pips” or “stones” into their own home board and then bear them off. The first player to bear off all their checkers wins the game.

To start the game each player rolls one die, and that determines who goes first and what number are to be played. If the players roll the

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background in the music business.

He launched a solo music career and quickly won an MP3 Grammy for Best Vocalist and many other contests and charting positions that have brought him much acclaim and national attention. And now with Irene Bedard & Deni, his music and writing have taken on whole new exciting directions, blossoming daily in his own "music laboratory".

The woman who was named one of People Magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People In The World in 1995" and the man who "melds Moby and Radiohead to perfection", along with their band, are taking their fresh, relevant music out on the road - don't miss them!

The Firebirds, a local Shawano Native American band (Classic rock/originals) will open the evening event, and will be followed by Little Big Band, an Oneida-area Native American band (Native rock with a traditional blend).

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of the show, and can be purchased at the following outlets: Somethin' To Do, 136 South Main Street, Shawano, Waubano Trading Post, 138 South Main Street, Shawano, and Headquarters General Store, N8459 MohHeConNuck Road, Bowler.

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same number, each player rolls again, until they roll different numbers. The person who rolls the higher number, moves his checkers according to the numbers that was rolled. After the first roll, each player rolls with two dice.

The number on the dice rolled indicate how many points the player can move. The checkers can only be moved on to an open point, or one that is not occupied by two or more of the opponents checkers. If there is one of the other opponents checkers on a point that you land on you can take that checker and put it on the bar. The player’s checker that is on the bar cannot move until they get their checker off the bar, and into the opponents home board.

Once a player has all of their dice into their own home board, they can start bearing off their players. A player bears off, by rolling a number that corresponds to the point that the checkers are on. The first person to bear off all of their checkers, wins! By the way, rolling doubles is a very good thing since it entitles the person who rolls them to move twice as many times.

Senior spotlight shines on King

By Bobbi Jo Reed
ONHS Junior

This weeks edition of the student spotlight shines on Presley King, or as most people like to call him “Prez. “

When I asked Prez what he thought about Oneida Nation High School he said there are not that many people here, but its pimpin.

Prez’, favorite class is Denis Gullickson’s Mainstream American Literature because “he’s my friend.” Prez doesn’t have a class that he doesn’t like because “going to school is fun.”

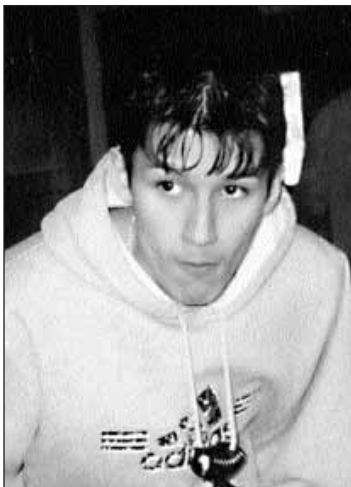
On the weekends to have fun Prez hangs out with the fellas and his girl. He also likes to go to the movies. His hobbies include drawing “and stuff.”

Here at Oneida Nation High School Prez played a little bit of Football he is currently a starter for the varsity

The BIG idea

By Katrina Paprocki
ONHS junior

The prom planning is officially underway!! The junior class is currently meeting once a week with Becky Anderson to make the important decisions about the prom. It was decided that the theme



Prez King

Basketball team, and likes Baseball also.

He likes Basketball and Prez does not have any dislikes. Prez, does not have any friends except for Denis Gullickson.

Prez has two brothers Sonny & Jeff and two sisters Jolene and Fawn. Prez is the son to Luann King and the grandson to Jean King.

for the prom will be “The Roarin’ 20’s” and with that in mind there should be a pretty interesting decorations all around. There are a few who don’t agree with the current idea, but for the past 2 years the colors have been the same, and the ideas have all been the same. This year the junior class is trying to spice things up a bit.

ONHS junior, Roberto Hill, thinks,”Prom this year will be better then the other proms because the juniors are running it, plus we changed the colors up.” With that in mind, the colors for this years prom will be black, white, and gold. They’re not the most interesting colors, but with the right combinations they’ll look good together. For once the colors won’t be purple and blue, like every other year. Yeah they are pretty colors, but after 2 years they get kind of old.

The prom planning committee consists of Cece Danforth, Maria Stevens, Kerri Krenzke, Lillian Madrid, Roberto Hill, Brooke Smith, Katrina Red Hail, and two seniors Erin Reiter, and Amanda Gerondale. This is a rather small group of stu-

The unknown works of Edgar Allan Poe

Editor’s Note: January recently passed and it is the birth-month of one of the greatest writer’s of American Literature, Edgar Allan Poe. Amazingly, Poe continues to draw great interest even 150 years after his death. In fact, he is even more popular today than during his lifetime. In the following whimsical piece, ONHS junior Stephen Kasee speculates about this great artist.

By Stephen Kasee
ONHS junior

Poe was a bright happy soul who projected despair as a defense mechanism. He did this to keep people from entering the utopia of a life he had created. I don’t feel Poe cared for his real parents. I think he was relieved to be given away at three. I think it was so easy for him to write because he would just write the opposite of a happy theme.

Example (happy theme): The sun was bright and the air warm. I approached the white picket fence sure of what I was to do. The light blue house stood before me. I walked past the flowers on either side of me right up to the front door. I knocked. It

was her. She was standing there in her white dress. Her long blond hair was draped over her shoulders. She smiled, but just stood there silent. I was trying to take in her beauty.

Example (opposite theme): The sun was hidden behind dark rain clouds. The rain was picking up now, getting heavier by the second. I came to a grand house. I walked past the cast iron fence, to the gate. It was unlocked. I walked in the compound. The yard was grassless. The pathway war cracked and covered by mud. I walked up to the door and rang the bell. The door swung open. It was my parents. I could not believe this. My whole family had been murdered exactly one year ago. Then I awoke.

You can see from these two examples why Poe preferred to write in despair. It’s easy to write a happy cheery story. And sometimes difficult to create a morbid story of despair and death. But if you first write a happy story then write the opposite, you open up a new world of possibilities. Furthermore I also propose that Poe has an unpublished literary set of collected

Attention ONHS parents

If your son/daughter is planning to participate in spring sports, there will be a meeting to discuss the plans for all sports. The meeting date is set for Thursday, March 20, at 6 p.m. in the high school library. refreshments will be served. If you have any questions please contact Athletic Director Lance Kelley at 869-4490.



Native History Month???

By Brooke Metoxen-Smith
ONHS Junior

As we all know, February is Black History Month. Black History Month is a reunion when people of all kind in the United States come together to remember the most memorable times, and the most devastating times of Black History.

That’s an excellent idea from whomever thought of having a month dedicated to a specific race, and the hardships that they went through. But what about the Natives of America? Don’t you think that we should be appreciated in the same way? I’m not saying that African-Americans don’t deserve what they got - I’m just saying that everyone should be aware of what they did to us. They took our homelands, killed our ancestors, and took our religion from some of our people. Most people don’t know that, and I think they should be aware of how open we were to them, and how they took advantage of that. Native peoples in the past have accomplished a lot, and Natives all over are starting to be more successful in the “white world.”

This is just what I think, not everyone thinks like I do. I’m not saying this in a bad or hateful way - I just want Native people all around to be proud and to be recognized as a strong people. Native peoples all over should be and are proud to represent their culture, and religion, in any way that they can, especially if they are succeeding in the world, like Graham Greene, LiteFoot, and all them big stars. Even if we don’t get a whole month, we will be humble and just live our lives, trying to survive on the reservation with our commodities and child support checks. We’re great, and we know it . . . That’s all we really need, right?!

Poverty

I see a homeless guy.
I cry inside because I could just imagine
how he gets by.

Living on the streets asking people for money
to eat so he won’t die.
I feel so sorry for this innocent human being.
I pray for him, pray his soul can be seen.

