



## Operation Oneida Cares

**By Keith Skenandore**  
Kalihwisaks

Members of the Oneida community have worked together to establish "Operation Oneida Cares."

The operation originated from a letter writing campaign by the students of the Oneida Turtle School to the men and women overseas. Their campaign derived the name of "Operation Oneida Cares."

In this issue you'll see a four-page pull-out section of "Operation Oneida Cares" with postcards of our brave men and women in the armed forces. It is our hope with these postcards that we can establish a letter writing campaign from you the readers. You'll also see stories, photos and notices related to the war.

This section is not a statement by the staff of Kalihwisaks in support or against the war, just an opportunity for everyone to support our troops.

## Sorry we're late

Rain, sleet or snow may not affect the postman, but the weather did hamper our duties in getting the *Kalihwisaks* printed on time. Due to tribal offices being shut down the afternoon of April 3 and April 4 all day, we were not able to get the paper printed until Tuesday, April 8.

# Troops are supported



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Burnell Reiter reads off the names of troops that are currently in the armed forces at an Honor Ceremony in Menominee. Below: Reiter presents Lisa Behringer and Ken Hill a framed photo of Travis Smith.

## Menominee Nation hosts recognition ceremony for all men and women overseas

**By Phil Wisneski**  
Kalihwisaks

These days there are many outpourings of support for the troops in all branches of the armed forces that are overseas fighting for the freedom that is so treasured in the United States. There are letters of support going out and care packages being shipped. All these acts of kindness and support are greatly appreciated, but one group that gets

overlooked is the family of the troops that are back home worrying ever day if their husband, wife, son, daughter or friend will return safely.

To help bring together both family and troop support, the College of Menominee Nation Student Success Strategies class taught by

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**Troops Supported**



## Piestewa, Lynch were friends; families mourn, rejoice

**The Associated Press**

TUBA CITY, Ariz. (AP) - A photo shows Pfc. Lori Piestewa and Jessica Lynch the day before they were deployed: roommates, good friends, smiling in their Army fatigues.

For more than a week, Piestewa's family on the Navajo Reservation and Lynch's family in West Virginia were joined in waiting for word of their fate in Iraq.

On Saturday, as Lynch's parents left their home to fly to Germany for a reunion with their rescued daughter, Piestewa's mourned the death of the first American service-woman killed in the war.

Both women were members of the Army's 507th Maintenance Company, based at Fort Bliss in Texas. Their unit was attacked March 23 when it made a wrong turn near Nasiriyah.

After an agonizing wait, the Lynch family received their miracle Tuesday: U.S. commandos rescued Lynch, wounded but alive, from a hospital.

They unearthed eight bodies as well. Friday night, Piestewa's family learned that she was among them.



AP Photo/courtesy Piestewa family

Pfcs. Lori Piestewa, right, and Jessica Lynch pose at Fort Bliss, Texas the day before their deployment to the Middle East in Feb. 2003. The Army notified the Piestewa family in Tuba City, Ariz., Friday, April 4, 2003, that they had recovered Lori's remains after rescuing Jessica, who was in Piestewa's company in Iraq.

Piestewa (pronounced pee-ESS-tuh-wah) was a member of the Hopi Tribe, whose reservation is near the Navajo Reservation community of Tuba City. She was a 23-year-old single mother raising a 4-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl.

"Our family is proud of her. She is our hero," her brother Wayland said Saturday in a prepared statement to reporters. "We are going to hold that in our hearts. She will not be forgotten. It gives us comfort to know that she is at peace right now."

Behind him, family members and friends gathered on the porch of Piestewa's parents' trailer. Cars stopped briefly in front of the home as neighbors got out and handed flowers to the family.

A low chain-link fence in front of the home was adorned with yellow ribbons,

## DOI approves Potawatomi compact

**The Associated Press**

MADISON - Federal officials approved the state's gaming compact with the Forest County Potawatomi on Sunday, allowing the tribe to offer more games in exchange for larger payments.

Gov. Jim Doyle plans to use the additional dollars to help close Wisconsin's budget deficit, a tribal spokesman said.

The deal's approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs means the Forest County Potawatomi will be allowed to offer games like roulette, craps, keno and pari-mutuel wagering.

Potawatomi spokesman Tom Krajewski said. The tribe also will no longer be subject to limits on the number of slot machines it can offer at its casinos in Milwaukee and Carter.

The tribe expects the compact to take effect within the month, Krajewski said.

The compact has no expiration date, but it allows the state or the tribe to offer amendments to the compact to enhance regulation of gaming every five years. It also allows the two sides to propose amendments to any portion of the agreement every 25 years.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs did require two changes to the original compact, Krajewski said.

A provision that would have prevented other tribal casinos within 50 miles of the Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee was dropped. A provision allowing the tribe a 50-mile exclusivity for non-Indian gaming remained.

Another provision allowing the tribe to operate any game played now or in the future within 75 miles of the Wisconsin border has also been changed. Instead, the compact named specific games that could be offered, including craps, roulette and poker.

Krajewski said that provision would require the tribe and state to renegotiate if new games are ever invented.

Republican lawmakers fear the state will never be able to change terms of the compacts without an expiration date. Current compacts with the state's 11 tribes expire after five years.

"There's some serious constitutional flaws with the Potawatomi compact," Assembly Speaker John Gard, R-Peshtigo, said. "Hopefully, we can get those resolved and find more acceptable compacts."

Republicans who control the state Assembly and Senate asked federal officials two weeks ago to withhold approval of the Potawatomi gaming compact, arguing some of the provisions may violate the state's constitution. But Bureau of Indian Affairs spokeswoman Nedra Darling said the BIA would

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# Legislative Review

## Chairwoman's Corner

To the Oneida Community, our elders and our families I extend my greetings to you and hope this message finds you in good health and spirits.

### GAMING COMPACT UPDATE

Although we have had an agreement in principle with the State of Wisconsin since February we still do not have a signed compact. It had been our intention to already have signed the compact but this is not the case. However, from my recent requests to the Governor, we are now hopeful this will occur. The Compact Negotiation Team which consists of myself along with Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, Councilman Curtis Danforth, General Manager Bill Gollnick, Attorney. Carl Artman, and Legislative Affairs Director Kevin Cornelius have a meeting scheduled with the Governor and his staff on April 11th. At this time we hope to conclude negotiations and come away with a signed compact that will be beneficial both to the State and to the Oneida Nation.

To keep our constituency informed and updated on this topic, the Business Committee has been commit-

ted to having Community Compact Updates every Wednesday in the Business Committee Conference Room from Noon to 1:00 p.m. until we have a signed compact. Come join us, share some lunch and get the latest updates.

### SURROUNDING COMMUNITY ELECTIONS

By the time you read this the April 1st elections in the surrounding communities will have been decided. In an effort to keep the community informed, the Legislative Affairs office has been providing information about the candidates. Now that there are newly elected officials, it is important that we keep communication about the Oneida Nation ongoing in an effort to create new partnerships.

Your vote was important on election day and your presence is needed to attend a legislative reception on April 14, 2003. The Oneida community, its citizens, and the general public are invited to meet and greet the area legislators. I encourage you to come down to the Radisson and talk with them and share your views. The Business Committee will be on hand to

talk with as well.

Of all the area legislators, only one voted with the Tribes in regards to the gaming compacts. Don't you think it would be good to let all the others know that they represent you and they need to think twice about what is really good for the community and the State? I hope to see you on April 14th!

### ONEIDA CONDUIT

*(Employees Can Make a Difference)*

Spring is a time of renewal. It is an opportunity to renew relationships and create new ones. From a legislative standpoint, we have an opportunity to be a part of the State, Federal and local government processes. We can participate by being involved in lobbying efforts, campaign contribution, conferences, and through educational and political testimony before governmental entities. Our Legislative staff, Kevin Cornelius and Tana Archiquette continue to keep myself and the rest of the Business Committee abreast of the many federal bills and amendments that affect the Oneida Nation.

The Oneida Nation



**Chairwoman  
Tina Danforth**

employees can also make a difference. This can be done by participating in and contributing to the Forward Oneida Political Conduit (FOPC). Conduit membership gives strength to the Oneida Nation. The Oneida Nation has maintained a leadership role throughout the country in economic development, social services, legislative affairs, and persevering Tribal sovereignty. Becoming a member in the Forward Oneida Political Conduit will help protect and ensure the future of that unity and integrity.

Legislative Affairs has presentations scheduled throughout the organization. For more information, contact Tana Archiquette at 869-4239 or via e-mail at [tarchiqu@oneidanation.org](mailto:tarchiqu@oneidanation.org).

### HEADSTART LEGISLATION

An example of a legislative issue currently impacting the Oneida Nation is recently the House passing the House Joint Resolution 2, the Omnibus Appropriations Act FY 2003, which called for across-the-board rescissions. The Head Start program is

included in the rescissions.

The Oneida Nation runs a Head Start program for all eligible children regardless of whether they are Tribal citizens or not. Currently this program serves 123 children; 108 through the federal grant process (\$811,000), 15 students through the state grant process (\$77,250), and is additionally supplemented by Oneida in the amount of \$202,000. Of the 123 students in the program, 46 have disabilities in speech, sight, hearing, and/or in emotional development.

President Bush has proposed in the FY 2004 budget, state block grants to the Head Start program and move it to the Department of Education. However, Senators Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and Christopher Dodd (D-CT) vowed to battle the Administration on behalf of those dependent upon this nationally recognized program. The Business Committee is also providing testimony at a Public Hearing from the Joint Committee on Finance held in Madison on April 9th to declare our opposition to the proposed legislation and to reiterate the importance of the Head Start program.

### CONFLICT IN IRAQ

Each day that passes brings more tragic news of lives lost and young people missing in action. In our community, we have over 10 of our own people overseas with family here anxious and awaiting their

safe return. There are many heartships these families have to endure and the Oneida government is working on ways to help them in their time of need. Currently we are working on putting together a special community fund to assist these families. The resources we are looking to supplement include the catastrophic fund, community support, finance committee, and the veterans. If you know of a family who has a loved one called to military action and is in need of assistance I encourage you to have them contact my office so we can work on finding help for them. Beyond assistance I ask everyone to remember them and pray for their safe return.

### CLOSING

My thoughts are extended to all of those who are directly affected by the current acts of war. It is my hope that all of the brave and committed individuals directly involved in the war are able to keep a clear mind and strong heart as they encounter the travesties of war in a foreign country. Your service is greatly appreciated by the Oneida Nation.

To the families who have friends and/or family who are serving their country, I hope you are able to continue to nurture one another, may your friends and the community also extend their support.

I ask the Creator to look after the many soldiers and pray they return home safely and expeditiously.

Skana (Peace)

## Treasurer's Report

Seku Oneida Nation:

Springtime is here and I can't wait for it to stay warm. The weather has been like a roller coaster, where the temperature goes up and down. It is kind of like what we have been going through with the State Legislature.

As you know Senate Bill 41 was vetoed by Governor Doyle which would have provided oversight of the compacts by Legislation. The Senate attempted to override his veto but the votes fell short of the override. A short time later, Assembly Bill 144 was brought forward and once again Governor Doyle vetoed the bill. The Assembly has not attempted to override the veto at this time, and we are unsure of what will happen next. It is not known whether the Assembly will attempt to override the veto or if the State Legislature will bring forth another bill.

The Republicans continue to say that these bills are not a political game and that they have been brought forward because of what the Governor had negotiated in the compacts. The republicans object to perpetuity, or forever lasting, and they want to have legislative oversight. Why is perpetuity so bad for us and not the State? The Governor of the State uses taxes and the lottery as sources of income to maintain their expenses for their social security needs, administrative costs, etc. Aren't taxes and lottery forever? Do you think the state would stop imposing taxes someday? If these bills are not a political party game, then why was this battle not fought five years ago after the last gaming compacts were completed, or when Governor Tommy Thompson was in office? How can a good compact be negotiated with 132 people who have their own personal and political agendas? How does that serve the State or the Tribes? The Oneida Nation has always been fiscally responsible we would hope the state legislature would do the same and begin working on their budget



**Treasurer  
Mercie Danforth**

instead of trying to infringe on Governor Doyle's right to negotiate our Gaming compact.

On a note closer to home, the FY2004 Budget is underway and we are currently in the Assessment/Operational plan phase. The projected date for General Tribal Council (GTC) budget approval is Saturday, August 8, 2003. I know the fund units will work very hard to meet this deadline. Updates on the FY 2004 budget process will be communicated through the Finance Office.

The FY2003 Budget is also going very well. Gaming is doing better than projected and the majority of the units are either on target, or they are doing better than budget. We do have some units that we continue to work with in keeping their areas on budget. We have also identified that we will need to come forward to GTC for a modification in FY2003.

I would like to take this time to congratulate the Oneida Thunderhawks boys basketball team on their great season. Also, I would like to congratulate the students that went to the Nationals for the science fair. Keep up the good work!

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

## BC Briefing...

As always it is an honor to address the Oneida Nation. The past few months have been a busy time for the Oneida Business Committee in that we have been continuing negotiations with the State of Wisconsin regarding our Gaming Compact. In an effort to keep our community informed regarding the status of the Gaming Compact negotiations, the Oneida Business Committee will be holding community meetings every Wednesday during the noon hour in the Business Committee Conference Room at the Norbert Hill Center.

The Legislative Operating Committee has taken up numerous items including the Administrative Procedures Act, Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance, Open Meeting and Records, Oneida Constitution and Separation of Powers. The Legislative Operating Committee has been dedicated to working to secure these legislative initiatives and have identified these items as a priority. The Legislative Operating Committee has also been working toward fostering communication with our community mem-

bers and how these types of legislation will affect Oneida citizens. I would encourage the Oneida citizenship to contact the Legislative Operating Committee with any questions, ideas or concerns with regard to any legislation currently within the Legislative Operating Committee process.

Recently, the Oneida Business Committee and staff supported a team of volunteers who worked diligently to put together a "Get Out and Vote" campaign for the Oneida community and employees in an effort to promote voting in the Spring elections for the seats of Brown County Executive, Outagamie County Executive and Green Bay Mayor. The message that was being relayed was how important it was for our Oneida Nation citizens and employees to utilize their vote to elect officials who will work cooperatively with Oneida to continue to pro-



**Councilman  
Curt Danforth**

mote the economic well-being and quality of life for our communities. It was also imperative that the elected officials understood and respected the inherent sovereign rights of the Oneida Nation for the benefit of both our citizens and employees.

The Oneida Veterans and Jennifer Hill-Kelley were a major factor to the success of this campaign. The Veterans and Ms. Hill-Kelley volunteered their time to go door-to-door throughout the Oneida community to encourage our citizens to Vote by distributing over 700+ brochures. I would like to thank them for their dedication and efforts to this campaign as they battled the weather to get this message out to our community. Also, I would like to thank Councilwoman Trish King and former Oneida Chairman, Gerald L. Danforth for their initial involvement in getting this campaign started, as well as Phil Wisneski, Beth

Rauschenbauch, Laura Laitenen, Michelle Klarkowski, Kris Hill, Lisa Summers, and Tana Archiquette for participating in getting signs out in the community. Last, but definitely not least, I would like to say thank you for those community members and employees who went to the polls and voted.

As our Oneida youth continue to make excellent strides in Athletics, I would like to congratulate both the Oneida Nation boys and girls basketball teams on their accomplished seasons. I would also like to recognize Johnny Skenandore (3rd place) and Les Cornette (6th place) for their outstanding wrestling season ending with placing at the State Wrestling tournament. Also, Tawny Danforth was an integral part of the Freedom High School Girls basketball team who lost in their sectional final. Leland Hill and Keith Doxtator were a part of the Seymour Boys Basketball Team who placed 2nd at the State Basketball tournament. Congratulations to all these athletes and their coaches for their accomplished season.

Yaw^ko.



**Councilman  
Brian Doxtator**

Sweku Akweku Ukwehuku. Greetings to all.

Veterans Memorial This project is moving forward through the efforts of many people. This project is headed in the right direction because of the cooperation and support of the Oneida Planning Department, Veterans Affairs Office, O.N.V.A.C., Oneida veterans and Oneida community members. An "All Veterans" planning will take place on Tuesday, April 29th, 2003, at the Radisson Inn. Please

watch for announcements in upcoming issues of the *Kalihwisaks*.

I would like to recognize, and give thanks to the Oneida Communications Department and Oneida Nation School System for taking a LEAD in recognizing Oneida Citizens who are currently serving in the Military. The Oneida Nation School System would like to send "Care Packages" to our Home Town Hero's and are asking for support and donations. If you would be willing to donate to this project,

your donation can be dropped off at the Oneida Nation Elementary School main office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. They will be collecting donations between now and April 18, 2003. Please stop by the Oneida Nation Elementary school to see the wall dedicated to Oneida's Home Town Hero's.

The Communications Department is collecting

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# Letters & Opinions

## For the record

It's sad that I have to waste my time to write a response to SET THE RECORD straight regarding Kathy Metoxen's opinion regarding the Oneida Gaming Commission meeting that took place on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

Once again she writes of her distorted opinion, and I must emphasize, it's only her opinion. I cannot believe the Editor of *Kalihwisaks* went ahead and printed the "Geez Louize" article after conducting phone interviews with Gaming Commissioners and staff. He was informed that the information contained in Ms. Metoxen's letter was misleading and slanderous. I may be mistaken, but it was always my opinion that when someone writes to the Editor of *Kalihwisaks*, the letter is supposed to be supported with factual information. The editor allowed a tribal member to portray, describe, and attack my character as the Chairwoman of the Oneida Gaming Commission. Ms. Metoxen apparently has nothing better to do in her life but criticize, bring negativity, and slander individuals when she writes her "opinionated" letters to the *Kalihwisaks*.

For the record the Oneida Gaming Commission meeting held on March 11, 2003, was not moving anywhere because Ms. Metoxen was causing so much disruption and became extremely disrespectful to the entire Gaming Commission, other than of course, her two close friends, Linda Dallas and Rochelle Powless. I had no choice but to call the meeting to a recess. Ms. Metoxen's description of me glaring at commissioners, is again, a distorted picture of what she chooses to see and interpret. Her "opinion" and how she loves, informing the Oneida Membership of her opinion choosing only her "distorted" way of describing situations is what makes Ms. Metoxen's day!

When Gaming Commission staff witnessed Ms. Metoxen placing confidential Gaming Commission documents in her pants and leaving the Oneida Gaming Commission meeting, was that action suppose to go unquestioned? When the Gaming Commission staff went to retrieve the sensitive information from Ms. Metoxen, she would not release the information, stating that she didn't have it. Did Ms. Metoxen take confidential documents out of the Oneida Gaming Commission's offices and place them in her pants or maybe it was a figment of one of the Oneida Gaming Commission staff's imagination?

For the record, I do not conduct myself in the work place as border line hysterical, I do not scream at individuals nor do I condone others that would conduct themselves in that manner. Ms. Metoxen's opinion reflects the manner in which she chooses to conduct herself publically, and it would

appear, at every opportunity that comes her way, she attempts to take the "spotlight" and bring her black cloud of negativity with her where ever she goes.

