



New health center is grand

by Phil Wisneski

"Finally!" That was the overwhelming response from the community as the Oneida Community Health Center held it's grand opening on June 6.

Over a decade in the making, the brand new, 65,000 square feet, the largest Indian health care facility in the state formally welcomed community members, local leaders and others through it's doors. With the hard work and

dedication of many people over the years, the fruition of a new health care facility had finally become a reality.

Oneida Chairwoman Tina Danforth, a former employee of the old health center, was filled with excitement. "This is a project the entire community can be proud of. We have always considered health care a priority and with the opening of this new facility we can continue to serve community members in this state of the

art facility," she said.

Danforth also added that the number of patients that are registered at the new facility exceeds 20,000.

The new facility located at on the corner of Airport Road and Overland Road dwarfs the former site, which had only 22,850 square feet. The new site also houses all the medical needs of the commu-

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Health Center



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida Business Committee members and Health Center dignitaries cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the 65,000 foot new health care facility

Ho-Chunk Nation proposes large casino complex

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. (AP) - The Ho-Chunk Indian tribe wants to develop a casino-hotel complex in the Chicago suburb of Hoffman Estates.

Ho-Chunk officials said if approved, the complex would employ 3,800 people and pump \$1 billion into the local economy.

It would also be the first Indian casino in Illinois, where large riverboat casinos already operate in nine locations.

But the plan would have to overcome several hurdles, including negotiating a gambling agreement with Gov. Rod Blagojevich and receiv-

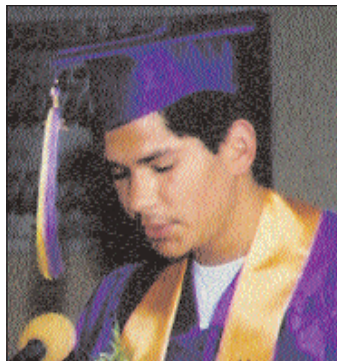
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Hats off to graduates



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above: The class of 2003 toss their caps in the air to celebrate their graduation. Far right: Valedictorian Malon Skenandore addresses his class and audience as does salutatorian Lee Laster (near right). With 23 graduates, the class of 2003 was the largest class in school history.



Trustees approve two Oneida restoration projects

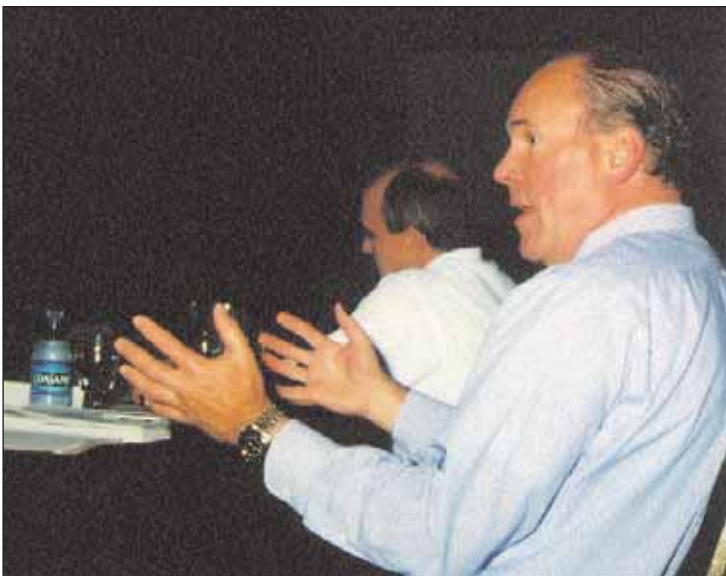


Photo by Keith Skenandore

Charlie Wooley, deputy regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, expresses his satisfaction of the natural resource trustees of the Fox River.

By Keith Skenandore
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Out of 17 environmental restoration projects approved by the natural resource trustees for the PCB-contaminated Fox River, Oneida has received \$200,000 for two sites.

The Duck Creek Watershed Model and the Oneida Nation Lake Project each received \$100,000 in funding from the \$40 million interim settlement announced in 2001 with two of the responsible companies, Appleton Papers and NCR Corp.

The trustee council announced at a public meeting on June 3, hosted by the Oneida Nation, a progress

report that disclosed a total of \$9 million that has been spent on the 17 projects.

The Oneida Nation is one of six trustees in charge of administrating funds received from seven area paper mills for natural resource damages stemming from pollution of the Fox River with polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, in the 1950's, '60s and '70s. Joining Oneida as trustees are the Menominee Tribe of Indians, DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the state of Michigan.

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Doyle, Potawatomi agree to changes in compact

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Gov. Jim Doyle and the Forest County Potawatomi tribe have amended parts of their gaming compact to address concerns raised in a lawsuit by Republican lawmakers.

Both sides agree the changes should resolve most of the concerns raised in the suit, but they leave one major issue unresolved: the length of the compact.

The lawmakers claim the gambling deal Doyle signed with the tribe in February illegally cut the Legislature out of its role in deciding state spending. The lawsuit, now before the state Supreme Court, also objects to the unending term of the compact, compared with the previous five-year deals.

The changes made include:
-Allowing the state to call for binding arbitration if the state wanted to negotiate changes if the Potawatomi refused. Regulatory changes could be reviewed at five-year intervals and any other term at 25 years.

-Deleting a provision that part of the money the tribe pays the state should go toward the University of Wisconsin System. The Legislature claimed that disregarded the legislature's authority on the state budget.

-Requiring the tribe to apply for payment refunds through the state Claims Board if the state ever legalizes casino games for taverns or other non-Indian operations.

-Qualifying the state's waiver of sovereign immunity to resolve potential disputes with the tribe to say it would be possible only to the extent allowed by state law.

The changes require approval from the U.S. Department of Interior before they become official.

Gordon Baldwin, a retired University of Wisconsin law professor handling the Legislature's lawsuit, agreed that the changes address most of the lawmakers' concerns. But he said the big point remains unsettled: the perpetual term.

The Potawatomi pact says future changes can't be made without mutual consent of the state and tribe, Baldwin said.

"If that's not perpetual, I don't know what is," he said.

Republicans went into an uproar when Doyle signed the compact with the Potawatomi allowing the tribe to offer new games such as craps and roulette and run their casinos in Milwaukee and Forest

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Spinning Wheel



Photo by Yvonne Kaquatoshi

The ever popular ferris wheel provided a well rounded good time for those who attended the 11th annual Oneida Family Carnival held June 6 and 7. See more carnival photos on Lifestyles.

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Local

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Another 54 projects are being considered for approval before the end of the year.

"This restoration effort is going to go on for years and years," said Greg Hill, the natural resource damage assessment coordinator for the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The six trustees released an ambitious plan last year that calls for natural-resource restoration projects in watersheds stretching from Columbia County in Wisconsin north into Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The 17 approved projects range from a study of the depleted yellow perch population on the bay of Green Bay to the restoration of wild rice beds on the Menominee Indian Reservation.

Tom Nelson, environmental specialist for Oneida, said the \$40 million settlement is merely a down payment compared to a pending second set-

tlement with Georgia Pacific which awaits court approval. Nelson could not disclose the amount but stated "it's much more."

A Fish and Wildlife study released in 2000 pegged total natural resource damage claims at \$176 million to \$333 million.

Nelson said the Fish and Wildlife study figures were "estimated not intended for the claim."

He did say another settlement is forthcoming with P.H. Glatfelter Co., Wisconsin Tissue Mills, U.S. Paper and Riverside Paper, who are all defendants in the initial suit.

"They are all talking to us at some level," said Nelson. "We are waiting to negotiate, and we will see the negotiations pick up speed after July or August."

Those negotiations are awaiting the Record of Decision which will be released by the end of the

month or early July.

"I'm encouraged by all the work that's been done," said Oneida Councilman Paul Ninham who presided over the meeting. Ninham is the tribe's representative of the trustees.

Some who attended Tuesday's public meeting offered comment and criticism. Dan Burke, who directs the Door County Land Trust, asked the council to streamline its decision-making process for project approval. Most negotiation is time sensitive," he said.

Burke said his group has two projects pending before the council — a habitat restoration project in the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve between Egg Harbor and Sturgeon Bay and a request to purchase 135 acres of shoreline.

Rebecca Katers, executive director of the Green Bay-based Clean Water Action

Council of Northeast Wisconsin, expressed her concern for how the meeting was structured, and had a sense "this was a staged meeting and you had a script of who was going to speak when about safe topics."

"It's absolutely urgent that private meetings be open for public comments before finalizing by the trustee council," said Katers. "I listen to the description of how you're trying to bypass that process, and it just does not work."

Nelson said he would have to take part of the blame and that he didn't consider the executive session held by the trustee council.

"The executive session was sensitive to negotiations and restoration projects," said Nelson. "It's not discussions that should be out to the public."

"This was our first public meeting and there were errors in the public participation

process. This will be better in the future."

Katers pointed to one of the 17 approved projects, a plan to use damage assessment money to restore the Cat Island chain in the bay of Green Bay with sediment dredged from the shipping channel, as a project that should have undergone public scrutiny.

"It's just not appropriate to rely on previous public input process when trying to evaluate it (projects) for NRDA funds," said Katers. "It's completely different. That's not right for something involving millions of dollars that are supposed to be in the public interest and defending the public's trust."

Kathleen Cavanaugh, attorney general for the state of Michigan, said she perceives the process as an issue that affects all the trustees at the table.

"All the projects are geared

to benefit the public," said Cavanaugh. "We are accountable based on the projects that have been selected. I'm not hear to say Michigan gets X (amount of dollars)."

"We need to do what's best for the environment with the money and resources and limitations we have. We'll take into consideration the comments that were made today."

Charlie Wooley, deputy regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was involved in a similar settlement in Saginaw, Mich., and that he is extremely proud of everything the trustees have done over the last 3 to 4 years.

"It's very heartening to see government representatives - federal, state and tribal - working together," said Wooley. "From my vantage point...I for one am extremely proud of what we're doing and what we're doing collectively as trustees."

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nity members ranging from medical, pharmacy, dental, optical, urgent care, pediatrics, endocrinology (diabetes), radiology, lab, community health urology, podiatry, behavioral services and referral services. The former site was not able to offer all the needs under one roof. Some departments, like optical, were forced to have an external offices away from the main site. The new site also has the capability to expand if needed. The medical clinic in the east wing can be doubled if needed. The dental and optical north wing can also be expanded by building a clinic "campus". There is space allocated for two or more medical buildings to be built north of the patient parking lot.

Deanna Bauman, Area Manager over the health care area for Oneida said, "We are extremely pleased and very fortunate to have accomplished this goal. It's a beautiful facility and another milestone set for the Oneida Nation."



Photos by Phil Wisneski

The United States flag, at top, is raised for the first time at the new Oneida Community Health Center by the Oneida Veterans. Numerous tours of the new facility, above, were given to community members and dignitaries.

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Local



Passing On

Powless, Angeline Margaret

Angeline Margaret Powless, of Oneida, passed into the spirit world on Thursday, May 29, 2003 surrounded by her loving husband and children. She was the daughter of the late Elias J. and Louise (Skenadore) Skenadore and was born in Oneida on September 12, 1922. Angeline lived a full life as the wife of Purcell R. Powless for fifty seven years. She leaves her husband and eight children to carry on her legacy of love. Angeline loved to spend time with her family, play bingo and enjoyed listening to old time country music.

Angeline is survived by her husband, Purcell and three daughters. Kathy Gilsoul and her companion Gary DeCorah, Bobbi and Dale Webster, Monica and Sterling (Bla) Nunies, and her five sons, Richard, Greg and Nancy Powless, Ralph and his fiancé, Luanne Denny, James and Gloria Powless and Joseph T. Powless. Angeline had thirty grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren, three sisters, Adeline (Arthur) Johnson, Ruth Harding, and Jeanette (Ervin) Doxtator and one brother, Dixon Skenadore. Also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law, Lois Powless, Mary Dodge, Mark and Shirley Powless, Dorothy and Joseph Mehojah, Herb Powless, Marjorie Stevens, and Eugene and Annette Powless. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louise and Elias James Skenadore, her brothers, Henry, Chauncy, Tom, Hanson, and DeGuy Skenadore and sisters, Nancy Metoxen, Alvira Green, Jane Skenadore and one granddaughter, Tammy Powless.

Doxtator, Melinda J.

Melinda J. Doxtator, 95, of Oneida, died peacefully on Sunday June 1, 2003 at a local nursing home. The daughter of the late Chauncey and Emma (King) Doxtator was born December 12, 1907 in Oneida. She married Clifford Doxtator, Sr. and he preceded her in death on August 9, 1973.

Melinda taught at Oneida Preschool and Kindergarten for many years and also taught at the Oneida Language Program. She was a member of the DoDo Club and the Oneida VFW Auxillary. Mrs. Doxtator was a member of the Holy Apostles Altar Guild. She was the last surviving member of the original Oneida Singers. Melinda was an avid gardener, quilter, and enjoyed being a housewife.

Survivors include her children, Clifford (Arlyle) Doxtator, Jr., Oneida, Roman Doxtator, Oneida, Clarissa (Stanley) Alexander, Pendleton, OR, Marilyn Danforth, Oneida, Rachael (Emerson) Reed, Oneida, Ruth Ann Miller, Hayward, CA, Gloria Doxtator, Green Bay, Allen (Mary Jane) Doxtator, Oneida, Victor Doxtator, Oneida, Patricia Doxtator, Green Bay, thirty nine grandchildren, ninety four great-grandchildren, and nineteen great-great-grandchildren, one sister, Belle Mae Williams, Brighton, MI, one sister-in-law, Delphine Doxtator, Oneida, numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one infant daughter, one son, Donald, one grandson, Al Reed, three brothers, Peter Doxtator, Rinton Doxtator, and Pemberton Doxtator, five sisters, Marena Smith, Pauline King, Rebecca Herrera, Blanche Escamea, and Priscilla Lyons.



Melinda Doxtator

Candidates announced from election caucus

Oneida, WI - A total of 81 candidates are seeking election for six Oneida tribal boards, committees and commissions following the June 3 election caucus.

Seventy-seven candidates accepted nominations, and four more have petitioned to be placed on the July 26 ballot.

