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# Education drives out fear of terrorism

**By Phil Wisneski**  
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Terry Linson, a faculty member at Fox Valley Technical College and Command Officer of the Manitowoc HAZMAT Team, along with Dan King, presented an update on the recent terrorism attacks in the United States and the recent anthrax scares at a community meeting held at the Oneida Police Department on October 15.

Is your department or home ready in case a disaster, such as the one that occurred on September 11, 2001, happens here? According to Dan King, of the 70 buildings the Tribe occupies, only 12 have emergency plans in place. Department and home plans need to be in place. Not many people know that the Irene Moore Activity Center

(IMAC) is a central meeting place in case a disaster strikes the reservation. If the IMAC is not available, then the Turtle School is designated as the location.

"If it comes down to an incident people need to know what to do," said King.

According to Linson in order to drive out fear, people need to have knowledge and education about the situation. Terrorism, as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is "the unlawful use of force against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives."

The three elements of terrorism are; terrorist activities are illegal and involve the use of force, the actions intend to

intimidate or coerce and the actions are committed in support of political or social objectives.

Linson also stated that all communities, even Oneida, are vulnerable to incidents involving terrorism. Especially those communities with a high visible target. These targets are usually situated along routes with high transportation and access potential. The Oneida Casino, with its location and easy access, could fit both of these criteria, so so the community needs to be prepared.

There are 5 types of weapons that can be used by terrorists. They follow the acronym "B NICE". They are Biological, Nuclear, Incendiary, Chemical and Explosives.

With the recent scares of anthrax in the area, Linson

gave a quick overview on what it is and what of do in case of contact. There are three forms of anthrax. One is contracted through the skin and is a natural by-product slaughter of sheep, deer and cattle. The other form of anthrax is digested through the stomach and is caused by eating poorly cooked food. Many people get this and think it is the stomach flu. These two before mentioned forms are well managed and provide little health risk to the general public. The third and final form is transmitted through the lungs and is the way the recent incidents and scares have been reported.

The spores are found usually in a white powdery sub-



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Terry Linson, command officer of the Manitowoc HAZMAT Team, above, tells people that education is needed to deter the fear of terrorism.

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## Interior official pressured to support misleading report

**By Robert Gehrke**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Interior Department continues to mislead a judge overseeing the government's effort to reform a system that has mismanaged hundreds of millions of dollars in Indian land royalties, a court-appointed watchdog said Tuesday.

Secretary Gale Norton "carries the ultimate responsibility for the repeated untruthful and knowingly inaccurate and incomplete submissions" to the court, Joseph Kieffer III

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## A penny for your thoughts



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Students of the Three Sisters head start class watch as Rosemarie Sayen explains how the coins collected from the students penny drive is counted. The students raised \$ 300.00 which will be contributed to the victims of the tragedy in New York that occurred on Sept. 11.

## DA dismisses complaint filed against Chairman Danforth

**By Keith Skenandore**  
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Outagamie County Assistant District Attorney Mitch Metropulos has ruled that there are no grounds to issue a citation against Chairman Gerald Danforth after a complaint was filed against him by a tribal member.

Cathy L. Metoxen, 47, of Oneida, filed the complaint with the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department on Oct.

3, following a verbal altercation between herself and tribal elder Pearl McLester. Metoxen contends that she was confronted by McLester in the hallway outside the Business Committee Conference room following a noon break of the BC meeting. It was during the altercation that Metoxen allegedly contends that Danforth intervened. Metoxen said at that time Danforth set his attention on her rather than

McLester, and with one arm, pushed against her, pushing her away from McLester.

"My most plain and simple response is that that statement is an outright lie," said Danforth.

Mike Heenan, public information officer for the



**Chairman Danforth**

Sheriff's Department said the complaint was reviewed and there is no need for further investigation.

He said either a disorderly conduct or battery charge was at issue and that the report went up for review.

"There was no potential criminal charges," said Heenan. "It's a non-issue."

The complaint states that McLester approached her in an angry manner and pointed her finger at her. It further

states that McLester didn't like the way Metoxen treated her daughter, Treasurer Judy Cornelius.

"Cathy then told Pearl that Judy was a big girl and that she could take care of herself and Pearl told her that she wanted Cathy's behavior to stop," reads the complaint. "Cathy stated Pearl then backed her up to a wall, pointing

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**Dismissed**

## The code is law



Photo by Phil Wisneski

Oneida Councilman Vince DelaRosa, left, stands with fellow councilman, Paul Ninham, following the presentation of the Oneida Code of Laws. The code is made up of all the current laws that were passed by the General Tribal Council and the Oneida Business Committee.

**By Phil Wisneski**  
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The Oneida people now have an official code of laws that will govern their lives.

The Oneida Code of Laws was presented by Councilman Vince DelaRosa at the October 10 business committee meeting to Chairman Gerald Danforth.

"It is a sovereign tool that will give all citizens fairness

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# Holiday Collectibles

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*Suspicious Unopened Letter or Package marked with threatening message such as “Anthrax”*

1. Do not shake or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope or package.
  2. Place the envelope or package in a plastic bag or some type of container to prevent leakage of contents.
  3. If you do not have any container, the cover the envelope or package with anything (e.g. clothing, paper, trash can, etc.) and do not remove this cover.
  4. Then leave the room and close the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering (i.e., keep others away).
  5. Wash your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading any powder to your face.
  6. What to do next...
- If you are at home, then report the incident to local police.
- If you are at work, then report the incident to local police, and notify your building security official or an available supervisor.
7. List all people who were in the room or area when this suspicious letter or package was recognized. Give this list to both the local public health authorities and law enforcement officials for follow-up investigations and advice.

*Envelope with powder and powder spills out onto surface*

1. Do not try to clean up the powder. Cover the spilled

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*Fight terrorism with education*

The recent scares have involved the mail service and have come in envelopes with no return address and excessive postage.

If you come in contact with the substance the first thing to do is to double bag the envelope in a zip-lock type bag using latex gloves, if possible. Then wash your hands immediately with soap and water being sure not to touch your face or neck before washing. Next is to notify your immediate supervisor and local police, Postal Inspectors and the FBI, who will arrange for the pick up of the letter to assess the threat. Also, ensure that all people who may have had contact with the envelope wash hands.

Following these simple steps will ensure that the substance is controlled and the risk of an outbreak will be slim. Anthrax is not contagious and cannot be spread from one person to person. The only way to contract anthrax is through direct contact with spores.

contents immediately with anything and do not remove this cover.

2. Then leave the room and close the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering (i.e., keep others away).
3. Wash your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading any powder to your face.
4. What to do next...

If you are at home, then report the incident to local police.

If you are at work, then report the incident to local police, and notify your building security official or an available supervisor.

5. Remove heavily contaminated clothing as soon as possible and place into plastic bag or some other container that can be sealed. This clothing bag should be given to the emergency responders for proper handling.
6. Shower with soap and water as soon as possible. Do not use bleach or other disinfectant on your skin.
7. If possible, list all people who were in the room or area, especially those who had actual contact with the powder. Give this list to both the local public health authorities so that proper instructions can

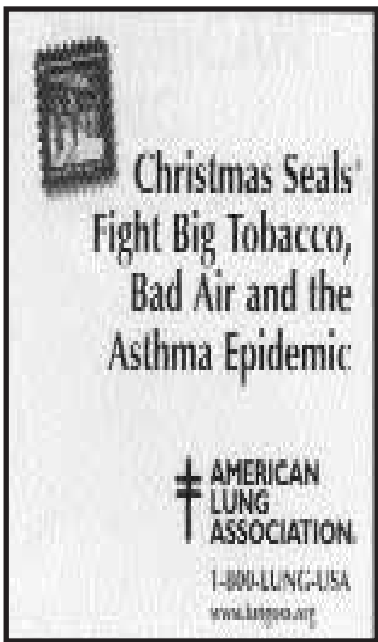
be given for medical follow-up, and to law enforcement officials for further investigation.

*How to identify suspicious packages and letters*

Some characteristics of suspicious packages and letters include the following...

- Excessive postage
- Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
- Incorrect titles
- Title, but no name
- Misspellings of common words
- Oily stains, discolorations or odor

- No return address
- Excessive weight
- Lopsided or uneven envelope
- Protruding wires or aluminum foil
- Excessive security material such as masking tape, string, etc.
- Visual distractions
- Ticking sound
- Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as “Personal” or “Confidential”
- Shows a city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address



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# Local News

## From Page 1/Code of Laws available for purchase

to implementing the laws.

The Code is a working document and will be ever changing to serve the betterment of the Oneida people.

This is the first time all the Oneida laws have been put together in one book.

The code is made up of all the current Oneida laws which have been passed by the General Tribal Council and the Oneida Business Committee.

Councilman Delarosa adds, "This code of laws is important because it assures the Oneida people equal access to the current text of laws which affect their lives and property, and in that we should all take great pride."

The two volume set is available at a cost of \$35.00 (plus \$5.00 shipping and han-

dling) for Tribal members and employees, and \$45.00 (plus \$5.00 shipping and handling) for non-tribal members. Included in the cost is the Constitution and By-Laws for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, up-to-date ordinances, a one year subscription service which will provide updates of newly enacted or amended ordinances and policy resolutions and future editions and subscription supplements which will contain policy resolutions.

To order a copy of the Oneida Code of Laws make checks payable to Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin-LOC. Send checks to the Oneida Nation Legislative Operating Committee, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155.

## 25 years of service



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Chris "Babe" Doxtator, the Director of the Land Management Division was pleasantly surprised at her 25 Year Anniversary Celebration. The celebration was held at the Decaster Garage on Wednesday, October 17. Above: Chris accepts a flag from Business Committee Secretary Julie Barton. Right: Chris gave a short but sweet acceptance speech after General Manager Bill Gollnick presented her with a plaque. At the celebration, a huge lunch was served and a video was shown showing the progress the Land Division has made since it's inception back in 1976. Following the video Chris was showered with gifts and praise from various identities within the Tribe as well as from friends and family. Keep up the great work Chris and the Oneida Tribe looks forward to the next 25 years of your service.



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## Oneida Bingo celebrates 25 years

### A history of how it began

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks.

As Oneida Bingo celebrates it's 25 anniversary this past week, Oct. 14 - 20, Alma Webster, director of bingo, had time to reflect how it all started.

Webster recalled the many struggles that she, along with Sandra Ninham faced.

She said the idea of bingo for Oneida was in the talking stage during the spring of 1976. Sandra Ninham was the

Assistant Building manager and Webster was the Tribal Treasurer at the time.

The reason Sandra and Alma decided to start bingo was because, although the Civic Center was a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the tribe didn't have a way to pay the heat and lights for the building. The Tribe had little money to pay these expenses, so bingo was started in October of 1976. The games were played in the gym of the Civic Center.

The operation began slow by playing on Wednesday evenings and Sunday after-

noon. The prizes ranged from \$10.00 for regular games and \$100.00 fro blackout.

Bingo had about 10 workers who not only worked the floor, but had to put up and take down the tables for each session, work in the kitchen and do the cleaning of the gym and bathrooms.

The Civic Center was used until April 1983 when the operations were moved to a new facility on Airport Drive that seated 800 customers. By then bingo employed 30 people to help run the additional sessions of every day.

Bingo was such a huge suc-

cess in the community that expansion was necessary in 1984 to accommodate the demand of the players. The expansion raised the capacity of the bingo hall to 1200 people. With the additional customers, more employees were hired to serve them. Bingo had its highest employment numbers of 120 employees at that time.

In 1992, Oneida started to put slot machines in the bingo hall. With the expansion of gaming, bingo took a back seat to the more "profitable" games and seating was cut down to 550 to make room for the slot machines. With Annex and Main Casino being built in 1993, the bingo hall retained some of its old seating and now has the present day capacity of 858 players.