Ms. Metoxen chooses to highlight the period when I was the Gaming Manager for the Oneida Bingo and Casino. If she researched her information, she would know, that those were the most successful and profitable years for the Oneida Bingo and Casino. I am very proud of the teamwork we had during those years. Ms. Metoxen would not know this as she has never held a job very long in her life. Just exactly how is it that she manages to support herself? I'm sure that she has a house payment and car payment like the rest of us.

For the Record, the Oneida Gaming Commission had to take action again to protect its integrity regarding confidential information. We've had to restrict access for secured areas here at the offices so we do not have family, friends, (Ms. Metoxen's daily presence here with her friend Linda Dallas will no longer be tolerated) and husbands roaming around.

Louise Cornelius

## Correct the record

On March 11, 2003 the Oneida Gaming Commission was having its regular meeting. After approximately one-half hour, our agenda was finally adopted despite interruptions asking for clarifications of items on the agenda.

Once the meeting commenced, there was constant interruptions and questions in such that only 5 items were acted upon. It was then noticed that sensitive documents relating to Licensing of individuals was in the 2 visitor packets and a staff member went to retrieve them. The staff person collected them from one packet and the information was missing from the remaining packet. The staff person witness CLM taking papers from the packet and placing them in her pants and then leaving the room and going to her vehicle.

At this point the Secretary called for an Executive Session to inform the remaining Commissioners regarding the incident. I had my back to CLM and did not witness the incident. I did witness the OGC Chairperson's action, and she was not "borderline hysterically, SCREAMING at Linda Dallas, 'Linda, what am I supposed to think?'"

It was due to these activities that the OGC took further action to restrict access to the building to protect the integrity of the operation. CLM did file a formal complaint against one of the OGC staff. She withdrew the complaint when asked to provide information to substantiate her complaint. She then stated that she would file the complaint with HRD.

This should correct the "Geez Louize" letter that was published in the last issue.

Amelia Cornelius

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information about Oneida's who are currently serving in combat. Please feel free to submit pictures, stories and/or any information to the Communications Department located in the Norbert Hill Center. Yawa'ko. My prayers go out to the following families: Travis Smith - Army, Lee McLester Jr.- Marines, Yuma House - Marines, Marty Antone - Army, Jason Kurowski - Air Force, Paul Stevens - Army, Daniel Skenandore - Army, Greg Waupekenay - Marines, Tim Melchert Family - Navy, Curtis Ninham - Air Force, Shannon Powless - Airforce, Jerry Danforth Family - Navy, Joel Skenandore - Navy, Lauren Mc Lester - Army, Richard Buhrcase - Marines and all Oneidas who are serving that we may not have information about.

Lastly, there will be a prayer ceremony on Wednesday, April 16th for all of those who are serving in the Armed Forces. The ceremony will be held in front of the Norbert Hill 5:00 p.m., if you should need more information, please call the Communications Department at 869-4340.

### Legislative Operating Committee

The L.O.C. has been working diligently on reforming laws to enhance efficiencies of the Oneida Nation. The upcoming legislation is as follows: Oneida Constitution, Oneida

Administrative Procedures Act, Oneida Alcohol Beverage Licensing Law-Public Hearing, Open Records & Meetings Law, Gaming Ordinance, Endowment Fund, Oneida Commission On Aging By-Laws, Granting Procedures for Small Business Projects, Judicial Amendment of Resolution #8-19-91-A, Head Start By-Laws, Environmental Resources Board By-Laws, Marriage Ordinance, Legislative Operating Committee Structure, and Election Primaries. The L.O.C. has recently completed amendments to the Indian Preference Law. These amendments were approved by the Oneida Business Committee on March 26, 2003. If you would like copies of any L.O.C. approved drafts of proposed legislation, please call Bridget Long at (920) 869-4376.

### Communication Initiatives

Thursday, March 20th, 2003 the first Political House Party was held at the Senior Center on Riverdale Dr. The focus of the discussion was

the Appeals process and recommended revisions to the Administrative Procedures Act. There were approximately 30 participants who brought forth ideas and discussed current processes in place regarding Human Resources and Appeals. Councilman DelaRosa informed participants about needed revisions to bring about changes that are needed. If you have any suggestions or comments about this topic, please forward your ideas to bdoxtat2@oneidanation.org or to Lisa Summers at lsummer2@oneidanation.org.

The Business Committee has hosted two successful "Listening Sessions." The first topic was on the Compensation System. The second was the Gaming Compact. The next "Listening Session" is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd, 2003, at the Oneida Senior Center on Riverdale Dr. The topic will be the Venture Fund. This Listening Session will begin at 6:00 p.m.

### Wisconsin State Legislation

The Oneida Business Committee is making every effort to communicate with Oneida citizens and employees of the nation about issues affecting the Oneida Nation at the state level. The state legislature has made two attempts to pass laws requiring Wisconsin legislative oversight of the Gaming Compact. We encourage each tribal citizen as well as employees to continue questioning your local representatives about these issues. It is imperative we remain active in educating Wisconsin elected officials and how we can work together to solve problems and not create new ones.

Some Wisconsin elected officials are in dire need of being educated about Oneida culture and history. Representative Tom Hebl, from the 46th Assembly District commented about North American Indians as "TANTOS." You can reach Representative Hebl at: Madison Office/Room 304 West/State Capitol/P.O. Box 8952/ Madison, WI., 53708. Telephone (608) 266-7678 Fax (608) 282-3646

Voting Address: 306 Windsor Street/Sun Prairie WI., 53590 District Telephone (608) 837-0007. E m a i l :

rep.hebl@legis.state.wi.us Representative Frank Lasee commented, on radio, that Indians should not have U.S. citizenship status if we cannot follow the rules. You can reach representative

Lasee at: Madison Office/Room 105 West/State Capitol/P.O. Box 8952/Madison WI 53708. Telephone (608) 266-9870. Fax (608) 282-3602. Voting Address: 1601 Riverbend Terrace/Bellvue WI, 54311. District Telephone (920) 406-9488. Email: rep.lasee@legis.state.wi.us Oneida School System

Complements to the Oneida Nation School System. Their March 2003 report states that they have decreased, almost 50% from the previous school year, violent incidents. Some of the interventions and programs include: peer mediation, peer counseling, contacting parents and referral to other agencies. Support for these interventions and programs were from parents, community members and school staff. Congratulations on your efforts.

### Travel

**State Capital - Madison, Wis.** January 16, 2003. Cost: \$56.00. Benefit: Meeting with Governor Doyle regarding the Gaming Compact.

**United Tribes - Keshena, Wis.** January 24, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Oneida Government representation at United Tribes Meeting; Subject - Gaming Compacts

**Gaming Facility Tour - Oneida Wis.** January 30, 2003. Cost: 40.00. Benefit: Gaming General Manager provided a tour at the Main Gaming Complex. Focused on remodeling efforts.

**Great Lakes Housing Association - Oneida Wis.** February 4, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Provided a welcoming and opening prayer to the Great Lakes Housing Association.

**Oneida Radisson - Oneida Wis.** February 4, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Provided a welcome for the subcommittee managing the Oneida Railroad.

**Appeals Commission - Oneida Wis.** February 7, 2003. Cost \$0.00. Benefit: Appeals Commissioners provide information regarding the Appeals Commission. Appeals Commissioners also lobbied the OBC regarding the status of the Appeals Commission.

**SEOTS - Milwaukee, Wis.** February 9, 2003. Cost: \$150.00. Benefit: OBC sponsored the 2nd Listening Session regarding the Oneida Gaming Compact.

**Oneida Radisson - Oneida Wis.** February 18, 2003. Cost #0.00. Benefit: Participated in the creation of a Mission Statement for the Brown County Diversity Council.

**Elderly Services -**

**O.N.C.O.A. Oneida, Wis.** February 25, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Provide open communication with the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging and Oneida Government.

**Oneida Radisson - Oneida Wis.** February 27, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Informational Meeting with area Local Leaders and Vendors of the Oneida Nation regarding lobbying efforts for Indian Gaming Compacts.

**Oneida Radisson - Oneida Wis.** March 8, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Patrick Kennedy Fundraiser. Maintain government to government relations with Federal Government officials.

**State Capital - Madison Wis.** March 12, 2003. Cost: \$56.00. Benefit: Lobbying efforts with Legislative Affairs - Gaming Compact and Wisconsin Legislative Initiatives.

**Green Building(Site II) - Oneida Wis.** March 13, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Opening Prayer for F.A.C.T. Supper. Parents and community people providing input to establish an alcohol and drug free, spiritual based community for Oneida youth.

**Oneida Radisson - Oneida, Wis.** March 17, 2003. Cost: \$0.00. Benefit: Public Hearing regarding SB 144.

Congratulations! The 16th Annual National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair (NAISEF) was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from March 12-15, 2003. "NAISEF provides an educational activity allowing students to teach themselves to take established information and then use the information to discover and investigate new ideas." The student winners are as follows:

*Science Fair Competition:*

*Category Awards*

1st Place: Jennifer John & Robert Clary, Project: Where the Wind Blows

2nd Place: Allison Bailey, Project: Recycling Responsibilities

*Math Competition:*

*9th Grade*

1st Place: Salisha Ninham  
*Invention Convention: Most Useful Project*

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## Notice of Cancellation of the regularly scheduled BC Meeting for Wednesday, April 9, 2003 due to BC on Travel.

All agenda items will be forwarded to the April 16, 2003 BC Meeting.

The Compact Update scheduled at Noon on April 9, 2003, in the BCCR has also been cancelled.



## Sports

## High school athletes recognized for achievements

Photos by Phil Wisneski

The Oneida Business Committee started their April 2 BC meeting by recognizing Oneida athletes for their outstanding performance during the winter sports season. Right: Oneida High School girls basketball coach, Fawn Billie talks about their successful season. The girls finished with a 17-5 record and advanced to the regional final in the state tournament. The 17 victories are a school record. Below left: Senior Brooke Smith is congratulated by Business Committee member Brian Doxtator. Below Right: Councilman Curtis Danforth presents framed certificates to Les Cornette (far left) and Johnny Skenandore. Cornette and Skenandore wrestle for Seymour High School and each placed at the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament. Skenandore placed third in the 135 pound bracket, while Cornette placed sixth. Skenandore, a junior, finished the season with a 38-6 record. Cornette, only a freshman, won a freshman school record 38 matches and only had 7 defeats. Both wrestlers look to improve over the off season and hope to bring back a gold medal to the Oneida Community next season. Also recognized at the meeting was the Oneida High School Boys basketball team. The boys finished the season with a 16-5 record and advanced to the second round in the state tournament for the first time in school history.



## Oneida Recreation

Submitted by Kim Diemer

Oneida Recreation Girls 6th-8th Basketball has come to an end. The season was great! The girls had an 8 and 3 record during their regular league play. The team continued to grow throughout the entire season. Screens, rebounding and boxing out were just a few of the skills that they developed during the season.

At the season's end they participated in the Boy's and Girl's Club Girls 6-8 tournament. The Girls got up bright and early to face the Boy's and Girls Club from the east-side. The game was an exciting one with the lead changing back and forth until the final minute when the opposing team finished on top. Great defensive performances were given by Yonakwala Scow and Rachel Danforth. Rebound leaders were Neset Vega and Scharlene Laster.

Rebounding was key in the game to follow, which was played within 15 minutes after the first game. Oneida Recreation picked up the pace which was really surprising considering how extremely tired the girls were from the first games effort. Oneida Recreation's run and gun offensive style was 10 points ahead when two injuries occurred to the Oneida Recreation team. Tasheena Peters went down with a sprained ankle and Jasmine House took an extremely hard hit to the nose which resulted in a 15 minute delay of game and Oneida Recreation with only one substitute. The girls did a great job by working hard and never giving up, and although the score of the game did not leave the girls on top, in the fans and coaches eyes there is no better team.

The team consists of Jasmine House, Rachael Danforth, Neset Vega, Scharlene Laster, Daniel Wilson, Tasheena Peters, Sharell Hill, Yonakwala Scow, Catherine Mills, Managers; Lauren Mills, Shannon Laster, Assistant Coach; Shendola Red Hail.

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## Local

# From Page 1/Men and women troops are supported with recognition ceremony

Burnell Reiter organized an honor ceremony that was held at the Keshena Primary School.

The recognition was held in the gymnasium and had a standing room only crowd. The gymnasium was filled with banners that supported the troops and veterans that fought for the United States. The banners were made in classes at the school. Hundreds of family members from the Menominee Reservation attended to show their support not only for the troops, but also for the families of the troops. The ceremony gave family members a chance to talk with other families that are in the same stressful situation of having a loved one away from home during the time of war. Families from Oneida and Stockbridge also attended to show support and unity

among native people.

Menominee Legislature Laurie Boivin shared words of encouragement for the families and stressed not to forget the loved ones here at home. "Our soldiers carry the burden of war, but we can't forget the families. Be mindful of them and support them in their time of need," she said.

Color guards from the Menominee Nation, Oneida Nation and Stockbridge Munsee Band were present and presented the colors during a flag song performed by the "Little Bear Singers". The drum group is primarily made up of students from the Keshena Primary School.

Each family that had a loved one in the armed forces was given a framed photo of the individual to help them deal with the anxiety of having them away from home.

The gifts were given by the students from the College of the Menominee Nation.

Students from Burnell Reiter's class are required to do a community related project and they decided there couldn't be a better project than this one in light of the war. The class held numerous fund-raisers to buy the frames and photos. The fund-raising also helped pay for the feast that was provided following the retirement of the flags and a honor song. During the honor song, many people joined the family members on the gym floor to show them their support.

Reiter was glad the ceremony was well attended and well received by the community.

"I am just so glad the ceremony was a success. All the hard work we put into it all paid off in the end. I felt so

good inside to see all the people joining together and supporting our troops," she said.

Reiter also made it known that the ceremony was not just for the Menominee people and opened the ceremony to other tribal entities to mention the names of their people that are in the military. Gary Metoxen of Oneida listed some Oneida members and Reiter promised to deliver framed photos to them. This past week Reiter made the trip down form Keshena to Oneida to present some of the photos to family members here in Oneida.

Keshena community member Randy Reiter thought the program was a good thing for the community to have. "I am not the only one here. There are many other people in the same boat (having someone in the armed forces). I think it's important that each of us come together and console each other like we have today," he said.



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Alan Caldwell expressed a few words of encouragement to the families of soldiers that are in the armed forces at the Honor Ceremony in Menominee.

## From Page 1/Piestewa family mourns

after being told that eight members of their daughter's unit were among the nine bodies retrieved during the raid.

"I wasn't aware of this ... Our hearts are really saddened for her other troop members and the other families," Lynch's father, Gregory Lynch Sr., said before choking up.

Piestewa and Lynch were good friends and roommates, said Myra Draper, a friend of the Piestewa family. She recognized Lynch in television broadcasts because she had seen family photos of the two women together.

Wayland Piestewa said no other relatives wished to speak with reporters. However, a woman who declined to give her name gave The Associated Press the picture of Lynch and Lori Piestewa together, saying it was taken the day before they headed overseas.

"Our prayers are with the Lynch family in West Virginia," said Wayne Taylor Jr., chairman of the Hopi Tribe. "We thank God that she survived her ordeal. Her bravery speaks volumes of her character and we wish her a continued speedy recovery."

## From Page 1/Compact approved by DOI

not consider the request because federal regulations require the evaluation be completed within the 45-day window.

Last week, the Legislature sued Doyle, asking the Wisconsin Supreme Court to void the Potawatomi compact and block the Democratic governor from signing deals with any other tribes.

The lawsuit claims the Potawatomi compact violates a 1993 amendment to the state constitution restricting gambling expansions. Legislators also claim the compact usurps their authority to appropriate state funds because it promises to refund the payments to the Potawatomi if gambling is



AP Photo/Tom Hood

The uncle of Pfc. Lori Piestewa, left, facing camera, hugs an unidentified family friend outside the Piestewa family home on the Navajo Reservation. The Army notified the family April 4 that they had recovered Lori's remains after rescuing Jessica Lynch, who was in Piestewa's company in Iraq.

Piestewa was one of the very few American Indian women in the armed forces. Hopi officials said that 56 Hopis are serving in the U.S. military, 48 of them in Iraq.

This town of 8,200 and members of the Hopi and Navajo tribes rallied around Piestewa's family, hanging yellow balloons and uplifting messages outside their trailer.

On Saturday, just inside the entrance to the Bashas' Supermarket, residents crowded to view a large photo of Piestewa in uniform and sign green poster boards with messages to the family.

"It's hard to understand; one lived, one didn't," said the Rev. Hal Corbett, pastor at Tuba City Assembly of God.

expanded beyond American Indian tribes.

Doyle has said lawmakers should stop meddling in compact negotiations and focus on the state's \$3.2 billion budget shortfall. He is counting on an additional \$237 million from the tribes to help balance the budget.

"We're very, very pleased that the secretary of the Department of the Interior approved the compact," Administration Secretary Marc Marotta said.

The Potawatomi have agreed to pay the state \$40.5 million in the first year of the agreement and \$43.6 million in the second. Annual payments would then become a fixed percentage in 2005 and

beyond, ranging from 6 percent to 8 percent of revenues.

The tribe is expected to pay the state about \$6.4 million by the end of June, Krajewski said.

The Legislature's bitter partisan fight with Doyle over gaming compacts has raged for more than six weeks. Lawmakers have twice passed bills to give them oversight on the deals, but Doyle has vetoed them both.

The battle started when the Oneida Nation announced in February it had reached a tentative agreement with Doyle for a compact with no expiration date that would expand the number of games it could offer. The Oneida deal has not been signed

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## Local



## Passing On

### Benson, Mamie "Dolly"

Mamie "Dolly" Benson 94, Oneida died peacefully Tuesday March 25, 2003, at an area hospital. Mamie was born Dec. 15, 1908, in Oneida the daughter of the late Edward and Hulda (Metoxen) Parkhurst. She married Theodore Benson in Milwaukee. He preceded her death on April 3, 1969. Mamie thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her family. She also liked to play bingo with friends.

Survivors include her children, Gerald (Barbara), Windsor Canada; Elizabeth (Gordy) Mc Lester, Oneida; Anthony (Brucelyn), Green Bay; Rose Benson and special friend, Darrell, De Pere; grandchildren, Patricia, Beverly, Carol, Debbie, Bob, Pam, Mary, David, Jennifer, Lee IV, Julie, Eric, Jennifer, Anthony Jr., Danielle, Melody, Rose, Laurie, Douglas, and Chantell; great-grandchildren, Tony, Erica, David, Jerri, Terri Lynn, Kristy, Kayla, Sabastian, Aliya, Connor, Micheala, Michelle, Christine, Justin, Jacob, Philip, Adam, Stephani, Brooke, Samantha, Dana, Lauren, LeeV, James, Cauncey, Serina, Kalha Ku, Lakwaho, YuntleKala u, Talon, Marcus, Zachariah, Olivia, Marcus, Paige, Kyle, Amber, Gabrielle, Richard, and Adrianna; great-grandchildren, Michael, Paige, Hannah, Logan, Taylor, Ethan, Elijah, Hailey, Thomas, Javon; numerous nieces and nephews.