A list of candidates who submitted their election packets by the June 9 deadline is below. Candidates for the Appeals Commission, Gaming Commission and Trust Committee have been verified by the enrollment department but still need to

have a background investigation completed prior to their name being placed on the ballot.

All other positions – Land Claims Commission, Commission on Aging and Tribal School Board - have been verified by Enrollments and their names have been cleared to be placed on the ballot.

The election is slated to be held at OPD on Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A sample ballot will be published in an upcoming issue of the Kalihwisaks before the election.

Appeals Commission

Mary Adams
Anita Barber
Tony Benson
Norma (Tober) Brzezinski
Amelia M. Cornelius
Bart Michael Cornelius
Billy Jo Cornelius-Adkins
Linn Cornelius
Ed Delgado
Mary Jane Doxtator
Genevieve Gollnick
Bradley W. Graham
Janet M. Hill
Pearl E. House
Gary L. Jordan
Chris Luttrell
Janice McLester
Gary G. Metoxen
Kirby Metoxen
Karen Ness-Adams
Lois J. Powless
Trina Sanchez (Metoxen)
Sandra L. Skenadore
Ronda L. Skenadore
Marjorie E. Stevens
Winnie Thomas
David A. Webster
Jennifer Webster
Stanley R. Webster
Dale P. Wheelock
Leland Wigg-Ninham (Lee)
Lou Williams
Maureen Zeise

Land Claims

Nadine Escamea
Gordon L. McLester
Cathy Lee Metoxen
Kirby Metoxen
John Gerald Orié
Michelle (Doxtator) Paider
Marjorie E. Stevens

Trust Committee

Charlene Elsie Cornelius
Arlene Danforth
Nadine Escamea
Genevieve Gollnick
Phyllis Johnson
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Chris Luttrell
Thelma McLester
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Joe Olujic
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Charlene Elsie Cornelius
Nadine Escamea
Alfreda Green
Mary Edna Greendeer
Lois Metoxen Strong
Josephine Oudenhoven
Cathy Schuyler

School Board-Parent

Candi Cornelius
Clifford D. Cornelius
Ronald Wayne Hill
Shirley Hill


Gaming Commission

Amelia M. Cornelius
Judy Cornelius
Linda S. Dallas
Reynold (Tom) Danforth
Bradley W. Graham
Shannon Hill
Shirley Hill
Gary L. Jordan
Susan M. (Danforth) Martinez
Eugene (Yogi) Metoxen
Gary G. Metoxen
Lois J. Powless
Cathy Schuyler
Maureen Zeise

School Board

-At Large

Linda S. Dallas
Genevieve Gollnick
Jack R. Mehojah
Sandra De Couteau
Anton Hawk Williams




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and all we have are memories...
Let's hold on to these memories
and keep them fresh in our minds...
So he will not be forgotten.
I loved him then, I love him now.

Missing You on your birthday...
Love Mom, Dad & Brother



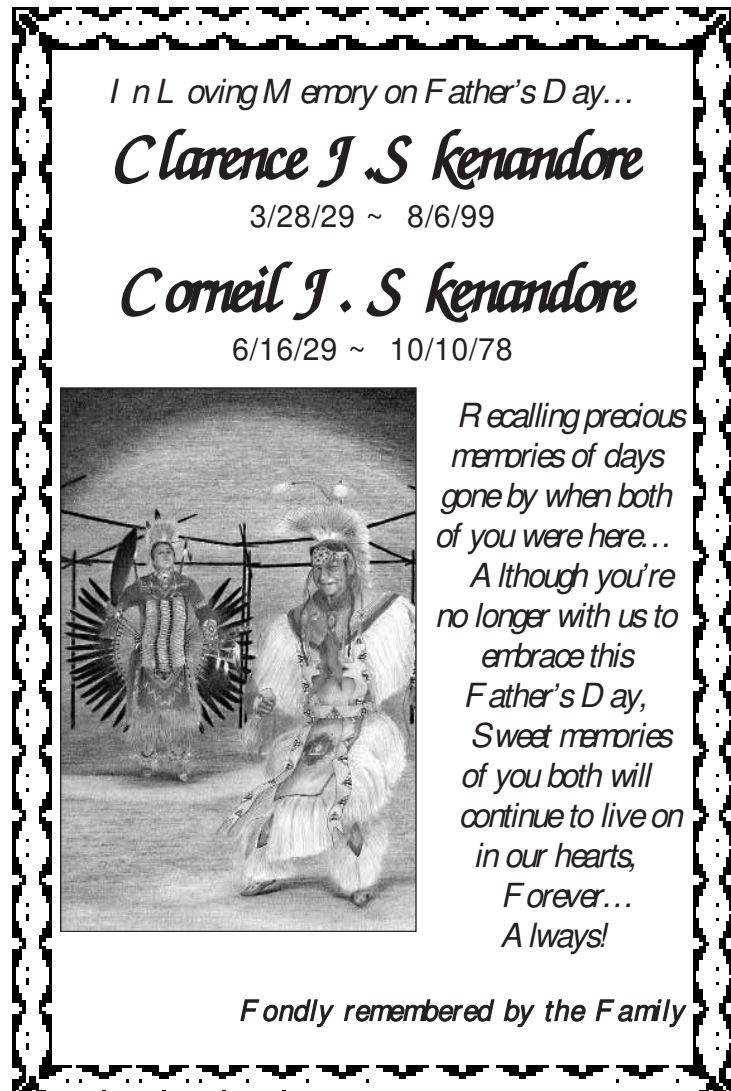
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of my G randson

who passed away J anuary 21, 2000

~ on June 26th ~

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Grandma King
I miss you so...



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Cornel J. Skenadore
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Local/State

A house of God

Photo courtesy of Riverview Baptist Church

Pastor and Tribal member Shawn Suri addresses the Riverview Baptist Church congregation at their new location at the County Highway H Recreation Building. Services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is the fastest growing church in the area and is seeking a permanent location.



From Page 1/ Casino proposed by Ho-Chunk

ing approval from local and federal officials. Past efforts by American Indian groups to build a casino in Illinois have not been successful.

Details of the plan were reported in the (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald on Thursday.

The Ho-Chunk project would include a casino, a hotel, a water park and a tribal cultural center. Tribe officials do not have a timetable for the project.

"I think it's an excellent economic opportunity for the village of Hoffman Estates," said Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod. "We had Poplar Creek (Music Theater), but now that's gone. The water park would be nice."

In Wisconsin, the Ho-

Chunk tribe operates casinos in Lake Delton, Black River Falls and Nekoosa, and a

bingo hall in Madison. Its Lake Delton casino is Wisconsin's largest.

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County around the clock.

In return, the tribe expects to pay the state an estimated \$340 million over the next 10 years. Doyle has since signed similar compacts with eight other tribes and deals with the Lac Du Flambeau and Stockbridge-Munsee tribes are pending.

Assembly Speaker John Gard, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, said Doyle approved the changes to the Potawatomi deal because he "understands there are some serious constitutional problems with the compacts."

He suggested lawmakers would be willing to discuss a possible settlement with the state on their remaining points.

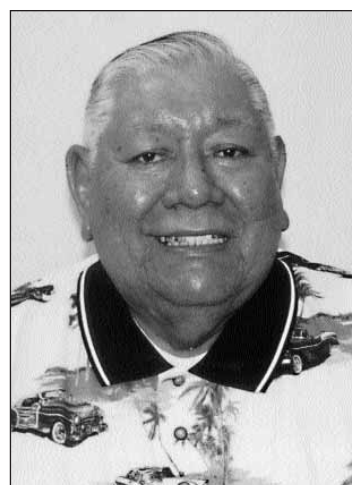
But Administration Secretary Marc Marotta said the state has no intention of talking about a settlement.

"The only reason we would look to settle the case is if we thought we would lose," Marotta said. "Their claims had absolutely no merit, so there is no reason to sit down and discuss a settlement. Their claims are motivated purely by politics."

Valdor John knows his State government

Madison, Wis. - "When citizens participate in their state government, we build a stronger society," says Fred Schluter, president of the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG). "And learning about state government is the first step to getting involved." Just ask Valdor W. John from Oneida, Wis. John was one of 21 people to complete the Wisconsin Senior Statesmanship Program held April 28 - May 1, 2003.

Each year since 1980, older adults from all over the state come to take part in this unique program that educates the elderly on the legislative process at the state level of government. Its purpose is to give older people a good understanding of the role that they can play in developing public policy through advoca-



Valdor John

cy. Participants learned about a number of state issues that have an impact on them and were given the tools to speak out on those issues. They also had the opportunity to meet with their legislators, sit in on legislative floor sessions and hearings, visit state agencies

and the Supreme Court and hear from experts on the most current state legislative concerns. The program is sponsored and operated by CWAG - a statewide senior advocacy organization and is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

According to Schluter, Senior Statesmanship graduates leave the program with a good understanding of state government and the role that they can play in the process and are encouraged to utilize that knowledge back to their own communities to advocate for state and local issues.

For more information contact CWAG, 2850 Dairy Drive, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53718 or call 608-224-0606.

Oneida Days are coming

Oneida, Wis. - Starting June 27, Oneida Days will begin with numerous community activities, topped off with the Oneida Pow Wow on July 3-6, 2003.

From a parade to a golf, little league and 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, Oneida Days brings the community together.

For a complete schedule of Oneida Days, watch for the June 17 issue of Kalihwisaks.

Per Capita Notice Correction

In the full page article of the May 29th, 2003 *Kalihwisaks*, the 62 & 65 year old eligibility criteria was incorrectly submitted. The information should read; **The 2003 Elderly payments are as follows; members age 62 and over receive \$2,000.00 and members age 65 and over receive \$525.00.**

- Members who are 62/65 by September 30, 2003 will be eligible for one or both payments with the September 2003 distribution.

- Those that turn 62/65 in October 2003 will be eligible for one or both payments in November 2003.

- Those that turn 62/65 in November 2003 will be eligible for one or both payments in December 2003.

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Wednesday ~ June 18, 2003
DUCK CREEK COMMUNITY THEATRE
Be Sure to Catch the Duck Creek Community Theatre production of *Jahnay's Real Indian Tours* by Dawn (Thomas) Warschinski and *Winter Summit* by Eddie Two Rivers. The one performance only production will be held at the Parish Hall at 7:00pm. For more information, check out the web site at www.oneidanationarts.org

June 16, 23 & 30, 2003
ELECTION BOARD MEETING DATES
All meetings start at 5:30 pm in the Executive Room at Main Casino.

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Sunday, June 22, 2003
MOVIE: "On the Other Side of Heaven"
TIME: 6:00 PM
WHERE: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Monday, July 28, 2003
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Milwaukee SEOTS news and notes

SEOTS staff

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (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, enrollment forms, 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 South 35th Street. Phone - 414.384.7740.

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

Community Meeting

Mindimoye and Chas Wheelock will be in town on July 2nd for a Town Hall Get-together. Mindimoye worked in the SEOTS office and moved to New York near Oneida Lake in the heart of our Oneida Homelands. Mindimoye resides at the Nation House which provides a rest stop for all Native people traveling in the area. The town hall get-together will be a time for sharing information about the Homelands according to tribal members Mindimoye and Chas. They have first hand experience living in the Homelands. If you have never visited the Homelands this will a great experience! Mindi will also will be providing her special chile recipe for the first 20 people to arrive. Please

lets give Mindi and Chas a nice welcome home! Be there or be square!

Place: SEOTS Office
Tuesday, July 2
Time: 6:00pm

Oneida language class

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

Saturday, July 12, 19 & 26th
Time: 10am-12pm

Oneida 4th of July pow-wow

The pow-wow starts on the 3rd of July and runs through the 6th, behind the Norbert Hill Center. Come for fun, food, dance and friends! It's always a great time!

Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
July 3, 4 & 5

Place: Norbert Hill Center

Craft class

Summer craft class for the month will be on Saturday the 19th at 10:00am. We will be making moccasins. There will be a \$20 fee for the class and a limit of 12 people. We will put you on a list for the next class if you can't get in the class on the 19th. Please sign up early to guarantee your spot!

Saturday, July 19
Time: 10:00pm

Indian summer festival is coming! Please sign up and volunteer. We need your help!

Indian summer is
September 5,6 & 7th

Kids klub

The summer Kids Klub will kick off on Monday, June 30th! I hope you're ready for a fun summer! This will be our 3rd summer of fun for kids ages 7 - 11 years. Each Monday for 4 weeks we will get together for culture, crafts and an outdoor activity. In the past we've picked strawberries, gone to

Summerfest, Cool Waters (water-park), mini-golf, trolley rides, the Art museum, etc. Crafts included painting tee-shirts, soap-making, planting, walking sticks, etc. Cultural learning is a part of each class and fun, fun, fun! If you have never attend our summer program be sure to sign up soon. The class is limited to 10 kids. There is no fee and snacks are provided but we ask each child to bring a brown bag lunch, or what ever color bag you want! We are also looking for a few parents to help out as needed. Parents are always welcome to stay. Registration is limited to the first 10 kids.

Deb Ushakow, Kids Klub Coord.
SEOTS Office, Milwaukee
Mondays, June 30, July 7,14 &
Tuesday, July 22nd — (note the last class is on Tuesday)

Time: 9:30am-2:00pm

Attention NativeVeterans!!!

We need you!!! All ages, all branches of service! We are in need of Veterans to help with the Color Guard. To have Native veterans both men and women for parades and pow-wows would help show the community the visibility of our people. To be a part of the Color Guard you would not have to serve all these functions, but it would be nice if we had a pool of people to pick from. Stand up and be counted! Our elder veteran's really need your help. These functions are fun, provide good camaraderie and sometimes we even get a great meal out of it! Please give it some thought. It definitely is worth your time and effort. Give us a call at Seots 384-7740 and ask for Deb.

A special thanks to all that supported the Indian Elderly Council Bowl-a-thon for the Senior center. They raised over \$3000 dollars! The bowlers all had a great time. All ages bowled at Burnham Bowl.

Prizes were handed out to many and pizza was served afterward. It was a great way to help our elders raise money for their Senior Center. The money will be used to build the senior center next to the new housing on 60th and Howard. Right now our elders are having to use a church hall in the downtown area for meals and functions. Meals and bingo are held every Monday and Friday by the Indian Elderly Council. If you need directions and information give us a call at 384-7740. Thanks again for all bowlers that raised the money and all that donated money, time and items.