Webster said in the past, as well as the present, bingo workers and "regular" players became very familiar with each other. She said they know and call each other by name and are almost like family.

There are still four workers from the early days of 1976. They are; Alma Webster, Director; Susan Paremski, Assistant Director; Ceil Cornelius, Bingo Cashier; and Jeff Doxtator, Bingo Cashier.

Many people who started in bingo have moved on to other departments within the casino or within the Tribe.

Alma Webster's philosophy of leadership is based on the "Golden Rule"- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

"I believe if you treat your employees with respect then you should expect the same from them," she says.

The greatest success of bingo is the idea that the tribe could be self-sufficient. Bingo gave the Tribe that start.

Editor's Note: Watch the next issue for Bingo Anniversary coverage.

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\$31.75  
\$1,050.00  
or \$105 for 10 weeks  
Packaged Meat 438 lb.  
Cutting loss 162 lb. (27%)



Local/State

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a finger at her, and that Pearl then mumbled something under her breath. Cathy stated she thought Pearl called her a bitch."

The incident became heated when Metoxen recalled McLester saying how she was proud to be a bitch. According to Metoxen, McLester took that in the sense that she was calling her a bitch.

McLesters says in the complaint that "Metoxen called her a bitch and that she did not appreciate being talked to in that tone of voice and that kind of language."

That was when Danforth got in the middle of the argument after he heard what was said and informed them both, "This conversation is over."

Metoxen could not be reached for comment.

The complaint further states that Metoxen told Danforth that she wasn't doing anything and that McLester was still yelling at her, even at the time he stepped between them.

Danforth says in the complaint that he was standing down the hallway when he heard Metoxen state to McLester, "You're a bitch." He stated Pearl responded by stating, "What did you call me? Don't ever call me that." He said at that instance that tempers began to get worse

between the two so he placed himself between Pearl and Cathy.

The complaint reads that Danforth stated, "I will not tolerate that sort of language and this conversation between you two is over."

He stated that Metoxen kept insisting that McLester had approached her first, stating that she, Cathy, did not do anything wrong. Danforth stated at that point in time, he had his aide, Trish King, contact security and that he would provide a verbal report of this incident.

"The bottom line is I will not tolerate that behavior from anybody," said Danforth.

The complaint finally states that Metoxen feels threatened due to Danforth's relationship to the Oneida Chief of Police, his brother, James Danforth, and Pearl McLester being their aunt. She says they may retaliate and that, in her words, not be reprimanded due to their relative being the chief of police. Metoxen add that Danforth had no business in putting his hands on her.

"I never touched her at all," said Danforth.

Passing On

Cornelius, Spencer

Spencer Cornelius, 57, of Oneida, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2001, at a local nursing home. Spencer was born Dec. 3, 1943 in Green Bay to the late Abraham and Grace (Hill) Cornelius. Spencer married Karen Hill on March 5, 1966 in Appleton. He worked as a welder at Republic Steel in Chicago before retiring from Oneida Bingo and Casino in 1997.

Survivors include; his wife Karen, three daughters; Tina and Todd Metoxen of Oneida, Brenda and Gerald Dick of South Branch, and Carmela and David Oshkeshequoam of Oneida; 14 grandchildren including two special granddaughters Jessie and Tiffany. Spencer is also survived by a sister Henrietta Gomeyosh of Neopit; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Lavender Hill and a sister Violet Webster.

Voster, Clara

Clara Voster, 89, of Oneida passed away early Monday morning, October 15, 2001 at Anna John Nursing Home in Oneida. She was born May 29, 1912, daughter of the late Eli and Lucinda Cornelius.

2 daughters and 1 son,

Ruth Melchert of Oneida, Mary Metoxen of Green Bay, and John Metoxen of Oneida survive Clara. 13 Grandchildren Patsy (Jeb) of Duluth, Harvey Jr. (Sue), Brenda, Kitty, Rosa, Bonnie (Kevin), Tony, Daniel, Adam, Alvin, Donald Jr., John, and Daniel all of Oneida and 12 Great Grandchildren further survive her.

Her Husbands Hyson Metoxen and Harland Voster preceded her in death. 1 daughter Jean and I son Donald, son-in-law, Harvey Melchert Sr., 2 Grandchildren Donald and Terry, 2 Great Grandchildren Joseph and Harvey III two brothers Jeff (Dorothy), and Roy Cornelius all preceded Clara in death.

Visitation was held at the Oneida Assembly of God Church until services with Rev. Lonnie Johnson officiating burial in the parish cemetery.

A special Thank You to the Anna John Nursing home staff for all your special care and concern.

Clara, you always had a great flair for life, you had a innate ability to recognize when people needed to laugh, You always had a smile and you will never be forgotten and will always be in our hearts.

Hill, Helyn

Helyn Hill, 84, of Seymour, died peacefully in her sleep ion Monday morning, October 15, 2001. the daughter of the late albert and Sarah (Baird) King was born December 18, 1916 in Oneida. On June 22, 1940, she married Earle P. Hill at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in Oneida. The couple had lived in Chicago prior to moving back to Oneida in 1981. Earle had preceded her in death on October 12, 1981. Helyn was a past member of St. Augustine episcopal Center in Chicago. Currently, she was a member and volunteer at Holy Apostles Parish in Oneida.

Survivors include 1 brother, Edwin King, Oneida, 1 sister, Alberta King-Oshogay, oneida, nieces, nephews, and cousins, special caretakers, Daniel King, Corina Williams, Arlene Elm, and Helen Webster.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Oneida Indian

Singing will begin at 6:30 p.m. VFW Auxiliary Service will be held at 6:45 p.m. Parish wake service at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Holy Apostle Episcopal Church, Oneida. Burial to follow in the Church Cemetery.

The Hill family extends a special thank you to the Good Shepard Nursing Home and the Oneida Elderly Service Program for their care and concern.

Melchert, Herman John

Age 66, died unexpectedly Friday morning, Oct. 5, 2001, at St. Vincent Hospital. He was born March 21, 1935, in Green Bay, son of the late Antone and Theresa

(Doxtator) Melchert.

On Nov. 11, 1978, he was united in marriage to Annette Cornelius in Green Bay. He was a past employee of the Oneida Casino.

Survivors include his wife Annette; five children: John (Diane), Green Bay; Laura Valentine, Oneida; Milton (Becky) Melchert, Green Bay; Charlotte (Hanson) Skenandore, Oneida; Lorretta Hill, Green Bay; 11 grandchildren; his sisters: Florence Paul, Sturgeon Bay; Carol Metoxen, De Pere; brothers: Willis (Carol), Oneida; Merlin (Elaine) Sheboygan; Gary (Pat), Princeton; sisters-in-law: Ruth, Adeline and Rose, all of Oneida.

He was preceded in death by four brothers: Harvey, Raymond, Carl and Antone Jr.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**C. J. Antt**  
*who would have been 33 on October 31st*



*Sadly missed by: Mom, Cousin, Bill, Shari, Justin, Maureen, Julie and nieces & nephews*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Little Grace Elijah**

*January 12, 1978 - October 9, 1998*


Gracie II  
Thought I saw you in the  
moons light dancing on the water,  
but it was only crystal winter wolves  
coming to claim you for their daughter.  
They coaxed you out from Autumn's rest  
carrying you down silk canyons and rocky  
to lands beyond a blue-green suns et.


... There they howl There they whimper There they  
Your laughter appears in our dreams  
when the Longhouse stands silent.  
You sing to the Strawberry Moon  
rising in an ancient sky.

We hear the beating of our own hearts  
as you step lightly from star to star.  
You're watching over all the woodl and  
children that you loved with every breath.  
And alone, standing pine patiently waits  
for the day when those autumn wolves bring  
you back to us, until, they bring you home.

... There they howl  
There they whimper  
There they protect ...

*Sadly missed by Family  
(and Friends XXXXX) Auntie Mel 01*





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# Local/State

## Native American feast set for November 3

Menasha, Wis. - On Saturday, Nov. 3, the Annishanabe Harvest Gathering will be held at Goodwill Community Center-1800 Appleton Rd--Menasha. Reception at 5PM with Dinner at 6PM & entertainment following.

This will be a wonderful taste of Native American culture, featuring a traditional feast prepared and served by The Intertribal Native Community.

Menu items will include wild turkey, Chippewa sweet meat, wild rice and cranberries, the Oneida Three Sisters (Corn, Beans,Squash), Iroquois Corn Soup, sage tea, corn bread, Indian fry bread, salmon, venison, blueberry mush and much more.

Entertainment will be provided by Dennis Hawk, a Cherokee flutist, and a 25-piece Oneida drum and dance troupe. A cultural silent auction will feature items such as pottery, gourds, corn husk dolls, Indian blankets, basketry, beadwork and more.

Give-a-ways will also be part of this special evening.

A Traditional Indian welcome ceremony and blessing will be given by Oneida Elder and Pipe Carrier CJ Doxtater.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by calling The Intertribal Community Center at 731-6602, ext. 212.

Call and reserve your tickets early as seating is limited.

## From Page 1/Interior accused of intimidation to get sign off on report

wrote in his latest report to U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth.

Under Norton, reform of the American Indian Trust Fund, which manages roughly \$500 million a year in royalties, has been stymied by the same lack of leadership and candor that plagued her predecessor, Bruce Babbitt, Kieffer said.

The pattern of deceit calls into question whether Interior is capable of ever fixing the trust fund, he said.

Lamberth is presiding in a lawsuit filed on behalf of more than 300,000 Indian trust fund account holders, who claim the government squandered at least \$10 billion and possibly many times that amount.

The trust funds were established in 1887 to manage royalties from grazing, mining, logging and oil drilling on Indian lands.

An estimated 1,000 of the individual trust accounts, worth about \$11 million, belong to Alaska Natives.

The government has admitted mismanaging the funds, and Lamberth has ordered the Interior and Treasury departments and Bureau of Indian Affairs to piece together how much money was lost. The judge also is watching closely efforts of Interior and BIA to overhaul their management practices.

More than \$614 million has been spent by the Interior Department on the overhaul.

Kieffer's latest report focuses largely on the Interior Department's handling of its latest quarterly progress report filed with the court.

After Special Trustee Thomas Slonaker, the top trust official, refused to vouch for the accuracy of the quarterly report, Interior Solicitor Bill Meyers repeatedly requested that other senior Interior officials sign off on it.

Several resisted, and Kieffer said others believed they were subjected to "overt intimidation by the solicitor," which he said cast doubt about the accuracy of the

entire report.

The report was submitted over the objections.

"The secretary of the Interior has verified an untruthful, inaccurate and incomplete" quarterly report, Kieffer wrote. He has written three similar previous reports.

Dennis Gingold, attorney for the Indian plaintiffs, said Kieffer's four reports and other misrepresentations Interior has made to the court prove the department can't be trusted.

A BIA spokeswoman did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

## Harvest Dinner Holy Apostles Church Parish Hall

**Saturday, November 3, 2001  
11:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.  
Cost: \$7.00 per person**

**Menu: Turkey, mashed potatos, vegetables, stuffing, buns, dessert, coffee and kool-aid**

## NOTICE

The case of Huff v. Onondaga Custom Catering and Traders is a class action lawsuit wherein the class members suffered food poisoning on June 16, 1994, after eating meals provided by Onondaga Custom Catering and Traders at the Chittenango Falls State Park in Madison County, New York State. A settlement agreement has been entered into between the attorneys for the class members who were poisoned and the insurance company that insures Onondaga Custom Catering and Traders. According to the agreement, the settlement proceeds of \$138,000 will be distributed as follows:

1. Class Representative Roy A. Huff.....\$5,052
2. The 4 class members who became ill, were examined at a hospital emergency room, received treatment, and were hospitalized.....\$5,000
3. The 64 class members who became ill, were examined at a hospital emergency room, and received treatment.....\$1,025
4. The 7 class members who became ill and were examined at a hospital emergency room.....\$714
5. The 77 class members who became ill but did not go to a hospital.....\$550

The above listed amounts are the distribution amounts before attorney fees and expenses are deducted.