Mamie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Jack; one daughter, Irene; brothers, Freeman and Amos; sisters, Lily, Melinda, Lillian, and Irene; and one grandson, Mike.

### Powless, Lloyd E., Sr. Walters, Ray J.

Lloyd E. Powless Sr. age 83 died March 1, 2003 in El Cajon, California. He is survived by his wife Ethel, sons Lloyd Jr and Larry, daughter Dawn, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 2 sisters Mildred(Midge)Elm and Martina(Tina)Heim. He was a retired mechanic and US Army Veteran of WWII.

Ray J. Walters age 78 died March 19, 2003. Beloved husband of 56 years of Ruth (nee Blaschka). Dear father of Sharon (Lloyd) Powless and Gayle. Brother of Barbara Patterson. Grandfather of Mark W. Powless. Great-grandfather of Alexander Powless. Former painter for MPS. Member of Masonic Lodge, Shriners and Commandery. US Navy Veteran of WWII and Korea.

Sharon and I would like to thank our friends, co-workers and relatives for their thoughts ,prayers, cards, donations, and support at Lloyd Sr's. ten day feast. All these things are greatly appreciated.

*In Loving Memory of our Fathers  
Sharon and I lost our Fathers  
this March 2003.*

# Lawmakers file suit with state Supreme Court over gaming compacts

## The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Republican legislators voted Tuesday, April 1, to sue Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle to void a gaming compact he signed with the Forest County Potawatomi and prevent him from signing additional deals with other tribes.

Republicans who control the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization approved spending up to \$62,500 in taxpayer money to ask the Wisconsin Supreme Court to intervene in their latest effort to wrest oversight of the compacts from Doyle.

They plan to file the suit as early as Wednesday and hope a decision will be reached by June.

"We have tried everything within our power to avoid getting to this step, but this power grab is so, so offensive and has the potential to do a lot of damage to a lot of people in this state for a long time to come," said Assembly Speaker John Gard, R-Peshigo.

The committee voted 6-4 to authorize filing the lawsuit. All the Democrats on the committee voted against suing Doyle.

Assembly and Senate Democratic leaders blasted the Republican's plan to use taxpayer money "to make the state budget deficit \$237 million larger."

"Today may be April Fools day, but this is no joke," said Senate Democratic Leader Jon Erpenbach in a press statement. "To call this a step backwards when we're facing a \$3.2 billion budget deficit is an incredible understatement, to say the least."

Doyle said lawmakers should stop meddling in compact negotiations and focus on the state's \$3.2 billion budget shortfall. He plans to get an additional \$237 million from the tribes to help balance the budget.

Doyle said in a statement that the call for a protracted legal battle over an issue that has already been decided twice through the legislative

process is a disservice to the people of Wisconsin.

"The Legislative leadership's decision to bill taxpayers to hire a team of lawyers at \$250 an hour to blow a \$200 million hole in the budget is outrageous," said Doyle.

Doyle spokesman Steve Bella renewed the governor's frequent challenge to lawmakers to detail how they would fix the shortfall without the additional gaming revenues.

"Now they're spending money to create a bigger budget hole," Bella said.

The lawsuit was the latest round in the Legislature's bitter partisan fight with Doyle that has raged for more than six weeks. Lawmakers have twice passed bills to give them oversight on the deals, but Doyle has vetoed them both.

Doyle touched off a fury with lawmakers after the Oneida Nation announced in February it had reached a tentative agreement for a gaming compact with no expiration date that would expand the number of games it could offer. Current compacts with the state's 11 tribes expire after five years.

Republicans contend Doyle overstepped his authority by signing a compact with no expiration date. Last week, they asked the federal government to withhold approval of the Potawatomi gaming compact, arguing some of the provisions may violate the state's constitution.

But Nedra Darling, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the agency would not consider lawmakers' request to delay its review of the compacts because federal regulations require the evaluation be completed within a 45-day window.

Administration Secretary Marc Marotta said the state was moving ahead with compact negotiations and could sign another one within the next few days, though he would not say which one.

He has previously said he hoped to have all 11 compacts signed by mid-April and said Tuesday he believes the state is still on track to accomplish that.

"We will get a deal done with all the tribes. The question is, is it going to be done in the next few days, the next week, the next couple of weeks?" Marotta said. "We're not talking about May."

Gard and Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer, R-West Bend, promised they could get the budget done by June 30 and would find a way to solve the budget deficit without money from the gaming compacts.

"We'll find it if we need to," Panzer said.

The state Supreme Court would have to agree to hear the lawmakers' lawsuit directly without it first going through the circuit and appeals courts.

If the justices refuse the request, they will go ahead and file the suit in circuit court, Gard said.

Gordon Baldwin, an emeritus professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, will lead the case for legislators.

He said the Potawatomi compact violates a 1993 amendment to the state constitution restricting gambling expansions. The amendment said gambling could not be broadened beyond bingo, raffles, pari-mutuel on-track betting and the lottery. But it did not address American Indian casinos.

Two months ago, a Dane County judge threw out a lawsuit from Kenosha's Dairyland Greyhound Park racetrack seeking to stop all Indian gambling in Wisconsin. Dairyland, which has appealed that decision, claims the 1993 amendment should stop the state from renegotiating Indian gaming compacts.


"These theories are not new," Potawatomi spokesman Tom Krajewski said. "Some have been tested and dismissed."

In 1992, the state Supreme Court also rejected a separate lawsuit lawmakers, including Panzer, filed trying to stop the state from approving casino gambling and other gaming not specifically authorized by the state constitution.

Panzer defended lawmakers' decision to spend up to \$62,500 in taxpayer money to support the suit, pointing out Doyle is spending taxpayer money on outside counsel to help negotiate gaming compacts.

So far, his administration has authorized up to \$75,000 in legal payments. Bella said no cap has been set for the fees yet and the state will extend the contract at \$25,000 increments based upon need.

Keith Skenandore contributed to this story.



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Local

Oneida Chairwoman pleased with local election results

By Keith Skenandore

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Oneida tribal officials watched closely as two county executive seats were up for grabs at the April 1 spring election.

Former state Rep. Carol Kelso has defeated Hobart Village President Len Teresinski in the race for Brown County executive.

With all precincts reporting, unofficial results showed Kelso received 55.6 percent of the vote Tuesday, compared to Teresinski's 44.2 percent.

Oneida Chairwoman Tina Danforth said she is satisfied with the election results of Brown County Executive and says Kelso will do a good job.

"I hope we have a common interest as being women leaders in the community," said Danforth. "I look forward to a working relationship with the

(Brown) county."

After advancing in February's primary, Kelso said she would continue to focus on taxes and better communication, and she would try to provide services at a lower cost.

Danforth said she understood that if Teresinski was to get elected, he would keep both seats in office.

"I think that might have not been in his best interest," she said. "He bit off more than he could chew by trying to accomplish too much."

In the race for Outagamie County Executive incumbent Toby Paltzer retained his seat with a narrow victory over Ron Vande Hey. Paltzer defeated Vande Hey by a slim margin of 400 plus votes. Paltzer received 12,803 votes to Van De Hey's 12,397. Write-in candidate Eugene Lillge, a former assistant to

both men, gained 297 votes, or 1 percent of the total.

Danforth said Paltzer is a quiet leader and that he's going to step up and become more involved in the activities that impact Outagamie County.

"I look forward to a further developed relationship," said Danforth.

Van De Hey, a former county executive from 1991 to 1996, was undecided if he would call for a recount.

Other election results saw a county supervisor defeat a first-time politician in the race for mayor. With Green Bay Mayor Paul Jadin announcing last summer he would not seek a third term, the door opened for Jim Schmitt who defeated David Nennig by the unofficial vote

count of 10,073 to 8,686. Nennig is a local business owner and member of the Brown County Board.

Danforth recalls Schmitt coming to Oneida as a candidate to address the committee.

"I think what was important about him was that he has plans and goals that he wants to achieve," said Danforth. "He understands the importance of planning."

"He's looking at the betterment of the City of Green Bay, and if his plans follow through we will all be sitting in a better position as far as the economy and having a good government to government relationship."

Jadin will now be the next president of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

Pat Roggensack won a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court by doing what her opponent harshly criticized - talking about her resume and refusing to give her positions on big issues that could come before the high court.

Roggensack, 62, a state Appeals Court judge from Madison, defeated Barron County Circuit Judge Ed Brunner in her second bid to become a state Supreme Court Justice.

She will replace retiring Justice William Bablitch when she takes office Aug. 1 for a 10-year term.

Roggensack won 51 percent of the vote to 49 percent for Brunner in the only statewide race on Tuesday's ballot, with 99 percent of

precincts reporting.

Throughout the campaign, Roggensack attacked Brunner for stating his positions on issues, including his support for abortion rights and his opposition to school vouchers. Brunner accused her of trying to sneak onto the court without letting voters know what she stood for.

But after her victory, Roggensack likened Brunner's statements to an umpire deciding before a game that one team is better.

"It is not good for the independence of the court," Roggensack said.

State voters also overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to fish, hunt and trap.



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Oneida Veteran Roy Metoxen hands a pamphlet to Gilbert Sundquist encouraging him to get out and vote. The veterans went door to door encouraging community members to exercise their right and freedom to vote.

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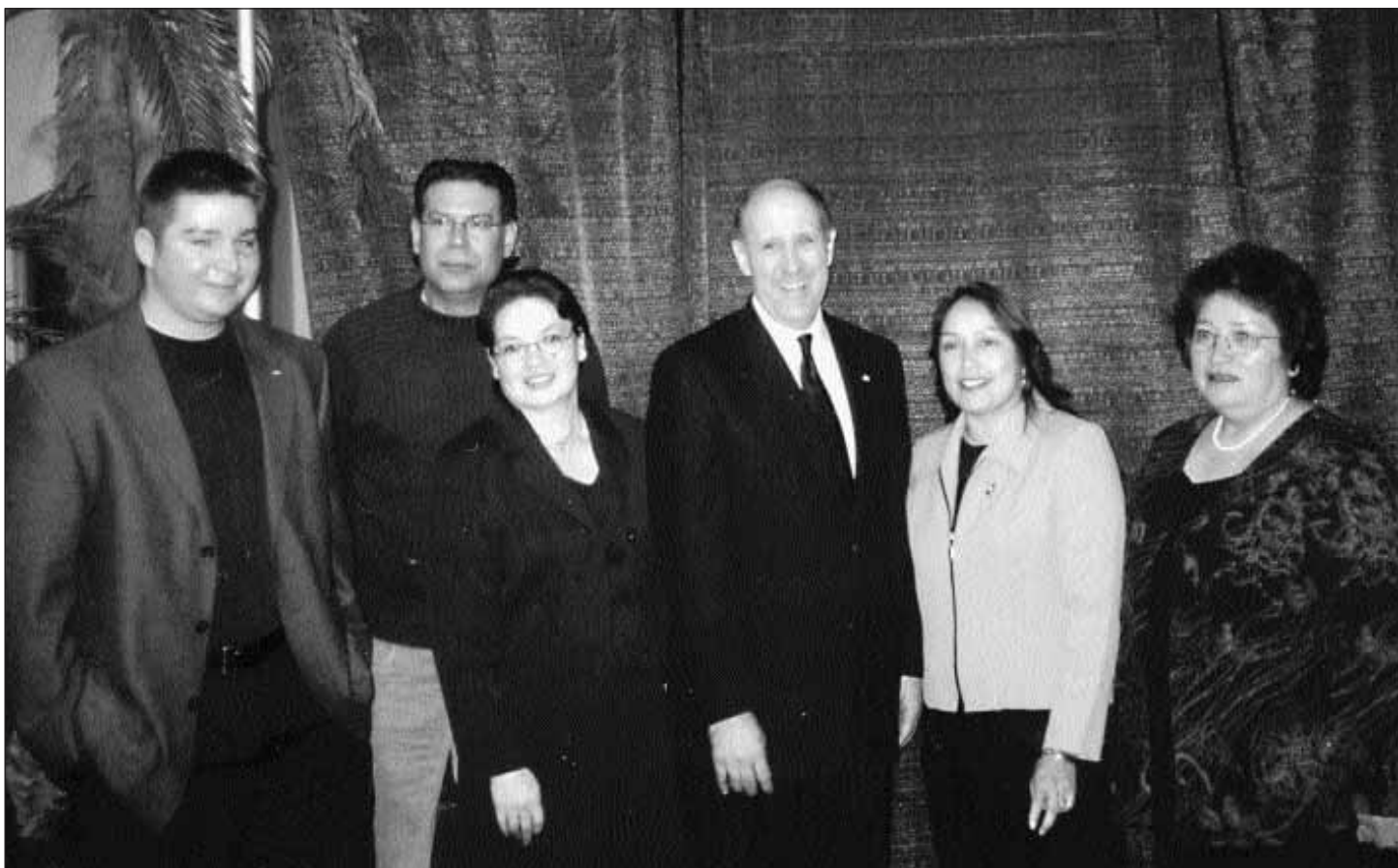


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Members of the Oneida Business Committee took advantage of every opportunity to meet with Gov. Doyle and discuss the gaming compact. Pictured above with Gov. Doyle, center, at the Governor's Conference on Tourism held in March are Councilman Curt Danforth, Councilman Paul Ninham, Councilwoman Trish King, Chairwoman Tina Danforth and Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes.

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(2:00 PM - 3:00 PM for 4th & 5th Grade ONES) (3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Break)  
(3:30 PM-6:00 PM for community, employees, family and friends)

WHERE: Oneida Nation  
Elementary School Gymnasium  
(Turtle School)

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

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

Thursday ~ April 17, 2003

Oneida Housing Authority 40th Anniversary Celebration. 10 a.m.-3:00p.m.

April 21 - 26, 2003

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm  
WHERE: Parish Hall, 2937 Freedom Road. Clothing and coats that is, or small household items (dishes utensils, knick-knacks, shoes, belts, purses, etc.). No Furniture Please. No Food Items.





# "OPERATION ONEIDA CARES"



## Turtle School students write to troops

*Letter writing campaign initiates "Operation Oneida Cares"*

By Keith Skenandore

Kalihwisaks

Classes at the Oneida Nation School System have taken the war in Iraq and used it as a multi-functional learning tool.

From art to geography, his-

tory to language arts, and even technical communication, the students have participated in "Operation Oneida Cares" and touched base with some of the men and women in the Armed Forces who are overseas.

Kate Pagel, physical education teacher of K-5, said the idea originated as she thought about the men and women who are at war fighting for their country, and those who are away from home stationed overseas.

"How lonely they must be," said Pagel, as she imagined a

letter-writing campaign and internet communication. "I thought it might be a quick way to send them a note and say 'Hi,' give them something to read, and a contact back with the States."

Pagel knew of the proud heritage the Native Americans have in the armed forces and wondered how many Oneidas were serving overseas.

She ran the idea past the school's administration and they were excited about the mission of caring and support while the students improve

their communication skills. They decided to find out how many Oneida people are stationed in different parts of the world. With only a few confirmed tribal members, the school decided to open up the search to tribal employees.

"We have a nice mix of those groups," said Pagel.

As a physical education teacher, Pagel said she tries to bring as many other disciplines into her teachings. With the educational value, and community service unit for kids to get involved in, she said the kids could have an ownership in this program.

"The kids are excited," said Pagel, "especially when we got our first e-mails."

Pagel initiated the contact with the service men and women, and those who liked the idea of a correspondence, Pagel took their names to the classes and had them adopt a soldier or two.

Kathy Giese, 6th grade teacher, said her class already received responses from Jason Kurowski, Michael Sallinen and Roland Vande Hei, Jr.

Giese said Kurowski and Sallinen responded to all the

students questions in one letter. Vande Hei hand-wrote individually to each class member. As for the students, Geise said her class was excited to get a response back to their letters.

For Kyle White, 11, a response from all three servicemen was totally unexpected.

"I felt really proud that they read my letters and wrote back," said White. "When I first sent it I thought they would be too busy."

The educational value for White, he said, is that "they taught me that soldiers need to be encouraged." He plans on writing again to keep their minds off of the war.

Jordan Ahnen, 11, felt he did something good in helping keep their minds off of the war.

"I'm glad to know that they were glad to get something from me," said Ahnen.

He said Vande Hei told him what it is he is doing in Iraq, which to Ahnen, is a valuable lesson as he learns about the military.

"The U.S. troops are doing their job trying to keep the world safe," said Ahnen. "There trying not to hurt anyone."

Garrett Miller said his cousin Adrien Miller is close to Baghdad so he wanted to learn where some of the servicemen are at. He chose to write to Kurowski because "he sounded like a good friend to write to."

Miller was happy that Kurowski responded to his letter and said he hopes to meet Jason when he returns.

Geise said the students came up with their own ideas for the letters, and that they want to write more.

"Because of them (students) it's been so successful," said Geise.

That success is shown in Laura Fahrbach's second grade class as they corresponded with Ralph Wettengel who is stationed on the USS Cape St. George. Fahrbach sent a list of her students questions to Wettengel. The students asked, "Can you send a photo of your helicopter," "Can we see the inside," "What does your ship look like and how many peo-

ple are on it," "Are there weapons on the ship and how many engines are there," and "What kind of food do you eat."

Wettengel responded that there are "200 plus people on the ship and that there are lots of different weapons."

"I eat cafeteria food that is prepared in excess and by the bulk."

Noel Metoxen, 8, said he wrote Wettengel because he wanted to give him good luck in the war.

Kayla Danforth, 8, said her aunt's husband left last Saturday for the war and she is learning about Iraq. Unfortunately, those lessons are sometimes harsh.

"People die in war," said Danforth.

Sonny Jourdan's interpretation is somewhat different than that of Danforth's.

"I learned that his team is to fight their team," he said. What Jourdan liked most about Wettengel, and his response to his questions, is that "he's real and he's alive."

Wettengel's response was a nice treat for Fredrick Miller, 8, and that he learned that Wettengel flies a helicopter.

As for the war, Fredrick said, "They have to fight."


As the war continues, "Operation Oneida Cares" has evolved into a much larger project.

Pagel said Colleen Bins, art teacher, has students making dream catches for the troops. With that in mind, Pagel said Debbie Reiter-Mehojah, assistant to the school administrator, decided to request items from the students and their parents, the teachers, and the community, for care packages.


Pagel, knowing some items are taboo, went and visited local recruiting stations to find out what can, and cannot, be sent as part of a care package.

Other ideas generated from "Operation Oneida Cares" is a yellow ribbon campaign and portrait of a hero, where the students will be asked to draw what a service person looks like.

"I feel really good about our kids," said Pagel. "I'm really proud that they would be that caring."