I stop to spare him a few green dollars.
I see the clothes he is wearing,
Holy jeans, and a ripped shirt with a
stained white collar.

People are staring.
He is holding a sign that says homeless veteran.
He’s standing on the corner of a busy street.
I notice he only has socks on his feet.

His hair is rugged.
His hands are dry and wrinkly
and he looks to be about 50 years old.
Once again I cry inside.
I can’t see anymore.

I roll up my window and smile with a frowned face.
I wished him the best in life and said good bye.

– Kerri Krenzke, ONHSjunior

What the Packers Need

By Austin Skenandore
ONHS sophomore

Everyone knows the Packers stink. Everyone except a English Teacher at ONHS. He can’t get it through his thick skull that the Green and Gold are worthless.

The NFL Draft comes up in April and the question is “What do the Packers need?” The real answer is “everything.” Of course, they can’t get everything, so let’s look at what they really need.

First, it’s a middle line-backer. Two years ago, they had Bernardo Harris, who even the coaches didn’t think was a starter. Last season things went straight down with Hardy Nickerson who is

old and can’t play for anything. The Packers need to look at Casey Urlacher, Brian Urlacher’s brother.

Next, they need to look at a running back. Sorry, Ahman Green isn’t what he was the first year with the Packers. Maybe they won’t be able to pick up a decent back this year, but Anthony Davis is a pretty good sophomore right down there in Madison, Wisconsin.

They also need a quarter-back. Yes, Brett Favre is the greatest, but he’s getting old. Craig Nall is still a big question mark and Doug Peterson is even older than Favre. Time to check out the college QB’s.

They also need some new

defensive backs, especially safeties. They also need to decide who’s going to start. In the draft, they need to look for two cornerbacks and a free safety. Ty Williams is good, but he causes too many penalties and he can’t tackle. They also need a decent back-up. They also need to trade Marcus Anderson for David Terrell of the Redskins.

They don’t need a receiver, but they do need to move Javon Walker up into the starting lineup and get rid of Terry Glenn.

As you can see, the Packers need just about everything which they can’t hope to get. This is just a start.

Education

Finding Success Together



Photos courtesy of YES Program

F.I.S.T. group participants from King Elementary and Lombardi Middle School.

By Nancy Croy
Lombardi Middle School Principal
Lori Eiting
Y.E.S. Student Advocate

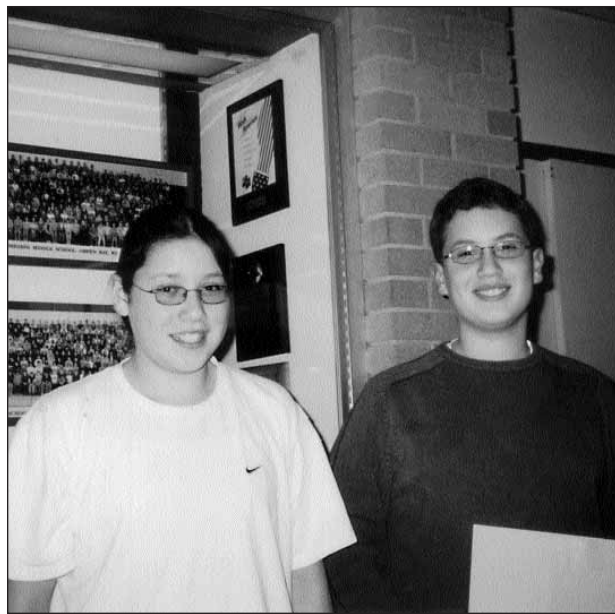
January 22, 2003 marked the completion of a series of five forums that were held at Lombardi Middle School for Native parents and students and teachers from King Elementary and Lombardi Middle Schools. Participants were interested in collaboratively finding solutions that would assist Native students in becoming more successful at school. The group was referred to as F.I.S.T. (Finding

Solutions Together).

Oneida Nation elders Gordon McLester and Harriet Alicea, presented an overview of Oneida history to the entire King and Lombardi staff during the October 8th staff development day. As a follow-up to that inservice, fourteen staff members along with several Native parents and students formed FIST. Mr. McLester continued with the group in the role of facilitator. He assisted us in developing meeting that encouraged participants to share ideas and opinions. FIST participants

agreed that it is through partnership that we will succeed, and future meetings are anticipated.

The closing meeting was a celebration of Native Culture. Honored guests included Jenny Webster and her children, Zach and Olivia. Also, Jr. Miss Oneida 2001-Vanessa Vande Hei and Jr. Miss Oneida-2002 Iris Metoxen-both former King/Lombardi students were present to display their Native attire. Participants experienced the joy of a feast and an exhibition of Pow Wow dancing.



Photos courtesy of YES Program

Above, left is the 2003 TRAILS Princess, Dahlia Munoz. At right, are Kyle Hill and Brandon Wisneski, recent recipients of an "A" rating in Forensics.

Congratulations to Dahlia Munoz, 7th grader at Lombardi Middle School who was selected by the United Amerindian Center as their

2003 T.R.A.I.L.S. Princess. Dahlia will represent U.A.C. April 5th in Ann Arbor Michigan. Her reign will also include traveling throughout

the year to Pow Wows in Illinois, Iowa, California and Arizona.

Congratulations to Kyle Hill, 7th grader and Brandon Wisneski, 8th grader both received an "A" rating in their Forensic competition which allows them to advance to the next level.

Kylene was the narrator and hat sorter for her part in the Harry Potter play.

Brandon read a poetry piece in an "Open Letter to Teachers" which included challenges that students face

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Scholarships / Internships Available

Opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Native

The National Center for Cooperative Education in Natural Resources (NCEE) was established in 1997. Located on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, the purpose of NCEE is to better serve American Indian and Alaska Native students who are interested in pursuing careers in natural resource fields with tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), or other natural resources agencies. The NCEE offers tuition assistance up to \$5,000 annually; summer employment related to academic field of study at a rate of \$8-\$11 per hour; and employment opportunities after graduation with tribes and the BIA. Applicants must have completed their sophomore year in college, be in good academic standing, and be pursuing at least a Bachelor's degree majoring in a natural resources field. For additional information contact Dr. Doug Eifler at 785-749-8414 or daeifler@fs.fed.us or www.haskell.edu/academic/artsci/NCEE/nceehome.htm.

Denise Bertucci Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was developed with the Wisconsin Jaycees to recognize and encourage individuals who have returned to school after a break in their formal education. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who exhibits a desire for self improvement, leadership abilities, and a 3.0 grade point average. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, having returned to school after at least 2 years off. Must be a full time student attending a Wisconsin post-secondary institution, pursuing at least a 2 year degree. For more information E mail Janet Byrne at jmbjcwf@netscape.net or write her at Lot 16, Dawn Vista, Belmont, WI 53510 or check online at www.jcwf.org/BertucciScholarship.htm. **Application deadline is June 1, 2003.**

Financial Aid for College

TIP (Talent Incentive Program) is a grant through the State of Wisconsin,

Department of Public Instruction that assists first-time, low-income, less-advantaged college students. Applicant must be a Wisconsin resident entering a Wisconsin university, technical institute, or private college as a freshman. The grant ranges from \$600 to \$1800 per school year and can continue for ten consecutive semesters. High school seniors can obtain a TIP application through their high school guidance counselor, or by calling 920-492-5745. On the internet go to ["http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/MACROBUTTONHtmlResAnchorwww.dpi.state.wi.us](http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/MACROBUTTONHtmlResAnchorwww.dpi.state.wi.us). **Deadline for applications is April 15, 2003.**

Financial Aid workshops

Anyone planning to apply for financial aid to attend college/technical school for the 2003-2004 school year is invited to attend one of the Financial Aid Workshops to be presented by the Oneida Higher Education Office. The first workshop will be held at the Norbert Hill Center, N7210 Seminary Road, in the conference room above the Higher Education Office, on Thursday, March 20th at 3 p.m.. The second workshop will be held at the Community Education Center, 2632 Packerland Drive on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6 p.m. There will be a 15 minute slide presentation, followed by a question and answer session. If you would like to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at this time, bring your 2002 tax information and a black pen or # 2 pencil. If you prefer, individual appointments can be made with Higher Education staff to complete the FAFSA on line at the Higher Education Office. For more information call 920-869-4033.

