

New mediator appointed for Oneida land claim

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - A U.S. District judge involved in the Oneida land claim appointed a new mediator for the next round of confidential negotiations regarding the claim.

Judge Lawrence Kahn said Albany lawyer John Tabner will oversee the negotiations. Kahn set an Aug. 30 deadline for the talks.

Tabner replaces Ronald Riccio, dean of the law school at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, who was appointed in February 1999. Thirteen months later, he declared his attempts "fruitless" and expressed doubts that a settlement agreeable to all parties would ever be reached.

Under a tentative accord announced Feb. 16, the state and federal government would pay \$500 million in exchange for the Oneidas dropping their two-century old claim to 250,000 acres of ancestral land in Oneida and Madison counties. The money would be split among Oneida tribes in New York,

Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada.

As part of the settlement, the New York Oneidas would be allowed to acquire up to 35,000 acres of land for their reservation. The tribe currently owns about 14,000 acres in the two-county region.

Both out-of-state tribes have rejected the settlement because they received no land. The Wisconsin

Oneidas have filed 60 lawsuits against individual landowners to challenge the settlement.

According to the website pechanga.net, the Wisconsin Oneidas' attorney, Arlinda Locklear,

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Mediator

Appeals court hears arguments in land suit

NEW YORK (AP) - The Oneida Tribe of Indians of New York is entitled to the land it has purchased in three state and shouldn't pay taxes because the land was unfairly taken from the Indians nearly two centuries ago, a lawyer told a federal appeals panel on Monday.

The lawyer, Michael Smith, said he wanted the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to agree with a lower court judge and find that the tribe is entitled to live on its land without paying taxes to local, state or federal governments. The court reserved decision.

Smith said such a ruling by the appeals court in Manhattan would be consistent with earlier rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court and the 2nd Circuit on the status of 300,000 acres of land promised to the Oneidas in a 1789 treaty.

Some of the land gained considerable value after the Oneidas, who had for years struggled financially, opened the Turning Stone Casino Resort in Verona, east of Syracuse, in 1993.

On June 4, 2001, a lower court judge ruled that Sherrill County could not tax or evict the Oneidas from land county lawyers had argued was given

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Land Suit**



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Oneida tribal member Diana King, with microphone, makes a nomination at the election caucus which was held last weekend. Nominations for the Oneida Business Committee, including seats of chairperson, vice-chairperson, treasurer and secretary, were announced. Seats for boards, committees and commissions were also announced.

Candidates and petitioners have until May 23 to make candidacy official

**By Keith Skenandore
Kalihwisaks**

A total of 65 candidates were nominated for the forthcoming tribal elections to be held on July 13.

Nominations were held for seats of chairperson, vice-chairperson, treasurer, secretary and the five seats of the Oneida Business Committee.

Tribal boards, committees and commissions with vacancies also had nominations.

Seven of the nine current council members have accepted nominations to seek re-election. Treasurer Judy Cornelius, who was not present at the meeting, said she will petition for re-election.

Vice-Chairwoman Tina Danforth said she will not seek re-election.

Oneida Chairman Gerald Danforth accepted his nomination and seeks a second term. Nominated along with Danforth for the seat of chair were David Webster, Gary

Jordan, Artley Skenandore Jr. and Brad Graham.

Vice-Chairwoman Tina Danforth said she is considering petitioning for a seat on the gaming commission, but not for council. When asked if she was 100 percent sure on her decision, she hesitated, but said yes.

"I may consider running (for council) after three years," said Danforth. "I want a break to do other things."

Vying for the seat of vice-chairperson are Gary Jordan, former treasurer Kathy Hughes, Diane House and Linda Dallas.

Treasurer Judy Cornelius said she will definitely petition to retain her seat and may petition for a seat as council member.

Other nominees for the treasurer's seat were Linn Cornelius, Dale Wheelock, Mercie Danforth and Dave Bischoff.

Nominees for the seat of tribal secretary has incumbent Julie Barton seeking her fourth consecutive term, and Yvonne Metivier, seeking her first term.

A total of 29 nominees announced their candidacy

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By Ed Williams

Special to the Kalihwisaks

Despite some high winds and cool temperatures Oneida Police Department officers along with other area law enforcement agencies paid tribute May 9 in downtown Green Bay to fellow fallen officers killed in the line-of-duty.

Representatives of police officers from surrounding communities including Green Bay, De Pere, Oneida and Brown County Sheriff's deputies placed flowers at the foot of the Community

Tribute of Law Enforcement located in front of the Green Police Department.

OPD Sgt. Dan House paid tribute by participating in a 21-gun salute to honor all law enforcement officers.

Along with Sgt. House, OPD Officers Matt Ninham, Les Harms, Robert Scheeler, Sgt. Marty Antone and Assistant Chief Greg Powless braved the blustery evening to pay their respect to officers killed in 2001.

Green Bay Mayor Paul Jadin was also at hand to officially mark the day as "Law

Enforcement Appreciation Day".

Last year, 230 officers across the country lost their lives while serving their respective communities including 71 officers killed at the Sept. 11 World Trade Towers terrorist attack in New York City. Candles were distributed to the crowd of nearly 200 to represent and honor those fallen officers. Wisconsin had no law enforcement officer fatalities

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Fallen Officers**



Photo by Ed Williams

Oneida Police Officer Dan House, far right, participates in the 21-gun salute to honor law enforcement officers during "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day".

Senecas approve casino compact with state

CATTARAUGUS INDIAN RESERVATION, N.Y. (AP) - The Seneca Indian Nation Tuesday approved a deal with the state to build casinos in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, moving forward a key element in a historic gambling expansion undertaken by the state to raise new revenues in the wake of Sept. 11.

In voting on the Senecas' two western New York reservations, tribal members accepted the gambling plan by a vote of 1,077-976. Of the 7,118-member nation, 4,561 were eligible to vote.

Seneca President Cyrus Schindler said he was not surprised by the close count.

"It's an election. You can't predict," he said.

The 14-year compact negotiated by Gov. George Pataki and Seneca tribal leaders outlines a plan under which the Senecas would build and operate casinos in the two upstate cities, while sharing a portion of slot-machine revenues with the state.

Seneca President Cyrus Schindler estimated the venture could mean between \$2 billion and \$3 billion for the Senecas over the life of the contract.

The state, anticipating \$300 million, initially would receive 18 percent of slot machine profits and see its share grow to 25 percent. Local municipalities would receive 6.25 percent of the state's share.

"I do believe we can be a very profitable niche in our

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Local News

The unthinkable: Officer down

in 2001.

Keynote speaker Vince Biskupic, district attorney for Outagamie County, said that although the people of Northeastern Wisconsin are in fairly safe communities as compared to others nationwide there is still a risk out there for officers every time they are on duty.

“We know every day, every hour, we are challenged, the unthinkable can happen,” Biskupic said. “Every day officers put their lives on the line for us.”

Sgt. House of the OPD said many factors contribute to the amount of risk officers face everyday including the swiftness that “cars fly by during traffic stops to the dark tint on car windows.”

He added that their department lost Officer Jeffrey Skenandore in 1993 in the line-of-duty while responding to a police call.

The event was the Ninth Annual Commemoration of National Police Week sponsored by the Blue Light Association that is committed to promoting a positive image of law enforcement and encouraging citizens to be proactive in their support of law enforcement officers. The week of May 12 is National Police Week.

According to law enforcement facts handed out to participants by the Blue Light Association there are approximately 750,000 sworn officers and 350,000 correctional officers serving the public through local, state and federal agencies in the U.S.

Each year, around 62,000 officers are assaulted resulting in more than 21,000 injuries.

Since 1792, the first recorded law enforcement line-of-duty death, more than 15,000 officers have lost their lives in service to others. Their names are recorded at the site of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. Corrections and community corrections officers are included in the memorial.

By Ed Williams
Special to the Kalihwisaks

Indeed, the unthinkable can happen anywhere, anytime – with most people thinking, perhaps hoping, it won’t happen to them.

On March 14, 1993, Yvonne Skenandore was at work at the Oneida Nation Housing Authority like any other workday. Around mid-morning she received a phone call from her friend Brenda.

The unthinkable happened that day. Her son Jeffrey Skenandore, an officer with the Oneida Police Department, had been involved in a car accident.

Yvonne wanted to go straight to the accident scene but her friend would not allow her to. She recalls the moments thinking only about Jeffrey.

“I didn’t know anything about what was happening,” she said. “I only knew I wanted to be by my son.”

Approximately at the same time she was being informed, the jaws-of-life were trying to free Officer Skenandore from the wreckage. The accident occurred on a rural stretch of road southwest of Oneida.

According to OPD Chief of Police Jim Danforth, Officer Skenandore was responding to a call, like any other day, from a fellow officer seeking assistance in a neighbor-to-neighbor disturbance near Site Two.

In response and while attempting to pass slower traffic, a vehicle ahead of another began to make a left turn into the path of the patrol car. Skenandore veered his vehicle into the ditch to avoid colliding with the other car.

The unthinkable happened at that moment on the morning of March 14, 1993 and the result was tragic. Skenandore was critically injured and rushed to St. Mary’s Hospital in Green Bay. He was later transferred to a Milwaukee hospital where he died of his injuries March 30.

Chief Danforth said Officer Skenandore was a special kind of officer.

“He had that glow about him,” Danforth said. “It didn’t matter who you were, he always had a smile on his face.”

He added that March 14 was not a good day for him or for Jeffrey’s family because it happens that Jeffrey was not just an exceptional officer, whom Danforth recruited himself because of Jeffrey’s personality and his apparent law enforcement officer characteristics, but also because he was his friend and cousin.

“He had a bubbly, upbeat attitude about himself,” Danforth said, “yet serious about being a police officer.”

“He was the type that any police agency would be proud to have as an officer.”

Next year, around March 30, 2003, Yvonne and her husband Frank are going to attempt some kind of closure for the loss of their son by having a 10-year memorial supper at the Edgewood in

Seymour. She’s hoping all police officers, past and present, especially those who were at the OPD at the time, will join Jeffrey’s friends and relatives along with her and Frank to remember him as a father, husband, friend, and law enforcement officer.

Officer Jeffrey Skenandore died while in the line-of-duty like many other officers across the nation.

He left behind his wife Patricia, his teenagers Stephanie, 17 and Jeffrey Jr., 13 and Jamison age 10. Jeffrey has four sisters, Carolyn, Samantha, Francine and Tina. He was Yvonne and Frank’s only son.

Chief Danforth hopes in light of National Police Week May 12-18 that people keep in mind who helps protect them in the line-of-duty.

“Keep us in your thoughts,” he said. “On a daily basis, we are doing our job and trying to do our best to protect the community and our people.”

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for the five seats of council members. Incumbents Paul Ninham, Dave Bishchoff, Sandra Ninham, Eugene Metoxen and Vince DelaRosa all accepted nominations.

All nominees have until May 23 to complete and turn in a candidate packet.

Petitioners need 10 signatures of verified tribal members. Deadline for petitioners is also May 23, and they also must complete a candidate packet.

Nominations were also placed for tribal members who were not present. Those not present have until May 23 to accept their nomination.

Below are the individuals who accepted nominations at the tribal caucus held on May 11. Individuals were also nominated but not present to accept their nomination. Not listed are those candidates who wish to petition for their candidacy. Petitioners need 10 signatures of verified tribal members to be considered for nomination. All nominees and petitioners must fill out a candidate packet which must be turned in by May 23, 2002 at 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR Gerald Danforth (I) David Webster Gary Jordan Artley Skenandore Jr. Brad Graham	David Bischoff (I) Greg Matson Gina Powless Linda Dallas Kim Tucker Gary Jordan Louise King - Not Present
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TREASURER Linn M. Cornelius Dale Wheelock Mercie Danforth David Bischoff	ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION (2 Vacancies) Hugh Danforth Loretta Metoxen - Not Present Gordon McLester - Not Present
SECRETARY Julie Barton (I) Yvonne Metivier	ONEIDA TRUST COMMITTEE (2) (1) Chris Luttrell Carol Smith Lois Strong Pearl Webster
COUNCIL MEMBER (5) Curtis Danforth Lois Powless Hugh Danforth Shannon Hill Paul Ninham (I) Trish King Susan M. House Mary Adams Ben Vieau Ginny Gollnick Patti Hoeft Lisa Summers Vince DelaRosa (I) Sandra Ninham (I) Rochelle Powless Brad Graham David Webster Edward Delgado Ralph Powless John Orie Simon Decoteau Bev Schoen Donna Kurowski Eugene Metoxen (I)	ONCOA- (3 Vacancies) Marina Pamanet Charlene Cornelius Arletta Kurowski Dorothy Skenandore Valdor John Pearl House - Not Present
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Local News

Doxtator receives veterans volunteer award

By Phil Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

Cliff Doxtator won the Elks National Veterans Volunteer Award at the annual Spring conference on May 4 in Wausau. He is a member of the Elks Lodge #259 located in Green Bay. Doxtator is only the second person from the Green Bay lodge to win the award.

"I am very surprised and deeply honored to receive such a prestigious award," said Doxtator.

The award is the second highest award an Elks Club member can win. The Elk of the Year is the only award that carries more clout. Doxtator received a plaque, a pin and a watch from the Elk's Grand Lodge in Chicago.

One of Doxtator's volunteer acts was to be a liaison to the veterans of King, Wis. Each year, he along with 45 other Elks Club members volunteer their time and help organize the annual Christmas party. They provide music, entertainment and also serve the food.



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Clifford Doxtator, Oneida AmVets Post #54 commander, poses with his Elks National Veterans Volunteer Award

Currently, Doxtator is the Wisconsin Fifth District AmVets Commander and also the Oneida AmVets Post #54 Commander. Doxtator is also involved in the national scene in dealing with veterans. He is the Vice Chairman for the National Veterans Service Commission.

Doxtator served his country in the United States Army

from 1950 to 1952 during the Korean War Era. HE worked his way up the ranks to Sergeant.

"The service has given me many rewards," Doxtator said.

More importantly though are the things that this proud veteran has given back to his surrounding community through his volunteering time and effort.

Oneida war veterans remembered

Veterans' roles dates back to the American Revolution

Oneida - During wartime, Americans have historically displayed an unparalleled patriotism and love for their country by decorating their homes, cars and clothing with the American flag. Memorial Day, May 27, is a day to remember those who served our country in the past as well as those currently protecting our way of life. It should also serve as a reminder of the important role Oneida veterans have played throughout American history.

As far back as the 18th century, the Oneidas were one of the first allies to aid the United States during wartime. In fact, they fought in every war since the American Revolution. In 1777, Oneida Chief Ugwa Demolom Yateche brought several hundred bags of corn to Gen. George Washington's starving army at Valley Forge after the colonists refused to aid them. This gesture helped cement a friendship between the six nations and the Pennsylvania colony, leading to the formation of the United States.

Heroes among us

Today, there are 600 surviving Oneida veterans. Several highly decorated veterans served in the Air Force: Vietnam veteran Colonel James Buckley, a U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, was a B-52 commander and instructor for eight years. Major James Overman flew more than 18 missions in

Southeast Asia and was awarded a prestigious Air Medal. And Air Force Pilot Irvin Williams was awarded an Air Medal and a Distinguished Flying Cross. The Oneidas' distinguished service record also extends to the Navy, where David G. Skenandore, Gary Metoxen and Gerald Danforth have logged more than 90 years of service combined.