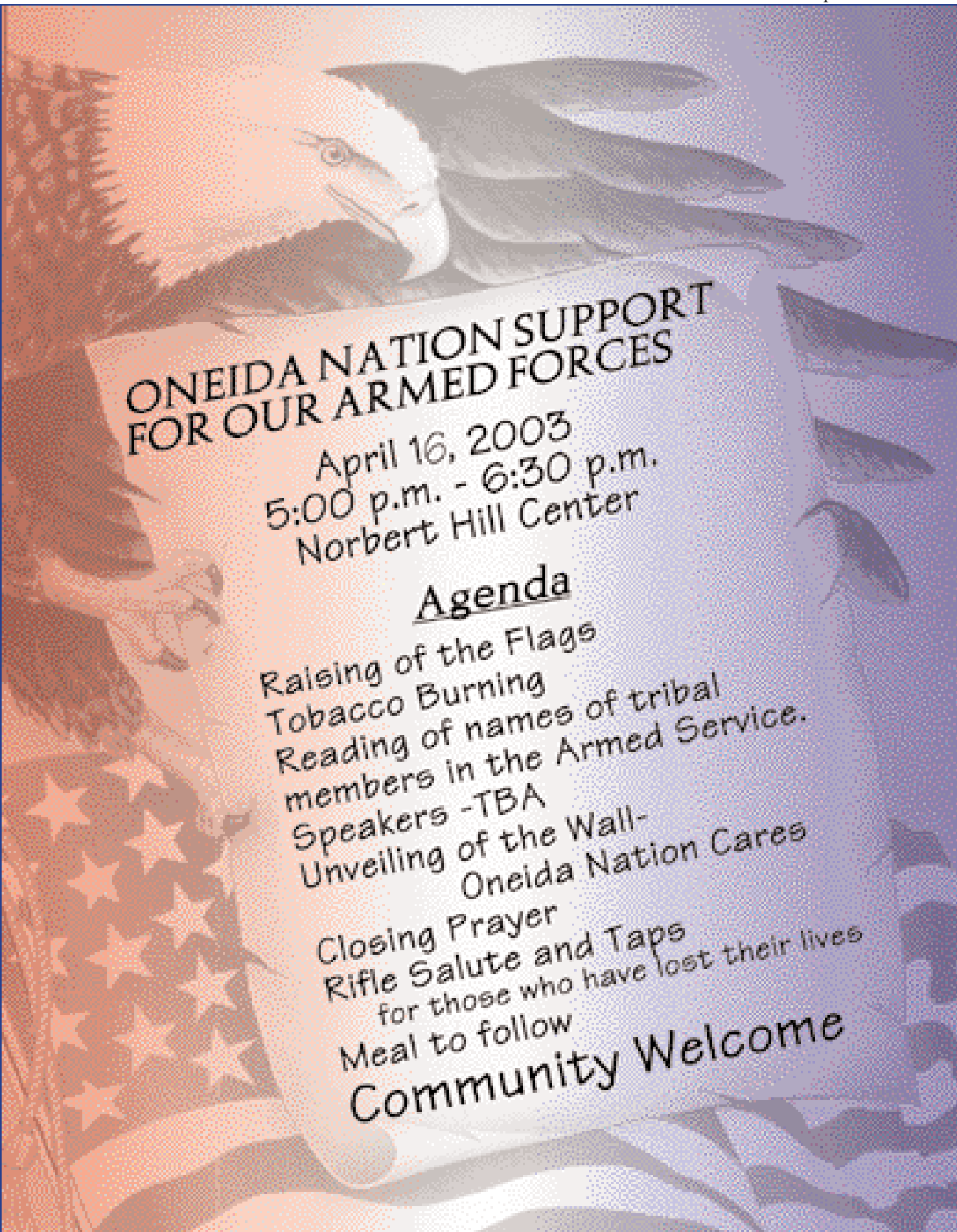


**Son of...**  
Jerry & Jeanne Kurowski



**SRA Kurowski, Jason J.**  
**379th AEW/ESFS**  
**APO AE 09309**

**Jason is stationed in Doha, Qatar at Central Command. He has two children, Jayleah and Alex**



## ONEIDA NATION SUPPORT FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

April 16, 2003  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Norbert Hill Center

### Agenda

- Raising of the Flags
- Tobacco Burning
- Reading of names of tribal members in the Armed Service.
- Speakers -TBA
- Unveiling of the Wall- Oneida Nation Cares
- Closing Prayer
- Rifle Salute and Taps for those who have lost their lives
- Meal to follow
- Community Welcome



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Laura Fahrbach's second grade class at the Oneida Turtle School looks at a world map and locates the Persian Gulf where Ralph Wettengel is stationed. The students wrote letters to Wettengel and received correspondence back from him.



Operation Oneida Cares

# Reliving the memory as a POW

Valdor John  
reflects back  
on his  
capture in  
North Korea

By Keith Skenandore

Kalihwisaks  
Imagine one battle during the war where your whole division has come under attack and your fellow servicemen are being captured. You hide for 20 days only to be captured yourself and taken a prisoner of war.

This sounds like a scene from the current war in Iraq, and it well could be, but this epic confrontation took place during the Korean War and is being relived by Oneida veteran Valdor John, 72.

Most of us have heard or read his ordeal throughout the Bataan Death March. That memory is also relived, but with the men and women who are in POW's or missing in action in Iraq, John talked about his capture and the torture he faced as a POW.

Private First Class Valdor John, age 19 at the time, 24th Infantry Division of the United States Army, recalls his unit being the first instructed to go into Korea and stop the main body of North Koreans.

"They told us they were armed with pitch forks and weren't very well trained," said John. "We thought we'd be over there about 30 days and be back to Japan again."

A short period where John

said they only took their combat gear and left their personal belongings back in Japan. A short period that turned into a battle of a lifetime.

John said the first encounter saw the North Koreans pull back after his unit made their presence known.

"We thought they'd go back across the 38th parallel and didn't want to fight us," he said.

The North Koreans did pull back, but they regrouped, and a couple of days later, John said thousands of North Koreans formed a horseshoe around his company of 200 plus and came at them.

"We began fighting and pulling back," said John. "We were outnumbered, outgunned and had very little support."

This battle continued for days as U.S. soldiers from their company were being killed daily. The 24th Infantry Division was retreating back to Taijon, a small city approximately 200 miles from Seoul, Korea. John made it back to Taijon where the remaining soldiers of the Division were regrouping, knowing no replacements were coming in.

"We kept regrouping and regrouping," said John, as the unit awaited orders.

Those orders were to hold Taijon at all cost.

"The whole division had orders to fight until the last man," he said. "We weren't leaving."

He said the men in the division had a sense they weren't returning home once they received their orders. A great camaraderie amongst them



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Valdor John, Korean War Veteran, revisits his days as a POW as he looks through his photo album recalling his capture.

led them to discussions of their homes, wives and families.

"We had sympathy feelings," said John. "We felt we weren't going to see all these people again."

And most of them didn't. They were completely surrounded by North Koreans and between 100 to 200 men were captured in Taijon.

John said there was a "whole massacre" of Taijon but he was able to get out in the cover of darkness along the rice paddies and made it to the hills. There he was able to join up with the commanding

general and his party of six officers.

They stayed in the hills and hid in the bushes as the Korean Army kept passing by. John and a fellow officer stayed together and crawled up higher into the hills. They were left behind because they both were wounded. John was shot in the hip and left leg.

Approximately 20 days later these two wounded soldiers were seen and grenade launchers were fired at them, wounding both men again. John said the North Korean militia began searching the hills for "strays."

## Keeping connected with Oneida

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks  
Communicating with the brave men and women overseas has become easier with computer technology.

The same can be said for what's happening in Oneida.

Getting connected and staying connected to the Oneida community is right at your finger tips. All you have to do is pick up the phone, get on a computer or pick up your latest issue of the Kalihwisaks.

The tribe's 800 number is toll free and is 1-800-236-2214. By dialing this number any individual can reach any department or person within the organization. A great way to get information is to call your Business Committee members directly. They are more than willing to take the time to update their constituents. If they are not available or not able to answer the question they will direct your call to the appropriate person who can.

The Oneida Nation website is another great avenue to take if looking for information. The website's address is

www.oneidanation.org. The website is a comprehensive vehicle that contains numerous alleys that provide information to the user. Once on the website, the user can click on one of the eleven icons. The icons are; message from the chairwoman, historical perspective, culture & traditions, government, community services, development, history of homelands, events, news, Oneida enterprises and employment.

The events section describes current events that will be happening in the next few months. These events range from meetings to pow wows and give contact numbers of the people that can provide more information if needed.

The news section contains recent news releases that the Oneida Nation have released to the general media. These releases are very informative and give up to date news material on current events such as the legislation that was being brought about in Madison involving Indian gaming. The website is updated as needed to provide the

public with such news releases. When a news release comes out it is then forwarded to the website to be put in this area.

Current Business Committee bios are listed in the government section. Also in this section is a historical piece on how the government was traditionally and how those values are carried over in today's government.

The employment area shows the available job opportunities that the Oneida Nation currently has. It also gives a description and provides an application. There also is directions as to how to get the Human Resource Department.

The other sections of the website give a historical and cultural perspective to the user.

The Kalihwisaks is a bi-weekly publication that is a non-profit organization that provides the readers with information on Native American issues within their demographic area. It's circulation reaches over 43,000 readers from the United States and abroad. The

Kalihwisaks is free to all enrolled Oneida Tribal members. Subscription rates for non-tribal members is \$24 per year.

The paper strives to give the Oneida community a heads up on upcoming events with it's calendar of events section and also recaps past events, meetings and happenings.

For more information about the paper contact the managing editor, Keith Skenandore at 800-236-2214 extension 4277 or email him at kskena@oneidanaition.org.

"They found us," said John. "I thought we were dead but they took us prisoners."

As in Iraq, where POW's are protected by the Geneva Convention, the North Koreans didn't sign the protective document that was established in 1949, only one year earlier to John's capture.

"The first thing they told us was that they didn't have to adhere to the Geneva Convention," recalled John.

Difficult to speak at times, John didn't want to get into the issue of how he was tortured, but said that he was. He said the North Koreans used starvation and lack of sleep as a torture tool.

John said he was tortured because he witnessed North Americans with their hands tied behind their back and shot by the North Koreans.

"Because I thought I was going to die I wasn't going to provide any information," said John. He said a few that did collaborate were given food and cigarettes, but they still ended up being shot or bayoneted to death.

John and 372 fellow soldiers march began from Seoul to Pyongyang, but only 250 men made it to the destination. Soldiers who could not walk or were difficult to move were simply shot and left behind.

"They were always beating you with the butts of their rifle," said John. "There was never no let up," said John. "They kept at you until they wore you down."

When POWs did wear down, they were executed.

The distance they marched was about 380 miles.

"After Pyongyang we were put on a train and packed into open gondola cars like wood," said John.

The train then stopped in a tunnel. The North Koreans told John to pick 25 men and follow them because they were going to eat. They led them into a ravine and told them to wait for the food. Instead of being fed the North Koreans opened fire on them and massacred the men.

"I was shot in the arm and fell down. They thought I was dead. The blood of the soldier next to me was splattered on my face," said John.

The North Koreans butted

him with the end of their guns and bayoneted him in the side to see if he was alive. John didn't move, so they assumed he was dead. In all, three of his ribs were broke, he was stabbed and had the gun shot wound. He heard shooting the rest of the day until he passed out later in the evening. About 68 United States soldiers were massacred that day in the ravine.

John was found two days later by American troops.

He said he can definitely relate to the Army's 507th Maintenance Company that took a wrong turn in Nasiriyah and were taken captive by Iraqi soldiers.

"In Korea, we didn't have the correct maps," said John. "The maps were outdated. We didn't know which way to go and made a wrong turn."

"We ran into an ambush," he said, "but we managed to get out of it."

Prior to the death of the eight U.S. soldiers, including Pfc. Lori Piestewa, and the rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch, John said he's sure those soldiers carried the same fear that he did.

"They're subject of being shot and tortured," said John, "and they're scared to death."

Members of John's 24th Infantry Division never had any training as to what to expect as a prisoner of war, a training the Army's 507th Maintenance Company had before entering Iraq.

"Even though they had all this training to expect all this, there's still that fear of never coming home," John said.

Valdor John is home in Oneida with his wife Linda, but he says he can't help relive it.

"The memory keeps coming back," he said, "and it's hard not to relive it but you have to let it go. You can't stay in it at any length of time."

Difficult at first, John has learned to forgive the North Koreans and move on with his life by talking about his ordeal as a POW and telling his story.

"But you'll never lose the memory," he said.

Phil Wisneski contributed to this story.

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# Operation Oneida Cares

## Indians historically have had high representation in military

**The Associated Press**  
PHOENIX (AP) - American Indians historically have had higher enlistment rates than their proportion of the overall U.S. population, but information on female Indian veterans remains thin, experts say.

"The men bring their military home with them and the women don't," said Brenda Finnicum, a retired career Army nurse and member of the Lumbee tribe. "Indian women are what I call the invisible warrior. You don't see them."

She said male veterans who return to tribal communities are well-regarded and maintain a strong military identity. Indian women are less likely to talk about their military experience when they return home and haven't historically joined veterans groups, said Finnicum, who has spent five years trying to gather data on female American Indian veterans.

Lee Ann Ghajar, a curator for the Women in Military Service for the American Memorial at the entrance of

Arlington National Cemetery, said hard data on American Indian women in the military have been difficult to find because for decades the only two recognized categories were "white" or "black."

"A lot of work hasn't been done," said Ghajar, who is assembling an exhibit on Indian women veterans that should open at the memorial in May. "There's no universal experience."

The Defense Department says that as of July, 12,800 members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines were American Indian. It had no immediate information on the number of Indian women, but 2000 Census figures put the number at 1,975.

The total number of American Indians enlisted amounts to less than 1 percent of all active personnel, roughly equal to the proportion of American Indians in the U.S. population.

Dawn Riggs, a history professor at San Diego State University, said American Indians historically have had

a higher rate of enlistment for several reasons, including the economic opportunity afforded by military service and for some Indian tribes, the U.S. military took the place of a "warrior culture."

"It's a tradition of doing this sort of thing," she said.

Oneida Tribal Historian and Air Force Veteran during the Korean War Era, Loretta Metoxen agrees with Riggs and said the high rate of enlistment for American Indians is a natural connection that they have for the land. "Indian people have an inherent feeling of protecting the land. Even though it (land) has been alienated from them," Metoxen said.

Indian women face no real cultural obstacles to joining the military either, Riggs said.

"Women as leaders, women as warriors. It's not an exceptional idea. She would be honored equally," said Riggs, who noted many tribes are traditionally matrilineal.

Metoxen has a deep admiration for all the female warriors that are going overseas to protect the land. Metoxen

herself volunteered to go to Korea, but was not allowed because of rules that did not allow women to go to combat during her time served. Metoxen served in the United States Air Force from January of 1951 through May of 1953.

Those rules that governed Metoxen don't exist today and is evident in the recent POW captives of the 507th Maintenance Company that was attacked by the Iraqis and resulted in the death of nine Americans including Pfc. Lori Piestewa. Piestewa was a Hopi from Tuba City Arizona and is the first known female American Indian soldier to die during war.

Metoxen however also realizes that women do everything the men do in the military and when they raise their hands to enlist they know this and their families know that they are going to be put in high risk events.

"She did her duty, and I am amazed," Metoxen said. "She pulled her weight for her job."

Phil Wisneski contributed to this story.

## United we stand



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida Veteran Gary Metoxen reads the resolution that shows full support of the troops that are engaging in war with Iraq. The resolution was passed at the April 2 regular Business Committee meeting.

## RESOLUTION 4-2-03-A

### Resolution in Support of the US. Armed Forces Participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by

the laws of the United States, and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and

**WHEREAS,** Oneida citizens have served in the Armed Forces in most American conflicts, including providing assistance during the American Revolutionary

War, and

**WHEREAS,** Oneida holds our veterans in the highest regard for the sacrifices they have made for our community and nation, and

**WHEREAS,** there are Oneida citizens in the United States Armed Forces who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Persian Gulf

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby reaffirms Business Committee Resolution 9-19-01-B which denounced the cowardly and ruthless acts of terrorism against innocent men, women and children and declares support for the president of the United States of America, and

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED,**

that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby recognizes and supports the United States Armed Forces and Coalition Forces who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom and pray for their safe return to their families and communities.



SR Kristi Aragon

Daughter of...

Yvonne Kaquatosh & Robert Aragon, Sr.



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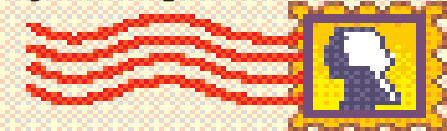
Kristi, a Fire Fighter, is currently stationed in Virginia. She will be aboard the USS Ronald Reagan once it is Commissioned in July 2003.



PFC Travis Smith

Son of...

Lisa Behringer & Gary Smith



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Travis is currently with the 101st Airborne Air Assault Camp Pennsylvania on the front lines in Iraq.

## Remembering our POW's and MIA's



CPL Robert J. Kaquatosh

Son of...

Mary Isham & Clifford J. Kaquatosh, Jr.



**CPL Kaquatosh, Robert J.**  
**9th ESB 3rd FSSG**  
**SPT CO MTOPS, Unit 38437**  
**FPO, AP 96604**

Bob is currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He has been in the USMC for the past 4 years.

Photo by Keith Skenandore

A flag pole bearing the POW-MIA flag in the Oneida Methodist Church cemetery is a recent reminder of all the soldiers that fought for the freedom of all Americans. The pole was initiated by Robert "Little man" Webster and is in honor of all who served this country and in remembrance of the POWs and soldiers that are MIA.



LCPL Tom L. Harrison

Son of...

Helen & Norman Peterson



**LCPL Harrison, T. L.**  
**USMC 3rd AAVBN**  
**Company (C) 1GF Section, Unit 39829**  
**FPO, AP 96613-9829**

Tom is currently stationed in Kuwait.

## OPERATION

### Oneida Cares

Listed below is a brief list of items that can be donated:

#### Navy

Magazines, Newspapers, sugar cereal, cookies

#### Marines & Army

Small cans of fruit, magazines, wet wipes, toilet paper, sun lotion, foot powder, gum, mints

#### Air Force

Magazines, Newspapers, sugar cereal, cookies, crackers, cheese sprays, toilet paper, wet wipes

#### General Foods & Miscellaneous Items

Individually wrapped pieces of candy such as Twizzlers, Tootsie Rolls, and Bubble Gum, Skittles, LifeSavers, and Sweet tarts.

#### (No homemade items)

#### Snacks

Peanuts, pretzels and other snack foods

If you would like to donate to this project, your donation can be dropped off at the Oneida Nation Elementary School main office between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Collection will be taken until Friday, April 18, 2003.