FYI- The Social Development commission awarded the SEOTS office 3rd place in the Story board competition at the Italian Community center on Friday, May 30th. A dinner was held to celebrate the SDS for 40 years for helping the community. It also hosted a story board competition for agencies and their involvement within the community. The competition had 20 entrants that told the story with pictures and newspaper clippings about how each agency has helped the community. Each board had to tell their mission, how they achieve the mission and continue to do so. A special thanks to community member Laura Harrison, Jim Kelly, Carmen Flores and Mike Debraska for helping Deb create the story board. A positive and wonderful recognition for the SEOTS office and the Oneida Community was shared with many in our area that night. Thanks to all!

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.

SEOTS advisory board meetings

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

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

Oneida intertribal singers

The singers practice every Monday at 6:00pm. They are available for events. For more information please call Mamie at 414.643.8972.

Monday
Time:6:00pm

SEOTS monthly van trip to Oneida

Prescription pick-ups are twice a month. The first Monday of the month (July 7) and the third Wednesday of the month (July 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 NOTE -

You must be sure to call your prescription refills in to the Oneida Health Center Pharmacy THREE (3) days prior to the pick-up date. Make two calls, one to the pharmacy and one to SEOTS. If you do not call within the appropriate time frame, you will be responsible for picking up your own prescription. The pharmacy works very hard to get our medication ready, so we need to give them enough time to fill your prescription requests. Thank you for your attention in this matter. Calendars with pick up dates are available at the SEOTS office, please feel free to stop by and pick up one the next time you're in the area.

Re-elect

STANLEY R. WEBSTER

Oneida Appeals Commissioner

12 Years Judicial Experience



The highlight of my training took place in 2001, when U.S. Supreme Court Justices Breyer and Sandra Day O'Connor (above, second and third from left respectively) attended Tribal Court Judges training. A colleague, Joseph Martin, Chief Justice of the Menominee Supreme Court (far left) and I escorted the Justices during Grand Entry to a banquet honoring this historic occasion. This is the first time, ever, U.S. Supreme Court Justices visited Tribal Courts and met with Tribal Court Judges. Mitch Wright, Program Attorney for the National Judicial College (second from right) was also available for the historic moment.

Oneida Nation...

Thank you for your support over the years. It is an honor and privilege to serve in a position so important to self-government. Once again, I am asking for your support in July, to continue serving on the Oneida Judicial Branch of Government.

Experience...

- *Served on the Appeals Commission since it's inception in 1991.*
During my tenure, I've learned various dispute resolution mechanisms such as...Peacemaking, Mediation, Settlement and Arbitration, which allow the participants to agree on the final outcome. This is quite different from the adversarial method where parties argue their case in trial court and a Judge, Master, Magistrate, Judicial Officer or Commissioner, decides the final outcome. Parties can appeal a trial court decision to a higher court, such as a Court of Appeals or a Supreme Court.
- *Serve as Peacemaker and as a hearing officer on the Trial Court as well as the following:*
 - Oneida Appellate Court
 - Justice pro tem for the Menominee Nation Supreme Court
 - Court of Appeals Judge for Lac Du Flambeau Court of Appeals
 - Stockbridge-Munsee Court of Appeals
 - Faculty member at the National Judicial College, teaching Essential Skills for Tribal Appellate Court Judges *This is a voluntary responsibility which I was proud to accept.*

Training...

- *All Commissioners must have a certain amount of judicial training before hearing a case.*
 - Peacemaking
 - Earned two (2) Judicial Training Degree/Certificates from the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada
- In conclusion, I work diligently towards improving our Judicial System; and with your support, will continue to do so, on behalf of the Oneida Nation.*

Legislative Review

Vice-Chairwoman's Corner



**Vice-Chairwoman
Kathy Hughes**

Lobbying

It really is unfortunate that I can't say, that because of the money the Tribe is going to be paying the State of Wisconsin to help them come out of their deficit, we have a better working relationship. The fact is the Tribes in Wisconsin are continuing to come under attack by the Republican legislature. Now they are going to use their influence to see that funding formerly received by the Tribes from the State is cut. This budget reduction proposal being forwarded will see cuts to law enforcement, Tribal Colleges, cultural education aid programs, and economic development programs. New areas to be funded with gaming revenues are to be snowmobile trails maintenance and ethanol grant programs. Next week will see Oneida walking the halls of the Capital in Madison, trying to get better consideration as residents of this State. Because the legislature also plans on reneging on a decades old cigarette tax agreement by giving only

30% of the tax collected back to Oneida instead of the 70% agreed upon, we will also be asking the Governor for a line item veto. Unfortunately, we are not too optimistic over the success for these strategies. This will impact our budget and may mean a reassessment of what is being paid out to the surrounding communities.

Other Lobbying activities I participated in, along with several other members of the Business Committee, were the GLITC Legislators Reception, Women in Leadership Banquet and the President's Dinner Fundraiser in Washington D.C.

Land Claims

Meetings continue on the New York Land Claims. The most recent meeting I attended was in Washington DC with Michael Rosetti, representative from the Dept. of Interior. Accompanying me was Arlinda Locklear and Francis Skenandore, our attorneys. We discussed the language that would be needed in the settlement agreement to afford the Tribe the ability to put land into trust. The Oneida Attorneys, Locklear and Skenandore will be drafting this language. Also discussed was the failure of our staff to meet with the New York staff on potential sites. It seems that New York feels there is no need to discuss other components of the settlement until such time as the mediator makes some progress on the settlement discussions. Since those are on a slow track, it appears like New York wants to slow everything down. In the 10 months I have been in office there have been no meetings where Tribal leaders were

present and I believe there have only been two meetings that actually took place with Tribal Attorneys present. Others were scheduled but canceled and now the mediation process has been extended out to November. The Committee does not feel we can take that long to arrive at some conclusion. We will be doing our best to proceed to a

settlement proposal that the GTC can act upon.

Business Development

Economic growth for the Oneida Nation is very important to this Committee. Despite Gaming Compacts that are much more favorable to our organization than any previous compact, the need to diversify our economy away

from Gaming remains a priority. As such, we are reviewing several plans, with management doing due diligence reviews and attorneys involved in discussions on appropriate structure and documentation. Industries presently targeted are hospitality, in which we can already demonstrate success-

ful experience, and a manufacturing venture, where we obviously do not have expertise but feel that there are people around here who do. The general idea is diversification and pursuing the concepts with partners to minimize our risks. This will also afford us the ability to consider a variety of options.

BC Briefing...

Business Committee

Due to the Tribe's growth over the years, there are several areas that need to be updated. The Finance Committee and the Audit Committee are two sub-committees of the Business Committee who are working on defining their purpose, roles and responsibilities to better meet the needs of the Tribe. We are expecting to have new policies and procedures complete within the next few months.

The Business Committee is also working with our Tribal Corporations, Administration, and Tribal Attorneys for the purpose of developing a process for joint venturing with other businesses. This process may call for re-establishing the Oneida Nation Electronics Corporation. This Corporation is certified as a minority company with 8(a) status. The 8(a) and minority status provide many opportunities for the corporation in relation to acquiring federal contracts.

Recently, an opportunity for a manufacturing business that can utilize the ONE building has been submitted to the Tribe for joint venture consideration. A task force has been assigned to complete an analysis and due diligence on a possible joint venture with this manufacturing company.

Legislative Operating Committee

As a first session priority, we have been diligently working on a draft of the Oneida Constitution. Extensive changes were recommended by the Oneida Constitutional Review Committee, and the LOC is

working from their draft. We are in the final stages of completing a draft for review by the General Tribal Council. To ensure this information is communicated to the tribal constituency, we are planning to schedule a Constitutional symposium in addition to holding community meetings, public hearings and finally the GTC meeting to approve the final document. It is expected that this process can be completed by the Annual Meeting in 2004.

We are also finalizing the Oneida Gaming Ordinance. This document has been scheduled for three Public Hearings to allow all employees the opportunity to attend one of the meetings. The public hearings are scheduled for July 8th, NHC at 11:00 a.m., and July 15th, Radisson at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This document also needs to go to General Tribal Council for final adoption.

The LOC took action to extend their first legislative session to June 9, 2003. This allows an extra two weeks to move items currently on the LOC docket. It may be necessary for the LOC to call Special Meetings in order to meet emergency issues or comply with assigned deadlines.

Individual Office

Since 1982 General Tribal



**Councilwoman
Trish King**

Council has voted on various motions which call for the separation of enterprises from the legislative structure of the Tribe. On July 3, 1989, the Oneida General Tribal Council passed a resolution (#7-3-89) providing for the "separation of enterprises," which stated

that the "General Tribal Council desires to consider the establishment of an alternate structure to manage and conduct oversight of Tribal enterprises, enterprise corporations and development activities," and directed the Oneida Business Committee to "implement a plan of action and report progress" at the following General Tribal Council meeting. A Commerce Division was the recommended option toward organizing and structuring this change.

Several programs, business units and tribal corporations would be impacted by the development of a Commerce Division, and this change would require everybody working together to reach a common goal. The Administrative side of the tribal organization has been working on this process very diligently, and are recommending that change take place through phases. The essence of the phased approach is that it enables the organization to participate in the design of their own organization. It allows

the Oneida Organization to be in compliance with previous General Tribal Council directives and operate the business units and program departments in the Oneida Nation effectively.

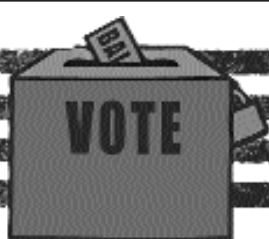
It is very important to make these changes in a manner that is least harmful to the self esteem and security of the individuals affected and the Oneida Nation, and this is being kept in mind as we develop the new process.

Once the new process is put in place, the Tribe will also have an effective means with which to deal with outside corporations and businesses.

Community News

Congratulations to all the students of the Class of 2003! Good luck and best wishes to each of you on your graduation. I attended a reception on May 8 at the Radisson which was held in honor of Oneida students. I sat back in my seat with great pride listening to the accomplishments and leadership that is our future. Keep following your dreams, and you can be anything you aspire to be!

The Oneida Community Little League held their first games on May 27, 2003. There was record attendance at these games. The new concession stand was not yet complete, and the grounds are still being landscaped, but the games still went on. I would like to encourage all parents, and family members to contact your coaches to see how you can help out with concessions and fundraising. With everybody pitching in, this organization will be extremely successful.



**NOTICE OF
2003 ELECTION**

**SATURDAY
JULY 26, 2003**

8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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We're looking for ambitious and positive young ladies who want to have fun while representing the Oneida Nation

Junior Miss: **Ages 13-16**
Miss Oneida: **Ages 17-25**

• All participants must be single with no children

• Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the Main Office of by Racquel Hill or Tana Archiquete (former 2000-01 Miss Oneida) both at the Norbert Hill Center

• Call Racquel at 869-4475 or Tana at 869-4239

• Li'l Miss will be selected at the 31st Annual Oneida Pow Wow

Application Deadline is June 20, 2003



**Councilman
Curt Danforth**

As always it is an honor to address the Oneida Nation. These past few months have been very busy for the Business Committee and we are looking forward to take part in the community events planned for the summer.

Legislative Operating Committee

The LOC will soon be wrapping up its first session. The accomplishments within the first session of the LOC are listed below. The next session of the LOC will begin September 2, 2003.

Completed

- Legislative Operating Committee By-Laws

- Work on the Tribal Compensation System
- Headstart By-Laws
- Benefits for Elected Officials
- Election Board By-Law Amendments
- Indian Preference Revisions
- Land Commission By-Laws
- Naming of Buildings Policy
- Perpetuation of the Oneida Language
- Per-Capita Ordinance Amendment (Elder Per-Capita)
- Work on the Random Drug & Alcohol Testing

Public Hearing Process Gaming Ordinance

Public Hearing Dates:
July 8, 2003
July 15, 2003

Small Business Grant Program

Public Hearing Date:
June 17, 2003

Hunting, Fishing, Trapping Amendments

LOC reviewing public hearing comments

Grand Opening

Recently, the Oneida Community Health Center held its Grand Opening in celebration of the new health

facility. Local and State legislators were in attendance to recognize the efforts and achievements of the Oneida Nation to provide quality health care to this community. It was sincerely a proud moment for our community and I truly commend the community for their support and those who dedicated their hard work, time and energy into seeing this dream come to reality.

State Legislature

The Republican leadership in the Wisconsin State Legislature is targeting Wisconsin's Native American Community. The Joint Committee on Finances proposed budget eliminates nearly \$1.5 million in gaming revenue funding for programs that benefit the poorest of Native American Tribes. The programs cut by the Joint Committee on Finance during deliberations included grants to tribal colleges, tribal law enforcement grants, Native American language and cultural education categorical aid program, the Native American economic development program. These programs are funded by gaming revenue tribes pay

to the state intended to provide services to the tribes, and promote economic development and tourism in areas surrounding reservations. The Joint Finance Committee diverted tribal gaming revenue to increase funding for programs such as ethanol production grants and snowmobile trail maintenance.

As the budget moves out of the Joint Finance Committee and into the Senate

and House of Representatives, the Oneida Business Committee is

aggressively lobbying members of the State Legislature. We hope to influence

State officials to reconsider the actions of the Joint Finance Committee.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike Mousseau and Lee Laster for being selected to the All Indian High School Football Team from Haskell Indian College. Also, James Gollnick who placed 4th in the 300m Intermediate Hurdles at the Wisconsin State Track & Field meet.

Letters/Opinions

Guest Column

Suspend all Mohawk land claims negotiations

By Doug George-Kanentiio

The Mohawk version of leadership can be summed up fairly simply. Those entrusted with the task of guiding the affairs of the people had to demonstrate

such qualities as humility, honesty, patience, simplicity, honor and a true love for the people.

Sadly, the reprehensible actions of the St. Regis Tribal Council with regards to the land claims violates all of those principles.

The Tribe's all too familiar use of deception in its dealings with the Mohawk Nation Council and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne brings not only dishonor to its officials but affirms the belief by many that the only way to preserve what is left of our aboriginal heritage is to dismantle this most unstable of colonial institutions.