Each class member has the right to opt out of the above outlined settlement agreement. If any class member wishes to opt out of the settlement agreement, it must provide written notice to Steven Ward Williams of the law firm of Smith, Sovik, Kendrick & Sugnet, P.C., on or before **November 8, 2001**. If a class member does not specifically and unequivocally opt out of the settlement agreement in writing on or before **November 8, 2001**, all class members will be bound by the terms and conditions of the above outlined settlement agreement, and will have no right of action against the defendants relative to the events of June 16, 1994. If a class member chooses to opt out of the settlement agreement, the written notice must be forwarded to: Steven Ward Williams, Esq., Smith, Sovik, Kendrick & Sugnet, P.C., 250 S. Clinton Street, Suite 600, Syracuse, New York 13202.

# Milwaukee SEOTS News

### SEOTS Mission

Our mission is to provide services for the well-being of On'yote?aka in southeastern Wisconsin; preserving our culture and environment for the next seven generations.

### SEOTS Staff - Would Like to Meet You

Stop in, have a cup of coffee and visit. Meet the staff that serves you. Mark, director; Anne, administrative assistant; Carmen, administrative assistant; Deb, community education specialist; and Sharon, Indian Child Welfare worker.

### Walk on the Wild Side American Heart Walk at the Milwaukee Zoo

Community member Kim Reyes is busy getting a team together to raise money for the Heart Association. On Sat., Nov. 3 participants will walk 1 to 3 miles at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Raise money, earn prizes, enjoy music, entertainment and refreshments. This is a great way for community members help raise money for a disease that affects many in our community. Walk to save lives walk because it's the right thing to do walk because you can walk because you want to help family, friends and all who suffer from heart disease or stroke. You can help! Call SEOTS at 384-7740 and ask for Carmen or Deb.

### Cultural Heritage Class

November is a great month to learn about the history of ceremonies celebrated past and present. This teleconferenced class is conducted by Randy Cornelius. Randy will present a variety of interesting topics every Tuesday during November at 6:30 p.m.

### TOPICS:

**Week 1:** Traditional Cleansing, Fasting & Vision Quest

### Week 2:

Sweat Lodge  
**Week 3:** Community False Face and Medicine Society

### Week 4:

Community Death Feast.

This is sure to be time well spent learning about our people.

### Craft Classes

Something new! Weekly craft classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning Nov. 7 at 6:00pm. Each month thereafter we will focus on a new project; but we encourage you to bring any project you are working on to share with others. Some projects may include a fee and others will not.

This is a new program we hope will bring community members together for enjoyment, friendship and a time to learn new things. The first month participants will learn how to make beaded earrings (2 different styles during the first 4 weeks). A fee will not be charged for this class. Sign up by Nov. 1.

### Harvest Feast

November has always been a time for celebrating a good harvest. Historically, Oneidas have shared their food, lives and friendship with others. We have always made a point to thank Mother Earth and the Creator for the things we have. So lets get together on Nov. 11 for our Annual Harvest Feast! We will provide the turkey and dressing and you provide the fixen's!

Sunday will be a time to be with great people, great food, the Packers, bingo and to have a great time! Come at noon and bring a dish to pass. Call 384-7740 if you have questions.

### Volunteer Reading

Reading is fun! It's easy to be a reading

tutor! When you complete training you will be on your way! The Literacy Services of Wisconsin will have an orientation on Thurs., Nov. 15 from 9:30-11:00 a.m (for adult tutoring). MPS will provide SEOTS with an instructor on Thurs., Nov. 29 to train prospective tutors for children. After completion of training tutoring will take place at a school or the Laubach Literacy Center located at 2724 W. Wells Street. You set your hours according to your availability. If you have the time make it your mission to help others learn to read please call 384-7740 to sign up.

### Polling Station

There will be a public hearing in Oneida on November 15 at 11:30 a.m. regarding the matter of setting up a voting station at the SEOTS office in Milwaukee (voting for elections takes place every 3 years). At this meeting members will be able to voice their opinions on this subject. The van will leave at 8:30 a.m. for Oneida for those who would like to attend the hearing. If you are interested, call 384-7740 to reserve a spot on the van.

### Book Reading Club

The book that will be discussed is "The Rez Road Follies - Canoes, Casinos, Computers, and Birch Bark Baskets" by Jim Northrup. Please read your book in advance and be prepared for an engaging discussion on Nov. 28 at 6:00 p.m.

### Walking for Fitness

Walking for fitness will continue in the outdoors weather permitting. Starting Nov. 27 our walk will continue in the Southridge Mall beginning at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the SEOTS office at 8:45 a.m. or call to arrange a place you would like to meet to begin the walk at the

mall. Until Nov. 27 our walks will continue at 10:00am every Tuesday and Thursday.

### SEOTS Advisory Board Meetings

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next two meetings are set for Nov. 13 and 27 at 6:30pm. This event is open to the community and all are welcome to attend.

Oneida Intertribal Singers (meeting on new day)

Every Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The singers are always looking for new members and are also available for events. If you're interested call SEOTS for more information.

### Oneida Language Class

Kelly Clark will be conducting the Oneida language class on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the Brookfield Library. THE class begins at 6:00 p.m.

### Doh Doh Club

Doh Doh Club meets every Saturday at 10:00am for language study, quilting and various other crafts.

### SEOTS Monthly Van Trip & Prescription Pick-up

The van to Oneida departs the SEOTS office at 8:00 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m. The scheduled van trip to Oneida occurs every third Wednesday of the month. Our next trip is on November 21. Although we occasionally make a random trip to Oneida, we ask that you plan for your prescriptions to be picked up on the monthly van trip whenever possible.

**NOTE: The SEOTS office will be closed Thanksgiving Day November 22 and November 23; and for a staff training on November 28 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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Tsi?kai-yΛ ThotahsawΛ? Ka?ikΛnuwa?

THE ONE HE STARTED THIS NOW

By Lloyd “Ano-ki’ (Sky) Schuyler

**Business Committee    Watna?tukh**  
BUSINESS COMMITTEE IT IS CALLED

Tsi?na?te    i?kelhe    taklihwato?kΛt    u?ka  
What    I want    to clarify    who

thotahswΛ    ka?ikΛ ohΛ?tu    e?nike  
he started    this    front    high up

lonatlihu?tu.    Ahska H. Atsikweth  
they have positions.    Oscar H. Archiquette

luwa?yats    thotahsawΛ    ka?i?kΛ    tsi?nu?wa?  
his name    he started    this    present time

ni?yot?tsi?    yotlihwat?tatyetuhati    kΛhnikahawi.  
the way that business is operating at this time.

Neopit    kiu?tewi    Λki?lu?    tyotunhetu  
Neopit    I think    I will say    it was born

ka?i?kΛ    NEW DEAL    wahashΛ?nΛ    lake?nih.  
this    NEW DEAL    he named it, my dad.

OnΛ    Λkwah-hlo?li    tsi?na?te    aoliwa  
Now    I will    tell you all    what is    the reason

ka?te    thonu    tyotunhetu.  
I say    that is    where    it came to life, it all  
started, etc.

Wa?tlu    yawa?le    ahsΛniwahsΛ    uhska  
Nineteen    thirty    one

tshiyohslahse?tahs    Neopit  
was the    number of the year    Neopit

ya?akwanaklath.    Kukwi?te    ka?i?kΛ    wa?ta?  
we went    to live.    Spring    this    Maple

otsike?ta    wehni?talenu    tshikahawi  
Sap    Month was    the period of time

thoya?akwanaklath.    Chief Roy Oshkosh  
there we went to live.    Chief Roy Oshkosh

luwayatskwe    laonataiyΛ?kΛ    yonya?la  
his name was his property    Rainbow

tyohnawΛ?tuhe watna?tu?kwakwe    thonutshikahawi  
Falls    it was called    at that time

tsi?nu    waket?thalakwΛ.  
the place    I'm    talking about.

Ka?ikΛ    Chief Roy Oshkosh,    lonatyoha  
This    Chief Roy Oshkosh,    his brother-in-law

laknoha?kΛ    yatΛno?sΛha    Abbie  
my deceased stepdad    his sister    Abbie

lotinyaku?ne?    thikΛ    Roy.    Thokwinu  
they were married    that    Roy.    That is where

thikΛ    Roy    tahohyatuhslu    lakenih,  
that    Roy    he gave him a paper    my dad,

wahΛ?lu?    sat?kΛhs    ka?i?kΛ    tokat?nu?wa?  
he said    examine    this    perhaps

Λhswaya?takenha    tsyukwehu  
it may help all of you Oneidas.

INDIANS AT WORK WHEELER and  
INDIANS AT WORK WHEELER and

HOWARDVILLE ACT    watna?tu?khwa?kew  
HOWARDVILLE ACT    it was called

thikΛ    kahyatuhsel.    Wahahyatuhslanu?wene  
that booklet.    He liked the book

lakeniha    tshahawΛnah?hno?ta    akwe?ku  
my dad    when he read it    all

onΛkwi    yahahya?tu    tsi?nu  
now then    he wrote to    the place

thatihyatuhslunihe    autahuwatΛye?ta  
they make the books    for them to send to him

shwehni?tat?tshu    thikΛ    kahyatushel.  
each month    that    book.

Kwak?kanhakwe?ku    thoyeyakwanakle?kwe?  
All summer    we lived there

tsi?nyo?le    tshahahsane?    lake?niha  
until    he finished    my dad

lahsestu?nhe    wa?ta    ohses,    tho?ne?  
he is making syrup    maple    syrup,    then

kalhaku    nu?wa?    yusahoyo?ta  
in the woods    now    he went to work

ka?nahe.    KanΛna?ke    kwio?n!    onΛkwi  
a short time.    Autumn    so now    now then

ukwehuwe?ne    yusayakwanaklath.  
to    Oneida    we moved back to.

OnΛ    lakhsot?tha    wahowΛnahnot??thahse  
Now my grandpa    he read it to him

ok?khale    wa?tholihwat?thete    akwe?ku  
and    he interpreted to him    all

tsi?nyo?le    waho?nikuhlakwe?ni    tsi?ne?se?  
until    he convinced him    positively

Λyukwaya?takenha? nok?tsi    nok?Λwa?tu  
it will help us but then    I have to

tΛkatlihwalenya?te    tsi?kai?yΛ    Λhutahuhsatath,  
spread the word    the ones    they will listen

tho?ne    Λkate?nyΛ?ta    to?ka?    niha?ti  
then    I will try to    a few of them

ahut?thukalya?ke    committee    ahu?tu  
to volunteer    committee    to become.

Wa?tlu    niyukwe?take    teyotuhutsyohu    nok?tsi  
Nine people    are needed    but

Λwa?tuki?    wisk    ta?thin    kaye    kwahnok?tsi  
could be    five    or else    four    just so

yahsaya?tat?okh    thahotlihwa?tatye?tuhati,  
not just one man    will he be running business,

ya?sewi    thote?yukwaliho?ta  
as we know    that is not our ways

OnΛyote?a?ka.  
People of The Standing Stone.

A?enukwa    yeyo?te    yakwana?tuk?khwakwe?  
The other end    we called it

wahunise?kΛ    shekukiu?tewi    otya?ke?  
long ago    still yet I think    others

*Note: Part 2 of 3 will be published in the November 1 issue of Kalihwisaks.*

## Twakhwalo?lóks

### (Harvest Thanksgiving)

The Harvest Thanksgiving Ceremony lasts three days, assuming that KayΛtowa?nΛ (The Peach Stone Game) lasts only one day.

Day One—The first day, there are áhsΛ nikanunya?ké Ohstowa?kówa (three Great Feather Dances). The first one is for Lonatlihu?tu (all of the titleholders), the second is for KΛtyóhkwa (the people) and the third is for Shukwaya?tísu (the Creator).