Washington Internships for Native Students

American University in Washington, D.C. is pleased to offer internships to Native American students for the summer 2003 term. Those selected will intern in a government agency, take classes related to American Indian issues, and earn 6 college credits to transfer back to their home schools. Student interns will live in

Washington, D.C. on the American University campus. The program pays for travel to Washington, books, tuition, housing, meals and a weekly stipend. For more information call David C Brown or Margaret A Weekes at 202-895-4900 or 800-424-2600. View information on the Internet at www.american.edu/wins, or E-mail wins@american.edu.

Scholarship Opportunities at Alverno College

Alverno College for women in Milwaukee will offer the following scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year: The Peck Scholar 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. **Deadline for the Peck and Roosevelt Scholarships is March 14, 2003.**

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

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.

Higher Education Update

Oneida tribal members who plan to attend technical/vocational school or college during the Fall 2003 term should be completing the Oneida Higher Education process right now. To be eligible for funding, students must apply and be accepted at an accredited college, university or vocational college within the United States, and must submit a copy of the letter of acceptance to Higher

Education. Students who plan to take more than 5 credits per semester must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which determines eligibility for federal and state grants. The FAFSA can be completed on paper or over the Internet. There are also three forms specific to the Oneida Higher Education program which must be completed. These are the grant

application, the participant acknowledgment and agreement form, and the academic plan. Higher Education staff are available to help with the completion of these forms, including doing the FAFSA online. When students have a complete Oneida Higher Education file the award is calculated. Students can receive up to \$20,000 per year, based on school expenses. Lengths of eligibility for funding are 6 terms to earn an Associate Degree, 10 terms to earn a Bachelor's Degree, 6 terms to earn a Master's Degree and 10 terms to earn a Doctoral Degree. For more information call Higher Education at 920-869-4033, 800-236-2214 X 4033, or go to our website at www.oneidanation.org.

Attn: Vendors/Artists

The Oneida Nation is hosting the 2003 *Wisconsin Indian Education Association* Conference, which will be held **April 10-14, 2003** at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center. Space is available for interested vendors/artists to set up a table at the conference. The six foot tables are \$40 a day or \$65 for the entire conference. Additional costs are: table cloths - \$10/day, table skirts - \$15/day, and electricity - \$25/day.

Please contact Sandi Skenadore at 490-3789 by March 10th for additional information.

Your Health

Catch a 'Falling Leaf'—An Oneida Parable

Submitted by
Bill Ver Voort

"This can't be happening" Billy's mom thought as she heard the court verdict that will put her oldest son in a juvenile facility for the next 18 months. "How did it ever come to this" his father wondered. Thinking back a couple of years before, Billy's parents remembered that their son was actually doing quite well at his school, but his free time was too much for him to handle. He wasn't interested in sports or any other after school activity, and with both parents working, he was free to do what he wanted.

This led the young man to run with the wrong crowd. Before his parents knew it, Billy's grades starting slipping, and he showed no interest in any of their suggestions. By this time, Billy already had his 'crowd' as an identity and didn't need anyone else in his life. Things went from bad to worse when he starting

coming home with things they knew weren't his, and now here he is in a juvenile detention facility.

The sad part of this story is that it didn't have to be this way. There are lots of things for our youth to do, even if they are not interested in sports. There are the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. There are mentoring programs and church activities, and now there is the **Falling Leaves 4-H club** here in Oneida. In 4-H the youth can have fun and learn almost any activity they want, as long as there are adult community members willing to give up a little of their time to teach them. The youth will also learn leadership qualities, responsibility to self and others and organizational skills. Let's come together as a community and show support not only to our **Falling Leaves 4-H club**, but also to our youth. Don't they deserve a little of your time?

Falling Leaves 4-H meets

every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting is Thursday, March 6 from 6:00 - 7:45 pm at the County H Recreation Center, N6457 County H, Oneida.

For more information please feel free to contact any

Upcoming conference will focus on domestic, sexual violence

Broken Circle: Healed Spirits coming to area in April

It is not uncommon for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence to emerge from an abusive relationship with spiritual questions and issues.

For Native American and First Nations Canadian victims of domestic and sexual violence, spiritual issues may be multiple—even layered—since the victim may have endured spiritual abuse from her intimate partner, as well as spiritual abuse in the form of cultural oppression, targeted at race, culture and tradition.

Native American Circle, Ltd., in cooperation with the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, Sex Offender Management Program and STOP Violence Against Indian Women

of the Planning Committee Members:

John Breuninger: 869-4526
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Bill Ver Voort: 869-4530

Program, and the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, Maehnowesekiyah Treatment Center Domestic Violence Program, are pleased to announce that they are hosting a two-day conference, "Broken Circle: Healed Spirits--Tribal Summit on Spiritual Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence", April 17-18, 2003 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The purpose of the summit is to promote healing for Native victims of domestic and sexual violence, and to honor survivors and those who help victims survive. The event is supported by funding from the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, (through Grant No. 2001-WT-BX-K005) and awarded to Native American Circle, Ltd.

Pre-registration information will be in the next issue

Oneida Health Center

Oneida Eyecare Department

COLORING CONTEST RULES:

Open to all children between the ages of 4-12. There will be three (3) age categories: 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. The top two (2) from each category will receive a prize and one (1) grand prize will be awarded overall. The contest will run March 2003.

All entries need to be at the Oneida Eyecare Department at the Health Center (P.O. Box 365, 525 Airport Rd., Oneida, WI 54155) by April 1, 2003 to qualify for contest. Each entry must be accompanied by name, address, phone number, and age. Winners will be announced in the Kalihwisaks.

Save Your Vision Month



March 2003

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contract Health Services Information

Important facts you should know about Oneida Contract Health!

The current deadline to submit your approved medical and dental bills for the last fiscal year is **March 31, 2003**. This deadline applies to all CHS referred medical services received between the dates of October 1, 2001 and September 30, 2002. These are services purchased by CHS for eligible persons with funds provided by Indian Health Service. Eligibility Criteria for Oneida Contract Health are as follows:

1. An Oneida tribal member or descendent and resides in Brown or Outagamie County.
2. Enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe and resides in Brown or Outagamie County and maintains close social or economic ties to the Oneida Tribe.
3. Enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe and resides within Oneida reservation boundaries.
4. Non-Native American female pregnant with an eligible Native American fetus.
5. Be a full time Oneida student whose permanent residence is in Brown or Outagamie County.
6. It has been established that no other alternate resources are available to the person.
7. Submitted proof of residence to Contract Health

Important Reminders!

Contract Health Services Reminders

- Ultimately you are responsible for notifying Contract Health of your medical bills.
- The more telephone calls the staff must respond to, the longer it will take to pay your bills.
- Please do not bring in more than one copy of each bill.
- For a service episode to be payable, your Contract Health application must have been updated within 6 months of the date of service.
- In a life threatening Emergency hospital visit, seek immediate medical care and notify Contract Health within 72 hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Elders have 30 days.
- In a non-life threatening Emergency, the Oneida Community Health Center On-Call medical staff personnel must be notified before seeking medical care.
- On-call personnel are available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week by contacting the Oneida Community Health Center at 869-2711 or 1-800-869-2711.
- You have the Right to appeal in writing, any denial of payment for medical services by Oneida Contract Health.

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(They are controlling their own lives)

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A circle for women who have experienced sexual abuse as a child

This will be a 10-12 week group addressing issues related to the effects of sexual abuse

Topics to be discussed include...