The Tribe's standing suffered a major blow during the Leo David Jacobs era when it served as a piggy bank for corrupt officials. The US Attorney in Syracuse was so appalled by its actions he declared the Tribe as a 'criminal enterprise' as well as an unindicted co-conspirator in the movement of hundreds of millions of dollars of contraband through Akwesasne.

The legacy of that sad era was the empowerment of a criminal class within Akwesasne which continues to make money at our collective expense through its various smuggling operations.

Rather than take a brave stand against those groups the Tribe has continued its tragic legacy by sacrificing the essence of Mohawk sovereignty by agreeing to settlement terms which are as bad as they are indefensible.

But the Tribe's actions do point out the complete failure of the negotiation process which has prevented a fair and equitable resolution of the land claims.

The decision to negotiate with New York rather than lit-

igate was made in 1984. A special team consisting of members from the three councils were appointed to come up with strategies for securing a settlement which would lead directly to the creation of single administrative entity for all of Akwesasne.

In 1987 the team produced an excellent manual which stated the reasons for the claims as well as outlining specific settlement goals.

It was the assumption then that the Mohawk Nation would not have to cede its aboriginal claims but would be willing to consider land use agreements which in turn would have produced an annual income estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars, most of which coming from the hydro-electric power facility on Barnhart Island.

Additional revenues would be paid by the St. Lawrence Seaway, Central Foundry, Reynolds Aluminum, ALCOA and the town of Massena since they are all within the territory which New York State illegally expropriated from Akwesasne after 1796.

In its recent settlement proposal the Tribe, in a decision which can only be called amazingly stupid, omitted the above defendants altogether.

I was a member of that 1984 team and was convinced that if we acted in concert New York State, the real culprit in the theft of our lands, would have no choice but to agree to our terms.

Then came the Tribal elections of 1988 and the shocking defeat of incumbent Rosemary Bonaparte by Leo David Jacobs, now a convicted felon.

Jacobs was supported by a cartel which truly feared the restoration of a viable Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne. Such an entity would have the power to restore peace on the territory and bring order to our economic lives.

The cartel, most of whom were Mohawks, inadvertently served New York's interests by using Jacobs to sabotage the negotiating process and thereby kill any chance of a favorable settlement.

It was then that I was convinced the Mohawk Nation Council should have terminated its participation in the actual negotiations. I was certain New York would exploit our internal factions to its own end and would make its own deal with the Tribe, excluding the MCA and Mohawk Nation entirely.

I felt then, and do so now, that the only way to protect our aboriginal rights, which includes the land, is by direct action.

If we say a specific section of land is ours then we must be prepared to assert physical ownership by outright occupancy. By doing so we will have strengthened our legal and moral stance considerably while putting New York on the defensive.

If we have learned nothing else from our recent history it should be this: that whenever the Haudenosaunee have a cause they are prepared to fight for, then take a stance in its defense, New York will retreat.

We have clear, unambiguous title to Barnhart Island, Eisenhower and Snell locks, the land upon which ALCOA, Reynolds, Central Foundry, the St. Lawrence Mall, WalMart and much of Massena is presently located. We need to assert our title by creating a permanent Mohawk presence in these areas and to put those entities on notice that they must tender to the Mohawk Nation fair rental values, plus reasonable damages, for the use of our territory.

We must dictate to New York when and where we will discuss our land rights and compel the State to acknowledge its errors in stealing our land.

My stance was that we would never cede a square

inch of our sacred lands: perhaps it was this argument which compelled our New York opponents to seek my dismissal from the team in 1991.

It is now 12 years later and the good faith of the Mohawk Nation Council and the MCA has been betrayed which seems to indicate the negotiations were nothing but a sham for the Tribe to squeeze the best deal for itself from the State.

Since it is painfully obvious both the State and the Tribe have proven to be untrustworthy then it is up to the Mohawk Nation Council and the MCA to act aggressively to protect their interests as well as to fulfill their duties as custodians of the rights of all Mohawks.

This can be done by forcing the State to come to our territory and abide by our terms.

New York must concede our right to self determination and agree to pass legislation repealing the Indian Act of 1892 which created the Tribal Council. It must agree to abide by the results of a community wide referendum in which the Mohawk people will decide the fate of the Tribe: to either reform it or dismantle the system altogether.

The time for remaining passive in light of the Tribe's failures to protect the Mohawk people is over. The people merit leadership which affirms our ancestral values. We need leaders who are not ashamed to be Native and will represent the people dressed as proud Mohawks as they act in concert to do what is best for all the people.

Doug George-Kanentiio, Akwesasne Mohawk, is the former editor of Akwesasne Notes and a co-founder of the Native American Journalists Association. He is a free lance columnist residing on Oneida Territory East. He may be reached via e-mail at Kanentiio@aol.com.



Visit the Nation House

This is how I spent most of the winter...shoveling snow! Lots of snow...over 150 inches of snow! It came down almost every day during the month of January and since then until the last week in April.

The snow is gone, and the flowers are blooming. There are many places of interest in the area, and I have discovered much of the history that I did not learn in school. Tours can be arranged. You can see where your own history took place.

This is an invitation, then, to all who read this, to visit and/or stay temporarily at the Nation House. The term "Nation House" means for all nations. We can share a meal, get to know one another, make contacts with relatives, discover relatives we didn't know we had. The people, both Native and mainstream, are friendly and helpful.

I am retired, and I have relocated to the homelands. I have been a tenant in the Nation House for over a year.

I enjoy having visitors and getting to know new people, though I like old people too. I hope to see you soon.

Mindimoye
2897 Route 31
Canastota, NY 13032

To the Editor:

I am writing simply to commend the AmVets for their continuous support of the youth of our community.

I would like to express my extreme gratitude for their commitment in helping me with various activities that I've been involved in over the past couple years, including a walk for cancer and my current project- my first mission trip. Thanks in large part to the AmVets, I will be spending eight days on the Keanae Island in Hawaii helping to run a children's camp for kids grades 3-6. This trip will help me to further understand myself while helping others in the process.

Thank you AmVets for your continuous generosity.

Britta Cornelius
Tribal Member
N5490 N Ray Rd.
DePere WI 54155



Kalihwisaks

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Although Kalihwisaks requires a final signed submission from our readers who write in, you can e-mail us now - and send the hard copy through the mail - to ensure we get your submission in time for the deadline day. E-mail your letters to: **Keith Skenandore - kskena@oneidanation.org**

If you have any questions, please feel

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Oneida Trust Dept
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Oneida WI 54155

The Pathfinder is a quarterly newsletter with useful information for understanding investment strategies. The publication is mailed out quarterly to all Minor Trust Fund beneficiaries. The first issue was mailed July 2002. The Minors Trust Funds are pooled and invested to protect its principal and are fully invested in stocks and bonds. A conservative strategy is utilized to minimize risk. The Trust Committee selected Trillium Asset Management Corporation to manage the account and Forum Financial Group to do the accounting for the Trust Funds.

Each enrolled Oneida member who is under the age of 18 is entitled to receive Per Capita Distributions made by the Oneida Tribe. The minors' funds are held in the Oneida Minors' Trust Fund until the minor turns 18 years of age. In 1994, the GTC granted authority to the Oneida Trust Committee to administer the trust fund. The Trust Committee has fiduciary responsibility and autonomous administrative authority over the Oneida Tribe's Minors' Trust Fund. The Oneida Trust Committee is dedicated to communicating and educating our youth.

Minors (beneficiaries) should have their Social Security Number (SSN) on file with the Enrollments Department as well as a current address. Minors with no SSN on file, in accordance with a Federal requirement, will be subject to 31% withholding from cash payments following their 18th birthday.

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Sports

Gollnick places fourth at state

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

James Gollnick, a junior at Pulaski High School, placed fourth in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles at the Wisconsin State Track and Field finals in La Crosse this past weekend.

Gollnick's time in the finals was 39.42 seconds. Joel Zalewski of Port Washington won the event with a time of 38.47 seconds. Brandon Meves from Green Bay Southwest ran a close second before falling near the finish line with a time of 38.53, and Eric Wheeler of Monroe finished third with a time of 38.89.

"I feel pretty good about it (placing fourth). I think I have a pretty good chance to take first next year," Gollnick said.

The reason for his optimism is that the three guys that finished ahead of him in the finals are all seniors and will be gone by this time next year.

On his way to the WIAA state finals, Gollnick ran a blistering time of 39.22 in the sectional final. The time was not only his personal best, but it also broke a Pulaski school record.

Gollnick was also a member of the Pulaski 4 x 400 relay team. The team also qualified for the State meet, but did not advance to the finals. The team did however place second in the sectional and was selected to the All-Bay Conference first team.

For his efforts this past spring, Gollnick was selected

as the Pulaski Boys Track MVP. This is a rare occurrence in the program, because the prestigious award is usually given to a senior.

Gollnick also has lettered for the Pulaski soccer team. The Red Raiders advanced to the second round of the state playoffs before bowing to Ashwaubenon.

Being only a junior, Gollnick is undecided on which college he will attend. "I would like to run track in college, but I don't know where yet," he said.

He certainly has the grades for the next level as he currently has a 3.1 grade point average in college preparatory track classes. Gollnick also is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Leo Club. The Leo Club is a civic group that performs community service.

As a young adult Gollnick looks to his father Bill for guidance. "I mostly look up to my dad, he sets a good example for me on how to live my life," Gollnick said.

He also seems to have running flowing through his veins. His paternal great grandfather, Edward Metoxen, is said to have beaten Jim Thorpe's record in the mile at Carlisle Indian School. Gollnick's maternal grandfather was Levi Webster, known as Tall Feather. Levi's prominence as a distance runner is well known in the Oneida area and an honor run is run in his name every year as part of the annual Oneida Pow Wow.



Photos courtesy of Bill Gollnick

Gollnick (clearing hurdle), placed fourth in the Division 1 300 meter intermediate hurdles at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State track meet held in LaCrosse on June 6 and 7. Gollnick, only a junior, set a Pulaski school record the week before at the sectional when he won the event with a time of 39.22 seconds.

Being a junior, Gollnick believes he has a good chance to win the event next year as a senior. All place winners ahead of him were seniors. Gollnick also advanced to the state meet with the Pulaski 4 x 400 meter relay team. The team, however did not qualify for the finals on Saturday.



High School athletes end season at sectionals

Jermaine Webster and Irene Danforth of Oneida Nation High School both ended their respective spring sports season at the sectional level of the season ending Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) tournaments.

Webster advanced to the Division three sectional held at Nicolet Country Club in Laona. He scored and 86, which was eleven strokes off the cut to make it to state. This is Webster's second consecutive trip to the sectional. Being only a junior he has one year left to advance to the state tournament in Madison.

Sophomore Irene Danforth placed 9th at the Marinette sectional also in Division three. She competed in the discus event. Danforth's best throw of the day was 89 feet.

Oneida to hold clinic with Packers

The Oneida Recreation Department, along with the Green Bay packers will be holding a one day clinic on June 28. Learn the fundamentals from the pros. For more information contact John E. Powless III at Oneida Recreation, 869-1088.

Re-Elect... Mary Adams to the Oneida Appeals Commission

Personal Beliefs

The Appeals Commission's training plan sets forth specific training for Judicial Officers prior to presiding on cases. As an elected Commissioner I have been entrusted to make decisions that affect the liberty and property of our fellow citizens. A Commissioners' responsibilities are enormous and is a life-changing experience. Commissioners exercise powers that only a few individuals are given in a democratic society. This elected position requires a commitment from those that serve, which include: Ethics; Integrity; Impartiality and Judicial Responsibility; which must remain the most important duties while holding such a position. I have served in this position in the utmost respectable manner as possible and if re-elected I will continue to serve in this manner.

Educational History

- ◆ Associated Arts Degree in Administration of Justice, 1981
- ◆ Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, 1995
- ◆ Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership & Quality, 2001

My education, experiences, and legal training I have received since my election in 1995 has helped to develop my judicial skills in analytical thinking, decision making, and decision writing. A great deal of my training was completed at the National Judicial College.

I had the pleasure of receiving several scholarships to attend classes (at no cost to the Tribe) such as...

- ◆ Essential Skills for Tribal Court Judges
- ◆ Essential Skills for Appellate Court

Judges

- ◆ Logic and Opinion Writing for Trial Court Judges.

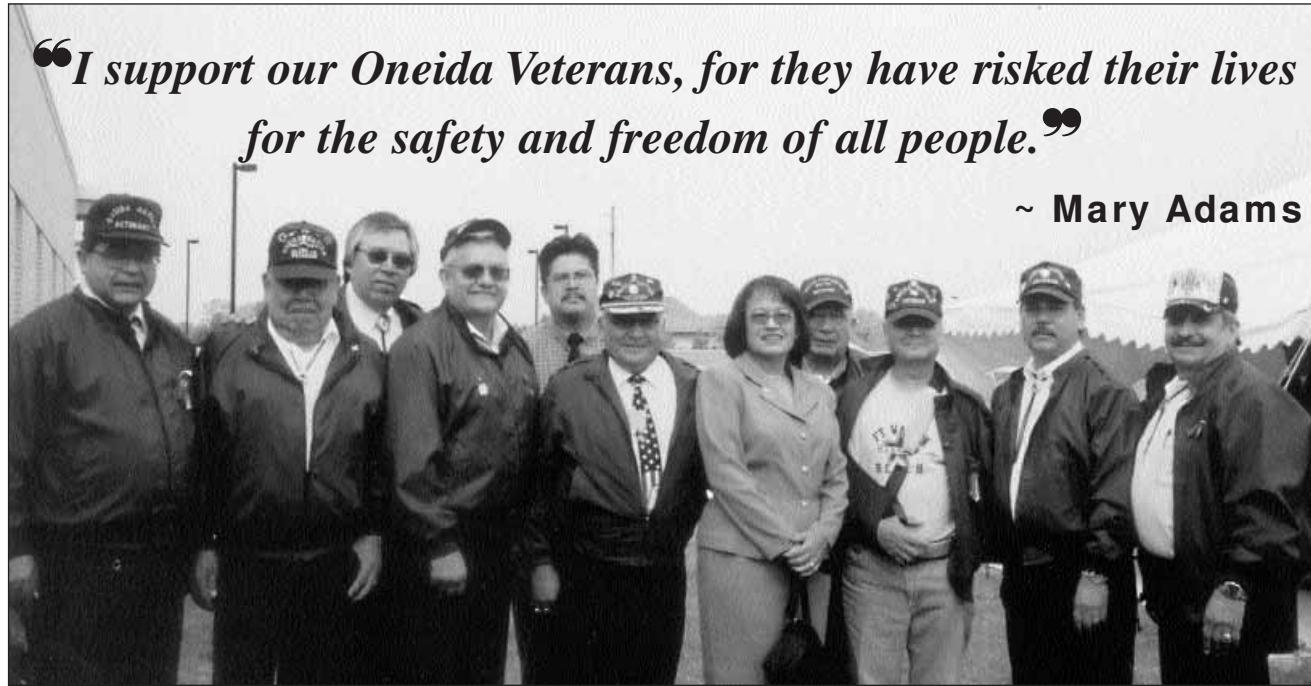
Membership

I am an active member of ...