# Operation Oneida Cares

# War can lead to scams

**By Keith Skenandore**  
Kalihwisaks

Efforts to support our troops are being held nationwide as care packages are being sent, monetary donations being made, and fundraisers are being held. Unfortunately, this time of war is no different as misrepresentation of legitimate avenues of support are actually scams. It happened following the terrorist attacks of September 11, and it will happen again.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection warns everyone that not all good deeds appear to be good.

A consumer fact sheet by the Bureau of Consumer Protection says Wisconsin citizens are bombarded with mail, telephone and door-to-door requests to make donations. Some of the requests come from charities, others are from for-profit companies or political lobby organizations. With hundreds of organizations soliciting for donations, it is difficult to tell

legitimate from frauds. Americans lose millions of dollars to fraudulent groups each year.

"Many groups use sweepstakes, emotional appeals and sometimes, confusing or misleading information to obtain contributions," reads the fact sheet. The war of Iraq is an emotional appeal, and Lynn Selbig, specialist with the Bureau, says you have now been forewarned.

Selbig says during emotional appeals one should always consider their individual interests and concerns when deciding which organizations to support. Pictures of hungry children, shocking statements and celebrity endorsements are often used to get attention. There is nothing wrong with an organization using these approaches, but consumers need to maintain control. Judge the cause of the merit, rather than it's emotional appeal.

"Unfortunately, scam artists try to take advantage of people in profound ways," said Selbig.

Other things to consider when making decisions about which groups to support include look-alike charities, misrepresentation, registration requirements and sweepstakes.

## Look-alike charities

Consumers need to be cautious of look-alike charities - groups that imitate better-known organizations as a way to attract donors. These groups create confusion among donors and concern on the part of established charities. They may conduct identical fund-raising campaigns, use similar sounding names, use familiar promotional material and even arrange for common mailing addresses.

Deliberate attempts to confuse the public with look-alike solicitations are illegal in Wisconsin. State Law prohibits the use of names, symbols or statements so closely related or similar to that they will confuse or mislead. Read written solicitations you receive very carefully.

Misrepresentations  
Contributions may be

solicited on behalf of an organization by someone who is not affiliated with the group and has no intention of turning over the money to it. When in doubt, ask for identification from the solicitor and printed, verifiable information about the organization. Be sure to write any check to the organization and not to the individual soliciting. Never contribute cash or send cash though the mail. If you are unsure about donating in response to a mail, telephone or door-to-door solicitation, an alternative would be to find a local charity doing work you approve of and donating directly to it.

## Registration requirements

Under State Law, most organizations soliciting for charitable donations in the state must register and file an annual report with the state Department of Regulation and Licensing. Religious and veteran organizations are exempt from registration. To check whether a charity is registered, call (608) 266-5511.

A registration check lets you know if the charity is in compliance with Wisconsin's registration requirement. State law also requires that charitable solicitations must disclose the true name of the charity, its actual location and its primary purpose. However, the state cannot regulate how an organization uses its money. An extremely high percentage of your contribution may be used for salaries and fund-raising costs, and little for the actual cause. The fact that a charity is registered does not necessarily mean

that it should receive your donation.

As for sweepstakes and other additional information about charities, contact the Better Business Bureau (800/273-1002) and on the web at [www.give.org](http://www.give.org).

For more information or to file a complaint contact the Bureau of Consumer Protection at (800)422-7128, fax (608) 224-4939, TTY (608) 224-5058, e-mail: [datcp hotline@datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:datcp hotline@datcp.state.wi.us).

## Contribution Checklist

- What is the specific purpose of the organization?
- Exactly what kinds of programs and services carry out the purposes?
- Does the group provide services in Wisconsin or the local community? If it is a police or firefighter group, does any of the money benefit local departments?
- What percentage of my contributions goes toward salaries or other administrative costs?
- Are you paid solicitor or volunteer?
- Does the organization have an annual report that contains a detailed financial report? \*Is there other written information about the group for me to review? (Ask for copies!)
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**The kalihwisaks will continue to publish postcards of military personnel in upcoming issues as they are received!**



**Ian Leverance**

**Son of...**  
Pre & Larry Leverance



**LCP Leverance, Ian**  
2nd FSSG TSB MT  
FOX Unit 75009  
FPO AE 09509-5009

**Ian was deployed January 9, 2003 to Kuwait. He transports ammo/fuel supplies. Two weeks ago, Ian left message with his parents that he was leaving on another "Convoy".**



**SGT Nicholas H. Plitz**

**Son of...**  
Parker & Marilyn Plitz



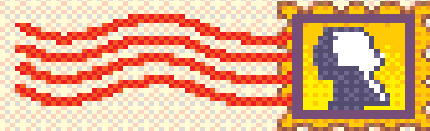
**SGT Plitz, Nicholas H.**  
731st ORD CO "EOD"  
APO AE 09355

**Nicholas, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist with the U.S. Army, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on June 1, 2002. He was re-deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan with the 731st ORD CO on November 29th 2002.**



**SSG Michael Lewis**

**Son of...**  
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis



**SSG Lewis, Michael**  
C - BTRY 1/17 FA  
UNIT #92627  
APO AE 09323-2627

**Michael was shipped out to Kuwait on Saturday, March 29, 2003.**



**SGT Yuma House**

**Son of...**  
Sharon House



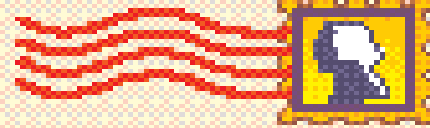
**SGT House, Y.D. USMC**  
BLT. 2/1LAR-HQ  
UIC 39728  
FPO AP 96609-9728

**Yuma is currently aboard ship to protect the lives of Marines and Soldiers on the ground in Iraq. He is based out of Camp Pendleton.**



**SPC Melinda Howson**

**Daughter of...**  
Mr. & Mrs. Howson



**SPC Howson, Melinda**  
HC 4TH Training Brigade  
Ft. Jackson, SC 29207

**Melinda has been serving in the Armed Forces for the past 4 years.**



**CPL Greg Waupekenay**

**Son of...**  
Lora Skenandore & Theodore Waupekenay



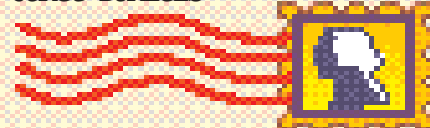
**CPL Waupekenay, G. USMC**  
CSSB-12 (Maint. Det.)  
UIC 42388  
FPO AP 96426-2388

**Greg is a diesel mechanic within the USSB-Maintenance Detachment Company. He has served 4 years in the Armed Forces. Greg was deployed to Kuwait in late January.**



**Brandt Daniels**

**Son of...**  
Mike & Janet Daniels



**Daniels, Brandt**  
USS Nimitz CVN-68  
OPS/OS  
FPO AP 96620-2820

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State/National

# Milwaukee SEOTS news and notes

## SEOTS staff

The SEOTS staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to our office yet, we would like you to stop in! If you're looking for the latest Kalihwisaks, forms of enrollment, education information or any other information pertaining to our community, we may be able to assist you. We also have a book with job listings for local and state jobs. Cultural classes, language classes, community education, meetings and just plain fun activities are planned throughout the year! Check your Kalihwisaks for SEOTS NEWS once a month for our events. If you don't know the staff, come in and see us. Mark - Director, Anne - Administrative assistant, Carmen - Administrative assistant, and Deb - Community Education Specialist. The office is located on 2778 S. 35th Street. Phone - 384-7740.

SEOTS extended office hours  
Monday - Wednesday 8-6:30pm  
Thursday & Friday - 8-4:30pm  
Saturday 9-12pm

## Oneida language class

Renee Pfaller teaches at the SEOTS office located at 2778 S. 35th Street every Saturday 10 - 12pm. Attend and learn our language to carry on tradition and culture. All beginners are welcome. Please come and learn our language and culture.

April 5, 12, 19 & 26th  
Time:10-12pm

## Craft class

Craft class for the month of April will be on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm. The beginning of the month will be working on any crafts you

need to complete or are working on. We will also be working on our quilting squares. On the 23rd of April we will begin Raised Bead Work and work on that till May 7th. Joyce Skenandore will be teaching the class along with Jim Kelly. You will need to sign up for this class. The class will be limited to 15 people. If we have more names will be put on a waiting list for the next class. Join in for crafting, socializing and fun!

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30th  
Time:6:00pm

## Cultural heritage class

Class will be on hold until further notice.

## Tsyunhehkwa

If you're interested in products from Tsyunhehkwa we may have what you're looking for at the SEOTS office. We carry dehydrated corn, dried corn, maple syrup, wild rice, salsa, jellies and jams. If there is anything you would like that we don't carry we would be happy to pick it up for you on our monthly van trip to Oneida.

## Attention Graduates!!!!

All City Graduation Ceremony on May 22nd at Indian Community School. Graduates including grades from 8th grade, highschool and college are invited. Each graduate may bring 4 guests. There will be a ceremony and a dinner to follow. The speaker will be Dr. David Beaulieu. RSVP is requested for this event. Please contact Janelle Klumb or Diane Amour at 229-5880 for reservations and any questions regarding

this event.

May 22nd  
Time:6:00pm

## News—news—news

The Milwaukee area now has a new newspaper called Urban Circle of Voices that is dedicated to Indian Country with-in the Milwaukee area. Several of our Oneida Tribal members have already been sponsored in the paper. Recently they did an article on the Oneida Singers from Milwaukee.( Charlene Smith, Roberta Doxtator, Mamie Arellano, Opal Skenandore, Clare Ayalla, Mary Elm, John House, Orin Johns and Danny Preston) Anne Gurneau's dad, Chuck Gurneau was also interviewed. Congrats to all those tribal members interviewed! The articles are well written, interesting and informational. It is fun to read and keep up on all our city folk! This paper is available in the Seots office on a monthly basis. If you have any news especially good news, please give a call to Vicky Rank at 643-5510.

## More news

Speaking of news. Congratulations to Oneida Tribal members Anna Perlongo, Renee Pfaller, Carol Baumann, Hudson Doxtator, David Ushakow and Deb Ushakow were mentioned in an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinal about Native languages last month. The article was well written and was picked up by the press on a National level. Again, we appreciate the positive press and great interviews! Good job to all!

## Serb Hall Community Meeting

Tentatively set for Saturday, May 3rd. Please call the Seots office for further details. 384-7740

## Donation of refrigerator needed

The Seots office is in need of a refrigerator. We would appreciate the donation if its working new or old and is working. We will take it off your hands! Thanks! Please call our office. 384-7740

## Mentors needed

The WE Indians program is asking for our help for mentors for young people that are enrolled in the MPS school system. If you are interested in mentoring please call Joanne Ninham at the WE Indians Program, phone number is 643-3903.

## Runners needed

Open to all youth 13 - 18 years of age. A group called the Native Urban Runners is starting a running group for the summer. Running group will be meeting at the Seots office. If interested call Angie Shegonee at 294-0327.

## SEOTS OFFICE advisory board meetings

The SEOTS OFFICE board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm. The meetings are open to all Oneida tribal members. .

Tuesday, April 8 & 22  
Time:6:00pm

## Oneida intertribal singers

The singers practice every Monday at 6pm. They are available for events. For more information please call Mamie at 643-8972.

Monday  
Time:6:00pm

## SEOTS OFFICE monthly van trip to Oneida

Prescription pick-ups are twice a month. The first Monday of the month (April 7th) and the third Wednesday of the month (April 16th). The Wednesday pick-up is our regularly scheduled trip that community members are able to go on. Please call to reserve your seat early.

Please be sure to call your prescription refills in to the Oneida Health Center Pharmacy THREE days prior to the pick-up date. Prescriptions may not be ready if you fail to call in early enough. Also, don't forget to call the SEOTS office to have your name added to the pick-up list.

## Important van trip note---please read

Please note that the monthly van trip to Oneida on the third week of the month for the winter will be contingent on the weather. Now that we are going into the winter months check with the SEOTS office the day before the trip to see if we will still go. Last year the weather was a problem. The north winds love to dust the highways affecting our plans. This year we will not make the trip if snow or ice is predicted anytime for that day. This includes the Green Bay area. Alternate plans will be made in the event that the weather does not want to cooperate.

For up-dates on the Gaming Compact be sure to read our Councilmen's BC Briefing.

# Nation house

## Submitted by Mindimoye

The Nation House is located on the south shore of Oneida Lake in Madison County of the state of New York, the Oneida homelands. The address for the Nation House is 2897 Route 31, Canastota, NY 13032.

Surrounded by a little more than two acres of land, the house is a two-story frame house with six bedrooms, three bathrooms, a kitchen, dining and living rooms, a foyer and a sitting room. There is a two-story add-on in the rear that has two suites, each with its own bath, one with a kitchen. There is a total of eight bedrooms, with comfortable sleeping space for 20 individuals. There are two large sitting porches in the front and two small decks in the rear.

Formally leased since February of 2002, the house was made available by the end of April to house a group of people who came from Wisconsin for the Condolence Ceremony at the Onondaga Nation Territory. Since then, there have been visitors who stop by to say their greetings, share a meal, spend the night, visit or tour the lands of their ancestors. There is no formal charge for occupancy but each person has to be responsible for themselves: there is a large, well-equipped kitchen where



Photo courtesy of Mindimoye

Pictured above is the Nation House located in Canastota, New York. The home has been operating on donations and is available to those passing through Canastota. Travelers are requested to call ahead due to space limitations.

people can make their own meals It is quite a saving to a traveler who may otherwise spend anywhere from \$35 to \$165 per night for overnight accommodations.

This effort is NOT a program: there is no budget for upkeep. It survives thus far on donations.

The Oneida people of New York have been very supportive; welcoming and bringing gifts of supplies and services. They have used the facility to host social gatherings, spiritual assemblies and family affairs. Many have stopped by

on their way to a business meeting or a political activity, but the house itself is not used for business of politics. Other locals, both Native and non-Native, have extended their greetings and all are made welcome.

Those wishing to make use of the facility would kindly call ahead to make sure there's room, and please understand that they have to take care of themselves and respect the rights of others.

For further information on the Nation House, contact Mindimoye at 315-697-5003.

# Denver man faces murder charge of Aquash

## The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) - A judge on Thursday ordered that a homeless man be transferred to South Dakota to face a federal murder charge in the death of an American Indian Movement activist nearly 30 years ago.

Arlo Looking Cloud, 49, pleaded innocent earlier this week to a charge of first-degree murder committed during a kidnapping. He is accused in the death of Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash, who vanished from a Denver home in late 1975.

Her frozen body was found on South Dakota's Pine Ridge reservation in February 1976. The 30-year-old woman had been shot in the head.

Looking Cloud, who is being held without bail, was led from the courtroom in handcuffs. "I love you, Arlo. Bye," his 15-year-old niece, Kimimila Means, called out as he was led from the courtroom. She said she is the granddaughter of Indian activist Russell Means.

Nine of Looking Cloud's friends and relatives were in the courtroom Thursday. Several said he was innocent.

Federal Magistrate Michael J. Watanabe ruled the evidence was sufficient to order Looking Cloud's transfer to South Dakota to face the murder charge. Looking Cloud would serve a mandatory life prison term if convicted.

His court-appointed attorney, Veronica Rossman, said he probably would not be

transferred for seven to 10 days.

Authorities were also seeking John Graham in the case. Graham, also known as John Boy Patton, was originally from Canada's Yukon.

Looking Cloud is a Lakota Sioux who grew up on the Pine Ridge reservation. He was arrested on March 27 and pleaded innocent in federal court on Monday.

He and Graham worked as security guards at AIM events during the 1970s, said Paul DeMain, who has researched the case extensively and is editor of the News From Indian Country newspaper in Wisconsin.

Investigators have not said how the two suspects were linked to Pictou-Aquash. Denver police Detective Abe Alonzo, credited with helping break the case, would not comment Thursday.

"We've worked so hard on this case, we don't want to take any chances on compromising it," he said.

Looking Cloud has been homeless in Denver for 10 years, family members said. Watanabe and police said he has been arrested on charges including concealed-weapons violations, trespass and public drinking and has been treated for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Police said Looking Cloud used as many as 23 aliases in Denver.

Looking Cloud smiled and nodded at family members as he was led away. His paternal

aunt, Martha Featherman, sobbed.

Featherman said Looking Cloud was born in Denver and raised in South Dakota.

"We're the only close family he's got," said Featherman's daughter, Bernice Bull Bear. "All the Lakota men are gone in this family."

She clutched an eagle feather and prayed silently in court.

Bull Bear and one of Looking Cloud's friends, Troy Lynn Yellow Wood, said he was innocent.

"He didn't have the wherewithal to do something like this. We know that Arlo is not the guilty party," Yellow Wood said.

AIM leaders in Colorado issued a statement calling on prosecutors to identify the person who killed Pictou-Aquash as well as "the person or persons that ordered her death."

Glenn Morris, a member of AIM's leadership council in Colorado, said understanding her death requires an understanding of the climate on Pine Ridge in 1975.

"There was a war going on between the American Indian Movement and the federal government," he said. "People often forget that. The FBI was on a concerted effort to destroy the American Indian Movement. That's not paranoia. That's not imagination. That's documented historical fact."



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## Indian tribes struggling to preserve their language

*Oneida elders help to ensure it survives*

**By Carrie Antlfinger**  
Associated Press Writer

ONEIDA NATION RESERVATION, Wis. (AP) - At the Language House, a log house tucked between sugar maples and white pines, 10 members of the Oneida tribe sit around a table repeating words that rolled off the tongues of their ancestors.

They've just finished watching a videotape that recorded elders talking with students. Their assignment is to pick out trouble phrases and determine their pronunciation and meaning.

One of the phrases they're struggling with translates to mean: "We're always trying hard to be like the Caucasian race," a telling phrase in their struggle to preserve their language.

The members are paid to learn the ancient language and teach it to others in an effort to ensure the language survives. Other tribes nationwide are taking similar steps with help from the federal government, which has poured more than \$23.6 million into such language preservation projects since 1994.

"If we don't know the language we probably won't be Indian people anymore," said Dennis White, director of instruction in the Lac Courte Oreilles Band, a Chippewa tribe in Hayward. "We'd be Americans with nice tans."

Indians say losing the language of their ancestors takes

away a tribe's sense of identity and culture partly because many of their meetings and prayers are in their native tongue.

Before Europeans arrived in North America, 400 to 600 tribal languages were spoken in the United States and Canada. Today, there are only 211, said Inee Yang Slaughter, executive director of The Indigenous Language Institute in Santa Fe, N.M.

The Administration for Native Americans recognizes 558 tribes in the United States. It gives grants to tribes to preserve their language, which usually means having elders teach it to others who will pass it on.

Sheila Cooper, acting director of program operations for the federal agency, said it is the only federal entity that provides tribes funding for such programs. Many don't realize the funds are available.

The Oneida received \$125,000 last year to pay for seven trainees, who meet with two elders, both in their 80s, five days a week. The trainees spend half the day with the elders; the rest of the time is spent in schools teaching the language.

But the lessons aren't limited to the classroom.