Day Two—On the Second day, kahyu?kwÁthu (the tobacco burning thanksgiving ceremony) is the first thing done. Then the Hatúwa Ceremony is opened. This is when your ukwe-hu?wé names are put through. The Friendship Medicine Society Ceremony can be done, and FaithKeepers can be raised up (appointed) at this time. Then Haneho?lú (the Water Drum Dance) is done. A speaker is chosen to give the Thanksgiving during the dance representing all the cycles of life. sa?yés (the wild blackberry) is used as a medicine during this dance.

Day Three—On the third day KayΛtowa?nΛ, (the Peach Stone Game) is played. Bears and Turtles play against the Wolf Clan. Things deemed appropriate to bet are 1. wampum, 2. Turtle rattle 3. lacrosse stick 4. traditional regalia. A runner is chosen from each side of the house to go around early in the morning to collect what the people will be using to bet with. These get matched up and whatever side of the house wins, they get back what they bet and what was matched up with it (of equal value). Then the Great Feather Dance and Old Woman’s Dance and Bean Dance are done.

## Weather Words

1.) Oh niwΛhnlisló?ta

What kind of day is it?

2.) wahnisli?yo

It’s a good day

3.) wahnisláksΛ

It’s a bad day

4.) yotÁhalote

It’s sunny

5.) yokΛno?lé

It’s rainy

6.) yowelu?tu

It’s windy

7.) yotho?lé

It’s cold

8.) yo?taliha

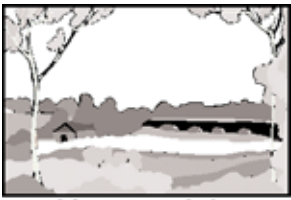
It’s warm

9.) yota?klókwa


It’s snowing

10.) yohtsí?kehli


It’s cloudy




It's a good day  
Wehnisli-yó




It's a bad day  
WehnisláksΛ




It's a sunny day  
YotÁhalote




It's a raining day  
YokΛno?lé-se?




It's Windy  
Yowelu-tú




It's Cloudy  
Yotsí-k(eh)le



It's hot  
Yo?taliha



It's cold  
Yotho-lé



It's snowing  
Yota?klókwa



## Good News

**Chanya Rose**  
Happy 1st Birthday,  
Baby Girl!  
We love you greatly  
and miss you a lot!



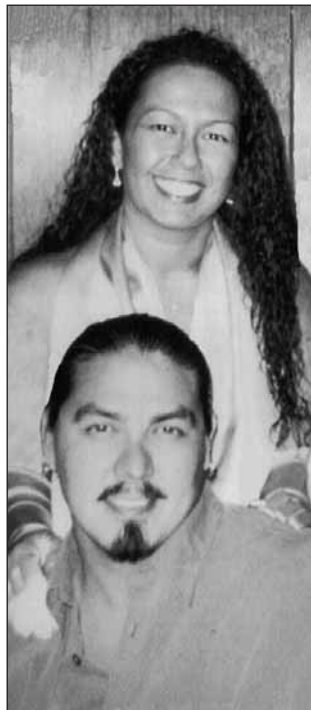
*Love Always, Daddy  
Winter, Uncle Dylan, &  
Grandma Benton*

**Happy Birthday to Our  
Little Angel Briana Hill**  
on October 16th



*Love You Whole  
Bunches!!! xoxo Mom,  
Grandma & Grandpa,  
and Uncle Jamie*

**Happy 30th Birthday  
to Arron Powless**



*Love Always, Jenny,  
Hinkfuss & Powless  
Families*

**Vern and Rena King**  
*H appy belated 38th Anniversary – September 21*  
*38 years of Wedded bliss?*



*Love, Annette, Dave, Raquael, Lisa, Mike, Tiffany  
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arrived, exactly one  
year later.



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your parents,  
Karl and Michele Lusis*

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Patrick

I am an artistic person.  
I wonder where I'll be in 10 years.  
I hear music and my surroundings.  
I see people and the characteristics of my surroundings.  
I want to be a better person.  
I am an artistic person.

I pretend that I like what I don't like.  
I feel inspired by my idols, the people of TOOL.  
I touch my guitar when I want to play.  
I worry when a loved one is far away.  
I cry not so often.  
I am an artistic person.  
I understand the way people feel.  
I say what's in my head.  
I dream of being a famous artist or musician.  
I try not to get into popular pretenses.  
I hope that one day I could live in peace.  
I am an artistic person.

Metoxen

*Head Male Dancer*  
Derrick King

*Head Veteran Dancer*  
Huston Wheelock

*Head Female Dancer*  
Ahsan Vega

## Young Spirit Pow wow

October 27th 2001  
Oneida Turtle School

*Scheduled Events:*

1st Grand Entry - 1 p.m.  
Community Feast - 5 p.m.  
2nd Grand Entry - 7 p.m.

*Host Drums:*

Duck Creek Crossing  
Sacred Leader  
*Master of Ceremonies*  
Artley Skenandore

*Princess Contest:*

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accepted the day of  
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# Legislative Review & Letters to the Editor

## BC Corner...

### Update Report

This fall has been a very demanding legislative period, but it has also been equally as rewarding. The Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) has completed some very important work which I would like to share with the Oneida people.

Oneida Codification Project:

It was my distinct pleasure to formally present The Oneida Code of Laws to the Oneida people on Wednesday, October 10,

2001. The code of laws is comprised of all the current Oneida laws which have been formally passed by the General Tribal Council and the Oneida Business Committee.

The Oneida Code of Laws represents a historic step in Oneida history. For the first time, the Oneida government has placed the laws of the nation before the Oneida People in a codified and easy to read format. This code of laws is important because it assures the Oneida people equal access to the current

text of laws which affect their lives and property, and in that we should all take great pride.

Please look for a report on this matter in this edition of the

Kalihwisaks. Oneida Law Enforcement Ordinance:

Also, on Wednesday, October 10, 2001 the Oneida



Councilman Vince DeLaRosa

Law Enforcement Ordinance was passed. This was another historic event for Oneida people. This law confirms the implicit principles and operating procedures under which the Oneida Police Department

officially operate and includes the establishment of

a specialized police commission with certain duties and responsibilities.

The two projects above are just some of the work that I've spent my time on in that last two months. Please also note, the LOC is currently working on the following pieces of legislation:

1. Progressive Fair Wage Scale
2. A new employment manual
3. Milwaukee polling sites
4. Treasury Laws (fiscal policy)

My office, and the staff of the LOC, have been very busy on some very meaningful and historic legislative projects. Conversely, I'd like to take a moment to thank them - Tana Archiquette, Bridget Long, Karen Katch and Attorney Scott Wilson are truly dedicated and hard working employees. I'd also like to thank the many hard working Oneida employees who get the job done, day-in-and-day-out. Working together, we can continue to make a better Oneida Nation.

## Making a difference

How long have we Oneida people been subjected to empty promises? How long have we been told by our leaders to be satisfied with what is? How long have we heard that we must expect our leaders to act differently once they're elected and no longer, "on the outside looking in?" How long the excuses for double standards, incompetence and corruption? Maybe too long and perhaps now we have leaders who will make a difference.

Last Spring, Mark A. Powless and Linda Dallas (Danforth), like many other Oneidas, were concerned with the state of our casino. They were concerned about unexplained shortfalls of casino dollars along with a fraud audit that warned our Business Committee (BC) and our Gaming Commission that our casino was not in compliance with Federal law. There were also allegations that casino management was circumventing Oneida hiring and promotion policies which resulted in the placing of friends and relatives in high management positions causing low morale for other less connected employees.

Mr. Powless and Ms. Dallas, among a few others, made promises to serve in the best interests of our troubled gaming operations in last summer's Gaming Commission election. Linda and Mark won the two contested positions after a lot of stalling by the BC who seemed to have had personal reasons for not wanting Mark and Linda in. Perhaps Mark and Linda had reputations that the BC wanted no part of. Perhaps they feared that Mark and Linda might insist that gaming laws be adhered to in all gaming operations. Maybe, just maybe, the BC knew that Mark and Linda would stand up and do the right thing for our Casino and for the future of our people. Their fears became reality.

After months of the BC covering up yet another scandal at the casino, the Gaming Commission, led by newly elected commissioners Mark A. Powless and Linda Dallas, suspended the gaming licenses of four gaming managers, including Interim General Manager David Webster, until which time this new scandal can be thoroughly investigated.

Tribal Chairman Gerald Danforth and most of the BC, upon hearing the news, promptly went into Executive Session in a darkened room

on the second floor of the Norbert Hill Center for almost a full week after the suspensions. Scheming? Conniving? Who knows and who cares! From what I've seen, the people of the Nation are elated that FINALLY some of our elected officials have taken a stand to address the problems that plague and threaten the very existence of our gaming operations. I urge Chairman Danforth and his group to come out of the shadows and support our newly motivated Gaming Commission in the hard work they have ahead of them.

Finally, I voted for Linda and knew she'd be strong and insistent that gaming laws be followed. I didn't vote for Mark, but now I wish I had as I'm equally confident in the integrity and knowledge of both he and Linda

Ed Delgado

## Yaw^ko for your comfort and support

It's been 30 days since our mother passed on and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support. It is with great humility and heartfelt feelings we are sending this to all friends and family that rallied to help.

Yaw^ko to all of you who was there to be of comfort and support for all of us. Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen who cooked and served, the pallbearers, the Oneida Longhouse Singers, and a very special thanks to my cousin and friends Isabel Parker, Florence Petri, Veronica Hill, Marlene Summers and Norean Metoxen.

Please excuse me if we missed anyone by name. The comfort was provided by many.

Again thank you so much.

**The Violet Hill Webster Family - Rudy Sr., Judy, Rudy Jr., Gerald, Allen, Kevin, Gary, Roger, Rhonda, Ronnie, Dayna, Darla, Barbara, Bruce and Donald (in memory)**

## Time to take action

Recently I asked for Oneida citizens to meet in the back of the Norbert Hill Center to discuss issues of missing casino funds nepotism and other issues concerning corruption in our Oneida government. The weather was cold, however, we did have some who came to talk. Unfortunately, it was too cold and we couldn't discuss going to get much better in

the near future so I will not ask you, my fellow Oneida citizens, to meet at yet another meeting.

I feel that our Oneida leaders want us to meet and talk, then meet and talk some more. It seems that the more we meet and talk, the less gets done and the longer certain individuals are allowed to play their games and take our money. Now is time for action, if you want to take that action, in the form of signing a petition.

On Saturday, Nov. 3. and on the following Saturday, Nov. 10, I will be in front of, or in the Oneida Library. at 201 Elm Street in beautiful downtown Oneida. I will be there from 9:00 A.M. to Noon on both days. I am asking for your support to stop our elected leaders from their aggressive and disrespectful behavior towards Oneida citizens (our brave male and female warriors must be protected from intimidation and violence), impeachment for leaders who dishonor their Oaths of Office, and the calling for a grand jury investigation regarding unaccounted funds at the Oneida Casino as well as questionable spending of our Land Acquisition Funds by Land Management.

I know your tired. Things have been bad since this new Business Committee came to office. They promised improvement and gave us more corruption and disrespect than we could have ever imagined two years ago. I'm tired too, but what else can we do other than stand up and and say "No More!"

Collecting names for impeachment in advance for those members who veto us on July 22, 2000 if they refuse to change, in the meantime you can choose your favorite replacement. Having them repay for all missing money upon leaving if the book is not balanced (pay us back double).

All major meetings on Saturday and all meetings published soon.

All citizens return to work whom were unethical fires.

All ordinary employee citizens will receive protection. Easy channel to government if any problems (we need you).

If the elections were today I will vote for Linda (Dallas) Danforth as Chairperson. No connection.