- Associated Members
- Oneida AmVet's, since 1996.
- I assist in fund raising ventures which funds various annual events such as:
 - ~ Holiday Food Baskets for the Oneida needy;
 - ~ The Oneida High School Scholarship fund
 - ~ Flag Raising Ceremonies
 - ~ AmVet's Annual Community Service Awards Banquet
 - ~ The Annual Recognition Banquet for the Oneida

"I support our Oneida Veterans, for they have risked their lives for the safety and freedom of all people."

~ Mary Adams



Business Committee

- Served on the Green Bay Multicultural Center - Grant Writing Team from 2000 to 2001.
- Assisted in the approval for (3) grants for the Multicultural and (2) grants for the Tribe.

Personal History

Great-Grandparents:

Henry "Duke" Doxtator and Electa John

Grand-parents:

Chauncey Doxtator and Emma (King) Doxtator

Mother: Blanche Doxtator

Aunties & Uncles: Marina Doxtator,

Priscilla Doxtator, Melinda Doxtator, Pauline Doxtator, Pemberton Doxtator, Belle Mae Doxtator, Rimpton Doxtator, Peter Doxtator, Rebecca Doxtator.

My family tree begins with descendants of Corneilus Doxtator.

Married 28 years, with 3 children + 1 adopted + 3 grand children

Employment Experience

- ◆ Sherman Indian High School, 1982-95
- ◆ Oneida Constitutional Review Committee Coordinator (CRC), 1995-1999
- ◆ Elected to the Oneida Appeals Commission July 1999

June 12, 2003

Lifestyles

Section Two

Family Carnival Fun

Photos by Yvonne Kaquatosh



To say the 11th Annual Family Carnival was a success would be an understatement. Karaoke, an all-time favorite was held for the young and old alike on Friday evening at the Fox 11 Family stage, while the Blue Cats, Shy Guys and Rhythm Method performed throughout the evening - despite the rain - at the Oneida Bingo & Casino main stage. First place honors in the adult karaoke competition went to Christine Carus (at left) of Appleton with her rendition of, 'Just to hear you say that you love me', by Faith Hill. Carus placed third in last year's competition. Felicia Davis of Green Bay, took second, Lee Thomas, third, Rose Niellson, fourth and rounding out the top five was Theresa Denny. There were fourteen (14) brave children who took center stage in the children's competition. Professional hosts for Karaoke were Rob & Bonnie. The weather was more accommodating on Saturday with a variety of games for the kids, a petting zoo, air-filled rides and the all-time favorites - the ferris wheel, scrambler, and tilt-a-whirl to amuse the young and young at heart. Barbi & the Earth Shakers kicked off the musical entertainment on the main stage at noon and were followed by John Salernos' Salute to Sinatra, and Wayne "The Train" Hancock.



The main performer for this year's event was Branscombe Richmond & The Renegade Posse with special guest Jo-El Sonnier. The crowd was ecstatic throughout his performance. His last song went out with a bang - Fireworks that is. The 3-D Fireworks show was icing on the cake! The event is planned annually by the Communications Department under the direction of Mike Metoxen, Special Events Director, and Kirby Metoxen, Special Events Coordinator. "The volunteers are to be commended for their assistance during the weekend event," said the pair. At right, this youngster was the center of attention when her big sister (background) performed. Below, Millie and Savannah take the big slide. Branscombe had the crowd (bottom) glued to the main stage during his act.



American Indian Veterans to march in largest Flag Day Parade in country

Appleton, Wis. - The Intertribal Community Center, a program of Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin Inc., has invited veterans from the tribes in Wisconsin to participate in the 53rd annual Appleton Flag Day parade at 2 p.m. this Saturday.

American Indians have never been represented in the Appleton Flag Day parade before this year and it couldn't have come any sooner says Flag Day marketing director Don Blurich. All veterans along with their color guard are invited.

In conjunction with the parade the Intertribal Community Center will be hosting a powwow at Erb Park in Appleton from 4 to 10 p.m. Grand Entry is scheduled for 7 p.m. The powwow is expected to draw nearly 400 veterans and families. Oneida's own Dan King will be master of ceremonies, with host drum Wind Eagle and co-host drum Five Clan.

Intertribal program coordinator Becky Edler said the goal of the event was to not only honor the American Indian veterans, but to also raise awareness of their culture for people living in the Fox Valley.

The powwow has free admission and the public is welcome to come out and experience American Indian culture.

For more information call 920-731-6602 ext. 212 or 316.

Artists balance culture and career

Oneida, Wis. - Sadie Buck, of the Six Nations Women Singers, will host a round table discussion for Native artists. The topic, "How to Deal with Contemporary issues and traditional values," helps artists find a balance between their culture and their careers.

Discussions include: how to share you culture without exploiting it; how to draw the line between traditions and careers; how to follow traditional ways in a contemporary society.

The Six Nations Women Singers are from the Seneca, Onondaga and Cayuga Nations. They are of a larger organization called the Six Nations Women's Singing Society. As a singing society they participate with other groups in community "sings" that are common among the Six Nations people.

The round table discussion will be on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 6:30pm in the Oneida Nation Arts Program office. This event is free, but seating is limited. To reserve your spot, contact Beth at (920) 490-3833 or by email at bbashara@oneidanation.org

Appeals

Oneida Nation Judicial Bulletin

Appellate court decisions January thru March, 2003

Editor's Note: Decisions continued from May 30, 2003 Kalihwisaks edition.

Michael J. Metoxen vs. Oneida Health Center, 02-AC-033. March 13, 2003.

The appellant's grievance before the Personnel Commission was dismissed by that body for the appellant's failure to appear for a hearing. The appellant's advocate withdrew from representation during a hearing. The hearing was rescheduled and the appellant was given a choice between an extended delay in order to obtain new counsel or a hearing the next week. The appellant chose the earlier hearing. However, on the day before the rescheduled hearing, the appellant then phoned the Personnel Commission administrator in an attempt to receive an extension. No written request was submitted and the appellant failed to appear as scheduled. The matter was then dismissed as a default judgement. On appeal, the appellate court upheld the Personnel Commission's dismissal of the case. The appellant had the opportunity for an extension and chose to appear. A party cannot then receive an extension with just a phone call. Without a written motion and a decision granting the extension, the appellant should have at least appeared for the hearing and then sought a further extension. The appellant presented no justifiable cause for not appearing and the dismissal of the case was upheld.

Lavinia Orosco vs. Oneida Bingo & Casino, 02-AC-029. March 14, 2003. The appellate court ordered the submission of additional documents for its consideration, specifically a job description for this employment appeal.

David Webster, Denise Vigue, Jennifer Van Bellingier and Amy Gutierrez vs. Oneida Gaming Commission, 02-AC-025. March 27, 2003. The Oneida Gaming Commission revoked the gaming licenses of the appellants after the appellants entered restricted areas and handled cash count boxes without security escorts or prior entry authorization. The matter was investigated in the summer of 2001 and suspension letters were issued pending a full investigation and hearing in September of 2001. A majority of the appellate court upheld the Gaming Commission's decision. The appellants raised three main arguments. First, that procedural irregularities and excessive delay in the process justified reversal. The appellate court majority found that much of the delay was caused by preemptive filings by the appellants and the Oneida Business Committee in an attempt to halt the licensing decision of the Gaming Commission. Multiple filings and arguments caused the whole process to slow down. Since the appellants were part of that process, the appellate court majority did not find the delay to be overly burdensome or a violation of due process. The majority further found that the Gaming

Commission, as the regulatory and licensing body for Oneida Gaming, has broad powers of investigation and may summarily suspend license holder's license upon evidence that the license holder has violated gaming laws or regulations. Such evidence existed after the API investigation and reports from Security regarding the appellants' actions in June of 2001. The appellants argued that there was insufficient notice of the charges against them, thereby violating an aspect of due process. The majority found that this argument was not persuasive. The API report, the findings of the Gaming Commission Incident Review Body, and the final decision of the Gaming Commission hearing body all quoted sections of policies which the appellants were found to have violated. These policies included rules related to access to restricted areas, obtaining an escort into such areas, and obtaining prior authorization to enter areas and conduct an audit of any sort. Only one appellant had preexisting authority to enter certain areas, and that does not include the authority to

grant other access without following prior approval procedures. The appellants' final argument was that they were conducting an audit of Security compliance under a procedural exception granted by the Gaming General Manager, one of the appellants. The majority was not persuaded by this argument. There is a specific Audit Policy and that policy contains procedures for authorizing an audit and how to conduct an audit. None of the appellants were authorized to conduct an audit or even to authorize someone else to conduct an audit. While the appellants may have had good intentions when they tested enforcement of security protocols, they could have done so in a manner consistent with policies and other enforceable procedures. The majority of the appellate court found that the Gaming Commission has broad discretion to consider whether a person's actions represent a risk to the integrity of gaming operations. The appellants did not show that the Gaming Commission made an erroneous decision or abused this discretion. The decision was therefore

affirmed.

There was a dissenting opinion by two judicial officers. The dissenting opinion would have found that the Gaming Commission arbitrarily failed to review the actions of each appellant individually to determine culpability. Appellant Webster was the highest ranking manager in the group, and the dissent would have found that the other appellants followed his lead and assumed his authority extended to conducting an impromptu audit of Security protocols. The Gaming Commission IRB even recommended that two of the appellants receive conditional licenses because of their lower rank and culpability. However, the Gaming Commission revoked all of the appellants' licenses. The dissent would have reinstated the gaming licenses for all of the appellants except Appellant Webster because of this arbitrary decision. However, as a minority opinion, it carries no legal weight and all of the appellants ultimately had their gaming license revocations upheld by the majority opinion.

Mary King Cancer Benefit Saturday June 28th, 3pm-? "THE HUT" (outside)

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Mary King has Plasmacytoma, which is cancer of the plasma cells. Since diagnosed, the cancer has spread to her femur bone. She is currently receiving radiation treatments and shots.

The benefit is being held to offset the staggering medical bills she has incurred and will continue to incur while in treatment.

Mary, was married to Baeton (Jr.) King and is a widow of 6 1/2 years. Mary's oldest of five children is in a wheel chair handicap with Spina Bifida. Mary has been employed as a cook at Oneida Turtle School and The Norbert Hill Center.

Anyone that comes in contact with Mary's smile and generous ways immediately know that she is someone special.. Mary would always help anyone in need and now she is in need. Please join us for this worthwhile benefit.

A cash donate may be sent to:

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We are also looking for items to raffle off on that day. If you would like to donate an item it may be dropped off at "THE HUT" or call 432-9095 for pick up or any questions you may need answered. Your donation is tax deductible and we will issue receipts if requested.

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Education

Class of 2003 "celebrates"

Submitted by Anita Barber
Y.E.S. Director

On Thursday, May 8, 2003 the Oneida Nation Youth Educational Services Program, Oneida Nation High School and the Community Education Center celebrated the Class of 2003. This year's theme was, "wat^nyote-Celebrate". Individuals entering the celebration area were greeted and registered by the YES staff and Juniors from various school districts.

The banquet started with the Oneida Opening done by Matthew Cornelius, after which Duck Creek Crossing performed songs to bring in the Veterans who presented and posted the colors. A welcoming address was conducted by Business Committee member Curtis Danforth, followed by a few wonderful words by student speaker Lee Laster from the Oneida Nation High school. Lee started off with announcing he would be doing a short speech, however unfolded a ream of paper. Throughout Lee's speech he encouraged others to follow their dreams and reminded us that life is unpredictable but that is the way it is. Lee's speech was followed by Dr. Carol Cornelius who introduced herself in the Oneida Language. Dr. Carol encouraged the audience to continue to learn the language and congratulated the Class of 2003. Dr. Carol was also the Mistress of Ceremonies for the banquet, this was her first MC duty and did an outstanding job.

124 students were invited to the banquet. The students that were present were called on stage and congratulated by Business Committee members Education/Training Administration, school administration, and the Community Education staff. An honor song was sung by



Photos courtesy of YES
Department

A group of students, above, from the Youth Education Services, Oneida Nation High School and the Community Education Center gather for a photo at the Class of 2003 banquet. A total of 124 students were invited to the banquet. At right, Tawny Danforth, graduate of Freedom High School, receives an award.



Duck Creek Crossing, followed by the Oneida Closing by Matthew Cornelius. The banquet closed with the Oneida Longhouse Singers performing a beautiful closing song followed up with an encore.

Once the formal banquet was concluded the DJ began spinning his turntable and the carnival games began with prizes available from various businesses in the community. YES staff ran the carnival games which is proof they are

multi-talented individuals, not only did they run the carnival games but a few of them served on the planning committee. This year's planning committee consisted of YES staff members: Bob Van Schyndel, Donna Lau, Larry Cornelius, Margo Reiter, and Ann Gordon with the assistance of Oneida Nation High School Students: Erin Reiter, Amanda Gerandale, they all did a wonderful job and deserve a round of applause.

As a special treat to the cel-

ebration Wise Women Gathering Place was on hand to facilitate a virtual date which is fun and educational. Those who participated had a good time finding out a little about themselves and what they will settle for in a date or mate.

It will be interesting to see what next year's celebration will be like. The juniors who attended and assisted this year will be on next year's planning committee.