Metoxen, director of the Oneida department of veterans affairs and a former U.S. Navy combat veteran who fought one year in Vietnam, explains that while growing up he felt it was his duty to go into service.

"Oneida warriors have always served their country, so it was my obligation to do the same - I never gave it a second thought," says Metoxen, whose eight brothers who also served in the military.

Lives lost, but remembered

Some Oneida troops who fought in U.S wars gave the ultimate sacrifice - their lives. For example, in June 1943, Robert Cornelius was killed while landing in Europe in World War II. Three Oneidas died in battle during the Vietnam War: Paul Christjohn, Merlin Cornelius and Clyde Ridgeway. And, James Edmund King gave his life while fighting overseas in the Korean War.

Metoxen says that the Department of Veterans Affairs plans to build a monument to memorialize veterans. He hopes that the site, design and costs will be determined within the next six months.

"Our veterans put their lives on the line fighting for this country, and in some cases, gave their lives," he says. "The monument will be a way to honor them every day - not just on Memorial Day or Veteran's Day."

Observing Memorial Day

- ☆ Place flags or flowers on the graves of veterans.
- ☆ Visit memorials.
- ☆ Fly the American Flag at half-staff until noon.
- ☆ Flow the POW/MIA Flag.
- ☆ Participate in a "National Moment of remembrance." At 3:00 pm pause and reflect on the true meaning of the day.
- ☆ Renew a pledge to aid widows, widowers and orphans of soldiers who have given their lives fighting for our country.

PROFILE: Oneida War Heroes

Korean War POW Valdor John

Valdor John, Oneida, Wis., is a retired sergeant first class who served 26 years in the U.S. Army. He served in Korea and Vietnam, and received a Purple Heart and a Combat Infantry Badge.

At the age of 19, John was captured in South Korea while fighting with the 24th Infantry Division. He survived a 350-mile death march from South to North Korea. Over four months, he and his troops marched day and night with little food, water or sleep. The Koreans tortured or killed any soldiers showing weakness or exhaustion. After the march was complete, John and the remaining troops were put on a train and promised food. When they arrived at their destination, the soldiers were brought into a field and shot. John was one of 21 who survived. Shortly thereafter, American troops found them and transported them to a hospital in Japan. John flew back to the U.S. in December and stayed at a hospital in Texas for a year and a half to recuperate before he was released to go home.

World War II POW Norrin Cornelius

Norrin Cornelius, Bowler, Wis., is a retired private who served two and a half years in the U.S. Army. He has earned a Combat Infantry Badge.

Cornelius spent 14 months of his time in the army as a POW in Germany. He and his troops were captured in Anzio, Italy, and forced to march to an area south of Munich. They were transported to Munich to work in potato fields and clean the streets, where they were fed little more than a bowl of soup and a few pieces of bread each day. Once they completed their duty, they were forced to endure a second death march. Faced with the life-or-death situation, one night Cornelius and a friend courageously escaped to American lines west of Munich. He returned to the United States and recuperated in hospitals in Fort Sheridan, Ill., and Miami Beach, Fla. He was discharged in 1945.

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Local News

Chicago-style poetry slam knocks on the door

Oneida - Poetry slams, a contest between spoken-word artists, is now an international art form. The slam was inspired by Mark Smith, in 1986, at the Green Mill jazz club in Chicago.

Ed Two Rivers is one of the original contestants in Smith's poetry slams at the Green Mill. Two Rivers, an award-winning author, will facilitate a workshop and poetry slam for the Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP) on May 23 and May 24, 2002 in Green Bay.

The Poetry Slam Workshop is a four-hour session on Thursday, May 23, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Oneida Community Education Center, 2632 S. Packerland Drive in Green Bay, WI. The workshop is open to the public and free of charge. Participants will learn how the poetry slam is run; creative writing, message and style, and some spoken word performance techniques. Participants may bring their own poems, rough drafts, or just ideas. Everyone will participate in a mock poetry slam in preparation for the May 24th Poetry Slam at the Historic West Theatre in Green Bay. To pre-register, call ONAP at (920) 405-4499, or send email to sbenton@oneidation.org

"The Chicago Style Open Mike Poetry Slam" is hosted by Two Rivers and features Oneida poet, C.J. Doxtater. The slam is on Friday, May 24, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm at the Historic West Theatre in Green Bay, and open to the public. Admission is \$3.00 dollars, must be over 18 years old to enter. The winner receives an award of \$50.00 dollars. Judges will be selected from the audience.

C.J. Doxtater wrote poetry for about 15 years. He attended the Naropa Institute in 1987 and studied with Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, Barbara Lee Hawkins, and Jack Spicer. "Naropa is the beat school of poetics," Doxtater said.

His work is published in a few newsletters, but for the most part he refuses publication. "As strange as it is, I have refused publication, because poetry for the page, poetry for performance and poetry for publication tend to be different. Poetry for publication tends to be real political," Doxtater said.

Business Committee recognizes nurses during National Nurses Week



Photos by Keith Skenandore

Forty nurses were recognized on May 8 by members of the Oneida Business Committee as part of National Nurses Week, May 6 - 12, 2002. Above, Pearl Webster, registered nurse for Occupational Health, accepts a proclamation passed by the OBC on April 17. Alongside Webster are Debbie Danforth, clinic program director, and Brenda Haen, community health nurse supervisor. At right, Ella Sauer, accepts a gift from Debbie Danforth. Gifts were provided by members of the Oneida Business Committee in recognition of the dedicated service by the nurses.



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urban core" with a Buffalo casino, Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello said.

He added that a casino in Buffalo would enhance existing tourist destinations in the city.

Pataki also saw the vote as a positive step toward development in the economically depressed region.

"These new facilities...represent another major step in our continuing commitment to revitalizing Western New York's economy," Pataki said in a statement.

The deal still needs the approval of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The issue of casinos has divided members of the nation for a decade. Gambling supporters envision using revenues for better schools, cultural preservation, spinoff business that would ease high unemployment and new reservation housing to replace the trailers which many Senecas now occupy on the Cattaraugus and Allegany reservations.

"I think it will create jobs not only for us but for non-Indians as well," said Mike Memmo, a supporter. "It will boost money and trade in the area for everyone."

Opponents see dealing with the state as a threat to tribal sovereignty after years of disputes with New York over taxes and land claims.

"We're going to be waiving or diminishing pieces of our sovereign immunity we now enjoy...we're going to be giving up pieces of that or selling it," Sue John said.

Others view gambling as a blow to tradition and culture. Mike Waterman said Seneca

prophecies warn against gambling.

"This is not for us. We shouldn't be doing this. Look at this day," he said, noting that it rained during much of the voting hours. "It's rainy and windy, there's dark clouds."

Gambling critics sought unsuccessfully to block the vote in a tribal court Monday, claiming the compact being presented to the nation was incomplete and could be altered later if approved.

Seneca Treasurer Arnold Cooper, who split with the administration and opposed the agreement, said the nation had yet to develop a clear plan on how casino proceeds would be used, including whether Senecas would receive "per capita" payments.

"The lack of such a plan generates considerable mistrust on the part of the Seneca

people that the nation government will use casino proceeds for selfish rather than public purposes," Cooper said.

Tribal leaders said they were confident the nation would heal the divide.

"It was close but we've made the decision and it's time for the nation to move on," said Arthur Montour, "And live with decision."

The western New York casinos, along with plans for three more Indian casinos in the Catskills, were included in a historic gambling expansion approved by state legislators last year as a way to make up for revenues lost after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

State leaders hope to raise \$1 billion annually within about three years from the six new casinos, video betting terminals and joining the multi-state Powerball lottery.

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Passing On

Summers, Jr. Anderson R.

Anderson R. Summers Jr. 65 of Seymour died Saturday, May 4, 2002 at a local hospital. Anderson was born December 13, 1936 in Oneida the son of the late Anderson Sr. and Nancy (Hill) Summers. Anderson proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He worked as a T.V. repairman for many years. For the past 17 years he worked in maintenance for the Oneida Tribe. Anderson was a member of the Oneida Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife Rebecca, one son Daniel of Green Bay; one brother Orville of Seymour; three sisters, Lillian Summers of Virginia, Margaret Fermanich of Green Bay and Nadine Dallas of Seymour; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Anderson was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Edith Yealey and two brothers Roger and Edwin.

Harrison, "Lar Bear" Larry

Larry "Lar Bear" Harrison, age 64, formally from Franksville, WI died Saturday, May 11, 2002 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield.

Funeral Services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15th, 2002 at Roseberry's Funeral Home



& Crematory in Friendship, WI with Rev. Mark Smooth officiating.

Larry was born on April 1, 1938 in Milwaukee, WI the son of Howard and Bertha (Silas) Harrison. He married Marianne Jurkowski on July 22, 1961 in St. Francis, WI. He worked for the American Motor Corporation and retired in 1988. Larry was a member of the Oneida Tribal Nation. He was an avid motorcyclist. He was a member of the U.A.W. #72, the A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Region 2J, the Bulldog Club of America and the Milwaukee Bulldog Club. Larry enjoyed exhibiting his dogs.

Survivors include his wife Marianne Harrison-Jurkowski, Arkdale, WI; four daughters, Laura Harrison, Oak Creek, WI; Lisa (Jeff) Chojnacki, South Milwaukee, WI; Jodi (Steve) Nienhaus, Racine, WI; and Judy Harrison-Schwartz, Beaufort, SC; one brother Gary (Linda) Harrison, Oak Creek, WI; one sister Mary Ann (Kenny) Skenandore, Green Bay, WI; one sister-in-law Linda Harrison, Oak Creek, WI; five grandchildren Anthony, David, Michael, Joey, and Jessica; and many nephews, relatives, and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents (Howard and Bertha); and a brother (Clyde).

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Foundation.

From Page 1/New York land

up by the Indians in the 1838 Treaty of Buffalo Creek.

Madison County had also submitted arguments in the case, although it was not a party to the lawsuit brought by the Oneidas against Sherrill on Feb. 4, 2000.

The lawsuit said the Oneidas' land was unfairly taken from the tribe in 1807, when the state caused it to be transferred to an individual tribe member authorized by the state to sell it to a non-Indian.

The tribe said the 1794 federal Treaty of Canandaigua referred to the Oneidas' land as "their reservation" and required the United States to

pay yearly annuities to the Oneidas in the form of cloth, which is still done.

Congress at about the same time passed legislation requiring that all transactions involving tribal land be approved by federal treaty, something it said was not done when the state arranged the land's sale.

Ira S. Sacks, a lawyer for Merrill County, told the three-member appeals court panel that the lower court had made a mistake when it concluded that the land still belonged to the Oneidas.

"I believe this reservation does not exist," he said.



Oneida Small Business Center
Kick Off Celebration
May 21, 2002
Noon to 1:00 PM
2555 Packerland Drive (located in Bay Bank)
Refreshments will be served

Local/State

Milwaukee SEOTs news and notes

SEOTS Staff

Stop in our office! Have a cup of coffee! We have forms for enrollment, education, housing and many other services that are available for the community. Our office is here to serve you! If your looking for cultural activities this is the place! We have many scheduled activities through out the year that are fun, educational, and informative for all ages! Come in and meet our staff. Mark, director; Anne, administrative assistant; Carmen, administrative assistant; and Deb, community education specialist. The office is located on 2778 South 35th Street. Phone 384-7740

NEW OFFICE HOURS!

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 8-6:30PM

THURSDAY-FRIDAY 8-4:30PM

SATURDAY 9-12PM

PHONE # 384-774

Greater Wisconsin Oneida Family Picnic!

A time for all to get together and have some fun! Oneida families near and far are invited! The picnic will be at Grant Park, area #4. We have a pavilion rented that has a restroom. Meat, soda, paper goods and utensils will be provided. This is potluck, so bring a dish to pass. Some things to fill the afternoon will be entertainment, karaoke for all those who love to sing, bingo, volleyball and baseball. We will also be taking family pictures throughout the day. One complimentary 5 x 7 picture per family. Some things to bring are a dish to pass, your bats, balls, gloves and lawn chairs. So come on and join in on the fun! (Alcohol and drugs are not permitted)

Oneida Family Picnic
Grant Park, Area #4
Sunday, June 9th
12:30-6:00pm

Tour the Harley Plant

We will tour the Harley Davidson Plant on Wednesday, June 5th. The van will leave at 10:00 for Harley, and returning at 3:00 pm. There is no fee for the tour. You must wear enclosed shoes, be at least 12 years of age, bring an ID card with you if you 18 years of age or older. The tour is a walking tour that will begin at 11:00am and last for 1 hour. There is a gift shop after the tour for those who want to purchase souvenirs. Afterward we will be heading to the Machine Shed for lunch. Lunch will be on your own. Menu \$4 - \$15. Call to reserve your spot as seating is limited to 12 people.

Cultural Heritage Class

Cultural heritage class for the summer will not run on the same schedule for the fall and winter. We will be making a van trip to the north woods in Oneida once a month. Randy and his sisters will be taking the class on an indigenous botanical nature walk.

They will be sharing and teaching us about plants that were used and are used by our Oneida families. This is really going to be fun and a great learning experience! If you haven't come to any classes you can still come along. The van will leave at 8:30 and return approximately at 6:00pm. Lunch will be on your own. You will need to sign up as the seating is limited to twelve. Call 384-7740.

Oneida Botanical Nature Walk

Tuesday, June 11

Van Departs 8:30>Returns 6:00pm

Oneida Appeals Commission

If your wondering how the Appeals Commission works you will have a chance to understand their function with-in our government. The Appeals Commission was formed in 1991 and the original hearing body has dealt with cases concerning Indian preference, tribal elections, gaming, and contract issues. The presentation will last approximately 45 to 60 minutes including questions and comments. Please come as it will be informative.

Oneida Appeals Commission

SEOTS office, Milwaukee

Wednesday, June 6th

Time 6:00pm

Language Class

SEOTS is happy to have language back again. We will continue to have language at the Brookfield library and also have classes at the SEOTS office starting June 8th at 10am. The class will be held on a weekly basis the first month. Our teacher is Renee Elm-Pfaller. She learned from classes taken in Milwaukee and was part of the Language immersion program in Oneida. She also was taught by some of our fine teachers and elders from Oneida. We are happy to have another language teacher on board. We encourage parents and children to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn our language and culture!

SEOTS Oneida Language Class

2778 So. 35th St

June 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Saturdays 10-12pm

Brookfield Library (main desk has room no.)

1900 N. Calhoun Rd

June 3rd & 17th

Monday 6:00pm

Community Planning Workshop

What would you like to see happen for our nation in the future? What are your ideas, views and recommendations for the nation? You may have ideas that you think are important for our future for the nation and would like to share that. It could be educational needs, land purchases, housing needs, cultural issues and medical needs. Whatever you vision as a need or concern can be addressed only if you voice your need and idea. Please come to this very important meeting. The Comprehensive Planning

Department will be here to gather this very important information.

Community Planning Workshop-

Oneida Planning Dept.