**Kerry Rae Brunette  
761 N 25th St., #9  
Milwaukee, WI**

## Please return dance outfit

I would like to say thank you to all my family and friends that stayed by my side

this past year in my time of mourning. I know I do not have to say any names, you all know who you are. If it were not for each and everyone of you I would not have made it this far.

For the first time in over a year I can finally hold my head up high and stand on my own two feet again. I can now close that final door, move on with my life and stop mourning, not only for the person that I thought was my soul mate but also personally and emotionally as well.

As many of you know he was a dancer and when the time came for us to go our separate ways the only thing I asked of him was to return the work I did on his outfit because I felt that no even he deserved to keep it for the things he had done. Needless to say it was never returned and it was sold to another man who wanted to be a dancer.

I recently saw that dancer and spoke to him, but not without the advice of others. I felt embarrassed and disrespected by having this dancer in the work I did for the person who I thought was my soul mate. It was made from my heart and soul and I put a lot of hard work and time into these things. The dancer agreed to retire it with new work for him in exchange for the return of the old work. At first the dancer agreed but then after a few days I did not hear from him, when I finally did I got nothing but attitude and now I feel even more disrespected. I wish this dancer could understand what it would mean for me for those few things to be returned in exchange for the new things to start him off.

Having my old work returned would mean those wounds can heal and I can go on with my life and become a stronger person. For those who might think that I have disrespected this dancer by approaching him I say I'm sorry but I have been disrespected non only by the person who I thought was my soul mate but the dancer as well. Everyone knows whom the outfit was made for and who made it.

I would like to say thank you to the veteran and the elder I spoke to, as well as the many friends that gave me words of encouragement. Those words will stay with me for a very long time. Finally to the person I thought was my soul mate, I am finally standing on my own.

Good by (weheyo) wherever you may be.

Tyla J. Paull

## Assisting with the pain of adoption

As early as 1890 it has been documented that thousands of Indian children were forcibly removed from their homes. Between the years of 1941 through 1978 when the Indian Child Welfare Act was passed we know that 68 percent of all Indian children were removed from their homes and placed in orphanages, white foster homes, and adopted into white homes.

These institutions and homes were often brutal which added to the trauma of early childhood separation. Many mothers and fathers of these lost or stolen children still grieve the loss of their children. These now adult children struggle with personal identity and sense of belonging. The mental and emotional toll is evidenced in the high suicide rates, incarceration rates and depression of adult adoptees. Many search for their family ties but do not know where to begin, which adds to the pain of separation. The time has come to heal these wounds caused by forced assimilation by establishing their sense of belonging to a spiritually rich family.

I had a vision of a song for adoptees, an honor song that would help those looking to find their way back. I shared this vision with Chris Lieth, spiritual advisor to the National Indian Child Welfare Association. He asked Jerry Dearly to make the song. I hope the song will also heal the loss of family members

who have lost their children to the system. I know that when many of us were taken away there was no Indian Child Welfare to assure family resources were used before an adoption took place. It was a time of incredible oppression. Consequently many families carry this pain with them today. They pray quietly that their children are still alive and healthy. This song is for them.

The song was sung for the first time at World Peace and Prayer Day, June 21, 2000 in the Black Hills. It was at that time Chris recognized the need for the Wiping of the Tears Ceremony for the grief caused by this separation from our identity as Indian people.

We have done this ceremony at various pow wows and the response is strong. People have expressed their approval and encouraged us to continue to work with the ceremony and bring healing to those individuals and families affected by forced separation.

We have formed the First Adoption Orphan Association that will strive to assist those individuals seeking to reunite with their families. We will also support individuals and families through the process of reacclimating to each other.

Please call 608-836-7052 if you have any questions.

**Sandra White Hawk**

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# kalihwisaks

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# Letters/Opinions

## Teaching

Some time ago, I volunteered to teach computer stuffees to Elders and anyone else who wanted help at the Oneida Nation. I was advised to go through the Volunteer Process. I did. 3 months later, I was accepted! A flyer was prepared and a number of people were interested. I had suggested that a stand alone computer be made available at the Meal Site where the Elders were. That couldn't be done. However, there was a Community Building on Cty H in Seymour! I live in Allouez! I was willing to donate my time, talent and teaching aides but I didn't want to pay for this privilege. They suggested that I apply for a made up "Instructor" position but they had no money to pay me and were waiting for a grant. That was two months ago. A number of people signed up for my services. They are waiting also.

I have a proposition. Those folks wanting this education can come to my home and use my computer as they learn. I will not have to travel and pay the high price of gas for my car. I will have the satisfaction of teaching them and gaining new friends. They will have the satisfaction of learning in a relaxed atmosphere. The Oneida Nation will have the satisfaction of an educated group of Elders and anyone else who would like to learn.

**Dr. Gene Norman**  
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## Who's really tearing down the tribe

The OBC must be ordered to explain mistakes they continually make and fail to learn from, especially when the end result is always at the financial cost to Oneida people. Poor and irresponsible decision-making makes it difficult for our tribe to progressively move forward in the direction necessary. GTC has a voice but resistance at the OBC level is often hostile and manipulative when given direction from GTC.

Fact#1: Consultant, Pat Bero was contracted by OBC to perform Gaming related work, this individual was never subjected to Tribal Background check mandated by NIGA/NIGC.

Fact#2: At time of hiring the consultant held no certification, license to practice in the State or with the tribe.

Fact#3: Bero contracted with OBC to redesign, implement casino accounting, financial and budgeting, analyze productivity, Marketing assessment, Casino Operations, Feasibility and Planning.

Fact#4: No tribal expenses specific to positions that are suppose to be conducting these like functions were cut or held accountable of having to bring on an outsider to do their job, including; Gaming General Manager, Asst. GM, business analysis, marketing to accommodate this extravagant contract. The tribe has fully staffed divisions employing high paid/high benefit individuals who are allegedly qualified to do these jobs.

Fact#5: Bero will work three days a week at \$5,000 or \$260,000 per year, with reimbursement of direct expenses to not exceed \$750 per week or \$39,000 per year with a \$24,000 executed retainer up front.

Bero was apparently highly recommended by Oneida's internal auditing office who

has been a party to denial of missing funds from the Casino along with OBC and Gaming management. Why then would they bring someone in from the outside to conduct review when they have full-staffed positions to do that internally? And why is this consultant no longer with Deloitte & Touche? (his former employer) Since no background check was executed prior to his contract, we may never know the truth.

Fact#6: On May 09, 2001 Sandra Ninham made a motion to hire this consultant seconded by David Bischoff. Motion carried. Tina Danforth made a motion to direct the audit committee (OBC members) to bring back a draft contract to hire a consultant for business committee approval and adoption. Seconded by Paul Ninham, motion carried.

For many tribes, gaming is the stepping-stone to economic development and diversity; and they zealously safeguard its integrity and reputation. Very, very few tribes nationwide have fallen prey to unscrupulous persons or investors. Actions taken by the OBC affecting our gaming operations must be executed legitimately and with careful planning. It's actions like that of our OBC and this contract that provide fuel for the continuous national media that portray Indian gaming as corrupt and out of control. Innuendo's are being made that the Gaming Commission and OBC will tear the tribe down. The final truth is that the OBC and corruption will be the ultimate straw if we let them.

Anthony N. Powless  
Tribal Member

## Milwaukee poll site needed

On November 15, 2001 a hearing will be conducted regarding the establishment of a polling site

at the Southeast Oneida Tribal Services office in Milwaukee. The meeting will take place at the Norbert Hill Center at 11:30 am. I look forward to as much participation as possible. The last public hearing on this issue garnered some very interesting responses. The question of establishing a polling site in Milwaukee is no small question for our Oneida Nation, and we should all be heard in the process. This issue can be likened to our United States elections, imagine if all of us had to go to Washington D. C. to vote for president.

Voting in our nations elections is a right Thus far that right has been restricted to those eligible voters who live in Oneida and those with the time and ability to travel to polling stations on the Oneida reservation. The right to vote is one that should never be taken for granted and extended wherever possible. At this time we are considering a polling station in the heart of Oneida's second largest populated area, Milwaukee. Oneida itself boasts over 3,000 members while in comparison, the Milwaukee area has over 2,000 members. Clearly, in sheer numbers alone and proximity within Wisconsin, these two communities should not be seen as separate entities. They should be one powerful political force that spans eight of the most influential counties in this state. Establishing a polling station is one major way to cement our political bonds of Oneida National interest.

Voting in our nations elections should be taken from the

bonds of privilege, and seen as what it is, one of the most powerful rights a citizen possesses. Our Oneida nation was not built on exclusion, rather an inclusive and collective voice. A polling station in Milwaukee would give voice to those who do not have it: (1) those with physical challenges, that for reasons of health, cannot make the drive to Oneida; (2) those Oneida families who work weekend, second and third shifts, that for employment reasons, cannot obligate themselves to the five hours combined drive time to vote; (3) those elders who do not possess the luxury of transportation or money to make the trip; (4) those Oneidas who have responsibilities to child care and family; (5) those single parent families and two parent families, that work more than two jobs to make ends meet; these dedicated people have little spare time; and (6) All those who do not possess the resources for travel. All of these populations are deserving of access to their rights as an electorate.

Voting in our nations elections can be cost effective. I have seen the proposal from the Oneida Election Board, it includes stipends, mileage, per them and hotels for people to come and run the election site in Milwaukee. The cost was expensive. An Oneida from the Milwaukee area, and who has worked with the election board, saw this part of the proposal. She offered that when she worked an election in Oneida, that she was not offered per diem., mileage and hotel. I also know that we have an Oneida office and staff in Milwaukee, and many volunteers that if given the chance, would love to volunteer to provide election service to fellow members. I am sure guests from Oneida can ride together in one tribal van, and stay with friends and relatives if needed. We also have the electronic means to communicate with Oneida, should we decide to utilize computers in monitoring and tabulation.

Voting in our Oneida nation elections with an off reservation site is legal. As was presented to the last public meeting on this subject we have the right and ability to do this, with no changes to our constitution or repeal of existing legislation. We were told that absentee balloting was questionable, but off site voting was not.

Voting in our nations elections will mean an expanded voice in our process. Diversity is strength. Fear is weakness. A fear expressed at a meeting on this issue was that a station in Milwaukee will only inspire other Oneidas to establish a voting site, in their own, off reservation communities. I can only hope that such inspiration would be in any Oneida, no matter where they live. Oneida does not belong to isolated local interest groups. The Oneida nation belongs to our past, future and present. We Oneida of the present, should make every effort to make sure our collective voice is representative of all. I look forward to the meeting of November 15, 2001 at the Norbert Hill Center. I encourage those interested parties to write, phone or be seen at the hearing in the Norbert Hill Center. If you would like more information about rides to this meeting, contact the Southeast Oneida Tribal Services Board at (414) 384-7740.

**Mark Denning**  
OGTC Member

## Yawako

My children and I would like to thank the community for their support during the passing of my husband Johnny. There were many people who contributed their time, prayers, and food for my family, and my extended family. We want to say yawako to those of you who offered these things for us.

We want to thank all of John's brothers and sisters and their families for all the love, comfort, and support they provided. We realize this was also a difficult time for them as they were also letting go of a brother and an uncle. They are all in our prayers.

My nephew Richard Powless provided us with much comfort by taking care of the fire all four days, we had no worries because we knew Johnny's fire was in good hands. Thank you Richie and thank you to all the others that helped him. Thank you to all my nephews for their help and support.

My niece Debbie Danforth is also greatly appreciated for the help and support she provided. As well as all of my nieces who were there to provide support and prayers.

I want to thank my sister and her husband for providing their love and support. I also want to thank my very dear friend Dorothy Danforth for coming up from Milwaukee and staying with us, comforting us and praying with us.

Yawako to my nephews Buddy and Geronimo Powless for the song and good words that were shared. Thank you for giving Johnny the Eagle feather to guide him on his journey.