Scholarships Available

Wisconsin American Indian Science Scholars Week at UWM

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council announces a no-cost event for Native American high school graduates and first year college students who will be attending a college or university for the fall 2003 term. Spend a week on campus at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from July 20-26, 2003. Participate in hands-on demonstrations, learn blood typing, solve the chocolate chip challenge, learn CPR and more. Visit the Milwaukee Public Museum, a Brewer game, and the Medical College of Wisconsin. For more information contact Karen Goulet at 715-588-3324 X 133. Or E mail her at: k.goulet@glitc.org. Application forms are available at the Oneida Higher Education office by calling 920-869-4033 or 800-236-2214. Application review began May 31st.

Throlson American Bison Foundation Scholarship

The mission of the Throlson American Bison Foundation is to provide scholarship opportunities for students studying bison or fields related to the bison industry. The foundation will award two scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year, one for \$1000 and one for \$2000. Applicants must be undergraduates with junior or senior status, or graduate students. Must be enrolled in a recognized livestock, animal science, veterinary, or agriculture program in the United States or Canada. Application must contain two letters of recommendation from faculty in your department. For application materials contact the Oneida Higher Education Office at 920-869-4033 or 800-236-2214. **Application deadline is July 1, 2003.**

Wisconsin Private College Week

Students and families are invited to tour the 21 private colleges and universities of Wisconsin during Open House week, July 7th through July 12th. There will be tours on each campus, plus a chance to meet with staff from the admissions and financial aid departments. Stop by and visit classrooms, residence halls and other facilities. Students will receive a waiver of application fees at each college or university they visit. Call ahead to reserve your place on a tour by contacting the admissions department of the school (s) you plan to visit, or call 1-800-4-DEGREE. You can also get more information on the website at www.wisconsinmentor.org.

Conservation Internships

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Couple recognized by BC



Photo by Yvonne Kaquatosh

Cecil and Ruth Skenandore were honored by the Business Committee on Wednesday, May 28 for being named "2003 Outstanding Elders of the Year" by the Wisconsin Indian Education Association last month. Above left, Anita Barber, Director of the Y.E.S. Program, touched on some of the unique qualities of the couple to those present. She said in part, "It's always a pleasure to get nominated but its even more special when one of the nominators is a granddaughter. We often say children don't listen to their elders, but in this case, the granddaughter seems to have listened well and is so proud of them." It was also noted that the couple are always willing to help and have vivid memories yet of what life use to be like on the Oneida reservation. The couple received the distinguished honor at the WIEA conference that was held at the Radisson on April 23, 2003.

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Eye on Environment

Here’s Your Chance...

Submitted by Lisa Miotke

The Environmental, Health & Safety Area is working on a new process to designate certain lands as “Conservancy” and manage them for use by the Oneida Community. These lands have already been reviewed by a multi-departmental team that determines if the best potential use of a site is for wildlife habitat management, restoration, and recreation. Uses by the community may include hunting, fishing, gathering, hiking, biking, ATVs, camping, among others that are appropriate for the specific site.

The management plans for each site will layout what is prescribed for that area, based on the current conditions and the sensitivity of the site. Potentially all sites will have some level of trail system, parking, signage including historic information, a map of the site, available uses, etc. Also, with your help, we plan to rename the sites to better reflect its importance within the community (currently they are referred to by the former owners name).

As part of this process, we are requesting your help. When we have prepared a draft management plan for a site, we will let you know through the Kalihwisaks and via groupwise and request that you to consider the plan and make comments to us. It is important to us that you communicate your ideas and concerns so we are able to consider them in the final management plan and prepare

the site in a way that will be beneficial to the community as well as the resources. Of course, overtime, these management plans may be amended to reflect changes in adjacent land use, how the resource is responding to use by the community, or additional restoration efforts. In an effort at continuous improvement, your comments about these sites will always be welcome. Even if you have no comments about how the site will be used, we still want your ideas for re-naming the site.

At this time, the EHS Area has drafted two management plans for sites within Brown County. Please review the summary below and direct your comments and new name suggestions to the address provided at the end.

Management Plan for the Dexter Road Open Space Site: This area is located at the intersection of Highway 54 and Highway 172, and east of Duck Creek, in part of T23N- R19E, Section 3 and T24N, R19E, Section 34, Village of Hobart, Brown County, Oneida Nation Reservation, Wisconsin.

In 1994, the Development Director saw a need to establish a native wildflower grassland in central Oneida for the community to use and appreciate. The Dexter Road site was selected as the site for this multi-disciplinary and multi-departmental project. The Dexter Road Open Space was established with the planting of a 25 acre wild-

flower grassland and 38 acres of reforestation area in 1995. Prior to 1994, the site had been farmed and due to the steepness of slopes and proximity to Duck Creek, it was determined it would be appropriate to restore to more natural conditions. The funding for the project was through Tribal contribution and USDA Conservation Reserve Program. To date, the site has been managed through periodic prescribed burns and mowing was required while the trees were becoming established.

The Plan outlines maintenance of the wildflower grassland through periodic burns and also harvesting seed for other planting at other sites, while the reforestation area will be monitored for pests, disease, necessary select cutting, and utilizing the trees as a seed source. The proposed uses include establishing and maintaining a mowed trails throughout the property to provide access for the community to hike, bike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, bird watch, etc. In additional, information signage will be installed for those interested in learning more about the site and its habitat. No motorized vehicle use is proposed due to the sensitivity of the wildflower grassland, the young age of the reforestation area, soil erosion issues near Duck Creek, and the restriction by USDA while enrolled in CRP until 2005.

Management Plan for the

Rueden/Pasowicz Restoration Site: This area is located south of West Adam Drive and east of South County Highway U, in T23N- R19E, Section 15, Village of Hobart, Brown County, Oneida Nation Reservation, Wisconsin.

This is a site where a historic 40 acre wetland was drained for farming. When the Tribe re-acquired the land in?? it was determined due to the poor farm productivity and the wet-organic soil conditions, it was a perfect location for a wetland restoration site. Funding for the restoration project was provided predominantly by the USDA Conservation Reserve Program, BIA Circle of Flight Program and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Various phases of the wetland restoration and reforestation efforts have taken place over the last few years.

The Plan outlines little maintenance required at the site, just the mowing of a trail for use by the community for uses including hiking, biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, bird watching, etc. In additional, public access from County Highway U will be established with information signage including uses, a map of the area, and the history of the site. Signage will be installed throughout for those interested in learning more about the site and its habitat. No motorized vehicle use is proposed due to the adjacent use of a sweat lodge, the young age of the reforestation



Photos courtesy of the Environmental Department

Pictured above is the Rueden Wetland Restoration Project, Summer 2001. Inset: Harvesting seed from the Dexter Road Wildflower Grassland in the fall of 2000. These sites have been designated “conservancy” and the Environmental Department is asking for community input on management use.

area, and the restriction by the USDA program while enrolled until 2009.

Comments: Interested parties can obtain copies of these the full draft plans or request more information by contacting Lisa Miotke, at (920) 497-5812 ext 166, lmiotke@oneidation.org , or write Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Area, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. Comments will be considered and addressed before submission to the Land Commission for approval. All name suggestions will be considered. Please provide all comments in writing. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Save your aluminum can tabs
The next time you open a can of soda, pull off and save the tabs for a great cause!

Those individuals who must go through dialysis can turn the tabs in during their next visit for dialysis treatment. Contact Kim Summers at 869-3015 for pick up.

Poison ivy, wild parsnip season is here

Submitted by Jen Falck, Tribal Sanitarian

Environmental, Health, & Safety Area

Wild Parsnip

Not everyone has heard of Wild Parsnip. Wild Parsnip can grow to 4 feet tall or more, and can be found in both wet and dry areas. The plant has clusters of tiny yellow flowers that bloom in June and July. See photo.

Wild Parsnip can cause skin irritation when the juices from the plant come in contact with skin, and then that area of skin is exposed to sunlight. Symptoms take 24 hours to appear. Mild exposure results in a sunburn feeling along with reddening of the afflicted area. Severe exposure can lead to blister-

ing that can last several days.

Poison Ivy

Everyone has heard of Poison Ivy. But do you know what it looks like? The only way to avoid Poison Ivy is to be able to identify it. Poison Ivy is divided into three leaflets. Hence the old adage “Leaves of three, let it be.” See photo.

Poison Ivy causes skin irritation and can spread from place to place. If treated, symptoms can last a week or so. Left untreated, symptoms can last weeks. You may take cool showers and apply an over-the-counter lotion -- such as calamine lotion -- to help relieve the itch. If your reaction is more severe or involves mucus membranes (membranes found in the

eyes, nose, mouth, and genitals), you may need a prescription medication to help control the reaction.

Prevention


When you cannot avoid being near poison ivy, heavy clothing (long pants, long sleeves, enclosed footwear) may help prevent the oil from touching your skin. Clothing or any other object that has touched the plant must be handled carefully and washed thoroughly. If you suspect your skin has touched poison ivy, rinse the area with water immediately (within 15 minutes) to best help prevent a reaction. However, most people have up to 4 hours to wash the oil off before a reaction occurs. Clothing should be washed immediately.

Contaminated surfaces should be cleaned with rubbing alcohol.

Much of the information in this article is from the Wisconsin of Department of Natural Resource. For further information please contact Jen Falck at 920-497-5812 ext. 125 or jfalck@oneidation.org

Wild Parsnip & Poison Ivy Characteristics

	WILD PARSNIP	POISON IVY
History of Contact	• No previous exposure is required. Anyone can be affected.	• Prior exposure and sensitization is required. • 50-80% of the population will develop an immune response to poison ivy. • It may take many exposures to develop sensitivity, or one touch may be enough.
Onset	• First exposure–redness within 24 hours, blisters for several days. • Subsequent exposures–same reaction as first exposure.	• First sensitizing exposure readies the immune system to respond. • Subsequent exposures- symptoms occur in several hours to 2 days. • Because poison ivy’s reactive oil can last for months on clothing, pet fur, and other surfaces, exposure can occur repeatedly.
Location on body	• Limited to areas exposed to sunlight.	• Can occur anywhere poison ivy’s reactive oil contacts the skin; is often transferred by hands or clothing to areas “where the sun doesn’t shine.”
Symptoms	• Short-lived burning pain.	• Itching which can last for weeks if left untreated.
Course	• No new redness or blisters over time; condition confined to initial sites.	• New lesions can appear over a week or more; different skin areas react at different rates.
Scarring	• Reddish or brown pigmentation, noticeable for months or years.	• None



IMPORTANT CHANGE

Effective June 30, 2003

If you are an Oneida Nation Tribal member receiving Trash / Recycling Service from Onyx-Superior Waste Hauling; your SERVICE DATES WILL BE CHANGING.

If you currently place your trash curbside on MONDAY mornings, as of JUNE 30th, you will now put it out on THURSDAY mornings.

TUESDAY service is changing to FRIDAY mornings. Please make sure your trash is curbside by 6:30 a.m. on your new service day. July 4th pick-up will be on the 5th of July

If you have any questions regarding this change, please feel free to contact Diane Jourdan, Recycling Coordinator at djourdan@oneidation.org or call (920) 497-5812. Ext. 164, Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Your Health

Early childhood caries prevention clinic

Submitted by S. Burrell, DDS
Oneida Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic is pleased to announce that it will begin an Early Childhood Caries Prevention Clinic (ECCP Clinic). The clinic is targeted to begin on July 1, 2003. The Dental Clinic seeks to increase dental access for Native American/Alaska Native expectant mothers in the second or trimester of pregnancy. The Clinic would also like to open the program to mom's with infants under the age of one year.

Studies have shown that mothers with high caries rates possess large amounts of the bacteria Streptococcus Mutans intra orally. The bacteria feed on sugars that remain on the teeth after eating and an acid is formed. It is this acid that causes caries. Mothers often transfer the bacteria to their infants through activities such as sharing feeding utensils. The dental clinic seeks to significantly reduce the rate of caries in expectant mothers and their infants. In order to accomplish this the clinic intends to provide consistent care to expectant mothers. Secondly, the clinic expects to reduce to

least 65% the proportion of Native Americans and Alaska Native parents and care givers who use feeding practices that prevent Baby Bottle Tooth Decay. Thirdly, the clinic desires to increase by 45 percent the number of expectant mothers who have never lost a tooth due to caries and periodontal disease.

Routine professional and home dental care can reduce the caries rate in mothers and thereby reduce the caries rate in their infants. Treating mothers early in their pregnancy helps to significantly reduce the amount of decay in the mothers and thereby reduce the amount of decay in their infants.

The clinic also seeks to satisfy the directives outlined in the Surgeon General's Healthy People 2010 Report. The study noted that "dental care for pregnant females, counseling, reinforcement of health promoting behaviors with care givers of children, and intervention by dental and other professionals to improve parenting practices provide the best available means of preventing serious oral disease."

Moms are invited to partic-

ipate in a series of activities that are designed to improve their oral health and reduce tooth decay.

The first set of activities will involve watching a short film which describes the importance of baby teeth. Secondly, moms will be invited to the dental clinic to receive dental exams which will involve measuring the levels of the bacteria which causes tooth decay. Patients will also receive dental cleanings and restorative work such as fillings. Each participant will also be asked to chew a Xylitol containing chewing gym after delivery. Xylitol chewing gum has been shown to be effective in reducing tooth decay when used on a regular basis. Expectant mothers will also receive care packages designed to assist them in caring for their newborn's mouth. Upon delivery of the baby, mom's will be asked return to the Dental Clinic with their infants so that they may receive instruction on the proper care of the infant's mouth.

Expectant mothers interested in participating the ECCP Clinic should visit the Dental Clinic.

No gangs with this task force



Photos by Phil Wisneski

The Oneida gang task force was presented with certificates from the Oneida Business Committee on June 4 for their hard work in the community. Right: Korean War POW Valdor John presents Roberto Hill with an eagle feather for his part in the gang task force. Each member of the task force was given a feather from John.



Oneida Nation Elderly Services

Oneida Elderly Nutrition Advisory Council

Your assistance is needed in a Advisory position for guidance, development, and evaluation of the Elderly Nutrition Program.

We are looking for six to eight council members.