- **Safety/trust Issues**
- **Relationship Issues**
- **Self-esteem**
- **Body Image**
- **Family Issues**
- **Parenting**

The Group will meet weekly starting the week of March 19, 2003 Wednesdays, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Social Services Building
2640 West Point Road
Green Bay, WI

Childcare will be available in the Social Services Building.

Please call Shelley Riutta (920- 490-3726) to schedule an intake session or ask any questions. An intake session must be completed by **March 12th** in order to participate in the group. The group is limited to eight women, so call soon if you would like to participate.

Eye on Environment

Young children more vulnerable to cancer than adults when exposed to certain chemicals

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Children under 2 years of age have a much greater chance of getting cancer from exposure to certain chemicals than do adults, the Environmental Protection Agency concludes in a new risk assessment.

New guidelines proposed Monday by the EPA on cancer risk and children would require EPA scientists for the first time to take into account the greater vulnerability of the very young in determining how some cancer-causing chemicals are to be regulated.

According to the analysis, which focused chemicals that cause damage to genes, the risk of a future cancer is 10 times greater for a child under age 2 than for an adult who is similarly exposed.

Children from 3 to 15 years of age face a risk at least three times greater than adults when exposed to these chemicals, the proposed EPA guidance said.

The analysis was confined to so-called mutagenic chemicals that cause damage to genes thereby making a person more susceptible to getting cancer later in life.

But EPA scientists said children may well be more vulnerable when exposed to other types of cancer-causing chemicals as well, although the scientific data is not yet sufficient to make any conclusions on that.

Nevertheless, the proposed guidance would represents a major change in how cancer risk to children is viewed by EPA regulators. Currently the agency assumes in when assessing a chemical that children are no more vulnerable to cancer than adults if exposed to the substance.

“This (new assessment) is really a significant step forward in understanding how environmental exposure affects our children,” said Ramona Trovato, an EPA official who has spent the last five years

studying environmental pollution and children.

The proposed guidelines on children is to be reviewed by the EPA science advisory board, probably in May, with a final guidance likely to be issued this summer, said Bill Farland, the EPA’s acting assistant administrator for science.

“We think this guidance on assessing children’s cancer risk is going to evolve for a number of classes of compounds ... as we get more information,” Farland said in an interview. “We have long talked about the need to assure that we’re protecting sensitive sub-populations and sensitive life stages.”

The EPA assessment notes that children generally are expected to have exposures to chemicals that are different from adults because differences in their size, physiology and behavior. Children and adults exposed to the same concentrations of a chemical also may receive different internal doses because of dif-

ferences in intake and absorption rates, the assessment said.

The EPA assessment was based mainly on a review of animal studies involving five mutagenic compounds and from data collected in studies of survivors of atomic bomb blasts in Japan at the end of World War II, said James Cogliano, an EPA scientist.

Most of the chemicals that were studied involve industrial applications, ones to which infants would not likely be easily exposed, said Farland.

One of them, benzopyrene, is a carcinogen found in cigarette smoke and auto exhausts; another, benzidine is used in the manufacture of dyes, while a third, vinyl chloride, is used in making plastics.

But the findings suggest, when more studies come in, the same disparity on risk between adults and the very young may well be observed although in existing studies “you see mixed results,” said Cogliano.

“Sometimes there was a higher cancer risk, sometimes there was not.”

Environmentalists embraced the new focus on children.

“We’re very happy that they’ve recognized that children under 2 years of age are really very susceptible,” said Jennifer Sass, a scientist in the public health program at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

She and other environmentalists, however, were not as enthusiastic about a separate set of guidelines on evaluating cancer risks, also unveiled Monday by EPA officials.

That guidance, which is close to being made final, attempt to refine and make more precise the methods used by EPA scientists to evaluate cancer risks for all age groups.

EPA officials said the new guidelines will more accurately reflect cancer risks than methods now in use. But environmentalists worried these new guidelines might produce less protection by making it harder to declare a chemical a carcinogen.

Community information on demolition from the historic preservation program that relates to historic structures

Submitted by Corinna Williams

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

It is the requirement that when thinking about demolition of a building, structure, or any other means that a object is being destroyed, then we need to take into consideration the historic value or integrity. Here are the steps that will be taken when identifying Historic structures in demolition:

Laws which apply to historic structures within the Oneida Nation are:

- Tribal Resolution “Quote” 3-1-91-B
- Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 of 1966, Sec 110 16 U.S.C.470h-2(a),2(b)
- Protection and Management of Archaeological, Cultural, and Historic Resources- Code of Laws, Chapter 12

Structures that are identified as 50 years old need to comply with the following process:

1. Research documents on building
2. Conduct oral history interviews of tribal members with knowledge of the building, and find out what the family wants done with the building, if applicable.
3. Do a video of the building
4. Publish an announcement in Kalihwisaks
5. Assess the cost factors ie asbestos, plumbing, wiring, structural soundness, etc.
6. Conduct an in-service to educate all departments involved.
7. Conduct a community meeting.

The following options will then be discussed with everyone involved and a decision made:

- Preserve on site:
 - The building is historically significant and structurally it is possible to renovate the building and nominate it for the Oneida Historic Sites and the Nation Register of Historic sites.

Seek grant funds for renovation and preservation.

- Move Intact
 - The building is historically significant but cannot stay at its present site.
 - Seek funding to move building
 - Identify a site
 - Move the building
 - Seek grant funding for restoration
 - Restore
- Dismantle
 - The building is historically significant but must be moved
 - Identify funds
 - Dismantle the building, move and store
 - Reconstruct on new site
- Salvage
 - The Building is not historically significant, but has some recyclable materials.
 - Save recyclable materials as the building is dismantled.
- Demolition
 - The building is not historically Significant
 - Demolition
 - Save recyclable materials, reuse for the tribal departments, community, tribal members.

Preserving on site or moving the building in tact depends on availability of funding.

Any questions or comments can be submitted to:

Corina Williams
Oneida Nation Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 365
Oneida Wi, 54155

Or E-mail me at cwilliam@oneidanation.org
Or phone- 920-490-2069x 1984

Government sues Black Hills Power in wildfire

The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)

- The federal government has sued a Rapid City power company for damages from a wildfire that threatened Lead and Deadwood, forced the evacuation of thousands and destroyed more than 10,000 acres of forest.

A complaint filed Monday in U.S. District Court blames Black Hills Power & Light Co. for failing to trim trees that grew into a power transmission line, sparking last summer’s Grizzly Gulch Fire.

“Black Hills Power did not keep their trees that were located in the right of way trimmed and they were able to come in contact with the electrical wire,” U.S. Attorney James McMahon said Tuesday.

The federal lawsuits asks a jury to award unspecified damages for firefighting costs, reclaiming burned areas, and for the loss of timber and habitat.

An exact figure of the federal government’s loss has not been determined, but McMahon said the tally will be more than \$2 million.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of several agencies including the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Black Hills Power Co. officials did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The Grizzly Gulch Fire started June 29, 2002, and burned nearly 17 square miles in the northern Hills before it

was brought under control on July 7. Lead and Deadwood area residents were evacuated but allowed back into their homes a few days later. Several homes and other buildings were destroyed.

Thousands of tourists in the area for gambling and sightseeing were forced to flee Deadwood when the fire broke out.

The federal lawsuit says BHP employees and contractors who were responsible for clearing vegetation, “knew, or should have known, that BHP’s vegetation clearance activities were inadequate.”

They also should have known that failure to trim trees could pose a fire threat and risk the safety of people and property, the complaint said.

Of the more than 10,000 acres destroyed, 3,315 acres were in the Black Hills National Forest and another 1,982 acres of land were controlled by the federal Bureau of Land Management.