SEOTS Office, Milwaukee

Thursday, June 13th

Time:6-8pm

Kids Klub

Kids Klub will meet each Monday for 4 weeks beginning June 17th. Kids ages 7 - 11 will meet from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Kids will enjoy a cultural activity and an outdoor activity each week. Some activities will include soap sculpting, creating a terrarium, making home made paper, mini-golfing, swimming and other fun activities. We are looking for some mom's to help out if needed. Fees and snacks are provided. We ask each child to bring a brown bag lunch. Registration will be limited to the first 10 kids. Coordinator is Deb Ushakov

Kids Klub

SEOTS Office, Milwaukee

June 17th, 24th & July 1st , 8th

Mondays 9:30-3:00pm

Teen Day

Hey teens, would you like to see our local heroes, the Milwaukee Brewers, get hammered by a major league team (Houston Astros) who's skills are just above your little brothers Little League team? The Astros also have way ugly uniforms. Great! Game time is 1:05 and no charge to you or Mom or Dad! Great afternoon at the park. Join us under the new stadium dome for a night of so called major league baseball, great hot dogs, plenty of caffeine in the full strength soda that we will buy for you! We are reserving 10 seats so call early. If you're a tribal member and 12-18, call our office today...

Teen Brewers Game

Meet at SEOTS

June 20th,Thursday at 11:30 am

Candidate Forum

Election time has come up and we need to know all the candidates running for office. Therefore we will have a candidate forum on Saturday, June 22nd at 1:00pm. Candidates will be able to speak about issues that are pertinent to the General Tribal Council. They will be our leaders in the next 3 years. We will need to know who they are. Therefore this forum will be an opportunity for you to meet with them and hear them speak. Please try to attend as the election for the next Tribal Council is in July!

Candidate Forum

Saturday, June 22nd

Time 1:00pm

Outfits Class

Outfits class will continue every Wednesday in June at 6:00. The ladies that started their outfits will continue meeting to prepare for the

4th of July pow-wow in Oneida. If you wish to stop in to see what we have accomplished, or want to work on a project, or just want to socialize, come by! Regular craft classes will return in the fall.

Outfits Class

SEOTS Office

Wednesdays, June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Time 6:00pm

Doh-Doh Club

The Doh-Doh Club will meet for the next three Saturdays in June. The last meeting will be June 15th at 10:00am for the summer.

Doh-Doh Club

Saturday, June 1st,8th & 15th

Time 10:00am

Tsyunhehkwa

SEOTS office will have some of the cannery products available to purchase in our office.

We have dried corn, dehydrated corn, maple syrup, salsa and some jams and jellies.

SEOTS Advisory Board Meetings

The Board meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm. These meetings are open to all tribal members and your attendance is welcomed. Come and meet the new members of the board. June's meetings are the 11th and the 25th.

Oneida Intertribal Singers

Every Sunday evening from 6-8pm. The singers are always looking for new members and are also available for events. If you're interested call Mamie at 414- 643-8972 for more information. The singers also sing the 1st Sunday of the month at the Native American Methodist Church at 1738 S. 11th Street.

Volunteers

We need volunteers for reading, various projects, teaching cultural classes helping to set up some volunteer community events for the summer. For instance, last year we participated in the heart walk. I would like to see if we can get more involved in helping out our community. I will also need people to help out serving our booth for Indian Summer. We had a great time last year doing some of these things. Please give me a call! Ask for Deb Ushakov.

SEOTS Monthly Van Trip & Prescription Pick-up

Please keep in mind we have our regularly scheduled Van Trip to Oneida every third Wednesday. Reserve your seat early today! We are also proud to announce that we have expanded our prescription service pick up for tribal members. We will now pick up prescriptions two times a month, the first Monday and every third Wednesday. For June, our pick ups will be the 3rd and 19th, please plan accordingly.

State tourism conference to host Native American art

Baraboo, Wis. - The Midwest Native American Arts Market has been added to the 2nd Annual Native American Tourism of Wisconsin Conference at the Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel & Conference Center June 11-15.

The first annual Native American Arts event is open to the public and will showcase the finest Woodland Native American artwork and craft displays from traditional arts and crafts to contemporary pieces. It is the first of its kind in north Central United States and represents the beginning of the Authentic Native American Woodland Arts and Crafts Cooperative.

The NATOW conference will begin on Tuesday, June 11 with a charity golf outing at the Wilderness Resort & Golf Course in Baraboo.

The opening night event will be highlighted by introductions, a reception and entertainment by the popular Vic Ferarri Band sponsored by Ho-Chunk Casino & Bingo.

The daylong conference on Wednesday will include speakers, workshops and networking to bring tribal tourism leaders together with non-tribal partners. Invited at community agencies, local and regional government officials and other interested parties to continue developing tourism related goals and objectives. Moose Speros, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism will speak at the conference luncheon. Ed Hall III, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Transportation, Washington DC, will be the keynote speaker at the Conference Awards banquet.

Other speakers include Lee Tiger, tourism consultant, a member of the Seminole Tribe of Indians, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, discussing "International Tourism Strategies." Patty Loew, Ph.D., author of "Indians of Wisconsin—History of Endurance and Renewal," will discuss "What the Native Americans bring to WI Tourism: A colorful history and Heritage, some jewels of natural resources." Beth Bashara, Division of Oneida Arts Board; and Truman Lowe, Ho-Chunk artist, who will address "How is the Native American Arts and Crafts Industry Important to Wisconsin?"

Also included in the day-long program will be three "Partnering Showcase" sessions. The first will be presented by the Lac du Flambeau Area Promotion Committee. The second session will include Ray DePerry chairman of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce represented by Carol DeMars, executive director of the chamber, and Ron Madich, president of the Bayfield Heritage Association and owner of the Bayfield Inn. The final session will be a discussion between the Wisconsin Counties Association representatives Mark O'Connell and Dave Dumke and the representative of the Great Lakes Inner Tribal Council, Phyllis Wyse, business mentor coordinator.

For additional information on the conference contact Gloria Cobb or Jerry Rayala at Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, P. O. Box 9, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538 or call 800-472-7207.

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argued that Judge McCurn's decision applied only to the 20,000 landowners in the original 250,000-acre contiguous claim, while the Wisconsin's law-suits currently target 57 landowners and some 2,000 acres in non-contiguous parcels. The difference in scope and magnitude make this a "a qualitatively different issue" for the court to consider, she said.

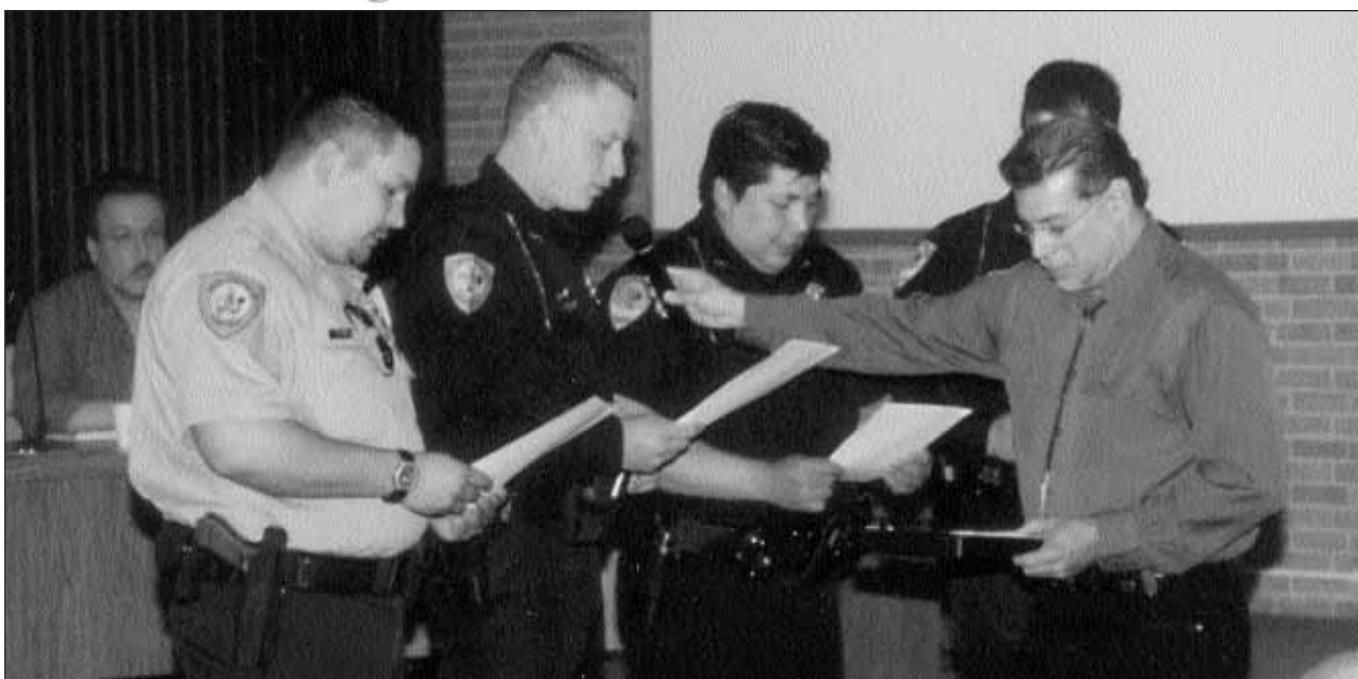
Locklear asked Judge Kahn to be pragmatic in his ruling on the motion. Because the Wisconsin Oneidas were excluded from the settlement negotiations with the New York Oneidas, the Wisconsin have no other relief available.

"What's at stake is the Wisconsin Oneidas' ability to proceed with their land claim," she argued. "Without these actions, the tribe has no other options" available.

Land claim lawyers were in court on Friday to hear arguments on whether an earlier court ruling prohibits the Wisconsin Oneidas' suits against landowners and whether the New York Oneidas have to support the suits.

Kahn said he hopes to make a decision on that "in a reasonable amount of time."

Oneida recognizes National Police Week



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above: Councilman Paul Ninham gives the oath of office to Oneida Police Officers and Oneida Game Warden. (L-R) Game Warden Harvey Kosowski, Officer Joel Maxam, Officer Lance Denny and Officer Lester Harms took their oaths on May 15 at the weekly Business Committee meeting. Right: Chief Jim Danforth receives a plaque of recognition from Treasurer Judy Cornelius for the Oneida Police Department's hard work and dedication that they give to the Oneida Community.



Letters/Opinions

Tribal programs still taking care of their own

This is a huge "THANK YOU!" to Jerry Kurowski, Wells and Septic at DPW.

These last few months I've been having problems with my septic system—tree roots were growing through the pipes causing blockage, resulting in the bathroom plumbing backing up in the house. It was a mess! The things we take for granted—a flushable toilet and a nice hot shower—that we were not able to use for a few days. So, I took a chance and called the Wells and Septic Program to see what type of assistance I could get to have the problem fixed and the underground pipes replaced in my yard.....hoping the costs would be cheaper than hiring a private contractor. Well, Jerry had Dennis Johnson and his crew in the Plumbing Dept. on it right away—that same day the guys were at my house investigating the problem and within 48 hours they replaced the underground, root-ridden pipe.....and, with the best discount I could ever get!

I was really amazed at how effective and efficient they were in helping me with my problems and I will be forever grateful to them for helping me when I desperately needed it! Thank you Jerry, Dennis and everyone else involved! Tribal programs are still taking care of their own!

Jessica Oudenhoven
Tribal Member

Incentives

I would like to comment on the article, Incentives Vs Kathy Metoxen. First of all I cannot understand why there aren't some rules from our newspaper that limits the same people from writing these articles that do nothing but cut people apart, issue after issue. I don't like to read this kind of negativism all the time, especially when it comes to your personal attacks. Its time for people to stand up to all this negativity.

Apparently you don't know Geraldine Danforth personally or you would know that she is a very hard working, caring person. You made it sound like Geraldine done the whole incentive plan by herself. In actuality there was a lot of hard work done by a number of people. If you had done some research, you would have found that the years of service plan has been in the works for quite a few years now. It was dropped at one time due to funding. The program was brought back several months ago.

A group from Gaming was looking at some vendors and a group from HRD were also looking at another group of vendors. Both sides had actually narrowed it down to one vendor each. These vendors did their presentation to both Senior Management Teams. They decided that the plan should go forward if HRD could find the funding. The group was than narrowed down to 2 representatives from gaming and 2 from non-gaming. Eric proposed the plan to the Business Committee and they supported the plan and asked that both G.M's bring it forward for approval. The plan does include more than just the amethyst pin. Each employee will receive a gift when they reach a milestone of 5,10,15,20 or 25 years. There is a different value at each

level and most importantly, the gift is not taxable to the employee.

How can you or any one person decide what incentive all the employees would like? I have worked for the Tribe for 28 years and would greatly appreciate a nice memento to show for my years of dedicated service. Money is always nice, but for what the Tribe can afford to give, it would be here today and gone tomorrow. You don't work for the Tribe, so why should you worry about what incentives we get much less decide what plan we should go with? What kind of incentive would we need to get you to go to work?

I would like to make a few suggestions for you: First grab a broom, mop and dust cloth and attack your house. That would certainly leave you less energy to make other people's lives miserable. Get involved on some of these Planning Committees and show some positive insights instead of always being so negative. And lastly, you should go into business for yourself. Start a gossip column and just send it to people who care. I think you would have a very short mailing list.

Carol L. Smith

Election Time

There will be individuals running for office who represent small factions of Oneidas whose beliefs differ from the majority. These individuals have some good ideas, good causes, yet, at the same time they've displayed a focus to these ideas and causes that border on being manic. This type of behavior stops important issues from moving forward in a timely manner due to the inability of being able to see the bigger picture. This is not in the best interest of the nation as a whole.

There will be individuals that carry vendettas. Individuals so bitter for whatever reasons that getting back at people they've felt slighted them, will be their main purpose of running for office. Sour dispositions are not in the best interest of the nation as a whole.

There will be individuals who sincerely believe they can make a difference. God bless. But believing that you can make a difference and being able to make a difference are two different matters. Today's issues are so complex that there is no other alternative but to understand financial, marketing, legislation, compact negotiating, health care, etc. in order to keep your head above water.

There will be individuals currently in office who will be running again. We need to retain a certain percentage for a continuum of knowledge that can provide an easy transition process for others who are newly elected. It takes serving more than one term to grasp the enormity of what is needed. To individual(s) who run mainly for comfort or self-serving interests only, it's time to step down. Your lack of desire to truly focus on the issues at hand hinders progress.

It would be nice to see a group of people who can take pride in what they're doing together. It would be nice if they can leave their egos, biases and personal agendas outside the door so that collectively, they can get down to some serious business.

Personally, I feel those who do obtain a position in office will find answers to the

hardest internal issues that plague this tribe in the simplest solution of enforcing accountability and all that it entails. If your interest is to be a public servant, I wish you the best. It is my hope that the best is yet to come. Thank you.

Janice DeCorah

Walking with the picketers

The last few Saturdays we saw them on the corner of Airport Drive and Packerland. We saw them waiving their signs calling for the fair treatment for Casino employees. Some Oneida people driving by seemed completely unconcerned. Others had been there. They'd worked at the Casino and know the story of disrespect and low pay for many of the front line employees who bring in the tens-of-millions of dollars annually for the Oneida Tribe and its people.