Members can be anyone who has an interest in the program, CWAG member, Senior Statesmen, AARP members, Nutritionist, Public Health Nurse, participants of the meal site (Congregate or Home Delivered), ONCOA Member, Lions Club members or clergy. Spouse of someone who receives home delivered meals. Community members with an interest in the meal site for the elderly.

We need members who:

- Are people who have the respect and confidence of their associates and fellow meal site participants.
- Can exhibit a strong sense of responsibility and civic-mindedness

It is important to attend the meetings on a regular basis and actively participate in the work of the council.

Meetings held quarterly.

We will take the first six to eight participants who call. Interested, please call Elderly Services and ask for Florence at **869-2448**.

Monkey pox cases could grow in Wisconsin

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) - A Wisconsin family was ordered confined to their home after coming down possible symptoms of a virus similar to smallpox and spread by prairie dogs.

Tammy Kautzer, 28, was quarantined in her home with her husband and 3-year-old daughter on Friday after she and her daughter came down with a suspected case of monkeypox, which is linked to the burrowing rodents

"They said we can't leave until the scabs fall off the sores," said Kautzer, of nearby Dorchester in central Wisconsin. "I only have a few more scabs to fall off. My daughter's are gone."

At least 38 cases of monkeypox are suspected or have been confirmed in three Midwest states. Health officials were working to contain the spread of the monkeypox virus, which is related to smallpox and apparently never before found in the Western Hemisphere.

The disease in humans is not usually fatal but causes rashes, fevers, chills and sores.

In Wisconsin, four human cases have been confirmed and 16 others are suspected, Dr. Mark Wegner, chief of the state's communicable disease section, said Tuesday.

Thirteen cases are suspected in Indiana and Illinois has four suspected and one confirmed case.

Wisconsin officials had accounted for two-thirds of the 30 prairie dogs shipped to the state and issued quarantines barring people from moving mammals on their property to help the spread.

Kicking diabetes event well attended

The "Kick Diabetes" event on May 15 was a great success! Around 350 people attended the dinner that was held at the Doxbee's Supper Club. It was the fifth year for this event to help reach Tribal members and their families to educate and increase awareness of the damages of diabetes. Activities such as this are sponsored by the Oneida Community Health Center Diabetes Grant Program, which receives funding through a federal grant.

The evening started with everyone receiving a gift certificate to Tower Foods and Oneida Farmers' Market money. There were also several booths set up to increase awareness of what can be done to treat and prevent diabetes.

Guest were treated to a lovely, healthy dinner of baked chicken breast, wild rice, vegetables, salad and dessert of low-fat ice cream with strawberries. Following dinner, the first speaker was Tim Moureau, NP from the

Oneida Community Health Center Diabetes Team, who lead a panel discussion of Oneida people with diabetes. Everyone told their individual stories about how they found out they had diabetes and how they progressed to where they are today. Everyone was then treated to a rousing exercise session with Dawn Krines-Glatt, Health Promotions. The last speaker was Darrell Bevell, Quarterback Coach of the Green Bay Packers. He gave a strong motivating talk about the importance of keeping healthy and overcoming obstacles.

The evening ended with a drawing for some fantastic door prizes. The grand prize was a treadmill. Congratulations to all of our winners. A special thanks to dietitian Betty Schwantes, who heads the special events committee and the rest of the committee, Jean Morgan, Joleen Parker, Beth Scheelk, Karen Hallada, Dawn Krines-Glatt, Jane Powless, and Susan Beck.

Introducing...

Children of Domestic Violence

Healing the Wounds: A Guide for Moms

[Editor's Note: This is the 4th edition from the 8 questions/answers of an educational series of Domestic Violence, from the Domestic Violence Child/Teen Advocate – Susan King Red Hail]

Part 4 of 8
Susan King Red Hail
Domestic Violence Child Advocate

QUESTION #4: What are the Affects of Domestic Violence on Children?

Domestic Violence affects every member of the family. It is estimated that over 3 million children witness violence in their home. In North Dakota in 2000, at least 5,016 children were directly impacted by Domestic Violence.

Children react to violence in their environment in different ways, and reactions can vary depending on age and gender.

Some *POSSIBLE* effects, but not limited to:

EMOTIONAL: Grief for family and personal losses. Shame, guilt, and self blame. Confusion about conflicting feelings toward parents. Fear of abandonment, or expressing emotions, the unknown or personal injury. Anger. Depression and feelings of helplessness and powerlessness. Embarrassment. Acting out or withdrawing. Aggressiveness or passiveness. Refusing to go to school. Care taking; acting as a parent substitute. Out of control behavior. Manipulation, dependency, & mood swings.

SOCIAL: Isolation from friends and relatives. Stormy relationships. Difficulty trusting, especially adults. Poor anger

control and problem solving skills. Excessive social involvement to avoid home. Passivity with peers or bullying. Engaged in exploitative relationships as perpetrator or victim.

PHYSICAL: Somatic (unexplained reoccurring ailments) complaints, headaches and stomachaches. Nervous, anxious, short attention span. Tired and lethargic. Frequently ill. Poor personal hygiene. Regression in development. High risk play. Self Abuse. Bruises and other personal injuries.

If you are being abused, **REMEMBER: You are not alone, it is not your fault, help is available.**

National Domestic Violence Hot Line Toll Free: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224

Oneida Tribe Domestic Violence Program: 1-888-490-2457 or 1-920-490-3701

Appleton, WI hotline: 1-800-970-1171

Green Bay, WI hotline: 1-877-431-4321

Anyone can be a victim. Victims can be of any age, sex, race, culture, religion, education, employment or marital status. Although both men and women can be abused, most victims are women. Children in homes where there is domestic violence are more likely to be abused and/or neglected. Most children in these homes know about the violence. Even if a child is not physically harmed, they may have emotional and behavior problems.

Note: Information provided is not intentionally geared towards female gender only.

Whatever your father did for a living, chances are you thought of him as a teacher.

Maybe it was the way he taught you how to shake hands, or that you should help someone in need, or even how to fish. As we go through life, in many ways, we see our fathers in ourselves.

This Father's Day, we see our dads as the people who made us who we are.

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Culture

The Words that come before all else

By Tom Porter
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I was requested by a brother who gave me this candle to light it here. HE said a light burns for the next generation and the next generation. Let there be a fire and let there be a light that maybe this conference will shine the light, and they will carry on for the next generations so they can have life that is sacred. And I was honored that he asked that.

And then someone gave me an offering for a prayer for a soldier, a man who had gone somewhere in the world, in the arms. And so he sent this as his prayer. As soon as I heard that I said, probably there’s Mohawks and there’s Dakota, Navajo, Ottawa or Cherokee people over there somewhere in danger right now, even if they don’t want to be there. And so we offer this prayer today, and we will include them, to say that we are thinking about them and hope that they be safe, and hope that they don’t have to take the life of somebody.

Our grandparents and our leaders, they told us that whenever we are confused and look to make prayers, that we shall always do in the language that we are.. If I am a Dakota, then I will talk Dakota when I a make a spiritual talk. If I am a Hopi, then I will speak the Hopi when I do a spiritual talk. But I am a Mohawk, so I should do it in Mohawk. That’s what our grandparents and mother told us, that our languages honor the Creator. For all these years you have survived this far, so honor the Creator and speak the language that He gave to you and then the Creator will be so happy because you are so proud. And I say that to you with a prayer so that you may share that with your nephews and nieces, children or grandchildren.

At this time then, I ask the Creator permission to speak another language than the one He gave me, so that everybody can understand these words I am speaking. This is a very important meeting these next days. When I got to be the first speaker, I was really touched because this gathering talks about tomorrow’s kids, talks about tomorrow’s, us Cherokees or Mohawks, Lakota, Hopi. That’s what it is addressing and that is the most fundamental, most important. I believe that a lot of good seeds will be carried here and dispersed here and returned so they can protect that future. So we ask the Creator to please stay with us during these days and help us see and help us identify those things that are going to be helpful to our young for tomorrow. Now we will begin what we call the prayer that addresses the important things.

As I look around, I know that our brothers from the Hopi came on an airplane to get here. I know that our brothers and sisters from Cherokee, too, have traveled a long way, and others from the west and south too. And way up north, from ever where came the delegates. But as I look around, it seems like everybody arrived safely, no injury it seems. And so that’s the first one, the Creator opened the road and the path for us to come here, and so it is indeed a great blessing this many delegates have arrived. And so we will acknowledge this in our gratefulness and our thankfulness because this is a wonderful gift, that our Creator allowed us to come together without any problems. Actually that candle is most appropriate because whenever our ancient people refer to meetings they always say they are going to be close to the fire. That’s what we call meeting, “close to the fire.”

We are not alone.
I see a great beauty and I see great dignity, and I see a great respect in our women. But then also when I look around, and I see our men, they look handsome, they look strong, they look clean, and then when I put it all together, what a wonderful group!

What a good people we are that we say thank you to one another, that we will share each other’s company today. We will be family and so we say thank you with love to one another in our mind as one.

The next one is also important. That is the one that’s called the Earth. And the Creator said that the Earth is going to be the mother. And not just a mother, but different than a mother because this Mother Earth is going to be the mother of all human beings and all the birds and all the animals, and everything that lives. She is going to be the mother to all of us; that’s why she is just like a rock that never changes its mind, consistent everyday since the beginning of time.

Grandma used to say, “Can you and I remember a day, yesterday or before, when our Mother the Earth ever threw us away and abandoned us or gave us away?” And we said, “No.” She said, “That’s right.” The Mother Earth has been there since the beginning of time and she loves us. That’s why she gives us food everyday; that’s why we are walking on Earth and that’s the way the Creator told her. She listens so good to the Creator because she loves the Creator and that’s our Mother. So we have one of the most beautiful parents in the whole world, our Mother the Earth.

And because our Mother is so strong and so giving, what I am going to ask is that you and I, everybody here, that our minds become one. In Mohawk, they say “many layers of thank you.” Many layers of “hello.” Many layers of compassion and kindness and love, until it is a big pile that touches the

ceiling, and then our job in our wonders of mind is to surround the big pile of thank you and greeting and love and then we give to our Mother the Earth. And we say Mother Earth, thank you. On behalf of our children, our grandchildren, and on behalf of the future unborn we say, thank you Mother Earth, for loving us. And our minds are agreed as one.

Our Creator made other things in the beginning . He made the water, the river and the creeks and ponds and the lakes and the oceans. An then the Creator gave the water a life and soul and a spirit, even a voice. That’s what we hear at Niagara Falls -a tough, rough, big voice. Then sometimes it is a little stream soft, nice. Sometimes just a drip of the rain will make you want to sleep for comfort. Those are the voices of the rain and the water. And so when He made the water He talked to that water and He said: “Your job is going to be a special job.” He said that the people will make their little villages or their towns here and there along the rivers and the creeks, and what you will do, water, is you will go find them and make sure you visit them everyday where they live. And that water was told by the Creator to find us, so He will give us a drink of cold water every day, and then when we drink that water, especially on a hot summer day, we will feel the hope of the next moment and that tomorrow is coming somewhere. Oh, it feels good when you drink that water.

When you work and you have grime and soot all over your body and you feel tired, you don’t feel clean, you can go swimming or take a shower and the sacred water refreshes you, cleans your body and makes you healthy. And so you see the river and the creeks and the waters of the world are still doing their job the way the Creator told them to do. And that’s why when we drink the water every day we must say to the Creator, “Thank you for that sacred gift, the water.” And then we say to the water itself, “Thank you for quenching our thirst today.”

And then to the life that is in the water, what they call fish, and other kinds of water life the Creator spoke to them too, in the beginning of the world. He told them what their job is and gave them a soul and a spirit, and He said, “Anything that comes in the water to dirty the water, that fish jump and grab it, clean that water. And when the people need your help, if they get hungry, you will give yourself and they will be nourished.” So no matter even if the fish are having a hard time today they still try to do their job right until the end, no matter what happens to them. And so, we will throw our thank yous and our greetings and our love to every river and every lake and every ocean and we say to all the fish in the whole world, “Thank you for still following the Creator’s way.”

The Creator made the things that grow on the Mother Earth. He told us that we will plant gardens, and the head of the gardens, number one, the leader of the garden, is the corn. The second in the command of the garden is the beans. And the third leader of the garden world is the vines, squashes and pumpkin and things like that. Those three are the leaders of all the things that grow in the garden, and the other vegetables will follow them and then the people will have food in the villages and the towns.

And so this past summer where I live, the corn grew nice, our beans were nice, our pumpkin and squash are good, and everything else grew healthy and strong and we harvested many foods, so when the cold winter comes, we won’t get hungry and we will not lack. And that’s the plan the Creator made for us.

And so this past summer I have seen theat everybody’s garden in Hopi, Navajo, Cherokee, Lakota, Mohawk, is growing. That means the Creator loves us And so to all of the garden beings we say “Thank you,” and our minds agree.

And then our Creator made the medicine that grows in the woods and the swamp and in the mountains and the valleys by the rivers’ edges. When you are walking, the Creator said: “It is not certain, the next step you might take tomorrow. Maybe sickness will come in the land or on you, and when it does it will destroy the peace and the tranquility that you have. But that’s why I have got that medicine everywhere in the woods, in the hills, by the rivers so if that happens to you, you can go pick those medicines and they will take away the sickness and will restore peace and tranquility and a feeling that there is a tomorrow again. And Grandma used to say, “That medicine is waiting every day for you or me to ask them for help, and when we do, that medicine smiles from ear to ear with the big joy that you asked them for help.” And so to our medicines that grow all over Mother Earth, we the people send many thank you’s and love, and we say to the medicines big and small, “Thank you for your services, that we know you will be there tomorrow.” And our minds are agreed.

Here where we live, in the Northeast, the Creator planted many kinds of trees, big ones, smaller ones, slender ones with leaves, one that keeps its leaves in the fall. But of all those trees in the Northeast, the Creator chose the maple tree to be the chief, the leader of all of the trees in the forest. For when the snow of winter comes and it starts to melt away, it is that maple tree the is the first one to have its blood to run again. And when we see that, we will gather it and we will drink it. It is called the Big Medicine. Then we can cook that from the maple tree and it turns to syrup and sugar that we mix with our foods to taste really good.