Last fall, the state of South Dakota also sued Black Hills Power for damages from the Grizzly Gulch Fire. Total costs of fighting the fire have been estimated at \$5.4 million, with the state’s share at about \$1.1 million.

Another lawsuit filed by the state earlier this year, says a downed power line in a rugged area south of Hot Springs sparked the September 2001, West Hell Canyon Fire. It burned more than 10,500 acres of grass and timber.

Oneida Minors’ Trust Important Reminders

Background

Each enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin under the age of 18 is entitled to receive Per Capita Distributions made by the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Instead of receiving these directly, minors' per capita distributions are held in a trust fund until minors turn 18 years of age. In 1994, the General Tribal Council granted authority to the Oneida Trust Committee to administer the trust fund. The Trust Committee holds minors' per capita distributions in the form of the Oneida Minors' Trust Funds.

What’s New!

As announced last year in our new Pathfinder Newsletter and on our Web site, www.Oneidanation.org, (see update under “News” tab), the Oneida Minors’ Trust has undergone some changes. The Trust’s portfolio is now actively managed by Boston, MA firm, Trillium Asset Management. Trillium has over two decades of experience managing socially responsible portfolios. The Trust’s portfolio accounting and beneficiary record keeping is now done by Portland, ME firm, Forum Financial Group.

Your Quarterly Statement

You will receive an updated statement after each quarter end (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31) that reflects the value of your account. You will also receive a fact sheet with information on the Trust’s holdings and performance relative to industry benchmarks. This will be updated quarterly.

Quarterly Disbursements Now

Trust disbursements will now be made on a quarterly basis. If you are turning 18 years of age between January 1, 2003 and March 31, 2003, you should have received a payment form letter from the Enrollments Department. These forms need to be completed by you and notarized before being returned to Enrollments. The deadline for the forms is the second Friday of the last month of each calendar quarter. If you are eligible for this quarter’s disbursement and have not returned the payment form letter, please contact the Enrollment Department at the telephone number below.

Social Security Number (SSN)

Each minor should have their SSN on file with the Enrollments Department as well as address changes. Minors with no SSN on file, in accordance with a Federal requirement, will be subject to 31% withholding from cash payments following their 18th birthday. To verify your child’s SSN is on file, call the Oneida Enrollments Department at 920-869-2083 or 1-800-571-9902. The trust fund payment, when disbursed, is considered taxable income to the beneficiary. It is recommended that the beneficiary retain all Minors’ trust statements and tax forms for their tax filing needs.

The Pathfinder Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed the first two issues. Let us know if you’d like additional copies copy. With your next quarterly statement , you will receive the third issue of the Pathfinder.

New Contest Deadline

The “What Worked for You Contest” deadline has been extended until July 31, 2003. This is an opportunity to win a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Review the Pathfinder newsletter, any issue, and submit ideas you used and how they worked to: Oneida Trust Dept. Attn: Susan White, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. The Oneida Trust Committee will judge the stories. The winner will be notified via U.S. Mail in September 2003.

Questions and Comments

If you have any questions or comments about your account or about the Trust’s new service providers, please contact the Oneida Trust Department or the Enrollment Department at P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155-0365 or call us at 1-800-236-2214. Yaw^>ko,

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The Oneida Trust Committee*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, April 26th is our annual Earth Day Celebration and we hope you will be there with us. This year in addition to the cleanup, tree giveaway and meal, we will also have demonstrations, interactive educational displays, activities, games, and a photo contest (contact the Christine Klimmek for details). We will be at Osn&hsa> Lake. Please watch future issues of Kalihwisaks for details.

IT’S GONNA BE GREAT!

Business

Summary: Business Unit Informational Meeting Minutes Continued

Editor's Note: This summary is continued from February 20 publication. The following is a summary of the items that were discussed at the bimonthly Business Unit Informational meeting held at the Parish Hall on Monday, January 27th.

Parenting Program & Foster Parents - Jennifer Kruse and Rhonda Carlson

The individuals from the Children/Family Department, Jennifer Kruse and Rhonda Carlson, gave a very touching and informative presentation in regards to the parenting program and becoming a foster parent for Native American children.

One of the goals of this presentation is to gain support for the program from people in higher positions and Business Committee members. With more support, there is a possibility to receive more funds for this program.

A lot of work has been completed in developing the parenting program forms, manuals, videos, and compact discs. More assistance is needed to get more parents and community members involved in this program.

As part of their presentation, a visualization exercise was conducted on what it would be like to be moved to a new home, new family and you could not run away as you would be found and brought back. You would only have thirty minutes to fill a garbage bag; the rest has to be left behind. This is what a foster child goes through. A video was shown which portrayed how foster children feel about being "foster children" and how we as adults in their life can be more aware of their feelings.

There will be a cultural video viewing on Wednesday, April 16th at the Oneida Social Services building. The Business Committee, State, and County officials will be invited from 9:30AM - 11:30AM. From 1:30PM - 3:30PM, other departments and Tribal service providers are encouraged to attend. At 5:00PM, a community dinner and presentation will begin in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention.

If anyone has an interest in the Foster Care Program, please call Jennifer A. Kruse at (920) 490-3717 for an application.

Treasurer's Report for December 2002

A summary of the Treasurer's report for December was shared with those in attendance. Reports of various Tribal areas and their respective savings and/or shortfalls were shared.

Communication's Roles and Responsibilities - Bobbi Webster

Bobbi gave an overview of the Communications Department and the Internal and External Comprehensive Communication Plan. This is based on the overview of the Oneida Nation and their position within the Community; within the State of Wisconsin; and within the Nation and ultimately a global perspective.

We have 15,000 members so we have a tremendous responsibility to communicate effectively; not only to the reservation population, but to the greater population of the Oneida Nation. We presently have other Tribes in

the State in which we network and work to communicate with a secondary audience and the general public. We work with surrounding communities, individual programs, individual committees, commissions, and boards etc. Right now, our membership is the largest of any Tribe in the state. Communications look at this as a heavy responsibility in terms of what we have to deal with.

Communications is working to create a relationship with the surrounding media to be as cooperative as possible. We want to provide information on a timely basis. You have to remember everything we give them does not mean that they want to print it. However, when they contact us for information, the media needs it that minute as they are working on a deadline. If they have to wait a day or two, they are not going to print old news. So when Bobbie gets a call from the media, ex: legalize gambling in bars; she has to have a response. If on weekends or after hours Bobbie has been contacted by local media, she has no access to the government, she must be prepared to

respond to posture the Oneida Nation in a responsible manner, in that event her response was: "Indian gaming is the most heavily regulated in the country, and we expect any other gaming to be consistent with what we do." We pose the question, and it is up to the media and the public to make the decision whether or not to support these initiatives. Sometimes we take risk of putting the statement out there and suffering for that in the future or someone will call us on it. Someone will challenge it or perhaps challenge Bobbi on a statement. She has the responsibility to try to communicate to the Tribal membership and to the general public as quickly as possible. So our internal communications do include the external media.

Communications have an official web-page, meetings galore, weekly Business Committees, the General Tribal Council meetings, the Community meetings, political house parties, public hearings, bulletin board postings, internal mail, newsletters within various divisions, interdepartmental meetings, special mailings, fax, and Kalihwisaks etc. When you

think of what exists across the country, we have one of the most comprehensive communication systems in the nation (and within the Tribes).

We have been lauded by Tribes across the country for what exists here. It is not perfect and we continue to try to improve our web site, making it more interactive and current. There have been some problems with the updating and hopefully, this has been corrected. It is a challenge to keep the website updated. We tried other communication venues that were successful and some were not, like the "Chatterbox" that didn't work out. Don't know what when wrong, but it isn't dead. We are always looking to be better and are open to accept criticism. Not easy to accept criticism, but this is essential in building communication.