Thank you to Pastor Im of the Oneida Methodist Church for her support and sermon. Yawako to Tek Skenandore and Bob Brown for saying prayers in the language for John. We also want to thank those of you who offered the prayers in the sweat lodge, in the church, and those who took time to pray for us. The prayers I believe got us through one of the hardest times in our lives, and I believe those prayers will continue to get us through.

Thank you to the VFW and The Marine Honor Guard of Green Bay for providing the service John had wanted. Thank you to the members of the VFW for paying their respects and honoring my husband the way they did.

Thank you to those of you who sent all the beautiful plants and flowers, it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who sent cards and donations, which were also greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Oneida singers. The singers took the time to come to the house and sing for John before he passed, as well as singing at both services. Thank you to the Native American Church for all their time and support. Thank you to all of whom brought and served food for the wake and funeral. To all of you, who attended the services for my husband, we say thank you.

My family and I are proud to be a part of this community and it means everything to us that all of you came to help in the time of deepest need. Through the support of family and community, John's wishes were taken care of and his passing was a peaceful and spiritual one. Please forgive us if we have forgotten anyone. Please know that we are grateful to everyone.

**The family of**  
**John E. Powless Sr.**

## In my view

### Who should you believe when it comes to communication

**By Keith Skenandore**

Managing Editor

With the recent attacks on America back on Sept. 11, and the anthrax scare tactics, the country has come together to form a bond and unite as one. It is during this time that communication to one another is most critical.

Anthrax in the newsroom of NBC, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, throughout this all, we must have quality communication.

The same could be said for everyone within the Oneida community. How about those outside the reservation. They must receive quality communication.

Kalihwisaks was recognized as the "communication tool" by the "Quality of Life" survey conducted by St. Norbert's College last year. The staff of Kalihwisaks accepts that responsibility and takes their jobs very seriously as we attempt to inform our readership.

Our newspaper was once again attacked, in writing, by the multi-talented authors of the O4O newsletter.

Under the section, "Someone Should Ask" it says someone should ask me, Keith Skenandore, managing editor, why the newspaper, Kalihwisaks (she seeks the news) isn't called "She seeks no news."

The author of this column, YCM, states they called and left a message for me that as a member of GTC, they insisted that I print a story of the suspension of David Webster and that if I don't get the real news to the people they will take action.

Well, golly, I don't know what that front page story was in the Oct. 4 publication on the suspension of the gaming license. I better brace myself for that action they plan on taking. Maybe they'll make me become a columnist.

This same newsletter ran an open letter from Rudy E. Webster, Jr. and tacked on a little note that Rudy first tried to get this letter printed in the, you know, No News Kalihwisaks.

Well, golly, I bet they didn't know that Rudy did submit his letter but it did not meet our policy of no more than 500 words. In fact, it was over a thousand, and when he sent a revision, it was just under 900 words. My last conversation with Rudy was that he would revise it once again and publish in our next edition.

This is where I go back to communication as a key to our survival. You can believe the many authors of the O4O newsletter or believe what is printed in the Kalihwisaks.

Is it possible that YCM could be a certain columnist for a local daily newspaper? No couldn't be. Not the same one who was sued for libel and lost. I must be mistaken.

You see writing a column is different than writing a news story. Columnists have the flexibility to be opinionated while reporters must write the facts and the facts only. The staff here at Kalihwisaks follows journalistic ethics and publishes facts and truth. We don't lead our readers astray. We have too much to lose, as does the tribe.

The credibility of the newspaper and the tribe is at stake and we will not lose that credibility by publishing innuendos.

In this edition I wrote a story of a complaint filed with the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department by a tribal member against the chairman. Outagamie County District Attorney ruled that their was no potential criminal charges. I received a copy of the report and published the facts.

The O4O newsletter published a voluntary statement by the tribal member who filed the charges. Another author writes an article entitled "Unequal protection in 'Ambush Alley.'" Neither the statement nor the article notes that the DA's office threw out the complaint because there was no grounds to base the charges on.

But lets take a look at the incident. A tribal member files a complaint against the chairman who stepped in to defuse a derogatory laden conversation. The argument occurred between a female tribal member and a female tribal elder. Aren't we supposed to treat our elders with respect? I know, to get respect, you must earn it. I guess the old theory when dealing with your kids, count to ten before you speak or take a deep breath, could have been utilized.

With what's happening in our country don't we have something better to do than sit and argue and call someone a bitch? I'm not saying who called who the "B" word, but come on people, what's wrong with communicating by sitting down and conversing?

Our world of communication has changed here on the reservation. It's attack after attack. When was the last time you saw in the paper a positive letter submitted by someone? Not often. I spoke with certain individuals and they don't want to be associated with the authors of negativity. Now that's pretty bad when you don't want your letter to appear on the same page as someone else.

In this day and age of advanced technology, there are certain issues that must be addressed by either the membership or the Business Committee in regards to communication. It's at an all-time necessity and something has to be done.

However you look at it both publications, the O4O newsletter and the Kalihwisaks, will continue to publish information for their readers. Now the decision is up to you. Which one will you read and which one will you believe?

We here at the newspaper will continue to provide quality communication. This newspaper will continue to be the communication tool for the tribal membership and our readership.



October 19, 2001

# Lifestyles

Section Two

## Oneida man shares volunteer experience at ground zero

By Yvonne Kaquatosh

Kalihwisaks

Ron Cornelius knows first hand, the devastation that transpired at the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001.

Cornelius an Oneida native who now resides in Buchanan, Mich., was one of four members of the Swiss Valley ski patrol team in Jones, Mich., who “Felt drawn to go.” “We just felt we had to do something,” Cornelius said.

Without hesitation, a call was made to the Federal Emergency Management Agency the day after the attack. Two days later the four men, Cornelius, Tom Kaade of South Bend, Ind., Larry Schaack of Mishawaka, Ind., and Wayne Dockery also of Buchanan, were notified to go to New York. Early Saturday morning, the group traveled 12 hours nonstop to the disaster site.

As they got closer to New York City, nothing would prepare them for the enormity of the destruction that took place four days earlier. “The total devastation reminds you of a war zone,” recalled Cornelius. “What you see on television doesn’t do justice when you are there. It’s hard to deal with,” he added.

“I was getting antsy to get there. My adrenaline was pumping,” said Kaade. Once there, Kaade shared the same sentiments as his friend. “TV didn’t do justice as to the magnitude of the devastation. My jaw was on the ground for a half hour because it was so devastating and so huge,” explained Kaade. “Monday was the hardest part as far as emotions,” he added.

Kaade went on to say that it was almost like a movie set like a scene in Armageddon where you see cars flying in the air, total melee and destruction. “Superman was not there, he didn’t save us this time,” said Kaade.

All four men are medical first responders and are trained in triage, dealing with massive casualties. They initially wanted to help look for possible survivors amid the massive wreckage. However, upon their arrival, they were told that task was well covered. So, after some delay, they hooked up with the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services and spent the next five days helping supply food, water, medical supplies and other items to the other volunteers.

There were quite a few check points that you had to go through before arriving to ground zero.

Both Cornelius and Kaade recalled where they were when the attack unfolded. Ron, a Group Health Insurance agent, was in a meeting with a client when someone informed him about a plane crashing into the World Trade Center. He said he turned on the television to see what was going on. “My eyes kept drifting off to the T.V. when I was with my client. After the first building collapsed (I knew) the meeting was over...” He finally told his client, “I’ve got to go, this is really making me feel

ill.”

Ron has been writing employee benefits for the past 10 years.

Tom, a Tile Contractor, said he was on his way to a job site. “My wife called and said a plane just hit the World Trade Center. When he was able to get to a television, he said he thought it was a recap of the plane crashing into the WTC. “I actually seen the second plane.”

Kaade has been involved in different rescue situations before but not of this magnitude. All four men volunteer for the Michigan International Speedway where two Nascar and one Indy car races are held.

Looking back on the time they were there, numerous images stick out in their minds. The most vivid memory was the unity that was evident amongst all of the rescue workers, police, firefighters, and iron workers recalled Cornelius. “Everyone was on the same team. It was really quite a sight to see, the camaraderie of everyone involved at ground zero.”

At one point, he said, they were finishing a 12 hour shift that day, and along the street around this corner at ground zero -where the morgue was set up - there were two long lines of police officers - approximately 200. He then realized they found one of their own. “A motor cycle procession came through as the officers were saluting. It was a very solemn moment.” After that, he said, the officers walked off quietly.

Kaade echoed those same sentiments. He said the unity of all the workers that were at ground zero was the main thing that came to mind. Everybody was working as one and everybody got along. He met people from France, Atlanta, Oklahoma, San Francisco to name a few. “Everybody was one, it didn’t matter,” explained Kaade. All four men bonded even more so after their experience and made a lot of new friends. “We’ve gotten a lot closer since then (all four of us)“, he added. Since returning home, they have registered with the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army to assist in the future should the need arise. Kaade said the experience affected him slightly, “because I wish I was back there helping.”

Cornelius says that since coming home, people ask him about his experiences. He said the most unexplainable thing was how twisted all the steel was at ground zero. He also made mention of how the lives of people who lived nearby were disrupted. “What a lot of people don’t realize is that approximately 9,000 people were also displaced in and around the area, “ said Cornelius. He went on to explain that the people had to leave with only the shirts on their backs and were allowed a certain amount of time to get some of their personal belongings.

“My heart goes out to those who have volunteered that don’t have jobs or who have lost everything,” added Kaade.

Speaking on behalf of his friends, Cornelius said, “People ask us what was it like. We were glad to be able to go to help, to serve in any capacity we could. I still watch the news at night and I’m still drawn to what’s happening.” He was very appreciative towards Major Reel, of the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services, for affording him and his comrades the opportunity to assist on site.

Kaade expressed similar sentiments about the Salvation Army but was disappointed the organization did not receive the same exposure from the media that has been given to other organizations. “Out of all the news shows, I have not heard one mention of the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services. They were at ground zero from day one,” said Kaade. He said there were eight different sub-stations around ground zero that were manned by Salvation Army volunteers which amounted to roughly 200 volunteers.

However, after-the-fact, he said he was totally impressed with the fact that Queen Elizabeth knighted Mayor Giuliani a few days ago. “I’m impressed with how President Bush has handled the whole situation and the Governor of New York, Mr. George Pataki.

Ron, an enrolled Oneida, is also of Brotherton and Stockbridge descent. He has lived in Buchanan most of his life. His father, Vernon Cornelius was killed in a train accident when he was only four years old. His mother, Arlyss moved the family off the Oneida reservation when he was six years old.

Ron and his wife Linda will soon be celebrating their 29 wedding anniversary. They have six children, 3 sons and 3 daughters. They also have one 3 year-old grandchild and one due on Christmas Eve.



Photos courtesy of Ron Cornelius

From left, Larry Schaack, of Mishawaka, Indiana and Ron Cornelius, of Buchanan, Michigan, stand near ground zero in New York City. The pair along with Tom Kaade, of South Bend, Ind., and Wayne Dockery, of Buchanan, Mich., immediately got in touch with the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Service to offer their help in rescue efforts after the September 11 terrorist attacks.





## Senior Scene

# ONCOA Travel Report: Tribal listening session draws mixed response

**By Hugh Danforth**  
ONCOA Vice-Chair  
“You must speak straight so that your words may go as sunlight into our hearts.” - Cochise.

The session started off with registration and a continental breakfast with people socializing and looking at award displays. The meeting started at 9:15 AM with a welcoming message from Josefina Carbonell, Assistant Director of U.S. Administration on Aging. (Josefina was appointed to this position by the Bush Administration and she is from Little Havana in Florida.) She introduced Leaford Bearskin, Chief, Wyandotte Nation for a prayer. Before his prayer, he first voiced a concern. He said that there’s over five hundred tribes recognized by the government and there’s only eight Chairpersons, heads of tribes here today. Last year there were perhaps 130 people at the Listening Session! This year, there seems to be less.