This writer had the opportunity to recently walk the line with the picketers. I was completely honored and touched to be in the company with such strong, dedicated and good Indian and non-Indian working people and their supporters. I observed Elaine who is one of the organizers of the picket. In the morning she had been in dialysis. In the afternoon she was out there carrying signs with her family. Working for twelve years for the Oneida Tribe she had the gotten sick and her thanks was to be let go. Then there was Sandy. Not a Casino employee or Tribal employee, Sandy was two weeks out of the hospital with by-pass heart surgery. There, still weak and walking with a cane and with her family, she carried a sign not because she had a grievance, but because she was an Oneida mother, grandmother, educator, and a woman of honor. Then there was Susan. She had met for many weeks prior, with workers, management and Business Committee members but to no avail. So she was out there with her blow horn being a leader. A leader of those who make the big money for others to spend, but who receive very little in return.

Then there were the kids. Happy and beautiful kids who were out there for two hours supporting their parents who had been mistreated and too often, underpaid. These children may have suffered due to mistreatment of their parents. But these kids will be OK. They have parents and grandparents who are not afraid to stand their ground and fight for the well being of not only Casino workers, but for all Oneida workers who are too often victims of a system that has employment laws protecting worker rights, but lacks management and judicial personnel with the integrity to enforce and adequately interpret those laws. Is it the Human Resource Department's disrespect for the Blue Book they're paid to protect? Is it the Personnel Commission or the Appeals Commission? Or perhaps it's an elected leadership that blindly supports a management system that too often fails its workers.

I remember when the Casino opened and there was the promise of jobs for Oneida people. It was supposed to be better than this. We were supposed to use that money from gaming to build a strong, proud and honorable

Nation. With the courage of Oneida people like Elaine Doxtator, Susan Betters and Sandy Orie, maybe the promise that once was, can still be.

Ed Delgado

Our Church

On April 17, 2002, I viewed at the Native American Film Festival at the Neville Museum, a film called "In The Light Of Reverence." It was about four Indian areas, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The places in the film were areas that Indians, our relatives, found to be sacred, a place like the Devil's Tower. Devil's Tower is located in a federal park in Montana. The park service encourages people not to climb the Tower because local Indian people said the Tower was a sacred place for their people for thousands of years. Local non Indian guides are promoting the climbing of the Tower. To the non Indian guides, it's big business providing climbing equipment, souvenirs and guides. The non Indian guides say they have a right to climb the Tower and the local Indians shouldn't have exclusive right to the Tower.

Our relatives say that the tower and land around the tower is their church. Local non Indians people say that's the first time they heard that and why didn't they say something sooner. Our relatives did and as usual, non Indian people didn't what to hear them, as if they didn't exist. However, the park service did hear them and are doing something about it.

Local non Indians people say they have every right to do what they want do with the Devil's Tower. Our relatives say it's not the rights at issue, the issue is responsibility and respect. The other three areas have similar situations, however, it's the mining companies doing the damage to sacred sites, damaging burial ground, ceremonial grounds, contaminating ground waters, etc. In these three areas, Indian people are also saying the land is their church.

So, what's this got to do with Hobart? Well, back in New York State, back before Columbus, our people, the On'yote?a'ka believed the land they lived on was their long house. The eastern door was the Mohawks, the western door was the Senecas. When our people moved, they came here to Wisconsin because it was either leave our long house New York State or be killed. Even though our people did move, our people still did the ceremonies, had clans and still felt that this land in Wisconsin was our long house.

Again, what's this got to do with Hobart? Hobart is ruled with a five member board, a chair, treasurer and three trustees. The three trustees just happen to be developers. When the trustees are faced with the thought that this is reservation land, land reserved for the Oneida people, their response to this thought is they have a right to be here and do whatever they want. Again, it's rights vs responsibilities.

If we can bring ourselves to think about our ancestors and what their thoughts were before Columbus, would they say that this reservation land is our long house, our church? I believe that it has been our long house, our church all along but we didn't know how to express it.

Hugh Danforth

Solidarity Levels the Playing Field for Employees

Whether it is the AFL-CIO or the Teachers Association, solidarity helps prevent abuse. Let's make it clear that I'm not advocating a union like the New York State Legislature mandated in their recently approved bill S5828 for Indian Casinos. Even worse, the bill makes strict adherence to State labor laws. Yet, I do believe that associations gain strength by numbers. Lately, I have been hearing many complaints about employment issues within Gaming. This is our "cash cow" that brings in the mother load of revenue. Hence, those employees should be treated as such. In a recent Kalihwisaks, I read an "opinion" from someone saying that the picketing individuals were of an "Insignificant amount" of employees. That's funny, back when the Europeans landed they Justified abusing and murdering the Indians because in their eyes we were considered less than human and of an insignificant amount as compared to their homeland population. Just like the Indigenous people of this continent, every employee should be considered "significant" and a major asset to our organization, unless of course they abuse our employment policies. Consequently, when an issue or problem negatively affects one person, it easily affects at least twenty other people. As an example, if a Wife or Husband leaves their family, it negatively, and usually devastates the children, spouse, inlaws, friends, and other family members. Many innocent victims suffer from the gratification and preferences of one person. All productivity, love, hope, the team spirit, and happiness is lost. The same holds true for disgruntled employees. Their whole way of life is impacted negatively. Our Gaming employees are committed to doing their best. One way for employees to garner more respect and protection is by developing their own associa-

tion, council, or affiliation that is separate from management. By sheer numbers they could decide the fate of just about anything. Again, this should not be a union because the parameters of opportunity would be limited due to legislative intervention from Federal and State agencies. The savings, protection, and networking from this venture would more than justify membership fees.

In conclusion, find the courage to stand up for yourself and determine a work environment that is fair and rewarding. I have heard many people say that mediation and arbitration is more objective and timely than "competent" courts of Jurisdiction. Get your association going and decide your future. The sky's the limit on this concept. You are the one that can make our casino the best place to work and visit! Happy employees make happy customers.

Gary Jordan

\$250,000,000.00!

Mail the Check

Forty years ago my grandmother ella said, "Kurt we are going to get some money from New York." To date, zip has arrived, and perhaps my daughter will make a similar statement using eighty years.

\$2.5 million shouldn't have been rejected out of hand because we don't like Halibritter's haughty attitude. It was an offer to negotiate and we should have done just that.

Consider this, a family of four would get about \$65,000.00. Sixty-five big ones sure beats corn flakes and water, and that other old favorite melted lard on bread.

Perhaps a few of our chiefs should go back 60 years and see just how many of us lived...in abject poverty at that time.

I would gladly make book today the tribe will not see one Indianhead penny from New York in 10 years. I hope I am wrong. For the benefit of many Oneidas who could use an extra \$17,000.00.

Kurt Webster
Mission Viejo, Cal.



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Legislative Review

Chairman's Corner

This article focuses on the most recent developments surrounding the New York Land Claim. The following bullet points will summarize previous reports.

- December 2001 - GTC

approved the Business Committee to explore the concept of acquiring a casino in New York as a component within settlement terms.

- January 16, 2002 - Informal meeting with New York State

Officials to introduce our new settlement terms.

- January 25, 2002 - Rejected offer by New York Oneida Representative, Ray Halbritter to abandon our interest in the Land Claim

for 250 million dollars.

- February 16, 2002 - Governor Pataki, Representative Halbritter, and County Officials in New York announced that they have reached agreements that would comprehensively settle the Oneida Claim.
- February 21, 2002 - We began filing suits against certain non-residential property owners within the claim area. (Sixty suits have been filed, three have been dismissed, and at the request of the court, we have ceased filing additional suits pending a court ruling on the current cases.)
- February/March/April 2002 We communicated our concerns to Governor Pataki, the New York Delegation, Department of Interior, Department of Justice, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and the affected citizens within the claim area.

Throughout this entire process, we have informed Representative Halbritter and the elected leadership of the



**Chairman
Gerald Danforth**

Oneida of the Thames of our intentions and the reasons for our actions.

On May, 2002, at a hearing in Syracuse, New York, Judge Kahn appointed a mediator to our case. This court action will ensure that all seven parties have an opportunity to raise their issues during settlement discussions. We believe that court ordered

mediation provides assurance that our interests will be fairly represented.

Concurrently, we have had a team of experts engaged in negotiations with a developer (The Cordish Company). The negotiations focused on development and financial agreements that spell out the terms with regard to the casino component of the proposed settlement. The terms of these agreements are currently being reviewed by the Business Committee and Land Claims Commission. In the very near future, we will convene a General Tribal Council meeting for your consideration of these agreement terms.

The Oneida Land Claim is the largest, most complex land claim in the State of New York. It's not over until it's over. We will continue to protect the interest of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin as we pursue a settlement that is fair, equitable, and proportional. We will keep you informed.

BC Briefing...

Land Claim Update

Within the last six months, I have been assigned as liaison to the Land Claims Resolution Office, an office created to handle coordinated efforts regarding the Oneida land claim, specific to land treaty rights within the state of New York.

The past GTC resolution (6-10-95-A) clarified that the General Tribal Council is seeking land within the state of New York through a final attempt of negotiated settlement and if negotiations fail, that individual land owner suits should begin to assert Oneida ownership.

After months of attempts to meet with New York state government officials, a difficult decision to file individual land-owner suits was initiated. Presently we stand at 57 suits, three being dismissed by the Tribe, not



**Councilman
David Bischoff**

meeting previously agreed upon criteria.

A false deal was announced by both the state and the Oneida Tribe of New York in an attempt to counter our filing of suits, though it was clear this was no more than a tactic to squelch our announcement of filing individual suits. A settlement can not be devel-

oped or considered until all parties are at the table to negotiate, which was the circumstance in this case.

This brings us to date... Judge Kahn has been assigned to the Tribe's case and upon his review, mediation has been ordered to encompass all seven parties to the case which include three tribes, federal and state governments and both Madison and Sullivan counties. A stipulated time line of ninety days and fifty hours has been assigned for the negotiator to ascertain if possible agreement can be reached by all parties. This gives us very little time to redevelop and further define the legislative, litigative and settlement aspects regarding our case within the assigned time period.

This review is at best brief, but portrays the basic issues associated with my assignment.

Wage Issue

Greetings to all Oneida Tribal Members. I hope this legislative review page finds everyone in peace, good health and in good mind. The past several months have been extremely busy for me on a number of fronts. The Tribal Leader Trust Reform Task Force, jointly formed with the Department of Interior, has been a major focus of my office. After being elected to represent the Midwest Region, along with Melanie Benjamin, CEO for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibway and Troy Swallow, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, much time and energy has been directed towards learning and understanding the Federal Trust Reform Process. Task Force meetings have been conducted in Albuquerque, Washington DC, Phoenix, Bismark ND, and two in San Diego over the past six months. I have also attended Inter-tribal Monitoring Association meetings at these locations. The Oneida Nation is one of thirteen Board of Directors for the fifty-six Tribal membership that comprises the organization. ITMA was established twelve years ago to provide tribal input and assistance with the Trust Reform debacle that has plagued each and every Presidential administration since the late 1880's. Trust Reform activities are currently the most significant issues facing Indian Country (along with the Cobell v. Norton case).

As reported previously, I am also a member of the State-Tribal Relations Special Committee(created by the State of Wisconsin Joint Legislative Council) which is comprised of Tribal Leaders from the eleven Tribes in Wisconsin and members from both houses of the State Legislature. The most singularly, impacting piece of business that has been forwarded to the State Legislature, in the form of a bill draft, is the creation of a Tribal-State Council. The



**Councilman
Paul Ninham**

bill draft proposes that the Council be created to more effectively and properly address issues that may impact any Wisconsin Tribal Nation or individual Indian. The bill draft is currently in conference and I will be diligently lobbying the State Legislature to assure it's ratification.

Over the past two years, my office has been involved in numerous meetings with the Oneida Law Office and representatives from the Oneida Environmental, Health and Safety Area. The Oneida Business Committee created a sub-committee to assess the Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Wisconsin regarding regulation of natural resources within the 65,000 acre original reservation boundary. The MOA had been negotiated and signed concurrent with the last round of gaming compact negotiations four years ago. The sub-committee has completed research and presented their findings to the Oneida Business Committee, along with three options and some recommendations. The OBC has decided that it will pursue a Tribal/Federal partnership which will encourage federal trust responsibility and local oversight over all aspects of the environment. This means the Oneida Nation will seek amending the Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Wisconsin. Amendment of the MOA is intended to demonstrate cooperation

between Oneida Tribal and State governments.

I would like thank the Oneida Law Office and the Environmental, Health and Safety Area for their patience and motivation in the matters of jurisdiction over natural resource regulation within Oneida Nation lands.

Some additional highlights over the past several months have included; attending the Lincoln Day Dinner in Appleton to hear Governor McCallum and others from the Republican Party of Wisconsin; attending meetings with State Legislators to hear their support and opposition of the Governor's remedy for the 1.1 billion dollar state budget deficit; attending meetings with Village of Hobart Officials to attempt to respectfully jump start discussions of equal importance to both entities; attending the rally and court hearings for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe in Texas who is fighting a court battle to keep their gaming operation open amid derogatory stances from the Governor and Attorney General of Texas; attending National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Gaming Association meetings; attending and participating in Great Lakes Intertribal Council meetings; attending and participating in the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes duly called meetings; kicking off the Oneida Nation Elementary School Career week with a presentation to the middle school students; attending a fundraiser for the Wisconsin Democratic Gubernatorial candidates; and, attending functions and events around the Reservation.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to convey my deepest thoughts and sorrow for those who have lost a loved one over the past six months. I would also like to wish everyone good luck who has decided to participate in this years general election.

Treasurer's Report

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Treasurer's Office

The mission of the Oneida Business Committee is to sustain a strong Oneida Nation by exercising sound governing principals which preserve and respect the rights of the Oneida People.

Over the past two and one half years the current Oneida Business Committee has maintained that Health and Education are priorities and I believe our endeavors to promote those areas are reflected in our actions - -as well as our finances.

Within the Chief Financial Officers report are outlined those areas which have gone over budget, meaning they spent more then they budgeted for. We also have several areas which will not be contributing funds back to the Tribe based on their current financial status, those are addressed as well. Some of the overages are understandable and there are those who could have budgeted with more accuracy, such as the Oneida Health Center. With the increase in gaming revenue projections and savings in some of our Divisions, as well as keeping the employee base "status quo", we will be able to cover the gaps.

Gaming net profits have experienced a decline since 1999, which means there is less for the non gaming side of the operations to work with. Of course the debts left over from the last administration continue to bite at our heels, Airadigm and Oneida Nation Electronics will not be written off by this administration nor possibly the next. In the meantime we manage to keep our heads above water and seek other revenue sources.

Oneida Health Center

The Oneida Health Center which is one of the best benefits to this community is in critical need of financial operations management. My office has tried repeatedly to bring this area into compliance by bringing forward recommendations on how to ensure accountability. The equation we are looking at is basic, "don't spend more then you budget for". Make every dollar count. Looking back over my administrations record and at the last administrations record it appears no administration has been able to hold the costs (as budgeted), improve the services, or expand the hours. The Integrated Health System which I personally worked with over a two year period has been set aside by the current Business Committee to see what "management" can come up with by the first week in July. I will report this out at our Semi Annual meeting, and for the sake of our community I hope we find an answer. We have only just begun to scratch the surface of health needs that this community has, so I pray we all focus on the good of the community, and not personal turf areas.

Oneida Educational Funds

There have been changes in the Education Policy which will allow more Oneida students to attend college as well as advanced educational classes, and this is good, however the trade-off is, more revenues will be needed. We are currently predicting the Education Fund will possibly go over by about \$500,000.