Externally, we have news releases, news conferences, newspapers and all the outside media you can imagine. We look at what is our "target audience." Our priority is our membership; those who are working and living on the reservation, because they are the most active. It does not mean that the entire membership is not our "target audi-

ence," but those members are just not as accessible in terms of communication and what we hear in our community. We know that whatever information goes out, this community will react and have more involvement than someone living in Chicago, California, Miami etc. Unfortunately, we do not have absentee ballots or on-line voting or anything of that nature. Priority in terms of communication by our department is by design and not by desire. We strive to communicate to the people living outside of the reservation; they are part priority but hampered by accessibility. It is a challenge, but we continue to try to meet the challenge.

Other Tribes in the State of Wisconsin are another "target audience" and the consortium of Tribes that reflect tribal efforts. The general public, businesses, and the media are also part of our "target audience." Right now, our newly elected Governor of Wisconsin and the Attorney General is a very important part of our "target audience." We are now moving into the period of when our compact will be renewed (May 8th). It is very important that we con-

tinue to have the ability to exercise our sovereignty and our gaming operations. Local municipal leadership is also part of our audience.

Community Outreach: We recommended that the Business Committee members target one person a week. Go out and take him/her to breakfast or lunch; one person a week doesn't matter whoever it is brother, sister, someone who doesn't like you or your mother and share the information with them. A lot of our people do not want to come to meetings at the end of the day as they are meeting out. Some people don't like the protocol that occurs in a meeting or the political factions of a meeting. We still want to know information in a manner that is pleasing and easy to us. We are hoping that community meetings, one-on-one outreach, or even creating a mailing list and sending it out to your constituency. Again the GTC meetings, the political house parties are all a way of getting information out. We continue to collect fact sheets and position statements on news releases which are on file and could be consolidated into lobbying packages, educational packages, or media packages.

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National Girl Scout Week

Girl Scout Week celebrated March 9 - 15

91 years of programming still growing strong

Appleton, Wis. - At the start of Girl Scout week on March 9, Girl Scouts worldwide will remember the organization's beginning 91 years ago. In 1912, founder Juliette Gordon Low's vision of bringing something "special to girls of America and the

world" culminated in the first troop meeting with 18 girls. Today, nine decades later, 3.7 million Girl Scouts celebrate Low's vision of character, conduct, and friendship.

The organization continues to move forward with the founder's vision of helping girls everywhere grow strong. From nature walks and learning Morse code in the beginning of the twentieth century, to meeting with members of congress and developing Web sites, Girl Scouts has always been in step with the times. Traditional activities to com-

memorate the Girl Scout heritage will take place nationwide, with girls performing community service projects, wearing uniforms to school and in houses of worship, holding birthday celebrations, and much more.

Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. will sponsor two council-wide activities during the week of March 9. Participating Girl Scouts in the Be Your Best from Head to Toe personal care collection will be collecting personal care items from throughout the area for the duration of

March. Items such as combs, deodorant, laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, etc. will be collected by Girl Scouts and donated locally to those in need,

Girl Scout Sunday, March 9, and Girl Scout Sabbath, March 15, provide participating Girl Scouts with the opportunity to reflect on the rich tradition of Girl Scouting, while exploring ways to carry the Girl Scout message into the future.

"As we celebrate the founding of Girl Scouts, we continue to commit ourselves

to providing girls with a place where they can become, belong, believe, and build, and in the process grow into tomorrow's leaders," said Barbara Chambers, assistant executive director. "While the values that were synonymous with Girl Scouting in the beginning of the twentieth century still hold true today, we continue to evolve with a program that works best for girls in the twenty-first century."

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to

girls, with a membership of more than 3.7 girls and adults. Since 1912, Girl Scouts has helped cultivate values, social conscience, and self-esteem in young girls, while teaching them the life skills critical to succeed as adults.

Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. has been providing Girl Scouting in the area for 83 years. The council serves over 8,000 girl and adult members in the counties of Menominee, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Winnebago, and a portion of Calumet.

What Troop 273 is up to

Since October 2002, five junior girl scouts, Jessica, Maria., Rhys, Layni, and Shenandoah along with some visitors, Shayla, Shanica and Catherine took up a community service project for making a quilt blanket for a needy family. We meet after school for an hour twice a week at Turtle School. We cut and fabric painted about 120 8"x8" squares, We patiently took turns sewing with only one sewing machine and we are about done sewing all the squares together. We held two bake sales at Turtle School. We would like to thank the students and staffs for supporting our fund raiser so we could continue to finish our project, The project was put on hold when the girls joined the basketball team. It has been a challenging project for these young women since it is no easy job of keeping a straight line while sewing as well putting up with an unpredictable machine. We surely hope that we can finish the blanket before the spring break begins, It would be our

first great accomplishment that we would have after we complete the blanket as a troop.

Vickie Doxtator, Troop 273 Assistant Leader

Our troop had just started up in December for regular troop meeting. At our first meeting, we made Christmas cards for Anna John Nursing Home. We had new girls joining in our troop in time for taking the Girl Scout Cookies orders. We learned about making ceramic and pottery at Family Civic Center on "H". We are itching to learn how to do the raised beadwork of flowers, leaves, and birds. Once we are proficient enough with our beading skill, the next project would be the beading our own picture frame. We will create our Oneida Girl Scout International Food cookbook for World Thinking Day project.

This is what we have done this year beside troop meetings, We spent a night at Seymour Scout House for Halloween Sleepover party.

We joined Seymour and Black Creek Girl Scouts for bowling and roller skating events. We attended Milwaukee Wave Soccer Game and Future Focus workshops sponsored by Girls and Boys Club of America. We are looking forward to do new and different things at the upcoming events at the Girl Scout Program Center in Appleton next month. We will be selling the Girl Scout Cookies at Tower Foods store during the month of March. We will also be doing the Oneida Community Hygiene Drive from March 9th to March 22nd. All collections will proceed to Oneida Elderly Service and Nora Damrow Food Distribution Center. We are asking you to support our project by donating needed items at drop boxes located at Oneida Nation Elementary School, Norbert Hill Center, Bay Bank, and Tower Foods Store.

Maria Danforth, Junior Girl Scout Troop 273 leader
Vickie Doxtator
Assistant Leader

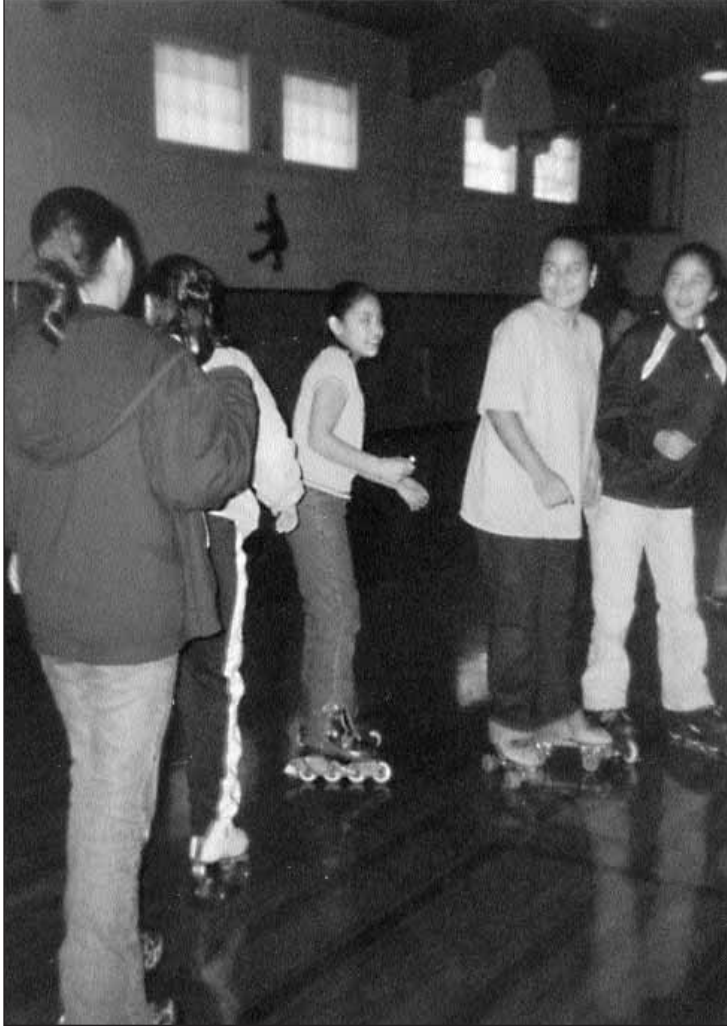


Photo courtesy of Troop 273

Members of the Junior Girl Scout Troop 273, shown above, show off their skills as they participate in a roller skating event.