And then Grandma said, “From the trees they give us gifts apples, cherries, peaches, pears, plums, and the list goes on.” And the white pine is called the Symbol of Peace and Brotherhood, In its great shade, one day, all the nations will sit in its coolness, they will be brothers and sisters, and there will be peace for the world. The white pine is still growing, the beautiful white pine.

From that white pine and all the other trees that grow, we will gather fallen limbs, so when it gets cold and windy we will make a little fire where we live, so our family won’t get cold.. And when we want to send a message to the Creator, we will kindle that fire from the fallen limbs, and the smoke comes that carries our message to the Creator.

And from that tree also comes the wind that you and I breathe. They call it oxygen and it is a fact that if there is no more trees, there will be no more oxygen, and there will be no more you and there will be no more me. That is why I ask the many delegates to become of one mind as we put our thank yous and our greetings and our love together in one big pile. Let every tree in the whole Mother Earth receive our hello and thanks today, and they will feel our love and our gratitude. Then after the big snow goes, they will bring leaves and flowers and fruits that we will eat for our family. That’s a good life. And so with oneness in mind to the trees of the world, we say thank you with love. And our minds have agreed.

And then the Creator put here on the Mother Earth all kinds of animals. And of all the animals her in the Northeast, the Creator chose the deer to be their leader. In various parts of the Mother Earth other animals may lead, but around here it’s the deer that is the chief of all the animals. And when we walk sometimes in the woods, all of a sudden we hear that deer that is the chief of the animals. And when we walk sometimes in the woods, all of a sudden we hear that deer- a noise and the branches moving- and we turn around and there stands a deer with his big eyes looking at us, watching us as we are walking. Sometimes we see a raccoon, sometimes we see a squirrel or a rabbit running. That means the Creator’s law is still going and our young men can go get that deer for eating and they find it is still today. And so it is that the animals of the world, to their leader, the deer, we say thank you with love. And our minds have agreed.

There was another one, after everything else was done. It was you and I, the human beings, who were the last ones to be made on the Creator’s agenda. When He made each of us, our Creator took sticks and He marked them, one for you and one for me. And when we were born, the minute we breathed the first breath of life as a baby, you and I, the Creator make a stick for us. And on this stick the mark is made, giving the days and the nights. How many marks are there? When you finish that mark each day and night and then you have no more, that is when it is time to leave. And Grandma and Grandpa said, “When the last mark is there, no amount of money, no army, no matter its size, can negotiate another minute. It is time to go.” And so that is the law that we know.

But while we are living, you and I, the Creator’s main mandate– He doesn’t want to see our lips dragging on the ground in sadness and in grief and in loneliness and boredom. That is not why He puts us here. When you and I walk on Mother Earth, He wants to see us smile from ear to ear at least a couple of times a day. And then the Creator is going to be happy. That’s why He wants us to live, so we can dance and we can have joy so we can laugh. That’s pretty good.

And so in order to ensure that we don’t get stuck with lonesomeness and boredom, in that great plan the Creator made, He made us the birds and He put all of those nice feathers and colors on their body. It looks pretty. And then He gathered all those birds together and He said, “Birds of the world, your job is to help the humans, and your job is to help the deer and the moose, and your job is to help the bears and the raccoons so they won’t get lonesome.” So He gave them all a song, different songs for the different birds, and the Creator said to the birds, “I choose the eagle to be the leader for all of you, and He will be the guardian for the people.” He said, “Your special moment will be everyday before the Brother Sun shows his face and the dawn is coming, all you birds will get up before the sun gets here and you will sing your thousands of songs to greet the sun, our Older Brother. And when you do that the human people will hear you and their minds will be shaken so boredom and lonesomeness and sadness will not find a place to sit in their minds; shake their minds so they will know joy and happiness.”

And so this morning, as they did yesterday, the birds all got up early, as it was since the beginning, and they began to sing their beautiful songs, and what a joy it is. They never forgot the Creator’s plan. All we have to do is know that and not forget that. And so to the birds of the world, we say thank you with love. And our minds are agreed. Now, on our Mother Earth there are Four Winds in the sky, and they are the ones who bring the changing of the seasons. Our Mother Earth gets tired of giving birth and feeding all the beings that she has. Now, if we take one woman from here that has had children, just one child, we know how much work it is? Multiply that by

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To be continued in the June 17th issue...

Good News

New Arrivals

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

Gavin Wahak÷no÷épse (He made it rain) Metoxen

Gavin Wahak÷no÷épse "He made it rain" Metoxen, son of Joey & Kellie Metoxen, was born on Sunday, May 25, 2003 at 9:41 am at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elk Grove, Illinois weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. The proud maternal Grandmother is Beverly Lyn Crum. The proud paternal Great-grandparents are the late Edward & Nancy Metoxen. Wahak÷no÷épse has two older siblings, Ireland Destiney and Joseph Edward.

Keagan Jason Hawk King

Keagan Jason Hawk King, newborn son to Jason and Heidi King, was born on April 19, 2003 at 4:38 pm. At St. Mary's Hospital, Green Bay weighing 9 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 20.5 inches in length. The proud maternal grandparents are Ted and Gloria Hawk. The proud paternal grandparents are Bev King and Ron King, all of Oneida, Wisconsin. Keagan joins older siblings, Patton and Sophia.

Stone White feather Hawk

Stone Whitefeather Hawk, newborn son to Tim and Hillaria Hawk, was born on February 7, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in CoCoa Beach, Florida. He weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz. and measured 18 inches in length. The proud maternal grandparents are Ted and Gloria Hawk of Oneida, WI. The proud paternal grandparents are Walter and Betty friend of CoCoa Beach, Florida. Stone has an older brother, River.

Jaden Bo Skenandore

Jaden Bo Skenandore, newborn son to Cheyenne and Sarah Skenandore, was born on May 28, 2003 at 9:23 a.m. at Columbia/St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee weighing 8 lbs., 15 oz and measured 19.5 inches in length. The proud Grandparents are Murray (Bo) and Christine Skenandore and Kevin and Linda Rattle. The proud Great-Grandparents are Betty and the late Tony Skenandore; Lucy and the late Robert Klarner; Charles & Faye Rattle; and the late Dale and Audrey Tommerup.

Happy Birthday

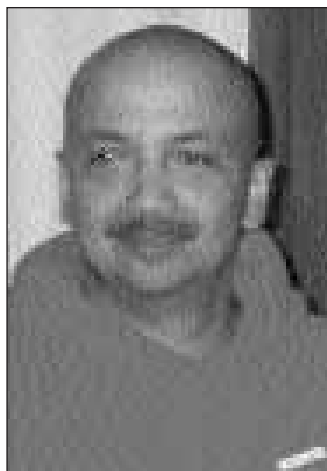
To my Dad
Dale Metoxen
on the 30th of June 2003
I Love You & Miss You!



Your daughter,
Josie Metoxen

Happy Birthday

To my Son
Dale Metoxen
on June 30th 2003



Love You, Mom

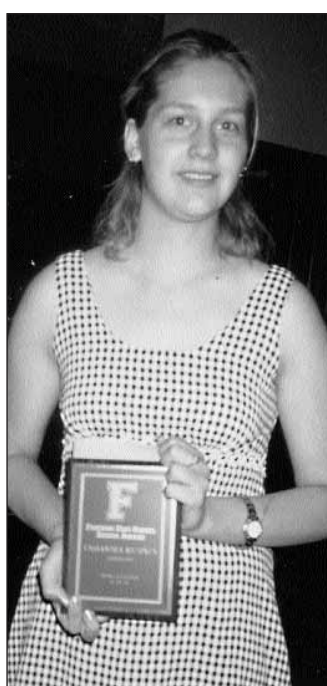
Happy Birthday

Lorraine Cornelius
on graduating
from
Oneida Nation
High School

Excellent Job!
Love Do Do, and
your Family
p.s. When's the
Party?

Happy Birthday

To my Granddaughter
Cassie Metoxen
on the 29th of June 2003



Love You!
Grandma Do-Do King

Congratulation's!

Lynnsey Marie Baker
Graduating Class of
2003
Arlee High School
Arlee, Montana
and on being
Valedictorian of your
class!
Also, Good Luck in
participating in the
Beauty Pageant for
Miss Montana!



Your Family in Oneida!
Granddaughter of the
late Leonard C. &
JoAnn Smith, Great
Niece of Chester G.
Smith & Phyllis
Johnson

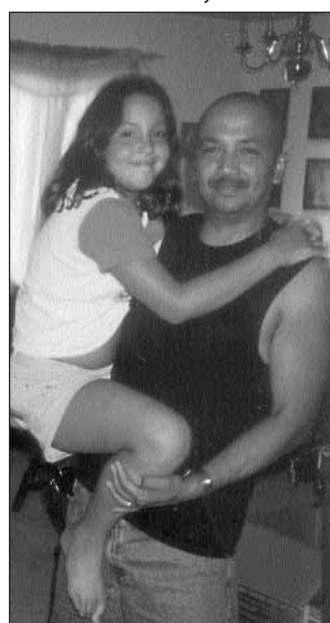
Congratulation's!

Roxanne Jill (Pumpkin) Cornelius
on graduating
from
Oneida Nation
High School

One of our
Future Leaders!
Love Do Do, and
your Family

Happy Father's Day!

To my Dad
Dale Metoxen
I Love You, Dad!



From your daughter
Josie Metoxen

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Bowman Family Reunion

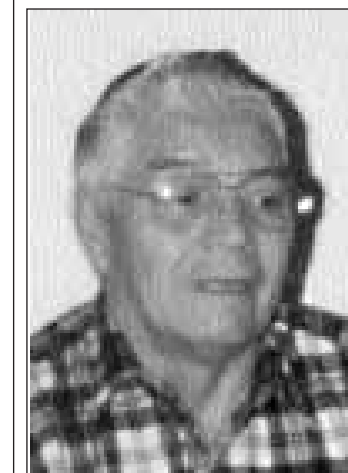
Saturday ~ June 21, 2003
12:00 noon to ??? • Bay Beach
(By the big slide & Playground area)
Bay Beach Road • Green Bay, Wisconsin

Bring your own meat, drinks,
ice and dish to pass!
Grills, paper products and
silverware will be provided.

RSVP: Janice (920) 684-6658
Candy (920) 869-1187
Karen (715) 793-3823
Jodine (920) 429-0376

Happy Father's Day!

Comodore T. Metoxen
From then to Forever...
You are the **MOST TERRIFIC FATHER!**



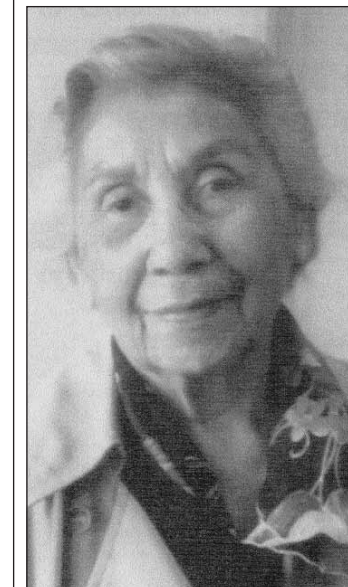
Love, Sandra, Carol, &
Bernie

Happy Birthday

Sophie Cornelius Paris
turns 95!

Granddaughter to Chief
Daniel Bread, daughter
of Sampson and Phoebe
Cornelius, mother of
two, grandmother of six,
great grandmother of
seven! Loved deeply by
all of us!

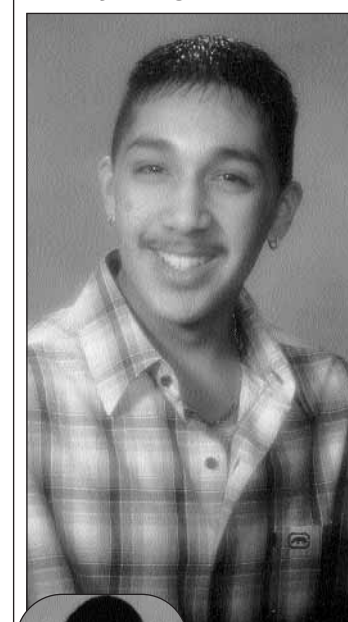
Sophie celebrates her
birthday at Anna John
Nursing Home on
June 21st!



God Bless Her!

Congratulation's!

Derrick King
on your graduation



Love Dad,
Elaine,
Grandma,
Grandpa,
Uncles &
Auntie!
(Nice shirt!)

Happy Birthday

To my
Granddaughter
Wendy Cornelius

Wishing you the
Best on your 17th
Birthday!
Welcome Home!
Love Dodo

Congratulation's

Nicole Lassila-Alden & Chad Alden
as you begin your new life together. Nicole and
Chad exchanged wedding vows on May 31, 2003
in Las Vegas, NV



Love Mom, Dad, Jada, Dionne, Tom & Family

Happy Birthday

Happy 1st Birthday on June 2nd to our little
"Dora The Explorer"
Malia Lois John Jacobs



We Love You! Mom, Dad & Family

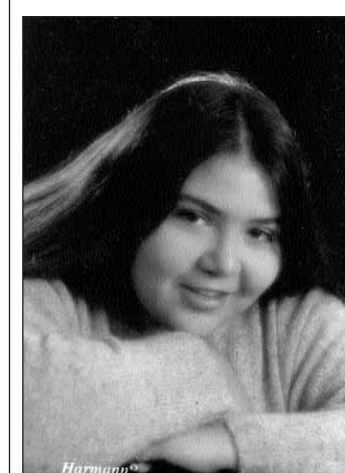
Happy Father's Day!

Kirby Metoxen
You're a very
Special Person!
Enjoy your day!

We Love You!
Your Family

Congratulation's!

Linda Orie
in graduating from
Stanford University and
on obtaining your
Bachelor of Arts
Degree!
You make us Proud!



From Mom, Dad, Fern,
John, Jules and Julie

Congratulation's!

JoAnne
on achieving your
Associate Degree!



Joe, Mike, Errol, LeRoy
& Dorothy

Happy Birthday

To my grandson
Drew Metoxen
on the 21st of June 2003



I Love You!
Do-Do Grandma King

Kalihwisaks
NEXT
DEADLINE IS...
Thursday, June
12th, 2003 @
4:30 p.m. with a
PUBLISH DATE
of...
~ Tuesday ~
June 17th 2003
Questions, please
call: 869-4280

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