Community Grocery Store

Like everyone else I am anxiously awaiting the opening of this benefit to our community. It is taking much longer then I expected and I was disappointed about the



**Treasurer
Judy Cornelius**

naming of it, as we do have a process for the naming of buildings. Just imagine, you won't have to run to town if you need groceries, and if you join the co-op you will receive a discount on your purchases. The process of renting the small offices adjacent to the grocery store are yet to be published. It will be great to welcome our new small business people into the midst of "Downtown Oneida".

Oneida Small Businesses

The Oneida Community small business entrepreneurs will have two wells to get water from:

1. Oneida Small Business 2000. Apply at Bay Bank, Greg Halverson or Bill Menacher.
- This entity will borrow up to \$300,000, depending on your business plan, financial contribution, credit, and some other details. We wish you luck.
2. Oneida Small Business Inc. This community project will be operated initially through Bay Bank. These funds are for smaller loans and will eventually develop into a Revolving Loan for Community members, Indian and Non-Indian.

Oneida has much to be thankful for and much work to be done, I close by wishing that may you keep the faith.

Election Board Meeting Dates

~ 5:00 p.m. ~

Date	Conference Room
May 20, 2002	Executive
June 3, 2002	@ New Casino

Contact: Leyne Orosco, 429-3493

Sports

By Phil Wisneski

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The Oneida track team has been busy burning up the track this Spring. The girls team has broken seven school records so far. Margaret Stevens threw herself into the record book in the shot put and discus events. The long jump record was broken by Katrina Redhail. Redhail along with Stevens, Tabitha Metoxen and Anja Mertinkat also broke the 400 meter relay record. Mertinkat also is the new school record holder in the 1,600 meter and 3,200 meter runs. The last school record to fall was broken by Crystal King in the 300 meter low hurdles.

Though the team as a unit has not won a meet this year, hopes are high for the team to

advance some individuals through the WIAA Regionals at Reedsville next Monday.

The baseball team is steadily improving in each game they play. On May 7, the team played a double header against Stockbridge at the Oneida Ball Diamonds. In the first game, Oneida lost 14-1. "The first inning killed us," said Manager Gary Lancelle. Pitcher Lee Laster settled down after the first inning and struck out nine batters. In the night cap Oneida was beaten 4-1. Thomas House pitched a strong game, but it wasn't enough as the team only mustered one run of support.

"We have been playing catch up all year, but now the gap isn't nearly as great as it was earlier in the season," said Lancelle.

The Thunderhawks played their best game of the year against Green Bay East, but the Red Devils were too much for the young team. Oneida lost 8-1. It was a 1 run game up until the fourth inning.

"They just wore us down," said Lancelle. Loli Hill, Carl Bridges and Thomas House each were 1 for 3 for Oneida.

In golf, the team has been looking to get some consistency this season. They traveled to the number two golf resort destination in the United States, Blackwolf Run in Kohler on May 2. They took on Cedar Grove and Kohler but were limited to third place with a score of 215. On May 9 Oneida defeated future conference foe Living Word Lutheran 213 to 231. Jamison King was

the medalist with a 42.

Oneida participated in the Bonduel Invitational at Golden Sands Golf Course on May 13. Oneida finished 11th out of 13 teams at the invite. King finished fifth out of 65 golfers with a score of 75.



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above left: Jamison King stares down a birdie attempt at Brown County Golf Course. Above inset: Oneida Pitcher Lee Laster tags out a Stockbridge runner. Oneida lost the both games of the double header 14-1 and 4-1. Above: Thomas House bleeps a base hit to right field .

Extreme Fishing teaches youth responsibility

Oneida, Wis. - By his own admission Shawn Skenandore-King was not a perfect kid growing up. He got in trouble as a youth and made some wrong choices.

"I had no resources as a kid so I turned to other things," said Skenandore-King. "Today's youth faces so much more challenges than ever," he added.

In an effort to give back to the community and to give the kids a resource, Shawn and his partner Tim Henrich have started the Extreme Fishing Club. The club is intended to give the kids an outlet and to let the kids know that people do care about them.

On May 11, Extreme Fishing held its first fishing show. At the show each youth received a rod/reel and a tackle box full of goodies.

The intent of the show is to give the youth a better understanding of fishing and also to interact with the adults and just hang out. The clinic also taught basic fishing techniques, fish identification, fishing safety and respecting the earth and the fish.



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Shawn Skenandore-King, center, watches as participants in the Extreme Fishing program held on May 12 received a free rod and reel.

"We also are teach them to pick up trash that someone may have left behind," Shawn said.

Megan Carrasco, 10, said she learned how to cast with different types of fishing poles.

"I learned what to use to get a fish," said Carrasco. "I learned what bait to use."

This outing marked the grand opening for the Extreme Fishing Club. Other outings planned by the club are to be held in Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Madison. As usual the outings are free for the kids.

"We are trying to ear these events towards the family. We want to get the parents involved in the children's life," Shawn said.

Since there is no charge for these clinics, numerous area business have made generous donations to help with the program. The sponsors are Oneida Bingo and Casino, Oneida Amvets, All-Pro Insulation, Diedrich Flooring, Sociables, Forbidden Art Tattoos, Bob's Bait and Tackle, Therm-Pro Insulation and Cornelius Farming and Trucking.

By Phil Wisneski

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In an effort to get community involvement in youth athletics, a group of community members have formed a non-profit corporation called Oneida Community Little League (OCLL). OCLL is an organization that tries to obtain funds for the youth little league program. The funds are used to help offset the costs that are incurred during the season and also help with tournament costs.

Board of Trustees coach representative, Wayne Metoxen said, "Instead of expecting the Recreation Department to do everything, we want to get some community involvement."

Metoxen noted that when they go to other Little League tournaments through out the area, most, if not all of the teams have some sort of community youth organization that helps with funding and gets community involvement and participation. An example of this is the Freedom Athletic Association in Freedom.

The OCLL and Recreation Department have joined together to form a stronger program. In the by-laws that were passed by the OCLL Board of Trustees, it states that the "OCLL will work cooperatively with the little league program already established in the Oneida Recreation Department."

OCLL is not trying to unseat the recreation department as the little league

provider for the Oneida community, but they are trying to get more involvement from the community and also trying to better the playing experience for the kids. This is reflected in their mission statement, "The mission of the Oneida Community Little League is to promote fair play, develop teamwork, build confidence and instill leadership. We will succeed through commitment by our youth, community involvement and by being respectful of each other in our everyday walk of life."

Currently the board of trustees is comprised of: Harlan King as Commissioner; Trish King as Treasurer/Secretary; coach representatives; Wayne Metoxen, Pete King, Tim Huff, Joe Danforth, Terry Cornelius, Joe King and Jerry Jordan. There also are one team representatives from each team. These are usually filled by parents or guardians of players.

So far, OCLL, has been able to achieve funding with the help of Housing to have lights set up at the little league diamonds in Oneida. These lights will be up and shining on the opening day which will be May 28 at 5:30 p.m. They have worked with numerous sponsors to field teams and provide caps for the teams. OCLL has achieved eight sponsors so far and are looking to add to the list. Current sponsors are; Housing Authority, A Team Construction, Rising Nation, Oneida Retail, Bay Bank,

High Hawk Distribution, Oneida Recreation and Oneida Printing.

Currently Oneida Recreation and OCLL are working to try and replace the current fencing at the little league diamond to confer with little league rules. They would like the measurements to be 210 feet in center field and 205 feet down the right and left field lines. One main reason both recreation and OCLL want this change is to get officially chartered to be in the Little League World Series.

"That is definitely one of our main goals," said Metoxen.

"The Success depends on the community. We need volunteers to help our organization flourish."

Metoxen invites any interested community members to attend one of their meetings. They take place at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center on Wednesdays. "We are looking for any one who wants to lend a voice or lend a sponsorship," he said.

Youth Lacrosse, "Tewa?a*la'tu (stick with a net)

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Queen of the hill

By Phil Wisneski

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When you think of Valley 8 Conference softball, what comes to mind? Many people will say Hortonville. This year however there is a new team joining the elite in Division 2 softball. Freedom softball has jumped front and center behind the pitching of Julia Skenandore.

Skenandore has been nearly flawless all year. Her record is 10-1 for the season and her only blemish was a 5-1 loss to perennial power Hortonville. The Irish defeated the Polar Bears 2-1 earlier in the season on a 2 hitter by Skenandore. Freedom and Hortonville shared the Valley 8 Conference championship. The Irish currently rank #4 in the state in the latest poll.

Skenandore says it feels good to be the best pitcher on such a good team. "It's a lot of fun," she said.

Coach Mike Buechler says what Skenandore does best is keep the hitters off balance. "They are pretty much guessing on which pitch she is going to throw," he said.

Skenandore has the ability to throw four pitches effectively and more importantly for strikes. Her fastball has been so accurate this season that she has been able to fool hitters by throwing change ups, rise balls or drop balls. In over 60 innings pitched this season Skenandore has only given up 13 walks compared with 80 strikeouts.

Skenandore's best game was against Oconto Falls. The Panthers tied for third place in the conference and on May 3, Skenandore pitched a perfect game



Photo by Keith Skenandore

Freedom pitcher Julia Skenandore fires a strike against Little Chute on May 10. Skenandore currently has a 10-1 record.

against them with 11 strikeouts. "They were making some contact with her pitches early in the game, but once she hit the third inning, they (Oconto Falls) were guessing the rest of the game, she was in complete control," said Buechler. The game before that she threw a one-hitter against Waupaca.

For her efforts Skenandore was named the Post-Crescent High School Girls' Athlete of the Week for the week of May 2. The following week she was named to the honor roll for the same award.

This season the Irish have set some lofty goals for the remainder of the season. Both Skenandore and Buechler echo the thoughts of going to state or bust. Just

being conference champions is not enough for a team that has six players returning this season as three year starters.

"We have a real good shot at it (state tournament) this year. Anything less than state will be a disappointment for this team," Buechler said.

As Skenandore pristine career winds down Buechler puts her in his top three pitchers that he has coached in his nine years at Freedom. Her career record is an amazing 32-7.

Next year Skenandore looks forward to playing for Marian College in Fond du Lac. At Marian she will study Studio Art/ Graphic Design. Her parents are Jim and Kelly Skenandore.

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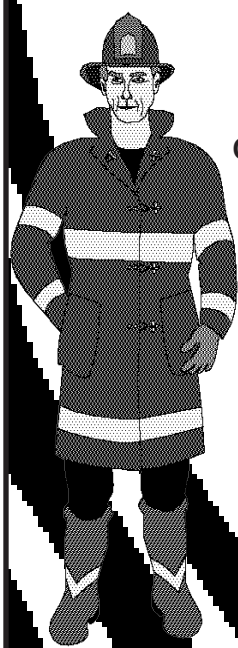
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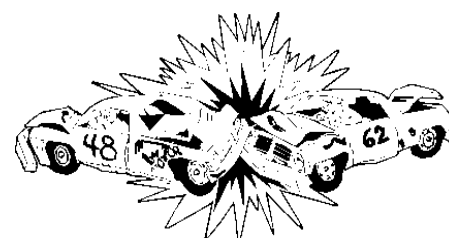
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Jim Hill's art lives on

By Keith Skenandore
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The late Jim Hill has been described as the "best closet artist" by his brother Rick.

On May 11 it was time for Jim's artwork to come out of the closet as thirty-seven pieces of his collective works went on display at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay.

The exhibit, open through October 6, was kicked off with a reception and initial viewing.

Hill passed away on March 30, 2001 while in the middle of planning an exhibition of his abstract paintings for the Oneida Nation Arts Program.

It was at the family's request that the exhibit continue. Jim's artwork was exhibited at the Oneida Community Education Center from July 9 - July 20, 2001.

At the time of the exhibit, Jack Moga of the Neville Public Museum, was ONAP's guest curator.

Moga was quoted of saying of Hill's work, "When one sees the work of Jim Hill, one is dazzled by color and surface. He worked in a trance-like frenzy in his application of paint to surface, using color and shape to achieve a visual experience free of traditional functions.

Jim's painting are considered to be "naivete abstract art" because he was working on his art without benefit of study with other artists or critical review.

Rick Hill said his brother was diagnosed with schizo-



Photos by Keith Skenandore

Oneida flutist Louis Webster performed at the opening reception of the art exhibit entitled, "The Art of Jim Hill," hosted by the Neville Public Museum. At right, Elizabeth King and Bob Boyer, both of De Pere, compare the exhibit's catalog cover to the original artwork. Hill's artwork will be on display through October 6.

phrenia. He was very quiet and kept to himself. He said Jim struggled with his sickness all of his life but was able to maintain an art career.

Marilyn Stasiak, development and publicity officer for the Neville, said it's a shame that Hill passed away.

"You can see he was trying all the different and latest trends in art to tell his story," said Stasiak. "It's really tragic it came to an early end."

The Hill family was happy that Jim was able to achieve an exhibit.

"This feels so great," said Rick. "It brings back a lot of memories."



Rick said the exhibit was "his (Jim's) view of the world," but that "everybody sees something different in his work."

A student of the art, Patricia of Green Bay said some of Hill's work is wonderful.

"You really have to stand back to see things," said Patricia, who would not reveal her last name. "His work is very bright and vibrant."

Rosa Coenen, Jim's sister, is excited her brother's exhibit is getting public attention.

"It's a bittersweet event," said Coenen. "I just wish he

was here to experience this."

Coenen said she was aware that Jim was working with the Neville Public Museum before he passed away.

"He knew," she said. "He finished his work and said, 'It's time to check out.'"

The "Art of Jim Hill" brochure says, "His work echoes the sounds of Oneida generations: where we have been, where we are and where we are going. And in his, one may see Jim's world, Oneida - the energy, the dream, the journey."

A journey that is just beginning at the Neville Public Museum.

OSBC to host kick-off celebration

Oneida, Wis. - The Oneida Small Business Center will open their doors to the public on May 21 with a kick-off celebration at their Packerland Drive location in Bay Bank.

The celebration will be held from noon to 1:00 pm.

OSBC provides technical support and networking opportunities to strengthen, develop and diversify new or expanding Oneida Tribal member businesses within the State of Wisconsin.

The Center is committed to enhancing the economic opportunities of Oneida Nation members by providing support for Oneida entrepreneurs to seek the knowledge, skills and abilities to manage a small business successfully.

Bay Bank is located at 2555 Packerland Drive. OSBC telephone number is 920-497-5830 or dial toll-free 1-800-672-3272.

A home to come home to

Wisconsin Oneida woman establishes "nation house"

By Glenn Coin
Staff Writer

Mindimoye has come home to a place she never lived before. Like many Oneida Indians from Wisconsin, Mindimoye has traveled back to New York, to the homelands where her ancestors walked and hunted and fished. And she has opened her door to others who are returning to a past they, too, never knew.

Mindimoye-the name is Ojibwa, from her father's family-has established a "nation house," in a former bed-and-breakfast along the south shore of Oneida Lake. Indians traveling through the ancestral lands are welcome to stop and stay.

Although she is a Wisconsin Oneida in the heart of New York Oneida territory, Mindimoye (pronounced Min-dee-moya) avoids politics. "I am not a political entity," said Mindimoye, 68. "I don't want people to think I'm re-establishing a Wisconsin Oneidas development over here. I am just a little old lady wanting to provide a place for people to come and explore their homelands."

One meaning of her name, Mindimoye said, is "old woman." It also means "she carries them."