From the girl scout troop leader

My troop had done lots of activities this year. In the beginning of the school year, we teamed about the Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law. We had an investiture ceremony to receive Brownie Girl Scout pin. We held an award ceremony for receiving our hard earn try-its (badges). We worked hard to think of four rules of staying safe in six different areas for a safety award. We made fleece hats for the first time for our winter community service project. In fact, most of us wanted to keep the hats and so we bought hats to donate instead. Well, sound like all about work, work, work, isn't it?

Not really, we do had some fun working on the try-its like painting on the t-shirts, knocking the plastic bottles down with bean bags with different throws (more misses than hits), or face painting. We went on field trips since October. We visited N E W Zoo. We slept over with the girl scouts from Seymour and Black Creek. Some never went bowling or roller skating before. We decorated on the paper for our flutes at the Girl Scout Council. We played and ate pizza at Chuckee Cheese. Not every troop is same as we are. It is all depend on what kind of leader the troop has and the commitment that the parents willing to make for their daughter.

As a leader, it is my 3 years goal seeing that my troop to have every opportunity to explore different interests of the Girl Scout program before they fly up to the next Girl Scout level. Being a Girl Scout is a great opportunity for the girls to discover more about themselves and others. You can help supporting the Girl Scouts by donating a hygiene item for their spring community service drive. The drop box site will be at Oneida Nation Elementary School, Norbert Hill Center, Bay Bank and Tower Foods Store.

Vickie Doxtator, Leader
Brownie Girl Scout
Troop 208



Photo courtesy of Brownie Girls Scout Troop 208

Decorating their flutes was an activity that the Brownie Girl Scout Troop 208 participated in at the Making Music Event at the Girl Scout of the Fox River Area Council. Shown with their flutes are, I-r, Susanna, Aleah, Shauntel, Kayla, Corina and Sequoyah.

Oneida Girl Scouts Notes:

The Oneida Girl Scouts will be collecting hygiene products for the Oneida Elderly services and for the Oneida Food Distribution Center. We will be placing drop boxes at O.N.E.S., Norbert Hill Center, Bay Bank and Tower Foods starting March 9 through March 22. Please help our community by donating products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, paper items (toiletries) and baby items.

From now to March 14 there will be Girl Scouts delivery of cookies that were ordered. We accept a cash payment or a check made out to G.S.F.R.A. (Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area) for them. If there is a problem with the cookies or oder, please call Maria Danforth at 713-8569. There will be Girl Scouts selling cookies at Tower Foods Store during the month of March.

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What some of the girls are saying about Scouts

The first time I started girls scouts I was a brownie. That was in a different school. When I became a Junior Girls Scout Member I did not know anyone but Tina helped me to get along with the other Girl Scout Members. But then she handed the troop to Vickie. Vickie had a lady to help her with our troop. Her name is Maria. I am really happy to be a Oneida Junior Girl Scout. I stand tall and brave for my Nation. I go the Oneida Nation Turtle School. I'm in 5th grade.

Maria Jean Metoxen
Junior Girl Scout
Troop 273

I like girls scouts because it is fun, and...well, fun. About the only thing that I basically like about girl scouts is the "pottery and "skating" and probably everything else we or (my dad will let me) do. I started girl scouts because I wanted to be like my aunt Sheena. I wanted to be closer to her. I wanted her to actually like me. I also started because it seemed so fun and there was a Halloween bash at the Scout House. This year, so far, we have gone to Wally's for bowling, and roller skating.

Courtney Danforth
Grade 5
Junior Girls Scout
Troop 273

My Shopping Day at the Mall

We brought presents at the mall. We wrapped presents at the mall. We played at the mall. I had fun playing on a dog. We went to McDonald's. Then we all got in the van and came home.

Aleah, age 7
Oneida Brownie Girl
Scouts of Troop 208

A Girl Scout Song
When I'm a girl scout, I dance all about. I like to sing, sing, sing, Like a fling, fling, fling. The whole world loves girls scouts. That's what it's all about.

Created by Darian,
age 8
Oneida Brownie Girl
Scouts of Troop 208

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.)

Part five of six

Q: What do you think the long term future will hold for Indians?

Think of all the tens of thousands of years we have been here before the Europeans ever landed. We had a good educational system that was tried and tested. It worked. And there is no reason why that couldn’t take us through another 100,000 years. It is all there. All we have to do is pick it up and use it, if we are to survive as a people. Already some of our young people are picking up the bundles and we know there will be a few around for the next couple of generations. It looks good.

I used to lecture and wear ragged old levis. They would look at my jacket, all ragged and elbows sticking out, and feel sorry for me. They would go away and come back next time with a package, a new jacket. I put it on and wear it all the time they are there. And they feel good cause I’m wearing it. I take it off as soon as they leave. I take that jacket off and hang it in the closet. If I see them coming, I will run and get that jacket

See the cultural website

We encourage everyone to become involved in the Oneida Language. Remember that every word you learn and speak becomes a part of keeping the Oneida Language alive. Please visit our new website at:

<http://language.oneidanation.org/about/history>



so that they will be happy. I fish a lot, and when the salmon are running, I stay right on the river by the campfire. I roll up with my back to the fire. If the sparks jump out and land on my cotton jacket, it would scorch and burn a hole in it. But I would jump up and brush it off with my sleeve and go back to sleep. I am comfortable with

my old clothes. If I was laying by the fire with a jacket of this new synthetic material and a spark jumped out, it might burn. So that old jacket has seen me through a lot of winters and I feel comfortable with it. It is not that I dislike what everyone else is doing, it is just that I feel more comfortable with that old jacket. But then every-

body comes along and offers you new shoes or a new jacket. A lot of times, you want to be nice and considerate to them so you accept those things, but you have to be careful. That old jacket has been tried and tested just like our culture. These new ones are like the United States, just 200 years old and it hasn’t even been tested yet.

Fundraiser for longhouse well received

By Dan Smoke

On’yota’a:ka Community, Ontario

Oneida, Canada - On November 23rd, at the Oneida Community Centre, the first major fundraising dinner for a new Oneida Longhouse attracted 400 community members, Mohawk elders, and a Cayuga celebrity.

The Longhouse is a ceremonial building of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy or People of the Longhouse). The On’yota’a:ka (Oneida or People of the Standing Stone) is a member nation.

Organizers were able to raise over \$7,400. The evening featured speakers: Tom Porter, Mohawk elder of Fonda, N.Y.; Jan Longboat, Mohawk elder from Six Nations; and Gary Farmer, a Toronto-based Cayuga actor and multi-media producer.

According to Ray George, one of the organizers, "this great cause...will bring our people together as extended families. These connections transcend political, territorial, and spiritual barriers."

Tom Porter explained, "In our teachings, all the Six Nations must help each other. Especially when it has to do with the Longhouse. Whenever a Longhouse needs help, every community of the Iroquois has to come and help. That's why I came here, to do my duty."

For Jan Longboat the Longhouse "represents a place of spirit...a place of learning the languages and the stories." The Mohawk Nation is also going to be building a Longhouse on the

Six Nations reserve, she said. "Our teachings of the Great Law tells of the power of the Good Mind. And that's what the teachings of the Longhouse are all about. It's to strengthen the mind, so that we can live a good life."