A grocery store on the reservation lists product names in English and Oneida. One sign in the cereal aisle translates to read: "Morning Time Foods." The tribe also has a biweekly tribal newspaper with a full page written in Oneida.

Indian languages began disappearing in the 17th cen-

tury after European missionaries arrived on the East Coast.

In the mid-1880s the government established boarding schools that prohibited students from acknowledging their culture, including language. Students were punished for practicing any part of their culture until the 1960s, and many of the elders still alive are afraid to teach children the language.

Language tends to be better preserved when a tribe isolates itself from an urban community and its American influences and when tribe members take an active part in language lessons, Slaughter said.

Another challenge the tribes face is the languages are passed down from generation to generation orally, so there are few materials or trained teachers. In many tribal communities, members have grown up speaking English.

About a year and a half ago, The Indigenous Language Institute of Santa Fe, N.M., started teacher training sessions, including curriculum development. The institute, which is funded through grants and private contributions, also established a teaching material resource center for tribes.

Only a handful of states let tribes certify their teachers so they can teach tribal languages in the public school system. In January, the Washington state Board of Education agreed to grant special teaching certificates that would allow speakers of the ancient languages to teach

in public schools there.

The 3,500-member Tulalip tribe, located about 30 miles northwest of Seattle, stands to benefit from the teaching certificates. Fewer than 10 of its elders - age 70 or older - speak Lushootseed.

"They are the experts," Suzi Wright, a program developer and applied linguist for the Tulalips. "We're unused to recognizing someone's expertise if they don't have some sort of university degree but there's no way you can be an expert in culture unless you've grown up in the culture."

The Tulalips have no textbooks; they rely on taping speakers.

On Kodiak Island, Alaska, only 25 fluent speakers of Alutiiq are left after 7,500 years. A 25-year-old dictionary and nine videotapes with language lessons are all they have to help preserve their identity.

Shauna Hegna, the 25-year-old language coordinator for the island's 10 tribes, which speak different dialects of Alutiiq, is trying to obtain federal and private funding for a three-year master apprentice program. It would identify seven or eight fluent speakers, each of whom will work for 10 hours a week with one or two adults to teach them the language.

The tribes will learn this summer if they will receive funding.

"I have to get it off the ground because if we don't accomplish this goal our language will die," Hegna said. "To me it's not acceptable because I want my children to know my language."

## "No Face Dolls" resemble local dance outfits



Photo courtesy of Richie Plass

Oneida tribal member Ernie Stevens, Jr., center, holds a "No Face Doll" that resembles a likeness of his traditional dance outfit. The dolls, ordered by Dianne Zubella, executive vice-president of Bay Bank, left, will have the dolls displayed at the bank. Dollmaker is Lily Ruth Antone-Plass, right.

**Submitted by Richie Plass**

On Tuesday, March 18, 2003, Ernie Stevens, Jr. was honored with a very unique tribute... a traditional, "No Face Doll" in the likeness of himself in his dance regalia. Here is the story.

Lily Ruth Antone-Plass and her husband, Richie have just recently moved back to the area after about three years in Ohio. One day while they were in Bay Bank doing some business, Richie told Lily, "Hey look, that lady collects dolls. You should show her yours." The lady Richie was referring to was Dianne Zubella, Executive Vice President of the bank. So, Lily took her book of pictures of the dolls she has made over the past four years or so and offered Dianne her card. Well, Diane made a request right then and there: "I'd like a set of traditional Oneida dolls in their dance outfits. One male and one female. But! I want the male doll to look like Ernie Stevens, Jr. in his dance outfit. Can you do that?" Antone-Plass responded with a resounding, "Sure," and the project was on.

After some investigative work around the Oneida rez, Antone-Plass and her husband were able to come up with some pictures of Ernie in his dance outfit. Zubella had requested that the little girl doll be named, Amelia. You see, Antone-Plass will ask people who request one of her doll to name them, because each doll comes with a birth certificate and a legend of the, "No Face Doll." So, the little girl was to be named Amelia, but the little guy had a different story.

The initial name was to be, "Little Ernie Two-Shoes," but again, after some investiga-

tive work around the rez, Antone-Plass found out about Ernie's boxing days and his ring name, "Big Kat." So, through a natural progression, the little boy was named, "Little Ernie Big Kat." So, on Tuesday the 18th, Ernie was requested to be at Bay Bank for some business, but was surprised with the presentation and dedication of the doll in his likeness. To say the least, Ernie was very surprised, but he was also very honored. "Wow, look at this...it even has all the right colors," was his first response. Zubella told Ernie that the bank will be building a display case in the lobby and both dolls will be on display. When asked why she requested the dolls, Zubella responded, "I just wanted to show the community how Bay Bank feels about our relationship, both personal and professionally with the Oneida people. I wanted to show everyone that there is a good relationship between the tribe and one of their entities and to show the people that is alive and well...and that it works!" Zubella also explained that the little girl is named for Oneida tribal member, Amelia Cornelius.

Antone-Plass has her dolls available for anyone. Special orders, standard orders or whatever you may have in mind. She has four standard types of dolls at the present time. They are, "Little Ones," (such as the one's at Bay Bank), tree toppers, Bag Ladies and Baby Dolls. If you would like to see examples of her dolls, Bear Paw Keepsakes at 2615 Packerland Drive have them in stock and on display. Or, you can contact Antone-Plass via e-mail at: lilypy@yahoo.com.


## National American Indian Science Fair achievements

Photo by Phil Wisneski

Salisha Ninham (forefront) along with Martina Red Hail are congratulated by the Oneida Business Committee for their accomplishments at the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Other students that were recognized were Robert Clary, Jennifer John, Allison Bailey and Rachael Johnson. Each student received an award at the fair. All were either for first place or second place. The students were chaperoned by Yvette Peguero, Tracy Christensen and Tom Pivovar.



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## Family Carnival

JUNE 6-7, 2003 ONEIDA



# T'm Thunderhawk

## Role Models

By Brooke Metoxen-Smith

ONHS junior

The definition of a Role Model in the Dictionary is: A person who serves as a model in a particular behavioral or social role for another person to emulate.

There was two questions that I asked the ONHS students on the issue of role models:

- 1) What is something that you learned from your parents/guardians?
- 2) Who do you look up to and why?

**Here are their answers:**

John Hensley: I pretty much learned to be open-minded and kind. My role model would have to be one of my uncles, because he doesn't act his age... he acts more like a teenager than anything else.

Bobbi Jo Reed: I don't know - No comment. But my role model would be my mom because she's the best!

Scott Lynk: I dunno, I really couldn't tell you. My uncle would have to be my role model because he's cool.

Marvin Spruce: My parents taught me to be responsible. I don't look up to nobody.

Loli Hill: I learn a lot of stuff from my parents. From my dad I learn how to hunt and be a fisherman, and from my mom I learn how to cook. I don't really know if I look up to anyone or not.

Josh House: I learned from my parents to respect, to be good, and treat people how I want to be treated. I look up to Lee Laster because he's going to college and I want to get a scholarship too.

Beth Doxtator: I really don't know what I learned from my parents. I think my role model would have to be my dad, because he's a good person.

Lee Laster: My parents taught me that Drugs are the Devil. I would say I look up to my dad the most because he's come a long way and I'm proud of him!

Jermaine Deglado: My mom taught me how to be nice to people. I would say my role model would be Chester Bennington, because he's good at everything he does.

Stephen Kasee: I learned from my mom how to be an independent individual, and have my own sense of decency. She also taught me morals and values. I look up to all the teen Native moms who are able to support themselves without the "Dads."

Forrest and Eliza Pelky: I learned how to hunt (Forrest). I learned how to draw (Eliza). I think I look up to Spiderman because he's awesome! He can live a double life, I wish I could do that (Forrest).

Amanda Skenandore: I learned to respect people. Who I look up to would be my sister because she's a good role model.

Thomas House: My parents told me to go to school. I look up to Marlon because he's always there.

## Eric woke from his dream...

*[Editor's Note: ONHS is home to some pretty talented young writers. In an effort to give them their due, we will continue to include some of their work in the pages of Thunderhawk Times. This is an excerpt from a story]*

By Beth Doxtator

ONHS student

### Chapter 1

Eric woke from his dream, his dark eyes wide, were filled with a certain terror. He gasped lightly for air as he sat up, after he realized he was only dreaming, he calmed himself, got up and then went to the bathroom, wandering through the dark. He brushed threw his spiky brown hair, his tan skin was layered with cold sweat. Washing his face quickly, and staring into the bathroom mirror.

He came back and sat down on the bed, pulled out a ciga-

rette from off the night stand and started to smoke it. Then he heard a knock on the balcony door. It startled him a little, realizing he was only dressed in boxers he placed a pair of baggy black pants over them that he picked up off the floor. He turned on his light and went to the window, a guy with bright grey eyes, and long jet black hair and the utmost pasty pale skin, standing outside.

Eric opened up the door and stepped outside with his cigarette still in hand, "Haven't seen you in a long \*\*\* time Opie!, what do you want?" He asked. "We need a place to stay for the night," Opie! replied. "We?" Opie! glanced behind himself at the balcony railing. Eric looked over the railing to see four other people waiting in the back yard below the balcony.

He looked back at Opie!. He thought for a moment, his parents weren't home, and he knew his sister wouldn't mind them. "I suppose, sleep in the guest rooms." Eric said casually as he stepped past Opie! into the bedroom. Opie! called for the others to come up, and followed Eric inside. The other four climbed up, the first guy was named Kia, he had short light brown hair, and blue eyes. The second guy was Aero he had the same long jet black hair as Opie!, and bright blue eyes. The third was a girl named Tiara she had long bright brown hair, and grey eyes like Opie!, the last one was named Christy, she had long blonde hair, and green eyes. Eric looked at all them, realizing all of them were as pale as Opie! was. "None of you get any sun lately?" Eric joked.

They all looked at each other uncomfortably. Eric started to feel uncomfortable himself. "Uh, the guest rooms are across the hall, and try to be quiet Soulyu is sleeping," Eric addressed them.

All of them started to head into the hallway, except for Opie!. He stopped when Eric mentioned Soulyu's name. "Your sister lives here now?" He asked. Eric got back into bed and looked at Opie!. "Yeah, her mom went to jail." He pulled the covers over himself then threw his pants back on the floor. Opie! smiled as he turned away and headed out the door closing it behind himself. Eric finished off his cigarette and shut off the light, falling asleep quickly.

About 10 minutes later, Eric woke up to a loud thud, he opened his eyes, thinking

he only heard something. Then he heard it again, he sat up and looked around the room, realizing the door to the hallway was open, and the balcony door was wide open, and a few other things were knocked over. He got up out of bed and walked over to the balcony and looked over the railing. He saw Tiara, Kia, and Christy leaning over Aero. At first he wasn't sure what to think, Aero's arms, and legs started to twitch. "Is he alright?" Eric called down to them, they all stopped and looked up at him with fear in his eyes. Each of them had blood dripping from their lips and down their chins, Aero was covered in the most blood, both sides of his neck and shoulders were punctured and torn . . .

## Freshmen look at school year so far

By Scott Lynk

ONHS Freshman

We're three-quarters of the way through the school year and freshmen are finally starting to get comfortable with this thing called high school. They're getting comfortable with their teachers, homework and the high school environment. You have to remember that last year, they were "on top" as eighth graders, now they're on the bottom of the chain as ninth graders.

K-win Wheelook says high school "is better than I thought it would be." Wheelock was worried about being able to keep up with the work, but so far he's been

doing alright. He did say that high school was still a challenge, but it was also "more fun" than he thought it would be.

Reanna Sommers, who transferred to ONHS from Lombardi Middle School, says so far it's been "real fun." She says most of the fun comes from the students at ONHS . Sommers' grade average is about a "B" and she says that "in some classes it's been tough keeping up" but in others she's had "no problem."

Of course if things go well, this year's freshmen will be next year's sophomores. There's one more quarter left to see if that happens.

By Thomas House

ONHS junior

The Oneida Nation Thunderhawks ended their season Thursday, March 7, 2003, when they lost to NEW Lutheran for the second time in 3 years. The boys ended up with the record 15-5 throughout the season. The team had about 12 players this year, one of the biggest teams in school history. Many people say that this year is going to go down as one of the best years in sports ever at the high school.

The leading scorers in the

game were Lee Laster and Berto Hill, as they have been all year for the T-Hawks. Laster had 30 and Hill had 11. Lee put up about 20 points per game and Berto did just about the same. Berto has brought the T-Hawks through most of the season, as he will next year. Hill is only a junior and he still has one more good year left and he plans on making it his best one.

The Thunderhawks both boys and girls this is the farthest that any team has made it in basketball, and next year

they plan on going to state and bring home the gold ball. This year saw the most seniors that had ever played on the team at one time. That means that the T-Hawks are going to lose a lot of players. They will be losing leading scorer Lee Laster.

The team next year should have about 4 starting seniors, so that should be good. The team next year might not be as good as the team this year, but they should go farther in the playoffs. Next year come out and support the new and

## The addict ability of RTS games

By John Hensley

ONHS Junior

The addict-ability of RTS games, Real Time Strategy, is very different from person to person. This is mainly because people react to it in different ways, for example one person may play the game all day, while the other may play it for just a couple of hours. The reason why it becomes this way is that it gets challenging for the player once he goes on with it, as well the multi player itself gets challenging with the more people you play. The addition of bringing different tech trees to the game makes it easier to get more placed into the character that you are making, a tech tree for a game is the game's buildings and units. As you advance the units become stronger and more powerful.

"I just like strategic warfare" Dexter, "So many ways

to play, it takes more strategy then most games." a fellow RTS gamer said. So mainly the ways people play these games are with a different set of thoughts as they would regularly. "Most of these games

## Artistic Revolution

By John Hensley

ONHS junior

Art has changed in so many ways. From painting to sculpting, the mediums have changed in such a way that everything has been painted, but could now be painted in a different light. Computers have played a large and new role in many of the new artwork that has been produced in the 21st and the 20th centuries. From 3D artwork from the Matrix, to new style comic books, to Internet art, the computer has established

are fun, challenging, and exciting." Says Little Bear. "I like games, its just that most people don't know the balance of when to play and when to quit." Denis says.

a well- placed media outlet for the newbies that come around.

"Two-dimensional artwork, no longer reflects or records history. It has evolved into graphics. Third-dimensional artwork has turned more abstract now" says Gary Lancelle, an artist/ computer teacher here at Oneida Nation High.

This is absolutely true. And the great part is that these limitations are pushing art to even greater horizons.

## Girls win 2 regional games, lose in finals

By Marlon Skenandore

ONHS senior

Last Tuesday, the girls tipped off their start to the WIAA State tournament. They were seeded second in their regional out of eight teams. In the first round they faced a not-so-good, but disciplined, team, Marinette Catholic Central. It was a pretty close game all the way until it seemed like the girls pulled away just a little bit in the fourth quarter. Mariea Denny kept the pace for Oneida Nation by scoring 23

points in the game. The girls won the game 48-41.

In the second round of regionals, the girls got another home game due to their second seeding. Their opponent was Gibraltar, the number three seed in the regional. The Lady Thunderhawks just dominated the game the whole way through. Maria Stevens took it up strong in the post and led the team with 24 points. The Thunderhawks won by a margin of 20 points with a

score of 49-29.

The next game that the girls played was one of the biggest challenges they could possibly have had overcome. They played the first seed Lena. This was a game to advance to sectionals. The game was hard-fought all the way through until the end. The girls made two very big mistakes that cost them the game. They were downed by six points. By a score of 60 to 54. Maria Stevens lead the Thunderhawks with 21

My Scoop

Education for the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation

By Katrina Paprocki

ONHS junior

Domestic violence is a world-wide subject that isn't taken into consideration. There can be a lot of emphasis on the topic within our reservation, like the support groups that meet, but a lot of women are afraid to admit that they are being abused. They are afraid of what others will say or do when they find out about their situation, when the truth is a person really can't do anything about it because it isn't their fault. A person being abused is never at fault for being abused, and they should never think that.

This type of thing can happen to anyone, at any age. Many teen relationships have domestic abuse occurring, but they may not even know that it is abuse. Even if their partner says that it's "just playing around" it can be abuse. A shove, push, kick, or being forced into doing something you really don't want to is a form of domestic abuse.

If there is a child involved in a couple's relationship and one of the partners decides to use the child against the other partner, that alone can be a form of abuse to the child, and their partner.

There isn't enough education about this topic. Michael Mousseau, ONHS senior, said, "Some teens don't even know what domestic abuse is."

Our reservation is all about the 7th generation. It's about time we start to educate them on life, including this serious issue.



# Education

## Scholarships Available

### College Fair scheduled at Radisson Inn

The Radisson Inn in Green Bay, Wisconsin, will be the site of a college fair on **Friday, April 11, 2003**. Come and meet representatives from approximately 30 institutions of higher education, including technical/vocational schools and four-year colleges/universities. Find out what educational opportunities await you. Times for the College Fair are 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Hope to see you there!!

### Tylenol Scholarships

The makers of Tylenol will award 10 \$10,000 scholarships and 150 \$1,000 scholarships for higher education to students who demonstrate leadership in community activities and school activities, and who intend to major in areas that will lead to health related fields. Applicants must be attending an undergraduate or graduate course of study in the fall of 2003 at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Applications may be downloaded to a printer from the website at [www.tylenol.com/scholarship](http://www.tylenol.com/scholarship). **Deadline for applications is April 30, 2003.**

### AICCW Scholarships

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, Inc. will provide scholarships of \$1000 to Wisconsin American Indian students attending institutions of higher education. Preference will be given to those majoring in business administration at a 4-year college or university. Secondary emphasis will be placed on students attending a technical college, working toward a business or technical trade degree. One scholarship of \$2000 will be awarded to a student attending UW Oshkosh, preferably majoring in business. Applicants must be Wisconsin residents and show proof of tribal enrollment or descendency. The application may be completed online at [www.aiccw.org](http://www.aiccw.org), under Chamber Information. Or you may call Oneida Higher Education at 800-236-2214 or 920-869-4033 to

request an application. Please call the AICCW at 877-603-2044 if you have any questions. **Deadline for application materials is April 15, 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.**

### Tribes

The Tribal Resource Institute in Business, Engineering and Science (TRIBES) is an academic enrichment program offered during the summer after students graduate from high school, and before they enter their first year of college. About 30 American Indian students from across the country gather on the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque to live and attend classes together for six weeks. The rigorous course schedule integrates math, writing and Native American studies curricula to focus on Tribal environmental issues and strategies to address those issues. Students will participate in community service projects, a cultural camp-out and various field trips. In addition to the summer experience, students can earn up to 9 transferable college credits in math, English and Native American studies, and also become eligible to receive a \$1000 scholarship for 5 years. For more information contact Tiffany S. Lee at 505-277-5725, Email to [tslee@unm.edu](mailto:tslee@unm.edu) or on the web go to [www.certreearth.com/tribesprog.shtml](http://www.certreearth.com/tribesprog.shtml). **Application deadline is April 25, 2003.**

## 16th Annual National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair (NAISEF)

# Oneida students come home winners

Submitted by Yvette Peguero

Through the gracious and generous support of the Oneida Nation School System and School Board, the JOM Parent Committee and the Oneida Business Committee, students from the Oneida Nation School System were

once again honored to participate in this annual event. The fair was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 12-15, 2003. ONSS students competed with hundreds of Native American students from all over "Indian Country". Since 1982, over 4,000 American Indian elementary, middle and high school stu-

dents have attended.