The house, on Route 31 in Lenox stands on the only land in New York that belongs to the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. Mindimoye said she's not affiliated with the Wisconsin Oneida government, and a spokeswoman for the tribe said Mindimoye's nation house is not sanctioned by tribal leaders.

"It's in no way connected to any government function," said Bobbi Webster, speaking for the Wisconsin Oneidas. "It's and individual trying to do good."

Mindimoye said the nation house was her won idea, and she won permission for Wisconsin leaders last year to rent the home for \$1 a month. She moved in Feb. 7, but her timing could hardly have been worse. Just two weeks later, the Wisconsin tribe began filing lawsuits against individual landowners in Madison and Oneida counties, a move criticized by residents, the New York Oneidas, and state and county officials.

Ray Halbritter, leader of the New York Oneidas, has criticized his Wisconsin brethren as "greedy outsiders." Mindimoye dismisses such talk. "Those are upper-level bureaucrats," she

said. "The people are not like that."

She doesn't charge guests to stay at the house, although she accepts donations and offers of help. One guest helped her replace light bulbs; another boarded up a hole in the attic.

Mindimoye got the idea for the nation house a few years ago while living and working on the Akwesasne Mohawk reservation on the Canadian border with Northern New York.

The Wisconsin and New York Oneidas have fought over the house where Mindimoye now lives. In 1996, the New York Oneidas adopted an ordinance requiring the other two Oneida tribes, from Wisconsin and Ontario, to obtain a license before buying land in the land claim area.

Halbritter even sent a letter to local real estate agents, cautioning them against brokering land deals involving the other tribes.

The Wisconsin tribe bought the land in 1996 anyway, to assert its own standing in the land claim dispute. It pays taxes on the house, something the New York tribe does not do on its 14,000 acres.

Mindimoye plays down the differences between the New York and Wisconsin tribes, and talks instead about their common roots here on the land where she now lives. The tribes didn't split until the mid-1800's, and shared centuries of common and often tragic history before that.

She said she hopes that non-Indians can look at the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the struggle to create a suitable memorial at ground zero as a way to understand how the Oneida feel about this land.

"I think people can identify with how they feel about tragedy to their people," she said. "It's sacred land now. That's how this land is to me and the Haudenosaunee because our ancestors died here. Our ancestors were victims of terrorism."

It is time, Mindimoye said, for all parties to come together, and she hopes she can play some small part in that reunification.

"I'm in the evening of my life," Mindimoye said in the quiet house. "I want to live it in peace and offer what I can to other people. I just see this as a real need for people to get together."

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10 Annual Family Carnival

Friday, May 31, 2002 • 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 1, 2002 • 12:00 noon-Dusk
Norbert Hill Center, Oneida WI

Free Admission • Open to the Public • Games • Rides • Food

Friday, May 31, 2002 Oneida Bingo & Casino Stage 5:00 p.m..... Blue Cats/Rock n' Blues 6:30 p.m..... Groove Hogs/Jazz, Rock n'Soul 8:30 p.m..... Vince Vance & the Valiants/ Rock n' Roll Variety Show	Friday, May 31, 2002 Fox 11 Family Stage 5:00 p.m.... Karaoke Contest/Age 15 & under Prizes for all participants 7:00 p.m.... Karaoke Contest/Age 16 & older 1st, 2nd, & 3rd cash prize winners
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Development Division

Removing hunger from our Oneida Community

Submitted by Nori Damrow

As you all know, the O.F.D.P. Midwest Region is involved in a USDA “Prime Vendor Pilot Project” which is a major change to improve customer service, vendor performance, and costs.

The PVPP allows us to order commercial brands of food in our Food Package from Reinhart Foods. We receive two shipments a month of commercial brands in their respective packaging, such as Kellogg corn flakes and Aunt Jemima syrup. Reinhart takes the orders and delivers the product, eliminating all the middle men in the former USDA process. We

still send reports to our USDA rep in Chicago, but this is just for monitoring services.

We welcome questions or comments. The PVPP has been extended for another year so we need your ideas and input.

Other notable information for the community:

- Ground bison will be a regular item in our OFDP Food Package effective May 2002. This will be an added choice to fresh frozen cut-up chicken and fresh frozen ground beef, as well as the canned meats and tuna.
- Our fresh produce selections include carrots, onions,

russet potatoes, red potatoes, apples, oranges, grapefruit, pears and mixed fruit.

- A bonus item at this time is “Ranch Mix” snack.

- Our staff includes: Marilyn King, Intake Specialist; Don Miller, Program Supervisor, Nori Damrow, Director; and sub relief workers, Sheila House, Rick Laes, and Dorothy Olson. Any of us are available to answer questions during regular working hours: 8 to 12 and 1 to 4 Monday thru Thursday, and until noon on Friday. 869-1041.

- Don’t forget! We have two programs in the “Nori Damrow Food Distribution

Center”. The “Oneida Pantry Emergency Network” plus the “Oneida Food Distribution Program”. If you are over income in O.F.D.P., try the Pantry to help you over a rough spot.

Gary Schuyler Sr. is the interim O.P.E.N. Coordinator. All Pantry help is volunteer. We have about 25 volunteers who work on a regular basis. We distribute about 300 bags of food a month. Pantry foods are distributed from 9 to 11 am Monday thru Friday, except when there is a Tribal Holiday. You can pick up every week if you need the food.



Photo by Bernice Elm

Above: Introducing Marilyn King, our highly qualified Intake Specialist. She is responsible for the certification process.

Tsyunhehkwa news

by Jeff Metoxen, Interim Manager, Tsyunhehkwa^

Sakoli, I would like to introduce myself and position here at Tsyunhehkwa^.

My name is Jeff Metoxen, Interim Manager. In March 2001, they offered me the Interim Manager Position. I will try to give you a brief history of Tsyunhehkwa, which is an Agricultural Community and Culturally based program of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. We are a program of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, and have three main parts consisting of Agriculture, Cannery, and a Retail Store. Our center is founded off the natural organic lifestyle and service for the Oneida Tribe and the community. We raise free range chickens and grass fed beef, which provide eggs and meat to our customers and community. Our crops include white corn, squash, beans and many more items. The Cannery processes not only our products, but items produced by other areas of the tribe and the community. The Greenhouse produces many of our crops, herbs and medicinal plants, which we transplant in our garden. The Retail Store sells our products, including items that we obtain from our various vendors.

Tsyunhehkwa has a total of 10 personnel at this time, which includes myself. The following is a list of our people, their position, start time with Tsyunhehkwa and a small note on their areas.

Jill Martus-Ninham, Agriculture Food Production Supervisor. Jill has been with Tsyunhehkwa since 1996 in a variety of positions, leading to her current supervisor’s responsibilities of our agricul-

tural (Ag Worker, Outreach, Horticulture, Greenhouse Tech) area. Bernard Vanden Bloomer, Agriculture Worker. Bernard began with us in April this year. His primary areas will be the field crops and the animals. Don Charnon, Outreach Worker. Don also began with us in April 2002. He will be doing the rotovating, soil deliveries, and the outreach aspect of Tsyunhehkwa.

Ted Skenadore, Horticulture Farmer. Ted began in 1996 and takes care of our greenhouse and garden areas. Dennison (Jr.) Danforth, Greenhouse Technician Trainee. Jr. started with us in April 2002 as well. He is the assistant to the Horticultural Farmer. All areas in the agricultural area work with each other and help where and when they can. Bonnie Stoneman, Cashier. Bonnie began in 2000, and she takes care of the retail clients and researches areas of interest of our customers and product development.

Patti Archiquette, Cashier. Patti began with us in 1999, she takes care of the retail clients and researches areas of interest of our customers and product development. Carol Elm, Cannery Supervisor. Carol has basically been with Tsyunhehkwa since its inception as the Cannery in 1978. She is responsible for the cannery area, including making your corn bread, corn soup and the many other products from the Cannery, such as the jams/jellies, pickles, and apple products. Linda Webster, Cannery Worker. Linda began in January 2001, and is responsible to Carol and helping out in all the areas of the Cannery.

National Homes for the Aging Week held May 12-18

Photo by Phil Wisneski

Chairman Gerald Danforth congratulates Helen Skenadore for her 23 years of volunteering at the Anna John Nursing Home.

Are you interested in learning more about the history behind the New York Land Claims and Treaties? Would you like to meet and spend time with Oneidas from all Oneida Nations (New York, Thames and Wisconsin)?

Well, here’s your opportunity!

On Friday - May 31, 2002 at Noon, the Oneida Land Claims Commission will charter a Lamer's Motor Coach to and from the Ononadaga Arena near Syracuse, NY for the

1788 TREATY SYMPOSIUM

The speakers for the 1788 TREATY SYMPOSIUM include: George Shattuck, Bert Hirsch, Paul Williams/Two Row, Robert Venible/Pre-emption 1776, Charles McGardy/Anti-Rent Lease Concept, Robert Porter, Lawrence Hauptman)

- Historical information which lead up to the signing of the 1788 Treaty will be provided.
- Land Claims Experts and Historians have been invited to address the participants at the symposium and present papers.

The cost for transportation to and from the Symposium will be \$75.00 per person. Meals and Lodging will not be included, however, a list of hotels is available and camping will be available on-site.

Seats are available on a first-come first-served basis

The bus will leave the Casino Parking Lot on Friday, May 31 at Noon and return on Monday, June 3 in early morning (5:00 a.m.)

Saturday June 1, 2002 • 8:00 a.m - 5:30 p.m.

- The standing of the Oneida Nation at the time of the 1788 Treaty
- The standing of New York State at the time of the signing of the 1788 Treaty
- The Theft of Oneida Land and More!

Sunday June 2, 2002 • 8:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Chief Good Peters Message
The Meaning of A Perpetual Lease
Land Rights in the 21st Century

The main objective of this symposium is EDUCATION.

1788 Treaty Symposium • Ononadaga Arena

Ononadaga Arena near Syracuse, NY • 8:00 a.m. Saturday & Sunday • June 1 & 2, 2002
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Bus seats will be reserved upon receipt of transportation fee (\$75.00 per person) Check or Money Orders can be made payable to: The Oneida Land Claims Commission and sent to: Terry Hetzel – CIMS, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155

Bus Departure: Friday, May 31, 2002 @ Noon

Bus Return: Monday, June 3, 2002 (After 5 a.m.)

Education Update

Investing in the Future

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is sponsoring a week-long workshop geared towards career opportunities within the transportation and construction trade industries.

Participants will observe professionals working on WisDOT road construction projects, use industry tools, and see industry machinery.

Since the program began in 1999, each year 100 Wisconsin youth in fifth through eighth grade attended the week-long summer project. Participants include an ethnic mix of boys and girls from rural and urban communities.

Activities will provide simulated project experiences such as reading plans, taking

measurements, bridge building, rocket launching, surveying land, and visiting construction sites.

Past participants also went on field trips to places such as: Rock Road Companies dynamite blast, Air Traffic Control Tower - Dane County Airport, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Wisconsin Army National Guard, and Madison Metro.

At least 400 jobs are available at WisDOT each year. If you earn a diploma from high school, vocational school, college, or university, there is a job for you with salaries ranging from \$25,000-\$56,000.

The 2002 WisDOT Project site is UW-Whitewater,

August 4-9, 2002. The location was selected to allow for expansion of Project activities. Planned activities include laboratory experiments and computer aided drafting.

Registration is open through May 31, 2002, with notification letters mailed out June 3, 2002. There is No Fee charged to the participants. Application forms can be downloaded at: www.career-inprogress.org

For information or to receive an application contact:

Corey Jackson
WisDOT Project Coordinator
2821 N. 4th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 336-3430

Date set for Child Development Days

Child Development Day (CDD) is a free preschool screening opportunity for children ages 2 _ - 4 _ who are eligible to attend the Oneida Head Start Program and/or the Oneida Nation Elementary School.

Child Development Days will be held on Friday, May 17 from 1-4 pm and on Saturday, May 18 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Norbert Hill Center Head Start Program, N7210 Seminary Road,

Oneida, WI 54155.

Walk-ins will be accepted, but phone reservations for a reserved time slot for your child's screening is recommended.

The purpose of CDD is to assess children's developmental progress; provide parents with awareness of available child care, community services and medical/health resources; and provide parents with awareness of child growth and development

issues.

Children ages 2 _ to 4 _ who were born between the September 1, 1997 to September 1, 1979, are eligible to participate.

Applications for Oneida/Three Sisters Head Start for the 2002-03 school year will also be available.

For more information, please contact Lisa Aho at the Oneida Head Start Program at 869-4369.

Historical articulation agreement signed by CMN and UW-Madison

The signing ceremony on April 29, was hosted by Dr. John Wiley, Chancellor of the UW-Madison, at the University Club, 803 State Street, Madison. Dean Elton Aberle represented the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, which will be the administrative home for the agreement. Representing the College of Menominee Nation were Dr. Verna Fowler, President of the college, as well as college staff and representatives from the Menominee Nation.

"This celebration marks the successful negotiation of an articulation agreement between the University of Wisconsin-Madison and College of Menominee Nation. This is not only a first for college of Menominee Nation, but also a first for UW-Madison," said Holly Youngbear-Tibbets, Dean of the Sustainable Development Institute at College of Menominee Nation.

Under the agreement, students fulfilling te freshman and sophomore requirements

for a degree in Sustainable Development may transfer to the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to complete their baccalaureate degrees.

Dr. William M. Van Lopik, hired as a joint appointee at the College of Menominee Nation and the Sustainable Development Institute, will direct the academic program in Keshena. Dr. Van Lopik earned his Ph.D in Resource Development with a secondary concentration in Geography from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. He earned a Master of Arts in Geography from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan and a Master of Arts in Human Resource Leadership from Azuza Pacific University in Azuza, California.

The first transfer student enrolled in the program is Chris Caldwell of Keshena, who will begin classes in Madison fall semester. Chris, who has worked in the forestry industry for the Menominee Nation plans to return to the Reservation with his family after graduation. His wife, Toni Caldwell, a 1996 graduate of College of Menominee Nation, completed her B.A. degree at UW-Green Bay and plans to attend law school this fall.

Spring concert in honor of local Veterans



By Yvonne Kaquatosh

Kalihiwisaks

"A Salute to Our Veteran's" was the theme chosen by students at ONES for the annual spring concert which was held on Friday, May 10.

Prior to enjoying a variety of songs performed by instrumentalists and choir students in grades 4-7, Veteran's of the Oneida Nation posted the Colors before joining the parents who also attended the event.

"We learned that the Oneida (people) have a long proud history of serving our country. We thank you for your service and salute you," said Cody Krenzke in her introduction.



Photo by Yvonne Kaquatosh

Above, students at ONES proudly salute the Veterans by performing a medley of patriotic songs in their honor. Below, Gary Metoxen addressed those present before the program went underway

The decorations that adorned the cafeteria were a fitting complement for the special occasion.

A medley of songs such as

Hero, We Are Family, I Will Remember You, and From a Distance along with a variety of patriotic tunes resonated throughout the room.

Amalgaieg Gigi'nisgam: Dancing for the Creator

On Sunday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m., the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness on the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohicans Reservation will present Amalgaieg Gigi'nisgam: Dancing for the Creator.