In addition to speaking, Gary Farmer expressed his solidarity and support with a \$400 donation to the Building Fund. Nick and Mary Deleary, who live on reserve, donated six acres of land.

Dean George, emcee, is also the Chair of the Building Fund Committee. He said "all these people are busy people...But that's how we get things done. If we want something done, we find the busiest person we can and ask them to help you, and they always will."

Howard Elijah, an elder, is secretary of the On’yota’a:ka Nation Council. He said there are bi-weekly meetings to involve community members. "This project is about breaking down barriers and the walls of factionalism...We didn't put them there, so we have to sit down in our community to talk about our future together." He added, "This project has got a lot of support-even from the Band Council."

The new larger Longhouse will be 100 by 40 feet. Work has begun. A hydro line is installed. The property is being prepared, the foundation laid, and the cedar logs purchased. Over \$150,000 has been spent. More is needed for hardwood flooring, an open ceiling, and specially designed windows. Elijah

Getting Up

satk#tskwas k< Sut gate skwas kah	<i>are you getting up?</i>
Katk#tskwas gut gate skwas	<i>I'm getting up</i>
satkuhs%halehe> k< Sut goo sew hall lay hay kah	<i>are you washing your face?</i>
Katkuhs%halehe gut goo sew hall lay (hay)	<i>I'm washing my face</i>
tehsatnath@hos k< Day sud nah tall hose kah	<i>are you combing your hair?</i>
Tekatnath@hos day gud nah tall hose	<i>I'm combing my hair</i>
satslu=n\$he> k< sut slew knee hay kah	<i>are you getting dressed?</i>
Katslu=n\$he gut slew knee (hay)	<i>I'm getting dressed</i>
Satekhu=n\$he> k< sa day koon knee hay kah	Are you eating
katekhu=n\$he ga day coon knee	I'm eating
satnawil%halehe> k< Sud know we low ha lay hey kah	are you brushing your teeth?
Katnawil%halehe gud know we low ha lay (hay)	I'm brushing my teeth
satya>t@nehse> K< Sud dya da nay say kah	do you go to school?
kataya>t@nehse gud da yah da nays	I go to school

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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.

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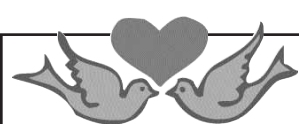
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Engagement



Huntington ~Metoxen

Faith "Jamie" Huntington and Anthony "Tony" Metoxen plan to exchange wedding vows July 26, 2003 at the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Oneida, Wisconsin.

The bride to be is the daughter of Virginia and Donald Oswald, Manistique, Michigan and Francis and Kelly Huntington of Meriden, Connecticut. Jamie is the granddaughter of the late James and Rosetta (Christjohn) Huntington.

The Bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Orville H. Platt High School, Meriden, CT and is currently employed as an Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator with the Arthritis Foundation in Milwaukee, WI.

The future groom is a 1985 graduate of Milwaukee Tech High School, and is employed at Town & Country Electric as a Data Communications Technician in Milwaukee, WI. Tony is the son of Gerald L. and Alberta Metoxen of Green Bay, Wisconsin and the grandson of Prudence and the late Roman J. Duxtator and the late George and Ethel House.

Happy Birthday

to my
Little Guy
who's getting so big!
I'm sorry I couldn't be
there for your big day,
but I think about you
and your sister every
day! You two are what
keep me holding the
faith in this country so
far away. Please
remember, I Love You
and we'll all be
together again soon.



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Happy Birthday

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Birthday

Kathy

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Loren, Dana &
Abby

Happy Birthday

Happy 11th Birthday to
Natasha
on March 10th



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Bryce, Skylee, Nannah
and Tamara

Happy Birthday

Happy 3rd Birthday
Skylee
Reyes-Elm
on March 3rd



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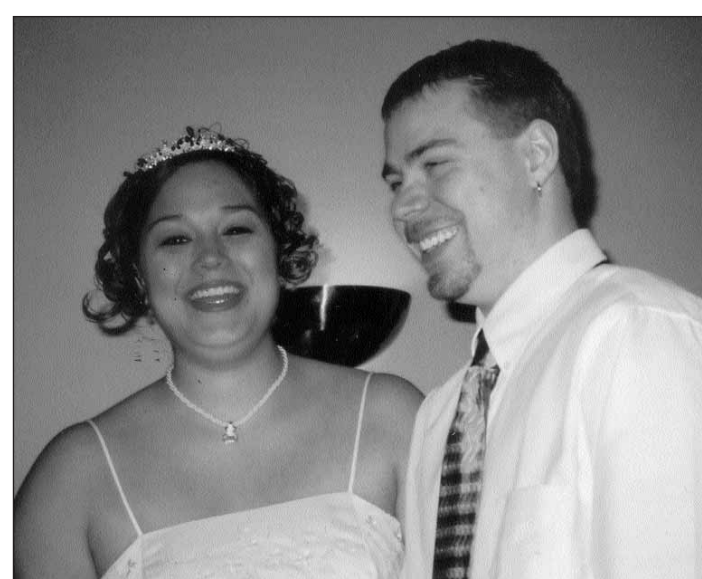
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on February 24th



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Grandpa Kurowski,
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Jianna

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Best wishes from Dad and Beth

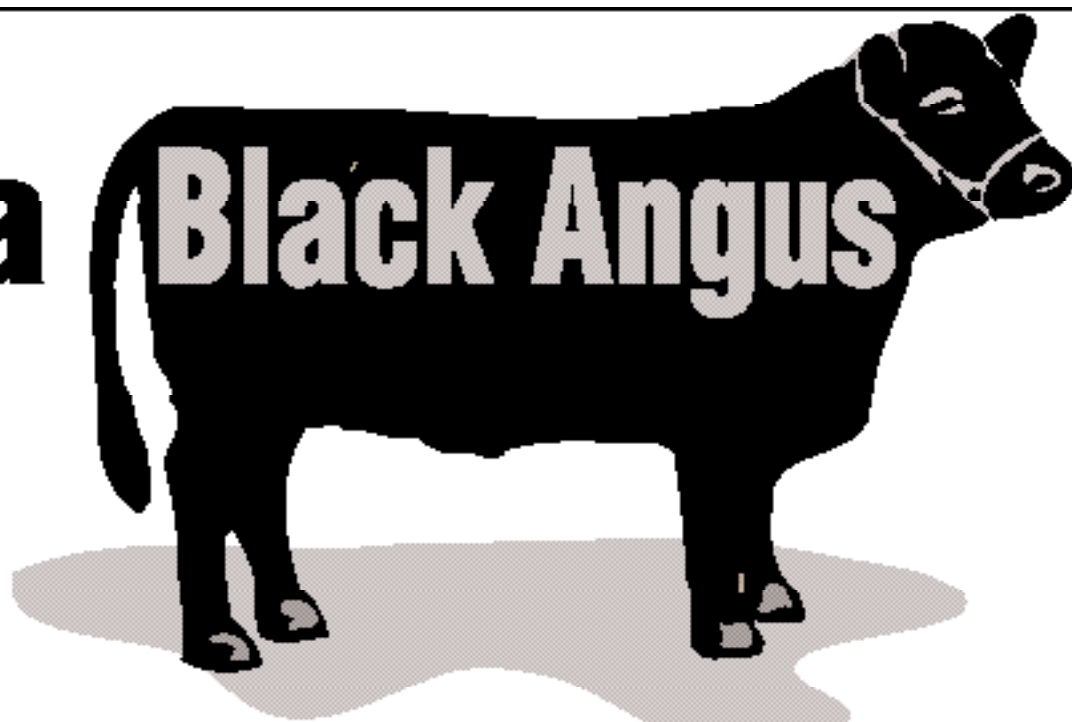
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