The NAISEF fair provides an educational activity that allows students to teach themselves to take established information and to use this information to discover and investigate new ideas. Completion of a project and competing in a national fair, produces mature, self-confi-

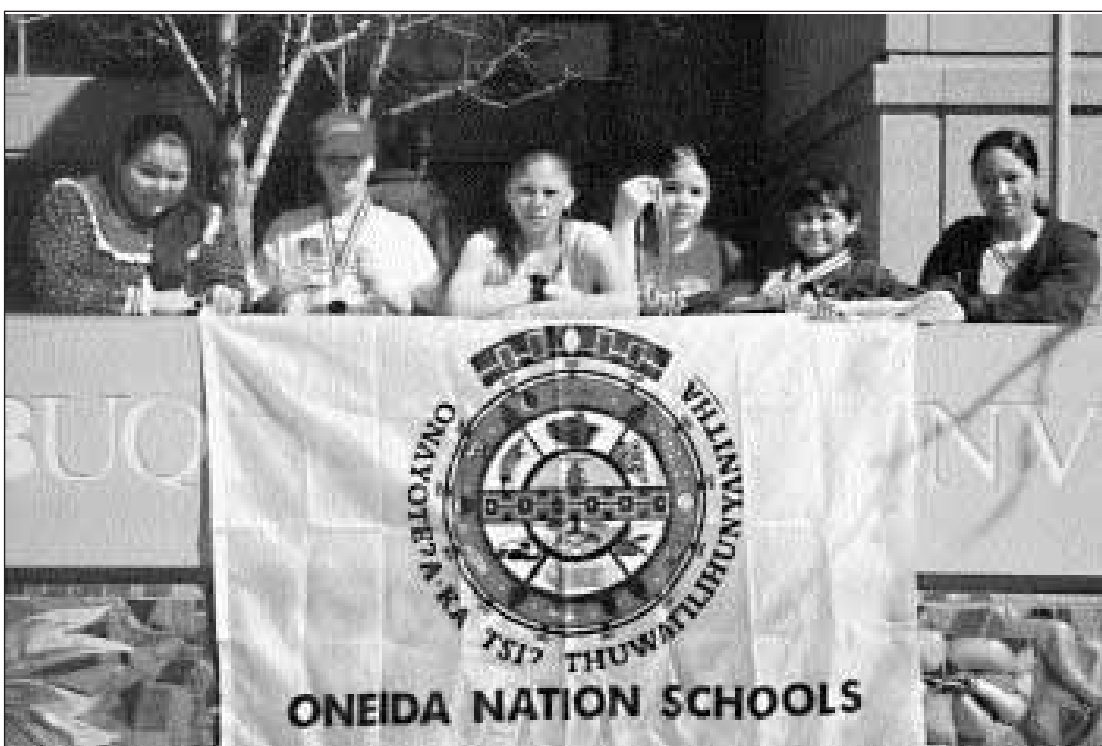
dent, skilled and competitive young leaders who have the confidence to pursue their career goals with the skills and preparation to attain them.

Our trip to Albuquerque was very exciting, the following students and chaperones participated:

Jennifer John, Rachael Johnson, Robert Clary, Allison Bailey, Martina Redhail, and Salisha Ninham. Chaperones were: Yvette Peguero, Tracy Christensen and Tom Pivovar. Five of the six students had never been on a plane before, and for some of the students this was their first trip away from home by themselves. We also were able to do a little sight-seeing, visiting "Old Town" in Albuquerque and taking a tram up into the Sandia Mountains. It was a fun and educational experience for everyone involved.

Thank you from all the students and chaperones for giving us the opportunity to represent the Oneida Nation in this prestigious event.

Photo courtesy of Yvette Peguero



## Science Fair Competition

All of the students came back "WINNERS". The awards won were the following:

### CATEGORY AWARDS

#### 1ST PLACE:

Jennifer John & Robert Clary  
Project: *Where The Wind Blows*

#### 2ND PLACE:

Allison Bailey  
Project: *Recycling Responsibilities*

## Math Competition

### 9TH GRADE

**1ST PLACE:** Salisha Ninham

## Invention Convention

### MOST USEFUL PROJECT

#### 1ST PLACE:

Jennifer John, Allison Bailey, Martina Redhail, and Rachael Johnson

## Summer of Academic Refinement

Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah is presenting a college-preparation program through their Multicultural Student Services office. The program is known as SOAR, which stands for Summer of Academic Refinement. Multicultural high school juniors (Native American, Latin, African American, Polynesian or Asian) are invited to participate in this

one-week college preparation experience. Students will participate in ACT test preparation and examination, advisement on BYU majors, personal career assessment, leadership training and more. The participation fee is \$200, need-based scholarships are available. Summer 2003 dates are June 23-28, July 7-12 and July 14-19. For more information contact Ann Marie Lambert at 801-422-3065, Email to [MSS@BYU.EDU](mailto:MSS@BYU.EDU) or on the web go to <http://campuslife.byu.edu/ms/s/soar>. **Registration dead-**

Pictured above are the students who participated in the 16th Annual National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair (NAISEF) in Albuquerque, New Mexico in mid March. They are, left to right: Salisha Ninham, Robert Clary, Martina Red Hail, Jennifer John, Allison Bailey, and Rachael Johnson.

## Summer Venture in Management Program

The Summer Venture in Management Program (SVMP) is a week long program at the Harvard Business School, designed to expose talented minority college students to general management in the business world. Every June, sixty to eighty interns from varied corporations are immersed in a rigorous and stimulating classroom environment. SVMP participants further their professional career development through interactions with MBA students, alumnae, faculty and administration. Through this unique educational experience, SVMP students gain a broader understanding of business opportunities and challenges. SVMP participants are African American, Hispanic American or Native American U.S. citizens who are hired as interns during the summer after their junior year of college. The company that hires the student as an intern must nominate and sponsor the student to participate in SVMP. This year the program will take place from June 14th through the 20th. **Applications and corporate nomination forms are due on April 30, 2003** and can be found on the web site at [www.hbs.edu/mba/experience/learn/prospectiveminority/svmp/index.html](http://www.hbs.edu/mba/experience/learn/prospectiveminority/svmp/index.html).

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College of Menominee Nation, Keshena, WI, seeks applicants with masters in education, counseling, administration or related field for 3/4 time position. Bachelors with related work experience acceptable. Learn more about qualifications and application requirements by visiting [www.menominee.edu](http://www.menominee.edu) or by calling Human Resources at 800-567-2344. Position open until filled. First preference given to complete applications received by **April 9, 2003.**

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## Attention All Graduating 2003 High School Seniors

The *Kalihwisaks* is preparing to honor all "2003" graduating HIGH SCHOOL Seniors in the May 29<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Kalihwisaks* with a special graduation centerfold.

If you would like to be showcased in the Special 'High School Graduate' Section of the *Kalihwisaks*, please send the following by Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:

- \* One photo –preferably vertical. Can be color or black & white.
- \* Include the following with submission:
  - Name of High School you will be graduating from.
  - Parents names.
  - Return address so the photo can be mailed back to you.

Send photos to: Yvonne Kaquatosh c/o Kalihwisaks-Graduate Special, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or call (920) 869-4280 for more information.

### DEADLINE to submit photos: Friday, May 9, 2003

\* Any pictures received after the deadline date **may not be included** in the Special Graduation centerfold!



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## Your Health

## Do You Grind Your Teeth?

S. Burrell, DDS

Oneida Dental Clinic

Many Americans experience pain in the jaw area due to a problem termed "bruxism".

Patients with bruxism often grind or clench their teeth many times throughout the day. A majority of the grinding may also occur during the night when the patient is asleep. Early signs of bruxism often include sore cheek muscles, sore teeth and gums. Eventually this leads to damage of the teeth. The teeth may become sensitive to temperature changes and the edges will appear flat. If the habit is not corrected the teeth

may eventually wear away to nothing.

Researchers have determined that persons who are constantly under a lot of stress are subject to grind their teeth. Emotions such as anger, pain, and frustration may also trigger a person to grind their teeth. The Academy of General Dentistry notes that women are more likely to experience muscle and joint damage from clenching and grinding. Patients noticing a change in their bite or the way their face feels should visit a dentist as soon as possible.

The dentist works with the patient to assist them in stop-

ping the bruxism habit. Patients must first realize that their teeth do not naturally touch all of the time. There are periods of rest when there should be some space between the teeth. Some simple techniques that the dentist may utilize include asking the patient to rest their tongue on the roof of their mouth while the lips are closed and gently resting the tongue between the teeth. In addition to this, the dentist may make the patient a night guard to sleep with. This appliance prevents the patient from grinding his teeth while asleep by creating a space between the teeth.

## Center for Self-Sufficiency to discontinue (State TANF) W-2 Program

*Tribal TANF (federally funded) begins May 1, 2003*

State TANF was called W-2 (Wisconsin Works) and cash benefit payments could be administered to a person belonging to any race residing within the Oneida reservation boundaries.

Federal TANF is called Tribal TANF because cash benefit payments are administered only to enrolled Native American households within the agency's defined service delivery area.

Most guidelines and rules for work engagement under

the former W-2 program will still apply under Tribal TANF; the biggest change is in the funding source. However, under Tribal TANF, the Oneida Tribe is provided the opportunity to remain flexible in administering a program with services unique to the employment-related needs and culture of Native American communities with emphasis on reaching an ultimate goal of full time employment and self-sufficiency. Households eligible for enrollment in the Tribal TANF program will still be required to meet work-related goals, maintain unmet educa-

tional goals, meet parenting objectives, verify budgeting abilities, seek work skills improvements, research higher paying employment positions, etc. while being able to take advantage of incentive programs that will assist in personal successes for themselves and their children/families.

NOTE: Those households receiving Food Stamps only or some forms of Medical Assistance WILL NOT BE AFFECTED by the transition from W-2 to Tribal TANF.

Questions about Tribal TANF? Call (920)490-6800 between 8am and 4pm

**Wellness** is a balanced lifestyle that honors: our minds and bodies; our emotions; our spirituality; our work; our environment; our relations with others; and our culture and history.

Submitted by Karen Hallada & Dawn Krines-Glatt  
Health Promotions

## Lessons from the Geese

As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People **who share a common direction** and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back in formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will join in formations with those **who are headed in the direction we want to go.**

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the front.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and **sharing leadership** with people, **interdependent** with one another.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those in front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: Make sure our honking from behind is encouraging and not something less helpful.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to **help** and provide **protection**. They stay with this member until he or she either is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or to catch up with their own flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we'll stand by one another like they do.

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# Eye on Environment

## Rotovating service available

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We would also, like to

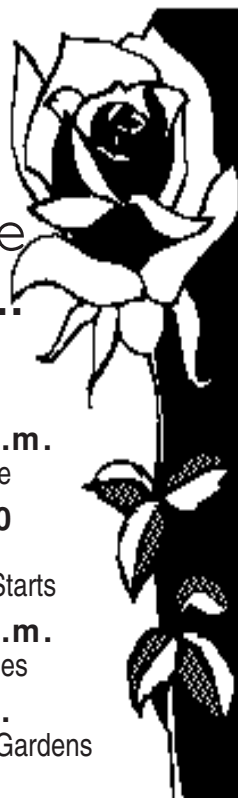
encourage you to check out our Tsyunh#hkw< 2003 Gardening and Horticulture Workshop series. These workshops offer a variety of gardening situations and information. Knowledge gained from these various workshops will enhance your gardening experience.

If you have any questions regarding the Tsyunh#hkw< Rotovating service or Tsyunh#hkw< Workshop series, please telephone Leland Danforth, Outreach Worker at (920) 869-2718.

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2003

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### April

- **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 a.m.**  
Berry Garden Establishment & Care
- **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 p.m.**  
Green House Access/Indoor Seed Starts
- **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 a.m.**  
Planting Cool Crops / Cold Frames
- **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 8 a.m.**  
Rotovating Begins for Community Gardens

### May

- **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.**  
Start: Community Seed & Bedding Plant Distribution (M-F: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until May 30<sup>th</sup>)  
Community Garden Site Opens
- **Thursday, May 15 ~ 6 p.m.**  
3 Sisters Gardening / Heirloom Seeds
- **Thursday, May 22 ~ 6 p.m.**  
Productive Vegetable Gardening
- **Friday, May 30 ~ 4:30 p.m.**  
Last day: Community Seed & Plant Distribution

### June

- **Saturday, June 14 ~ 10 am.**  
Herbal Gardens & Landscapes
- **Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 6 p.m.**  
Compost Happens
- **Saturday, June 21 ~ 10 a.m.**  
Herb Identification Walk
- **Thursday, June 26~6 p.m.**  
Seasonal Cooking

### August

**Saturday, August 23~10 a.m.**  
Green Corn Soup Making

### September

- **Thursday, September 11~ 5:30 p.m.**  
Garden Harvest & Preservation (At the Community Cannery-NHC)
- **Thursday, September 18 ~ 5:30 p.m.**  
Herb Identification Walk
- **Saturday, September 20, 5:30 p.m.**  
Berry Garden Establishment & Maintenance
- **Thursday, September 25 ~ 5:30 p.m.**  
Salve Making (Part I)
- **Saturday, September 27~10 a.m.**  
Salve Making (Part II)



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## Oneida Earth Day: You won't want to miss this!

By Lisa Miotke

Environmental Specialist

FUN & SUN! What more can you ask for, right? Well, if that's not enough to bring you out, how about a good meal? Well, we can supply the fun and food, but we have to rely on Mother Nature to provide the sun for our annual Oneida Earth Day Celebration which will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2003 at Osn&hsa> Kanya=t@la (Finger Lake, formerly known as Decaster Lake).

The Environmental Resource Board and Environmental Quality Department are hosting Oneidas annual Earth Day

Celebration. In addition to the cleanup, tree giveaway and meal, we will also have demonstrations, interactive educational displays, entertainment, activities for kids and adults, games, a tour of restoration sites, and judging a photography contest. We'd also like to show you some of our activities from this past year, along with our plans for the coming year.

This event is a collaborative event, where staff from Conservation, Eco-Services, Experiential & Outdoor Adventure, the Photo Club, along with the Environmental Resources Board and Environmental Quality. That's right- we're all gonna

play together! Oneida Earth Day is a community event to celebrate and appreciate Mother Earths gifts to us.

The day of the celebration is shaping up like this: Opening Ceremony at 9am, sign up for tree giveaway, cleanup, displays, Lunch, entertainment, and photo contest judging at noon. The afternoon includes demonstrations, tour of restoration sites, interactive displays, experiential activity, tree giveaway, photo contest winners announced, and ending with a closing ceremony around 3:30pm. WOW- doesn't that sound great?

See, now you know why you shouldn't miss this great

opportunity to meet with friends, family and staff while celebrating the wonders of Mother Earth. I thought you would agree. So...don't be shy, come on out and enjoy the day with your neighbors at the Oneida Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26th. Wow, a whole day packed with fun, food and hopefully sun is all FREE. Call us at 490-6874 or 497-5812 if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome and we hope you can join us.

## Earth Day Photo Contest

### Three Categories

- Youth 12 years and under
- Teen: 13 – 18 years old
- Adult: 19 years and older

### Four Subject Categories

1. Family & the Environment
2. Birds & Wildlife
3. Scenic areas & Landscapes
4. Plants, flowers & Medicines

### Five Requirements

1. Photos can be color or black & white.
2. Photos must be 8" x 10" and without matte.
3. Each photo must be labeled on the back

with...

- Name, phone number and address of the contestant.
- Photo location, date photo taken & description summary of photo
- 4. All photos must have originated within the Oneida community.
- 5. All photos must be submitted to the Oneida Nation Arts Program, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 by 4:30 pm, Wednesday, April 16, 2003.

### 13 Awards

- One winner from each age category and each

subject category

- A People's Choice Award judged by the public attending the Earth Day Celebration
- Winners will be announced at the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26
- Photos will be returned. The Oneida Tribe reserves the right to scan and publish all photographs with appropriate credit to the photographer.

For more information, contact Christine Klimmek at the Oneida Nation Arts Program, telephone 920-490-3831, e-mail cklim-

## EARTH DAY AGENDA

Everyone is invited to join us at Osn&hsa> Lake (formally known as Decaster Lake) for Earth Day. This is an opportunity for the community to join together to celebrate and appreciate Mother Earth's gifts to us.

### Saturday, April 26, 2003

**10am Opening ceremony  
Signup for tree giveaway**



**10 - noon Cleanup around Reservation  
Informational Displays open**



**Tours of Restoration sites, (wetland, forest, buffer, projects done recently.)**

**12 - 1 Lunch  
Entertainment  
Photo contest judging open**



**1 - 3pm Interactive activities: "Remnants of the Rainforest" by Dino (Dennis Tlachac)  
Oneida Lake, & the Land Use Plan.  
Find out about the Railroad Easement & give your input on how it should be used.  
Tours of Restoration sites (cont.)  
Demonstrations**



**2pm Tree planting and mulching demo  
Tree Giveaway  
Judging of photo contest ends**



**2:30pm Paddling skills**



**3pm Announce Photo contest winners**



**3:15 Tree Planting Ceremony**

**3:30 Closing Ceremony**

**For more information, please call 490-6874 ext 118 or 184  
or 497-5812 ext 166.**

2003 EARTH DAY  
MAY 10, 2003  
O.N.E.S.  
(Turtle School)  
8:00 A.M. Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Opening  
9:15 A.M. Clean-up presentation  
9:30 A.M. Clean-up gear & choice site  
11:00 A.M. Tree & t-shirt Giveaway (questions only)  
11:30 A.M. Lunch  
12:30 P.M. Education information sessions

1. Composting  
2. Gardening  
3. Solar Energy  
4. Home Environmental Stewardship  
5. Fox River Cleanup

For questions or information call ERB at (920) 490-6874

## Clothing Drive

Submitted by Diane Jourdan

Recycling Coordinator

*Revised dates  
for Annual  
clothing drive*

We're Back, We're Bad, and We're ready for anything You Got To Give. Clothing and coats that is, or small household items (dishes utensils, knickknacks, shoes, belts, purses, etc.). No Furniture Please. No Food Items Thank you.

Bring your items to the Parish Hall located across the street/road from the Holy Apostle's Church (stone church) 2937 Freedom Road (or County Road E).

The **REVISED** times will be MONDAY thru FRIDAY, APRIL 21-25, 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Remember how it goes? You bring in items you don't need anymore in good, clean condition and if you see something you like--take it home with you. No limit on items you take. If you don't have anything to bring in--come on down help sort for awhile and take what you need.