Josefina Carbonell. After Leaford’s prayer, Josefina Carbonell spoke. She said the number of elders is growing. Budgets are growing. In 1980, Title VI was funded at \$6M. In 2001, Title VI was funded at \$23.477M. She and the department are acutely aware of your needs. Last year’s request was for a \$5M increase. \$2M was added to the 2002 budget. A new section in Title VI was added; Title VI-C. Title VI deals with Native Americans. Title VI-C helps Indian families with someone with a chronic illness. \$5M will go to the Native Americans Care Giver Support Program. She said that we’re here for the second annual Listening Session. She wants to hear from us (Indians.) She wants to continue building on issues from last year. She wants to know how to build on our partnerships and develop recommendations.

Cindy Bird. Yvonne Jackson, Director, Office for Americans Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Programs, introduced Cindy Bird. Cindy is a Title VI Director from Winnebago, Nebraska. She said Cindy is the hardest working, lowest paid Title VI Director. Cindy was a moving speaker. She voiced her concerns and encouraged our people to not be afraid and to speak up.

Yvonne Jackson covered a review of the Tribal Listening Session-2000. She said that the administration was looking at recommendations from last year’s session and how to further our agendas. She handed out the “U.S. Administration on Aging Title VI Tribal Listening Session, Recommendations from the Break-out Sessions” handout that covered the 2000 Listening Session. She talked about general regulations and accountability. The biggest issue last year was infrastructure, involving communications and training. The other issues were Long-term care (TLLC) and health care. She also talked about training in LTC service delivery, communication, barrier for accessing sources, gap

between needs and funding.

The conference then went into two breakout sessions: Infrastructure and Long-term Care/Health Care. In the Infrastructure Session, the room had a long oval table. All the people around the table were the facilitator and our people. Behind the facilitator side of the table were our people. Administration On Aging staff (AOA.) sat behind the other side of the table.

During the break out sessions, we were to identify barriers, AOA and tribal standpoints, tribal sovereignty and Title III programming funding. The Discussions started out with questions; “In what way can Tribes and AOA collaborate to support a better understanding of Tribal sovereignty in the development of a comprehensive and coordinate service delivery system?”

With Title VI, the Feds deal directly with the Tribes. With Title III money, the tribes are asking for a waiver to Title III to deal directly with the Tribes. When tribes have to deal with the state for Title III money, it’s taking away our sovereignty. We should be negotiating with the Feds, not the state.

Oneida doesn’t appear to have a problem with getting Title III money. However, other tribes in the country are. Example: The Blackfeet of Montana. In Glacier County in Montana, seventy percent of the land in Glacier county is Blackfeet Reservation. A river separates the reservation from the rest of the county. Montana gives Glacier County’s Area Agency on Aging (AAA) the money. The Blackfeet reservation doesn’t get any money for meals because Glacier County says, “they do not go across the river.” Other tribes are experiencing the same concern. The Navajo’s have their own AAA that serves eighteen tribes with one million dollars.

Someone from our people said sovereignty is the right to govern ourselves. When you accept Title III funding, then you go outside your sovereignty. AOA needs a better understanding of sovereignty. Title III money leaves the Feds, goes to the states and then to the tribes. Tribes should have direct money from the Feds. Cynthia La Counte, Chair of the Trenton Indian Service Area said, “When tribes go for Title III funding your signing away your sovereignty.” Someone else said, “when money leaves the Feds, the states do what they want, regulations or no regulations. The regulations have no teeth.

Another comment was if Title VI were adequately funded, then there would be no need for Title III. It should be \$100M instead of \$30M. AOA could be more helpful to the public by explaining the difference between Title III and Title VI. Title III is non-Indian. Title VI is for Indians.

During the sovereignty and more money for Title VI discussion, it was observed by one Indian at the table that they (AOA) were shaking their heads “No.” He asked, “what is

their perception of our sovereignty?” There was no direct response. He then went on to say that the money goes to a middle man who rips off the money that’s suppose to go to the Indians.”

Another comment was, non-Indians get unbelievable equipment serving less people than reservations with less money. Some counties charge three dollars a meal which is a violation of the regulations. In Michigan, some counties recommend a donation of \$3.00. AOA said they would look into those violations.

The next question was “What kind of Tribal and Federal partnerships would support, enhanced communication?” The people at the table were asking AOA what are you doing with communication with tribes? What our people would like to see and would be handy is a working document.

Cynthia La Courte recognized that the discussion was leading away from an important issue. She said instead of funding from Title III, put the money that would come to our people in Title VI for our own AAA. She also said that other issues would diminish this important issue. However, the discussion went on to different issues, which were documented as concerns. I spoke up and supported Cynthia’s position. I said that these concerns will be listed and that leaves a loop hole for the Feds to concentrate on the listed issues that have less weight.

Question: “What kind of collaboration and partnership support training?” It was said that there should be money in Title VI for training directors.

Last question: “At which levels recruiting Indian people have most impact?” The discussions were more in the line of training and funding. Tribes were looking at how tribes will receive money.

After many concerns were raised from an open mike, Yvonne Jackson spoke to the conference about laws and regulations. Regulations that AOA produces, how to take the law and implement the law. AOA writes regulations where the law is not clear. Regulations have comments and review times and hearings before coming a regulation. The law doesn’t determine what is an Indian elder, the regulations do. Recognizing Indians can be in a regulation; doesn’t have to wait for a law. AOA can’t write a regulation that supersedes a law. Title III is the law. It says 60 is an elder.

### Concerns:

In the State of Maine readout information covering Title III, identified the number of Indians served was zero.

It’s not always good to have regulations. Some ambiguity allows for flexibility which is good.

The conference ended on a good note. AOA is willing to work more closely with us. Our people again stressed sovereignty by taking money ear marked for Indians in Title III and putting it in Title VI.

It was observed that the only Oneida representative

at this conference was an ONCOA member. It is important to have Jerry Danforth, Oneida Business Committee Chair or Roberta Kinzhuma, Oneida Nation’s Title VI director at

this conference. This conference was for Title VI directors and tribal chairs as well as interested Indians. Therefore, I recommend that ONCOA recommend to the Oneida

Nation to send the OBC chair or Title VI director to the 2002 Tribal Listening Session.

“Good words do not last long unless they amount to something.” - Chief Joseph.

## Alzheimer's Association marks National Alzheimer's Disease month

GREEN BAY, Wis., Oct. 9, 2001—The Alzheimer's Association's Greater Wisconsin Chapter-Green Bay Regional Office will mark National Alzheimer's Disease Month with an educational workshop and a statewide videoconference program featuring David Snowdon, Ph.D., author of *Aging with Grace: What the Nun Study Teaches Us About Leading Longer, Healthier and More Meaningful Lives*.

In 1983, Congress passed legislation designating November National Alzheimer's Disease Month to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease, highlight people with the disease and their families, and emphasize the importance of finding treatments, preventions, and a cure. The Green Bay Regional Office will sponsor the following free activities for families, caregivers, and the public in recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Month:

- Dr. Snowdon will discuss his 15-year study of aging and Alzheimer's disease among the School Sisters of Notre Dame via live videoconference on Nov. 9 at the Northeastern

Wisconsin Technical College, 2740 W. Mason St., building 3, room 3207. Doors open at 8 a.m. Seating is limited. Call 800-922-2413 for reservations.

- “**Visiting with the Heart**”, a program on communicating with individuals who have dementia, on Nov. 13 at 9 a.m., at the **Howard Library, 2680 Riverview Dr., Green Bay**.

“Alzheimer's is an equal opportunity disease. One of every 10 Americans over the age of 65 and half of Americans age 85 and older have this disease, giving us a national Alzheimer's disease population of more than four million. In the nine counties served by the Green Bay Regional Office, an estimated 11,100 residents currently have this degenerative brain disorder that impairs memory, abstract thinking, and behavior,” explains Mary Bouche, regional director.

At any given time, 75 percent of people with Alzheimer's disease are cared for at home by family and friends. Individuals live an average of eight to 20 years or more after the

onset of symptoms. The average lifetime cost per Alzheimer's individual is \$174,000. The total annual cost of Alzheimer's care in the United States today is at least \$100 billion. Without a cure, experts estimate the number of individuals with Alzheimer's will more than triple by 2050 as the nation's baby boomer generation enters the age of highest risk. Related costs could bankrupt Medicare and Medicaid as early as 2010, according to a recent national study by The Lewin Group.

To register for one of the programs listed above or for information on the other Alzheimer's Association services available in Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano, and Waupaca counties, call the Green Bay Regional Office at 920-469-2110 or 800-360-2110. The Greater Wisconsin Chapter - Green Bay Regional Office is a member of Community Health Charities of Wisconsin.

# Join us for a Spooky time at the Elderly Services Halloween Party

Oneida Multipurpose Center  
134 Riverdale Drive,  
Oneida

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Thursday, October 25th • 1-3 PM

### Dress up and Win Cash in our Elderly Costume Contest!

1st Prize = \$75 • 2nd Prize = \$50 • 3rd Prize = \$25  
**ELDERS 55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER ONLY**  
**PLEASE NO YOUTH**

Win Gift Certificates for Best Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest!  
Get your photo taken with the Monster Mash Cutouts!  
Play bingo for prizes! Enjoy ghoulish snacks! Door prizes!

**ENTRY: ONE CANNED GOOD OR 25 CENTS and receive a door prize ticket**  
(No commodities... Donations go to Oneida Pantry.)

**Meet our Mystery Guest!**  
All those in costume receive a free Halloween pin!  
All winners will be published in next issue of the Kalihwisaks.

Popcorn Fundraiser... buy popcorn at Senior Center during October,  
get 3 of ONCOA names on bottom of bags  
...bring to verify at Halloween Party and win PRIZE!



# Eye on Environment

## Injury prevention class hosted by Oneida EHS area

**Submitted by EHS Area**

Unfortunately many Native Americans are getting injured or killed by preventable and predictable hazards. Most of us think of injuries as accidents. But often times injuries are not random or uncontrollable.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

American Indians are 2-3 times more likely to be injured than all other races in the U.S.

Injuries account for almost 2/3 of all deaths for American Indians 1-44 years of age. Young American Indians are disproportionately affected by injuries. Throughout the U.S. approximately 17 people per 100,000 will die of motor vehicle crashes. However-approximately 55 people per 100,000 American Indians die of motor vehicle crashes in the Indian Health Service (IHS) Bemidji Area. This is one of the worst motor vehicle crash rates in the country.

In the IHS Bemidji Area - injuries are the third leading cause of death. The average cost of a motor vehicle crash is \$43,000.00. That's enough money to put 6 people through drug and alcohol rehabilitation, a person through 1 year of dialysis, 4,500 measles vaccinations, or 18 cataract operations.

Other common injury categories that affect American Indians include; Fire/burns, drowning, falls, poisoning and homicide. These statistics prove that injury prevention is an important issue for Indian Country.

From October 2-5, 2001, the Environmental, Health &



Safety Area (EHS) hosted the IHS Level 1 Injury Prevention Training. The goal of the course is to learn how to develop effective injury prevention programs.

Several Tribes were represented at the course including; Oneida, Stockbridge-Munsee, Ho-Chunk, Hannahville, Menominee, Lac Vieux Desert and Bay Mills. Through class discussion and group activities participants learned how to develop community injury prevention projects. Development includes epidemiology, coalitions, social marketing, advocacy, intervention and program evaluation.

The Environmental, Health & Safety Area would like to congratulate all the participants in a job well done!



Photos courtesy of Environmental Health and Safety

Two students of the injury prevention training program, top, learn how to calculate how many people are wearing seat belts outside the casino. Above, students of class pose for a class photo.

## EPA leads campaign to urge parents to smoke outside

**By John Heilprin**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Government and health officials hope to clear the lungs of millions of children exposed to secondhand smoke each year by encouraging parents who smoke to light up outdoors.