The group features musicians and dancers from across the United States and Canada. These Native American Christians are coordinated by Terry LaBlanc (Mi'kMaq/Acadian) and includes such individuals as Dan LaPlante (Lakota), Pastor, Grass Dancer, and Lead of Wiconi dance team at the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics; Jodi Scot Trevizo (Cherokee), Itinerant Ministry, Women's

Fancy Shawl Dancer; Jacob Trevizo (Cherokee), Artist; Tara Randolph (Mohawk), Women's Fancy Dancer; and more!

"Come and celebrate in the wonder and beauty of the unique, God-given cultural distinctives of the 'many nations' that make up the body of Christ, by lifting up in 'one voice', praise and worship to Jesus Christ!"

A free-will offering will be held for the benefit of 'My People International' following the service.

The program will be presented at the Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak Street, Bowler (on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation). Take

Hwy. 29 to Cty. U-Gresham. Follow Cty. U and go to Cty. G/A in Gresham. Turn left and follow the signs to Cty. A to North Star Casino. Go 4 miles past the casino to Moh He Con Nuck road and turn right. Go 2 miles to Camp 14 road and turn right again. The Mohican Family Center is on the left hand side at the corner of Camp 14 and Oak Street.

For more information, please contact Pastor Stephen or Melinda Shriner at Lutheran Church of the Wilderness (715) 793-4975 or email at wildrns@frontier-net.net.

Loan Repayment Program

The purpose of the Indian Health Service (IHS) loan repayment program is to obtain health professionals to meet the staffing needs of the IHS in Indian health programs. Applicants for the program sign contractual agreements for 2 years, and fulfill their agreements through full-time clinical practice at an IHS facility or approved Indian health program. In return, the loan repayment program will repay all or a portion of the applicant's eligible health professional education loans for tuition expenses. Applicants are eligible for loan repayment up to \$20,000 per year for each year of service.

For more information about this program go to www.ihs.gov on the web, call 301-443-3396, fax 301-443-4815 or write to Indian Health Service, Loan Repayment Program, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 100, Rockville, MD, 20852.

Y.E.S. recognizes student's academic achievement with pow wow

Photos by Keith Skenandore

Students are recognized for their academic achievement far right, with an honor song at the first annual Youth Educational Services Pow Wow on May 11. At right, 3-year old Tianna Rayne Hackett enjoys herself during a crow hop.



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Your Health/Senior Scene

Native American storytelling celebration

GREEN BAY, Wis. – The public is invited to participate in a free storytelling celebration featuring elders of several Native American nations on May 31, 2002, from 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Highway H Recreation Center, N6457 Hwy. H, Oneida.

The program will honor the human memory with personal and group stories handed down through generations, storytelling awards, door prizes, and lunch. Dr. Janelle Cooper, neurologist and director of Affinity Health System's The Memory Center, will talk about memory function and the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease. A panel of family and

professional caregivers will also share personal experiences of caring for individuals with memory loss.

The daylong event is part of an ongoing effort to increase public awareness of memory, memory loss, and Alzheimer's disease. It is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Wisconsin Chapter, Green Bay and Fox Valley Regional Offices in cooperation with the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Oneida Elderly Services, Native American Family Caregiver Grant, and the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute.

"Everyone is invited to come and listen or to share a

memory – no story is too short or too long," says Becky Reichelt, program specialist with the Green Bay Regional Office.

To register for this free community storytelling celebration, please call 920-869-1551 or 920-869-2448. Transportation to and from the event can also be arranged by calling one of these telephone numbers.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and degenerative brain disorder that impairs memory, abstract thinking, and behavior in four million Americans. More than 46,000 residents of the 53 counties in the Greater Wisconsin Chapter service area have

Alzheimer's or a related disorder.

The Green Bay and Fox Valley Regional Offices offer information, education, support, and advocacy to these individuals, their families, and caregivers. For more information, call toll free 800-360-2110 for the following Counties: Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano, and Waupaca.

Calumet, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties, contact: Mary Bouche, Executive Director at 920-469-2110 or E-mail her at: mary.bouche@alz.org

Dude looks like a lady!

Submitted by Heather Fritz

Where can you go to camp with family and friends, exercise, hear great music, sing karaoke, win prizes, bid in a silent auction, get free massages, haircuts and makeovers, have breakfast made for you in the morning, and witness, or maybe even participate in a "Dude Looks Like a Lady" contest all for a good cause? The answer is: The American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Oneida! These are just some of the activities that took place at last year's event. The only way to find out what's in store for this year is to get involved! The 6th Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Oneida will take place on August 16-17, 2002 at Norbert Hill Center.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the ultimate community event. Eight to 15 people from families, local businesses, hospitals, schools, churches, and other organizations organize into teams. Team members collect donations for the American Cancer Society and commit to have one person from their team walking, jogging, or running in relay style around a track or pathway for the entire event.

The event begins with the cancer survivors' lap and continues overnight with time for food, fun and camaraderie. A highlight of the evening is the

luminaria ceremony to honor those who have survived cancer and remember those who have not. The ceremony, held after dark, involves lighting candles set inside sand-filled bags, which are then placed around the track.

Funds raised by the American Cancer Society Relay For Life will be used for cancer research, education, advocacy and service—programs that will help the American Cancer Society reach its ultimate goals of eliminating cancer.

We are looking for people like you, that's right—YOU, to get involved in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Oneida. It doesn't matter who you are or what you do. Let's face it, everyone has been touched by cancer, and now we're offering a fun opportunity to fight back.

On Tuesday, May 21, 2002 there will be an American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Oneida breakfast meeting at the Radisson at 7:30 am.

If you are interested in helping to plan this year's event or for further information, come to the meeting or call Heather Fritz at 1-877-423-8882 or Doris Yelk-Wilberg 869-4515.

We look forward to working with you in the fight against cancer!

Attention All Community Members
Love to Hear Stories?
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Hand down Memories for Generations to Come.
Enchant Others as We Gather to Reminisce.
Instill Traditional Values That May Have Seemed Lost.
Meet New & Old Friends.
Enjoy Great Company.
Revisit Fun Memories.
Share Your Knowledge.

Awards Will Be Presented to All Storytellers.
Win Door Prizes.
At Hwy. H Recreation Ctr. , May 31st, 9:30 a.m – 3:30 p.m.
R.S.V.P. by Calling 869-1551or 869-2448, Please Let Us Know If
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Enjoy Lunch with Us from Noon until 1p.m.
No Story Is Too Small or Too Long.
Everyone Is Invited to Participate.
Special Guest
Speaker.-Dr. Janelle Cooper

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Alzheimer's Institute, Oneida Elderly Services & Native American Family
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Elderly
Services
Calendar of
Events

Friday, May 17
Honor The Elder
Luncheon, Colonial
House, 9:15 am–3:15 pm

Friday, May 31
Alzheimer's Awareness,
Cty. H Rec Center
9:30 am–3:30 pm

C.O.R.N.
Community
Options Resource
Network



The Wisconsin Ethnic Network Collaborative is looking for couples in our community who have tragically suffered a miscarriage as a result of cigarette addiction. The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council asks that you please call (715) 588-3324 to share your story with others so that they may be spared the pain of losing a child to tobacco. The tobacco industry continues to sell us their poisonous products even they know of the harm they cause to our population. They may not care who they're hurting. It's up to us to protect the most vulnerable in our community.

CALL 1-715-588-3324 IF YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH.

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Eye on Environment

By JR Ross
Associated Press Writer
EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) - Martin Bolanos is pleased the state is taking steps to eliminate a deadly deer disease that could threaten Wisconsin's white-tail deer population.

But the 17-year-old hunter is not confident the state Department of Natural Resources can contain the first reported outbreak of chronic wasting disease east of the Mississippi River.

"I'm wondering how far it spreads. Do they know how far it spreads? That part makes me nervous," said Bolanos, who has been hunting for five years.

About 250 hunters and animal enthusiasts gathered Wednesday night at an Eau

Claire high school to hear state wildlife officials answer questions about the disease. It was the first public meeting on the disease held outside of southern Wisconsin, where the disease was detected in February.

DNR wildlife veterinarian Julie Langenberg said the meeting, the second of five scheduled around Wisconsin, was held in Eau Claire because chronic wasting disease is a statewide problem.

She said the state will expand its testing for the disease to all corners of Wisconsin within three years to get a better idea of other areas where chronic wasting disease may be present in the deer population.

"Could it be present in

other places in the state? Yes. God forbid we have the same bad luck," Langenberg said.

If it is found elsewhere, she said the state likely would use the same measures it has around Mount Horeb, soliciting landowners, hunters and sharpshooters to eradicate the area's deer population.

Experts believe the disease is spread by animal-to-animal contact, and the state says no scientific study has shown the fatal brain disease poses any threat to humans. Testing for the disease requires brain tissue, meaning no live animals can be used.

Mike Johnson, 45, of Osseo, said he was satisfied with the DNR's plan but wondered how long it would take for both the disease to get to

eastern Wisconsin and the deer population to repopulate if it was eradicated.

"I can't wait another 50 years to hunt," he said.

Another hunter thought the DNR acted too quickly to order the killing of all deer and the banning of baiting and feeding deer.

"The problem is they don't know how it's spread," said 39-year-old Gary Kohn of Medford. "I don't feel it's going to take care of the problem. Their answer is to kill everything."

Earlier in the day, President Bush told Wisconsin officials he could not promise the state would receive any federal money but urged the governor and state officials to seek funds from several agencies,

including the Department of the Interior, to combat the disease.

"The governor was pleased the president has an open ear," said Tim Roby, a spokesman for Gov. Scott McCallum.

The discussion came a day after McCallum pledged to call a special session of the state Legislature next week to give lawmakers a chance to quickly address a plan to spend \$4 million to test deer for the disease.

Wisconsin's congressional delegation has requested \$4 million in emergency money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fight chronic wasting disease for this year.

DNR Secretary Darrell Bazzell said Wednesday the agency has begun accepting

requests from landowners for special permits to shoot deer for additional testing. Permits are expected to be delivered next week.

The Natural Resources Board still needs to pass emergency rules to move forward with a plan to use landowners, hunters and sharpshooters to kill all 15,000 deer in the 287-square-mile area of Dane, Iowa and Sauk counties to stem its spread to other parts of the state. That is expected to happen in June.

Once the full-scale hunt starts, the landfill would be taking in hundreds of carcasses of day, said Steve Miller, administrator of DNR's Division of Land.

Critics: \$100 million dust-cleaning might not help those at risk

NEW YORK (AP) - The government could spend \$100 million or more to clean downtown apartments of dust from the World Trade Center collapse, but critics say the program may come months too late to help those who were at greatest risk.

"It would have been far, far better for the EPA to have done this much sooner," said Jonathan Bennett, spokesman for the nonprofit New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health. "It would have given people protection from things that are now in their lungs that they can't be protected from now."

Federal and city environmental officials announced last week that they would spend unlimited funds to professionally clean and test air quality in the apartment of any resident who requests the

work.
Samples of the dust that settled after the trade center collapse show varying amounts of asbestos, fiberglass and caustic concrete powder.

Correction

The name of Jr. Miss Oneida should have read Iris **Rae** Metoxen in an article that was published on pg. 7b in the May 3 issue entitled, 'Oneida royalty bid farewell to community'. Information submitted to the Kalihwisaks was incorrect.

The May 3 edition of Kalihwisaks incorrectly reported the attendance of the Pat Benatar concert. There were 2,500 in attendance.

The April 18 edition of Kalihwisaks misspelled Delia Matson's name.

Earth Day brings out caretakers of Mother Earth



Oneida - A cool, windy morning didn't stop volunteers from assisting with Oneida's Environmental Resource Board's activities as they celebrated Earth Day on May 11.

Community and tribal members helped clean up the reservation as they walked along the roads and picked up garbage.

Educational information regarding solar energy, composting, gardening, home environmental stewardship and the Fox River clean up was available to those who were interested. Lunch was also provided.

The Oneida Conservation Department gave away 1,100 seedlings of Black Hill Spruce, Norway Spruce, Amur Maple, White Pine, White Spire Birch, White Fir, Woodward Globe and Arborvitae to community members.



Photos by Keith Skenandore

Earth Day was celebrated with garbage clean-up and composting on the Oneida Reservation on May 11. The Webster family, top, l-r, Olivia, Don, Jenny, Zack and Marcus volunteered their time and assisted with the reservation clean-up off of Seminary Road. A total of 2,680 pounds of solid waste and 250 pounds of recyclables were collected with the help of, upper left (l-r) Keshia Mencheski, Jessica Close and Ashley Callahan. Whitney Wheelock, upper right, assists in the composting demo by dumping food waste from the school lunch program unto a pile of straw. The improved soil is used for the Turtle School's garden.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What types of products would you like to see offered in Tower Foods?
(Please number, with 1 being the most important and then 2 and so on)

___ Diabetic ___ Generic ___ Name brands
___ Seasonal (eg charcoal, ice, etc) ___ Bulk
___ Local / Oneida

Other

2. What types of services would you like to see Tower Foods offer? (Please check all that you think apply)

___ Bakery ___ Check cashing ___ Deli
___ Videos, video games ___ Carry-out / Delivery
___ Youth job training

Other

3. Tower Foods hopes to be involved with numerous community projects, which ones do you think are most important? (Please number, with 1 being the most important and then 2 and so on)

___ Support local producers ___ Farmers Market
___ 4-H club involvement ___ Oneida Youth Job Training

Suggestions

Please tell us what you think we need to do in order to make this a successful community store:
(Please include your name, address and phone number if you would like to be contacted)

Please one (1) survey per tribal member. For questions or concerns please contact Bill Ver Voort at 869-4530.

Culture/Heritage

PLANTING MOON



MAY

Moon dance

The Moon Dance ceremony is a thanksgiving honoring of Yukhis%tha (our grandmother) kwa>ahsuta>k#kha> (night time) Wehni-tale> (light giver). We are reminded of the many important responsibilities that she has and ask her to continue to fulfill them. There is a cycle that she follows and the women have this same cycle. Within that, there's a phase where they cleanse themselves. This is looked upon as a very sacred time for them. Yukhihs%tha (our grandmother) also controls all of the plant life's growing cycles. Through out the growing season different plants anew themselves. We use her as a guide as to when to plant crops that bare above the ground (following the new moon) or when to plant root crops (following the full moon). She's the one that controls the tides. We look to her as to when to have ceremonies. She anew herself thirteen times within one of our calendar years. She's the role model for all the female side of life. This ceremony is done in the evening and the women are responsible to see that this ceremony is done.

Caterpillar Story

This story takes place at the time of creation. At that time, the Creator recognized he had to take care of many things. Sometimes when you look in the woods, you'll see the Little People.

The Creator gave them the responsibility for keeping things in the natural world beautiful. The Little People are the ones who paint the rocks, the animals and plant life. The Little People are still here, sometimes you'll see them in the woods and just when you turn to look, they'll quickly disappear. Things were going well, but the little People became bored. Even though they appreciated their work, they started whining and complaining. In other words, it was going good, but it was getting to hum drum for them.

The Creator thought he would do something for the Little People to help them be more appreciative of life. So the Creator stuck a big fat, green caterpillar in their plush garden. The caterpillar was eating all the plants and flowers, and it was destroying their work. The Little People's first thought was to kill the caterpillar. They knew it would be wrong because everything in creation has a reason and a purpose. The Little People were not sure what to do with the caterpillar. They knew it would be wrong because everything in creation has a reason and a purpose. The Little People were not sure what to do with the caterpillar and it upset them. The caterpillar just kept eating and eat-

ing. The Little People had a council. They were wondering who in earth would create this creature. They burned tobacco to ask the Creator why and who brought this creature.