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

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

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



## Culture

## Spring defeats Winter

When the world was new, long ago, an old man was wandering around. This old man had long, white hair and where ever he stepped the ground grew hard as stone. When he breathed the rivers stopped flowing and the ponds became solid. The birds and animals fled before him and plants dried up and died as the leaves shriveled and fell from the trees.

Finally this old man found a place where he could set up his lodge. He made the walls of ice and covered it over with snow. He sat inside his lodge in front of a fire which gave off no heat, through a strange flickering light came from it. His only friend was the North Wind, who sat beside the fire with him and laughed as they spoke of things they did to make the world a cold, hard place. The sat and smoked their pipes through the long, white nights.

One morning, though, as the two dozed by their fire, they felt that something was wrong. The air was harder to breathe and when they looked outside, they saw strange things happening. The snowdrifts were growing smaller. Cracks were forming in the ice on the ponds.

“Henh!” said the North Wind. “I can stay no longer.” He went out of the lodge and flew through the air toward the north, not stopping until he again reached a place where snow and ice were deep and there was no hint of warmth. But the old man did not stir. He knew his magic was strong. He had built his lodge to last.

Now, there came a knocking at his door. Someone was striking against the ice so hard that pieces were falling away from his blows.

“Go away!” the old man shouted. “No one can enter my lodge.” Even as he said it, the door of the lodge broke and fell to the ground. A young man with a smile on his face stood there. Without a word he stepped into the lodge and sat on the other side of the fire from the old man. He held a green stick in his hand and with it he stirred the fire. As he stirred the fire it began to grow warm. The old man felt sweat begin to run down his face. “Who are you?” said the old man. “Why have you broken my door? No one can come in here but my friend, North Wind. If you do not leave, I will freeze you with my

breath.” Then the old man tried to blow his chilly breath at the young stranger, but only a thin mist came from his lips. The young man laughed. “Old Man,” he said, “let me stay here and warm myself by your fire.”

The Old Man grew angry. “I am the one who makes the birds and the animals flee. Where ever I step the ground turns into flint. I make the snow and ice. I am mightier than you.” As he spoke, though, the old man felt more sweat run off his brow, and the young man continued to smile.

“Listen,” the stranger said, “I am young and strong, You cannot frighten me. Surely you know who I am. Do you not feel how warm my breath is? Wherever I breathe the plants grow and the flowers bloom. Where I step the grasses sprout and snow melts away. The birds and animals come to me. See how long my hair is? Your hair is falling out now, Old Man. Wherever I travel I bring the sunshine and you cannot stay. Do you not know me, Old Man? Do you not hear my companion, the Fawn? She is the South Wind. She is blowing on you lodge. It is your time to

leave.”

The Old Man opened his mouth to speak, but no words came out. He grew smaller and smaller and the sweat poured from his brow as he melted away. Then he was gone. The walls of his lodge of ice and snow fell in. Where his cold fire had burned, white flowers now bloomed. Once again, the Young Man, Spring, had defeated the Old Man, Winter.

\*When reading “Spring Defeats Winter,” it is easy to imagine why Old Man Winter sits confidently in his lodge as Young Man /Spring enters. When the cold winter wind blows snow into drifts and ice encrusts the ponds and rivers, the chilling grip over the land seems complete. Still, spring comes. Flowers bloom. And Plants grow. Snow melts and birds return from the south. In this story, Young Man Spring and the Fawn, the South Wind, prevail over Old Man Winter. Yet in time Old Man Winter will win out, and the story goes on forever.

“Seneca Story,” pg 129, Keepers of the Earth; Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac 1989.

Oneida  
Language Lesson

## Weather

ohniw&lt;hni sl%&lt;

oh knee wah knee slow dah

what kind of day is it?

w&lt;hni sl%yo

wah nes sli

it's a good day

w&lt;ni sl@&lt;s&lt;

wah nes slaks

it's a bad day

yot^halote

yoh da ha loat

it's sunny

yok&lt;no=lu

yoh ga nol

it's raining

yo&gt;talh&lt;

yoh da lee

it's warm

yotho=le

yoh toll

it's cold

yowelu+&amp;

yoh weigh lunt

it's windy

yota&gt;kl%kw&lt;

yoh dah glow kwa

it's snowing

yohts\$kehli

yoh gee gay

it's cloudy

For language tapes call 920-490-2472

## 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 secure own financing.**

*Please contact Mary Jo Nash, Real Estate Services Area Manager for further details at:*

1- 920- 869- 1690 X1812 or 1- 800- 684- 1697 Ext.1812.

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Traditional  
Pow-Wow

*Honoring Our Future Leaders*

**April 26, 2003**

**Albee Hall**

*Grand Entry: 1:00 & 7:00*

**Head Dancers:**

*Rhonda Quagon & Sean Fleming  
(Lac Courte Oreilles)*

**Head Veteran:**

*Alan Caldwell (Menominee)*

**Invited Drums:**

**Host Drum: Lake Delton (Ho-Chunk)**  
**Waaswaganing Singers (Lac du Flambeau)**  
**Wind Eagle (Menominee)**  
**Sacred Leader (Oneida)**  
**Five Clan (Menominee)**

**General Admission: \$3.00**

**UW Oshkosh Students: FREE**

**Meal: 5:00 pm**

*Native American Arts and Crafts*

*Vendors must pre-register*

*For additional information, please call Barb Miller, (920) 424-0229*

## 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 o hope or low

“u” has the sound of “un” in une

“<” has the sound of “on” in on

## CONSONANTS:

These consonants have the same sound as they usually do in English: h, l, n, w, and y. The letters ‘t’, ‘k’, and ‘s’ each have two (2) pronunciations depending on other sounds near them.

‘t’ normally has the sound like a ‘d’. If a ‘k’, ‘h’, or ‘s’ follows, then the ‘t’ sounds as top.

‘k’ normally has a g-like sound but if a ‘t’, ‘s’, or ‘h’ follows, it has the sound as kill.

‘s’ coming between two vowels makes a ‘z’ sound, before or after an ‘h’ like the sound in sea.

‘>’ glottal stop. Stops sound like in the word like ‘oh, oh’

‘tshy’ or ‘tsi’ sounds like ‘j’

‘tshy’ or ‘tshi’ sounds like ‘ch’

‘sy’ sounds like ‘sh’

‘#’ accent mark over a vowel indicates stressed syllable in a word.

Combination of ‘#’ makes of falling tone sound.

‘=’ lengthens the sound of a vowel and underlined sounds are whispered.

## 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>





# Good News

## Happy Birthday

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on  
April 1<sup>st</sup> to our  
**Sawyer**  
We Love You!

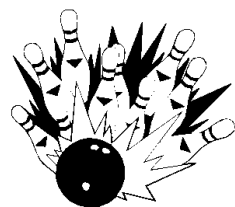


Love you always.  
Mommy & Daddy and  
baby Mason. Papas  
and Grandmas, aunts  
& uncles & all your  
cousins

## Congratulations!

To...  
**Brad B.J.  
Skenandore**  
on winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place in  
the Menominee Indian  
Bowling Tournament  
which was held in  
Shawano on Saturday,  
March 29, 2003.  
Brad bowled  
3 awesome games of  
223 - 290 - and a  
perfect 300 game!!  
Brad had 23 strikes in  
a row and his series  
was 813! Brad we are  
very proud of you!

Love from your family



## Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

### April 2003 Calendar of Events

#### Easter Event

Saturday, April 19, 2003  
from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
or 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Hop on over to the  
Sanctuary for Easter. The



39 and holding?  
Happy Birthday on  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> to  
**Keith  
Skenandore**

From the staff in  
Communications

Friends of the Wildlife  
Sanctuary will host their  
annual Easter event on  
Saturday, April 19. Be pre-  
pared to make an Easter bag  
to collect all your findings in,  
color pictures and enjoy  
cookies and punch. This event  
is for ages 3-8 years old. Pre-  
registration is required by  
calling (920) 391-3671 and to  
choose a time slot starting at  
9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. Cost is  
\$1.50 for Green Bay residents  
and for Friends members and  
\$2.25 for non-residents.

#### Spring Bird Hikes

Saturday, April 26 and  
again Wednesday, April 30 at  
6:30 a.m.

Hike through the trails of  
the Sanctuary and listen to the  
songbird migration. The hike  
will be quite spectacular with  
the Sanctuary's diverse habi-  
tat and location along the  
water of Green Bay. The hike  
is free and open to the public.  
Please meet at the parking lot  
by the Sanctuary Director's  
house. For more information,  
call (920) 391-3671.

### Contractual Position Available Tribal Child Care Consultant (TCCC)

TCCC position will enhance the visibility of Tribal child  
care issues state wide, through strengthening the connec-  
tions and information to Wisconsin Intertribal Early  
Education Child Care Council (WIEECC).

The consultant will increase the capacity of Tribal child  
care programs through training, technical assistance, and  
information dissemination of child care issues.

Required an Associate Degree in Early Childhood with 2  
years experience. Valid driver's license. Tribal preference  
given.

For more information about this contractual position call  
Northwest Wisconsin Child Care Resource & Referral 715  
634-2299. If you are interested in this contract position,  
please submit a cover letter and a resume for consideration  
to: Northwest Wisconsin Child Care Resource & Referral,  
P.O. Box 13230, Hayward WI 54843. *Resumes will be  
accepted until 4:00 p.m. April 23rd.*

## kalihwisaks NEXT DEADLINE

IS... Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 @  
4:30 p.m. with a  
PUBLISH DATE of...  
~ Thursday ~ April 17<sup>th</sup> 2003  
Questions, please call: 869-4280

## New Arrivals

If you have a birth announce-  
ment, please send it to the  
Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO  
Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or  
call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920)  
869-4280 for more informa-  
tion. There is NO CHARGE  
for birth announcements.  
Please include baby's full  
(first, middle & last) name  
parents (first & last), d.o.b.,  
weight (lbs. & oz.), length,  
grandparents (maternal/pater-  
nal), siblings (names only).  
Also, if the baby was given an  
Indian name, please include  
the correct spelling and mean-  
ing. **Please include phone  
number where you can be  
reached during the day!**



### Carson Ronald Elfe



Carson Ronald  
Elfe, newborn  
son to Tony &  
Wendy

was born on March 10, 2003  
at 3:45 P.M. at St Mary's  
Hospital, weighing 9 Lbs, 8  
oz and measured 21 inches.  
Carson has a very happy  
older brother, Jordan. The  
Proud grandparents are  
Sharon Alvarez of Green  
Bay, Mike & Ann Alvarez  
of Milwaukee and Penny &  
Ronald Elfe of Green Bay.  
Carson has 2 Great  
Grandmothers, Theresa Elfe  
and Hazel Helmuth of Green  
Bay.



### Garrett Ryan Webster

Garrett Ryan Webster, new-  
born son to Tim and Cindy  
Webster, was born on  
Thursday, March 20, 2003 at  
8:20 a.m. at Southcrest  
Hospital, in Tulsa,  
Oklahoma. Garrett weighed  
7 lbs., and measured 20  
inches in length. The proud  
paternal grandparents are  
John B. Webster, Jr. and  
Carol Webster, and the proud  
maternal grandparents are  
Howard and Nancy Oster, all  
of Greeley, Colorado. The  
paternal great-grandparents  
are the late John B. Webster,  
Sr. and Hildegard (Krueger)  
Webster. The maternal great-  
grandparents are Gilbert and  
Loretta Bunt. The paternal  
great-great grandparents are  
Noah and Celinda (Hill)  
Webster. The paternal great-  
great-great grandparents are  
August and Elizabeth  
(Baird) Webster.



### Ava Mae Belisle

Ava Mae Belisle, newborn  
daughter to Charles and  
Maria Belisle, of Charlotte,  
NC, was born Tuesday,  
March 25, 2003 at 4:02 p.m.  
Ava weighed 9 lbs., and  
measured 20 inches in  
length. The proud grandpar-  
ents are Hartman Summers  
of Green Bay, and Carol  
Summers (John) of  
Milwaukee, and Patricia  
Mae Benson of Oneida. The  
proud great grandparents are  
Leona John of Milwaukee  
and the late Irvin John of  
Oneida; the late Henry and  
Mary Jourdan, and the late  
Frank and Margaret  
Summers all of Oneida. Ava  
has two older sisters,  
Elizabeth and Keshia, and  
three older brothers,  
William, Cody and Charles

## NOW FEATURING THESE

# GREAT DEALS

Prices are good for the week of...Mon., April 7<sup>th</sup> thru Sun., April 13<sup>th</sup>

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## Board Vacancies

**Oneida Personnel Commission: one (1) vacancy .** Qualifications: Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe. The entire combined membership may not consist of more than two (2) members from any one division of the Oneida Tribe, nor less than seven (7) community members. The membership may not be such that a conflict of interest or nepotism is created as defined in these by-laws: A. Nepotism is created by the following relationships: father, mother, husband, wife, brother, sister, daughter, son, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-children, step-parents or significant other. B. Conflict of interest is a conflict between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. A member may not be an employee of the Human Resources Department, any advocacy group (department) or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe. The new member will serve the rest of an unexpired term which ends 2/2005. **Application deadline is April 25, 2003.**

**Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee: one (1) vacancy .** Qualifications: Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe o Indians of Wisconsin who has served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. Qualifications shall also include the following: 1. Honorable Service A. a person who has been inducted into of voluntarily entered into active duty in one of the service branches and who did not receive a discharge from active duty with that branch due to "less than honorable conditions." B. Active duty is having served 181 days or more of continuous duty unless discharged early for a service-related disability. C. Served as a member of the Selected Reserve and who has completed at least six years in the Reserve or National Guard or who was discharged early because of a service connected disability. 2. Shall be a citizen in good standing. Board member will serve until Nov. 2005. **Application deadline is**

**Oneida Police Commission: Five (5) vacancies.** Qualifications: Shall be a member of the Oneida Tribe. Must be 25 years-old or older. Satisfactory background investigation. The following would prohibit any person from serving on the Oneida Police Commission. 1. A felony conviction in the State of Wisconsin, or any conviction in another state that would be considered a felony conviction if the offense and adjudication occurred in the State of Wisconsin. 2. A felony arrest which results in a misdemeanor conviction due to plea arrangement. 3. A conviction of any ordinance violation that could bring discredit to the Commission. 4. Any pardon issued by the Oneida Tribe or the governor of the state for an offense specified in sections 6-3 (c)(1)-(3), shall not deem a person as "exonerated" for the purpose of membership on the Oneida Police Commission. Must submit to drug testing prior to appointment and on an annual basis. Must not be an employee of the Oneida Police Department. Shall attend applicable training. Must be a person of known good standing n the community. Commissioners serve five year terms. **Application deadline is May 9, 2003.**

**Oneida Seven Generations Corporation: one (1) vacancy .** Qualifications: All board members must have at least five years experience in one or more of the following areas: real estate, commercial development, business management, risk management, finance, tribal government or accounting. The majority of the members must be voting members of the General Tribal Council, the amount of non-Oneida members must not exceed two. The term of office

will be five years with the exception of the non-Oneida board members who are limited to five year term. **Application deadline is May 9, 2003.**

## Notice of Availability

**Project Description:** The Oneida Nation is proposing to construct a 40' X 48' garage on Parcel H, part of Lot A, Section 36, T23N, R18E, 1301 Ray Rd., Town of Oneida, County of Outagamie, WI. The need for the project is to assist a Tribal member maintain a small business. Construction of this garage will allow a tribal member space to store and repair commercial trucks associated with his business.

**Location:** The project is located on Ray Road, Parcel H, part of Lot A, Section 36, T23N, R18E, Town of Oneida, County of Outagamie, WI. A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared regarding this proposed action in compliance with the Oneida Environmental Policy (2-13-93B) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The draft EA contains project information, affected environment, project alternatives and consultation letters.

Comments were requested from the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding possible impacts to threatened and endangered species, and from the Oneida Tribe and State Historical Society of Wisconsin about possible impacts to historic properties. No significant impacts to these resources are anticipated, and recommendations from these sources will be followed.

**Need for Project:** The Oneida Tribe has as a goal and need to encourage creation of local jobs that will stimulate the economy for the Reservation and surrounding area. This purpose of this project is to provide an increase in employment opportunities within the local community.

**Alternatives:** The preferred

alternative is to construct the 40' X 48' garage at the location described. This alternative provides needed income for a Tribal member, and improves the local economy.

The "No-Action" alternative was also evaluated. It would not meet the goal of expanding the local economy of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. "No-Action" would limit economic opportunity for a Tribal member while supplying needed community services.

**Comments & Availability:** Interested parties can obtain copies of these documents from the Oneida Environmental Quality Department. Comments regarding the proposed action may also be submitted within 30 days of the date of this NOA. Contact Tom Nelson at (920) 497-5812 Ext. 146 or write Oneida Environmental Department, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 for additional information.

## 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.

## Autos for Sale



**1993 Eagle Summit Wagon** 123,000 miles, new tires \$2995.00. Call 920-498-8084 of email offtherez@usxchange.net of check out www.carsoup.com for more details.

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**1989 Ford Econoline E350 Diesel** wheelchair, great tires, \$2000.00. Call 920-498-8084 of email offtherez@usxchange.net of check out www.carsoup.com for more details.

## Home For Sale

**For Sale** 1991 Marshfield 16X80. Three bedroom, two bath. Very nice and spacious. To be moved price \$18,900. Call 920-826-5968

## Public Hearing Notice

Purpose: Amendments to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Law which would, among other things: (1) Remove the profitability requirement whereby a Tribal entity needs to demonstrate that it would be unprofitable without a liquor license; (2) Specifically direct the Oneida License Department to issue the liquor licenses and maintain record keeping and

the enforcement of licenses. When: Tuesday, May 6, 2003. Where: Business Committee Conference Room Time: 5:00 P.M. \* 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.

## National Congress of American Indians

NCAI is a non-profit national American Indian and tribal government organization that serves to secure tribal sovereignty and treaty rights and to promote the welfare of American Indians and Alaska natives. NCAI is an equal opportunity Employer. For more information about NCAI, visit the website at www.ncai.org.

### Media and Communications Specialist

**Duties/Responsibilities:** In consultation with the NCAI Executive Director, the Media and Communications Specialist will develop and coordinate a nationwide media and public relations strategy on NCAI priority issues. Responsibilities will include coordinating coalitions of PR staff from tribes and colleague organizations on joint campaigns; writing and distributing press releases and other media related materials; responding to press inquiries and providing background to members of the press in complex legal and political issues of concerns to tribes; writing and placing features and opinion pieces; drafting public statements for NCAI leaders and coordinating national press relations for NCAI.

**Qualifications:** This position requires an ability to translate complex political issues into targeted communications with the media; five years of journalism/media relations experience; experience with American Indian and Alaska Native issues at the national level; track record and positive working relationships with national media; experience writing press releases, commentary, electronic scripts and features. Government/ public affairs a plus, excellent writing and computer skills a necessity.

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