All of a sudden the caterpillar stopped eating and formed a cocoon. The Little People thought their bad thoughts had killed the caterpillar. They started feeling pretty bad because they knew Shukwaya>t\$=su had created the caterpillar for a reason.

Well, the Little People have three gifts: a sense of wit, magic, and humor. Everyday that the caterpillar didn't move, the Little People put their three gifts on it: a sense of wit, humor, and magic. Still nothing happened. Now the Little People are really feeling bad. They knew whatever they did to the caterpillar was wrong. After a period of a month there is some movement in the cocoon. When it began moving, the Little People started feeling good again. The Little People became startled, something beautiful was emerging and they didn't paint it. The butterfly emerged from the coon and it started flying, such a beautiful thing. The Creator told them he had put the caterpillar in their garden so they would appreciate life more. While they were having bad thoughts about the caterpillar, they were judging it, which shouldn't be done. No matter how ugly or bad something seems or looks, you shouldn't judge it harshly because everything has some beautiful qualities.

Seed dance

The Seed Dance Ceremony is an honoring of all the plant sustenance of life. It is done prior to anybody planting. Kay<towa=n< (the Peach Stone Game_ is played and seeds are used to be with. The men play against the women and only fifty beans are used as counters. After the game is over, Ohstowa>k%wa (the Great Feather Dance) is done to commemorate the purpose of this ceremony. Kunukwehn# (the Old Woman's) and Osahe-ta Aotil<=n@ (the Bean Dance) are then done.

Oneida Language Lesson



Commands

listen	Satah&hsatat Saw da who saw dut
keep still	Tehsato-t@t Day saw dough dut
speaking Oneida	
Ukwehuwehn#ha satw<nu=t@k Unkwe who weigh neigh ha sud dwa noon duck	
say it again	tutahs@latst doon da zad latst
touch it	Ka> nyah@tsyel Gah nya haa jell
point to it	yahlahteya=tu Yah la day yahn due
sit down	S@tih Saw di
stand up	T@stahn Day stan
turn around	tehsatkalhate=n\$ Day sut gall ha dain knee
jump	Tehsan\$tskwak Day saw neats skwak
dance	Tesan&nyak Days noon yuk
come here	k@tsi Ga-tsh

LANGUAGE FAIR

Swakwe-kú kalo nuntá-swe Ukwehuwehnéha Δ twá-táti
(All of you Come here Oneida Language We will speak)

Kanhke (when)

To niyowistá-e (time)

Δ twatekhu-ní (we will all eat)

Ohw Δ tsyakékha

ayakwanúnyahkwe Social Dance

Katsa? nu (where)

Friday, June 28, 2002

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

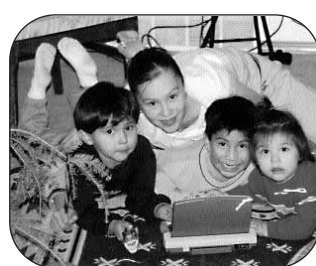
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

6:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tekalútatu (log house/outside under the big tent)

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

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REGISTRATION - DEADLINE JUNE 10, 2002

Name:_____ How many attending:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ Fax:_____

Language Presentation:_____

Description:_____

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

Mail to: Language Revitalization

P. O. Box 365

Oneida, WI 54155



ONEIDA

Pronunciation System

VOWELS:

"a" has the sound of the "a" in ah or father

"e" has the sound of the "e" in egg or eight

"i" has the sound "i" in ski or machine

"o" has the sound of the "o" in hope or low

"u" has the sound of "un" in une

"<" has the sound of "on" in on

CONSONANTS:

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

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

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

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

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

'tshy' or 'tsi' sounds like 'j'

'tshy' or 'tshi' sounds like 'ch'

'sy' sounds like 'sh'

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

Combination of '#' makes of falling tone sound.

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

Good News

Happy 3rd Birthday
Quinnton Skenadore
on 5/23/02



Love Mom, Dad & Family

Give me a "Happy"...
Give me a "Birthday"
What does that spell?
"Happy Birthday!!!"
Happy 11th Birthday
Stara on 5/17 &
Happy 12th Birthday
Sharell on 5/18



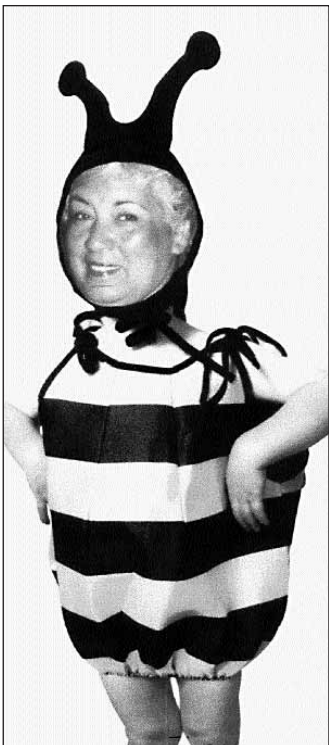
Hope your day is very
"Cheer"ful!!
Also, Happy Birthday
and Mother's Day to
Grandma Shirley on
May 13th

Happy 2nd Birthday to
my Precious baby
Elijah Grey
on May 18th



Love Mommy and Big Bro Brennan

It must BEE
your Birthday!
If you see
Stella Oman
on May 24th,
say "Happy Birthday"!



Happy 11th Birthday to
Matthew Kaercher
on the 22nd of May



Love you, Mom

Happy Belated 5th
Birthday
DuWayne Matson
May 14th and
Congratulations on
your graduation ~ May
23rd from Headstart



Love Mom, Dad,
Sisters,
Brothers, Aunts,

CONGRATULATIONS
on May 10th, 2002
to our precious
daughter, the best
sister, my awesome
niece and my
greatest Mommy,
**Eldena
McCutcheon**
for graduating from
Surgical Tech
Program with hon-
ors. We support
you and are very
proud of you!

Love you!
Mom, Dad, Bubba,
Nancy and your
daughter Kalliyah

Happy Birthday *Dad*
on May 27th



Happy 47th Birthday
to **Bobbi Webster**
on May 14th



Communications Staff

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Upcoming events at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

Animal Stories for Pre-schoolers:

"A Leaping Good Time!"

Monday, June 3 at 10 am
and again Monday, June 17
at 1 pm

How does a tadpole turn into a frog? This is a question children often ask. They can learn that answer as well as other information about the habits of frogs at Animal Stories for Pre-schoolers at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. During the program, the Sanctuary staff will read the short stories, Jump from Jump by Robert Kalan and From Tadpole to Frog by Wendy Pfeffer. For children ages 3-5. Cost is \$1 per person. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

**Public Pond Study:
"Discover Another World"**

Thursday, June 6 at 10 am

Tadpoles, frogs and other neat creatures can be discovered in a pond study at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. Children ages 6 and up can put on a pair of waders, grab a net and explore the pond's ecosystem. The Sanctuary will provide the net and waders as well as staff to help analyze samples from the pond. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$1 per person. Pre-

registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

**Nature Nuts:
"Acorns"**

(children ages 6-8)

Monday, June 17 through
Friday, June 21 from 9 a.m.
to 11:30 a.m.

Introduce your child to wildlife education and let them explore nature in a fun and creative learning atmosphere at Nature Nuts for Acorns, for children ages 6-8. Children will study fun topics about nature. Cost is \$40 per child for Green Bay residents and \$60 per child for non-residents. Pre-registration will be done through mail only. For more information or to receive your registration from, call (920) 391-3677. Note: There will be a repeat session on Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary is a 700-acre urban wildlife refuge featuring live animal exhibits, educational displays, miles of hiking and walking trails and excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. It is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., with trails closing at 4:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. The Sanctuary is located at 1660 E. Shore Drive on Green Bay's east side, across from Bay Beach Amusement Park.

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May 22 & 23, 2002 ~ 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Don't miss any of the Activities:

- Meet the Division Staff
- Land & Loan Information
- Vendors Welcome!
- 50/50 Raffle...Games...and much more!

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The Miss Oneida
and J r. Miss
Oneida Pageant is
coming this J une!!

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

Miss Oneida ~ Ages 18-25
Jr. Miss Oneida ~ Ages 13-17

- All participants must be single with no children.
- Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the main office or by Racquel Hill - both at Norbert Hill Center.

Any questions, call Racquel at 869-4475.

Note: Li'l Miss will be selected at the 30th Annual Oneida
Powwow.



I am announcing my candidacy for councilwoman in the July general election. I am the daughter of Henrietta Oudenhoven & Francis Cornelius. My grandparents are Josephine (Jordan) and the late Paul Oudenhoven. I am married to Richard (Butch) Summers Jr. and I have three sons: Taylor, Alex & Richard III. I have worked for the nation all of my adult life, and for the past eight years, I have worked in the Special Events Department as an Events Coordinator.

In the effort to be honest and open with the you, the members of our nation, I am stating up front; no individual can make change by themselves. But, I do believe, that teamwork, consensus, and understanding the needs of the membership, can contribute to positive results in our community. Not every person will be satisfied 100%, but every person can move forward and pursue personal growth in our nation. I am making you the only promise I can fulfill-if elected, I will work with my fellow members of the Oneida Business Committee and you with respect, honesty, integrity and self-accountability to bring out the best in the Oneida Nation and its members.

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Board Vacancies

Oneida Personnel Commission- one (1) vacancy. Qualifications: An enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. The entire membership may not consist of more than two (2) members from any one division of the Oneida Tribe, nor less than seven (7) community members. A member may not be an employee of the Human Resources Department, any advocacy group (department), or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe. The membership may not be such that a conflict of interest or nepotism is created as defined; nepotism is created by the following relationships: father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-children, step-parents, or significant other. The **deadline** for application is **May 31, 2002.**

Notices

LEGAL NOTICE: Setting Time and Notice to Creditors: request for information. The following estates are being prepared for probate by the United States Department of Interior, or the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Appeals Commission, Offices of Hearings and Appeals. All creditor claims must be filed on or before June 12, 2002. **Marlene Valentino**, D.O.D. 4-8-2002, **Delia Matson**, D.O.D. 4-18-2002, **Nellie Acheson**, D.O.D. 4-17-2002 and **Anderson Summers**, D.O.D. 5-4-2002. Send all creditors' claims and information relating to the decedent to the following address: Harriet Kindness, Probate Clerk, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Division of Land Management, P.O.Box 365, Oneida WI 54155. Dated May 9, 2002.

NOTICE of CONSTRUCTION: Start Date: May 13, 2002. Location: The project is located along Seminary and Ranch Roads, in the Town of Oneida, on the Oneida reservation in Wisconsin. Project description: The project will include the following: reshaping and seeding of the ditches, and reshaping and renovation of any disturbed driveways and roadways, along the right of way Seminary Road to Ranch Road. Caution; Please use alternate roads and plan accordingly to eliminate traffic hazards. This may cause traffic delays in the construction area and temporary limitations to your driveway access. Everyone involved with this project would like to thank the local residents for their cooperation during the construction and for their continued cooperation in making sure that children are clear of construction sites and that motorists yield to workers. The contractors appreciate your patience during the construction season.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: Purpose: Pardons. A pardon is the formal and public act of forgiveness of a crime. The pardon is available to tribal members only and is effective within the Oneida tribal employment system only. **When:** May 21, 2002. **Where:** Business Committee Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center. **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Process:** Registration: All witnesses must be registered 24 hours prior to the Public Hearing by contacting Racquel Hill at 869-4475. **Testimony:** Oral: Each witness will be limited to three minutes. Witnesses who have not pre-registered will not be allowed to testify. There will be no exceptions. Written: Must be submitted on or within five days of public hearing date. Witnesses: Those who wish to testify against the granting of a pardon must register 24 hours prior to the public hearing. There will be no exceptions.

The public hearing has been set to comply with the one week notice requirement in the Pardon Policies and Procedure- Article IV. Section 4-5 (d).

The following pardon applicants will be considered at the

above mentioned Pardon Public Hearing: Kevin Baird, Marlene House, Sheila R. House, Randall Jourdan, Jason King, Jeff Kurowski, Thomas Lassila, Shawn Moore, Pamela Nohr, Terry L. Pamanet, Robert Parker, Matthew O. Powless and Garon Smith

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: Anna John Nursing Home of Oneida, Wisconsin, will provide care from October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002 uncompensated services to all eligible persons unable to pay who request those services. All services of the facility will be available as uncompensated services. Eligibility for uncompensated services will be limited to the person whose family income is not more than Category C of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services. This notice is published in accordance with 42 CFR 124.504 Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Services. We invite interested parties to comment on this allocation plan.

Coaching Positions Available: The following coaching positions are available next fall at the Oneida Nation Elementary School: Assistant 7-8 Grade Football Coach; Head 5-8 Grade Volleyball Coach and Assistant 5-8 Grade Volleyball Coach. Contact Thom Burke for more information and questions at 869-4051.

Oneida Nation Jobs Available

Senior Accountant Position #01231

Salary: Grade 10 \$29,411/annually (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position will develop management reporting tools and financial analysis of the Oneida Tribe's consolidated financial statements, develop cost allocations, review reconciliations, develop financial forecasts, coordinate audit activities and research tax issues. This position will facilitate the development/improvement of internal Department Standard Operating Procedures, performing periodic review to identify improvement opportunities. Incumbent will provide training and expertise to internal staff, subsidiaries, and other departments as requested. This is an exempt position that reports to the Assistant Controller. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
June 6, 2002

Proposed Start Date:
August 5, 2002

Automotive and Truck Maintenance Mechanic Position #00608

Salary: Grade 08 \$12.09/hourly (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position is responsible for the maintenance of all tribal vehicles including the fleet of buses. Incumbent will evaluate and assess tribal vehicles for problems and either fix the problem of make arrangements to have the tribal vehicle serviced. Maintain the preventative maintenance schedule on all tribal vehicles. Incumbent must be able to work flexible hours when needed/required. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Automotive Department Manager. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
May 21, 2002

Proposed Start Date:

Sergeant Position #00424

Salary: Grade 08 \$12.09/hourly (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.)

Position Summary: This position will oversee the security team of a designated shift by coaching, mentoring, scheduling fro call-ins, approving overtime during each shift and reviewing vacation and personnel requests. Incumbent must

have the ability and willingness to work nights, weekends and holidays. This is a key, non-exempt position and reports to the Lieutenant. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocation.

Closing Date:
May 21, 2002

Proposed Start Date:
July 22, 2002

Natural Resource Technician I Position #01752

Salary: Grade 03 \$8.49/hourly (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience.)

Position Summary: This posi-

tion will provide tree and shrub maintenance to include planting, pruning, mulching and removal on tribal public and Oneida elders' properties for function and safety. Incumbent will assist Tribal programs with conservation related projects and activities. This is a non-exempt position and reports to the Conservation Corp Crew Leader. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date:
May 16, 2002

Proposed Start Date:
July 15, 2002

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Thursday Night Thunder

JUNE 6TH

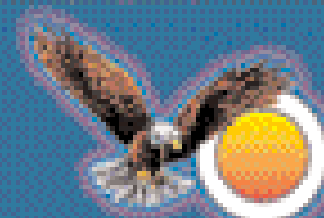


JUNE 7TH



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JUNE 9TH — RACE**

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