The Environmental Protection Agency launched a public relations campaign Tuesday asking parents to sign pledges to voluntarily refrain from exposing their children to the secondhand smoke given off by cigarettes, pipes and cigars or exhaled from lungs.

"People who smoke inside their homes or anywhere around their children really have two options: quit or take it outside. And that's the message," said EPA Administrator Christie Whitman,

joined by doctors at Children's National Medical Center.

Whitman said children exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes are especially vulnerable to respiratory illnesses such as asthma because they absorb greater concentrations of smoke than adults do.

"We know secondhand smoke is one of the asthma triggers for which we should be watching," Whitman said. "We're not telling parents to stop smoking. We're just asking them to use a little common sense."

The EPA has found that children who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to suffer from bronchitis and pneumonia, wheezing and coughing spells, ear infections and more frequent and severe asthma attacks.

Secondhand smoke has been classified by the EPA as a known cause of lung cancer in people, resulting in several thousand lung cancer deaths in non-smokers each year.

Joining the EPA in the \$1.5 million campaign are the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, the Consumer Federation of America and the National Association of Counties.

"The ultimate step after making the home smoke-free is to make the smoker smoke-free," said Dana Best, a pediatrician.

The counties' organization agreed to help gather parent signatures to commit to smoking outside as part of the overall public relations health campaign.

**American Stroke Association**  
A Division of American Heart Association

**STROKE: Every Minute Counts**

**FACT:**  
On average, most people who experience stroke symptoms wait 22 hours before seeking medical help.

**FACT:**  
Clot-busting drugs can help some stroke patients, but must be given within three hours from the onset of stroke symptoms.

**Call 9-1-1**

**HeartStroke Briefs**  
For more information, call 1-888-4-STROKE or visit StrokeAssociation.org

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## FALL TIRE DRIVE

The Environmental Health and Safety Department's Recycling Program is sponsoring our Annual Fall Tire Drive, Saturday, October 27, 2000, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring all your old tires to the Department of Public Works, located at 1278 Ranch Road. (Corner of Ranch Rd. & County Rd. H). Tires with rims are being accepted at NO additional cost.

The tire costs will be as follows:

### ONEIDA ELDERS

- 50¢ a tire

- \$2.00/over 16" diameter (tractor, semi, etc.) tires.

### NOTE:

- The first five (5) tires will be charged at a discount.
- More than five tires will be charged the rate(s) shown below.

### STANDARD RATE:

- \$1.00 (car, pick-up truck, etc.) per tire
- \$4.00/over 16' diameter (tractor, semi, etc.) tires.

### COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS RATE:

- A \$60.00 surcharge for each load of 30 tires or more, above the Standard Rate.
- Any amount less than 30 will be charged \$1.00/16" tire and \$4.00/over 16" diameter (tractor, semi, etc.) Tires.

Exception – The only exception this year shall be 25¢ for each bicycle tire and 75¢ for each tire smaller than an automobile tire (example: riding mower tires, wheelbarrow, etc.).

*Open to all tribal members with Tribal I.D.*

*All participants will be eligible for a prize drawing. Do not need to be present to win.*

*If you have any questions, please call Oneida Recycling Program at (920) 497-5812.*

## Lawmaker wants background check on hazmat drivers

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) - A state lawmaker will propose legislation to require a federal criminal background check for people who haul hazardous materials in Wisconsin.

Rep. Rob Kreibich, R-Eau Claire, said he was surprised to learn that no safeguards exist to prevent terrorists or criminals from hauling potentially deadly substances. The FBI discovered that several men fraudulently obtained hazardous materials permits in Pennsylvania shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I don't want to alarm people, but we have 24,000 people in this state who are authorized to drive hazardous chemicals, and we don't know the background of any of them," Kreibich said.

The bill would require a federal criminal background check for those who seek hazardous materials endorsements for their commercial drivers licenses. Those seeking the endorsements would have to pay an additional \$34 and undergo a check every four years, he said.

The checks would identify applicants with felony or drunken driving convictions, said Brad Hub, a research analyst for Kreibich.

Currently, those with commercial drivers license only need to pass a 30-question test and a road exam to receive hazardous materials certification.

"We have background checks in this state for teachers and bus drivers, and in the wake of what happened, I think (the bill) would be a prudent step," Kreibich said.

Tom Howells of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association, which represents about 1,300 commercial truck companies, said his group likely would back the bill, pending examination of its details.

Howells said trucking companies work to ensure their drivers are as safe as possible. Companies must examine their drivers' motor vehicle records and give them drug tests, while some do further background checks.

Kreibich said he will finalize work on the bill and seek co-sponsors this week.

## Getting the trout back into Trout Creek

**By Jim Snitgen**

Water Resources Team Leader

Part of what the Oneida Nation Water Resources Team have been asked by the Tribe to do is to restore the streams on the Reservation to what they once were. As you may guess, this is no easy task. However, the streams which have been "written off" by many really aren't that far from being clean, healthy streams that support a healthy fishery.

One of those streams is Trout Creek (or Tsyotyah! ktuka(w)yhuhata!ti). The Water Team has been studying the stream for the last few years and the water quality, invertebrates and fish that live in it tell us this stream would have a good brook trout population in it. Why doesn't it?

Impacts from construction and farming (sediment, fertilizers, filling of wetlands, ditching of tributaries, etc.) have taken their toll. The

good news is that Trout Creek is not so far gone that it can't be restored to a point close to it's original health! There are some key areas which are being addressed which will make a big difference. A whole bunch of folks have been working on restoring the tributaries, wetlands and improving the habitat in the stream to make it a good place for the stream animals to live in again.

There are also many activities involving public opinion, cooperated efforts and controlling urban sprawl that are being worked on with state and federal agencies, as well as local groups. The more people know about this precious resource the better.

Right now we are planning stream habitat improvements for this winter and next summer and will continue these efforts for a number of years.

If you have any questions, call Jim Snitgen at 497-5812.



# T'ms Thunderhawk

## A memorable experience in Europe

By Desiree M. D. Barber  
Reporter - ONHS Senior

Thousands of people travel to Europe each year. How many of those people look at the beauty and complexity of buildings, monuments and landscape?

Imagine turning the corner and there in front of you stands or leans the leaning Tower of Pisa. To see it as the sun shines down amid a small haze of clouds with the blue ocean sky in the back ground, is a real experience. So is a tour of the Louvre and seeing Leonardo de Vinci's Mona Lisa. This is the thrill of having the privilege of seeing the things before you that you believed that you would only be able to see on TV or in the movies.

Through the People to People Student Ambassador Program, I was able to see historical monuments of Italy, Austria, Switzerland and France. This program gives middle and high school students the opportunity to travel

to other countries. It isn't based on grades or whether or not you're a good student. It's based on your open-mindedness and willingness to try new things.

You would start out the day with a small breakfast. Bread, juice or coffee, and cereal that reminded you of cornflakes, but instead of cold cow milk, you got lukewarm, goats' milk. Lunch is a two course meal. You get the main course and then desert. Dinner is a three-course meal. You start out with a salad or soup, then you have the main course, followed by desert.

While I was there I didn't really get a chance to eat the food of the place I was at. The people who set it up kept the food as close to American as possible, even though you could still tell the difference in the style of cooking. In Italy, the pizza crust is thin, it's like a stale tortilla, but easy to eat and it tastes better. There is no outer edge of an Italian pizza, the cheese and

toppings go straight to the edge. The cheese stays melted all the while you eat it. Ice-cream varied from country to country. Italian ice-cream is sherbert-like, whereas Austrian ice-cream was rich, silky and smooth.

In order to get anywhere in Europe, you walk or drive. The traffic is unbelievable. Small, two door cars are everywhere, and down every alley and side walk is a moped. In just one afternoon on foot, you can walk up to twenty-five miles around Rome viewing monuments. When walking, you also encounter lots of stairs. At an art gallery, known as the Painter's square, you must walk up 280+ stairs, which is roughly about 8 flights.

In the afternoon and evening, you can go to the movies, clubs or shopping. Because most people are religious and own businesses, they close their stores on Sundays, so there isn't that much to do.



Photo courtesy of Desiree Barber

Desiree Barber's European experience included visiting the Leaning Tower of Pisa located in Italy. She was awestruck by the enormous size of the tower, but was disappointed she couldn't enter the structure due to safety precautions with the tower leaning so much.

## Homecoming at the High School

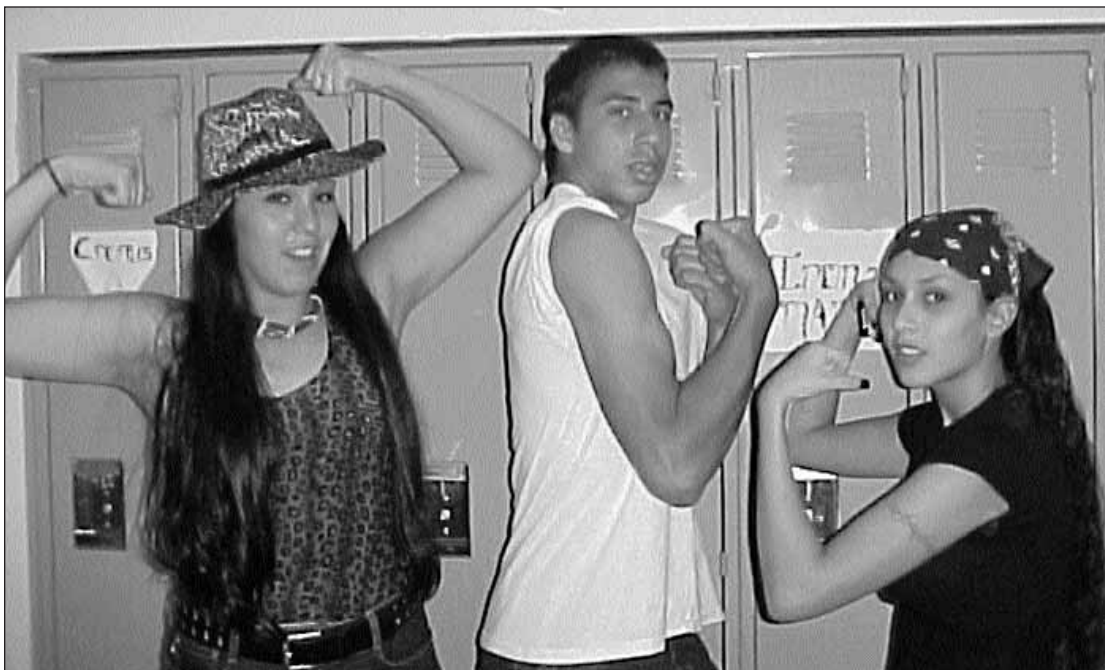


Photo by Thunderhawk Times

Oneida Nation Seniors Margaret Stevens, Jamison King and Cherilyn Powless show their muscle it will take to win the class competition for the ONHS Homecoming week. Unfortunately for the seniors, and despite all their raw power, the sophomores came out on top.

By Bobbi Jo Reed

Reporter - O.N.H.S Sophomore

A few weeks ago was our third year of Homecoming. It was Sept. 24 - 28. We had all kinds of contests and fun days like dressing all funky. On Monday it was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Gothic Day or Miss Match Day, Wednesday was Hat Day, Thursday was Purple and White Day, and Friday was Dress Up Day.

We also had a hall decorating contest. Each grade had their own little hall way and they decorated it the best they could. On Friday morning judges came to look at all the hall ways, the sophomores came in 1st place, juniors came in 2nd, seniors in 3rd, and the freshmen came in 4th of course.

I think everyone had fun that week because you got out of classes to decorate your hall way.

The Homecoming Dance was held at Oneida Nation Cafeteria from 8 pm until 11 pm. The cost was \$3.00 to get in to the dance. The DJ's were former O.N.H.S graduates, Nelson Ninham and

Latekah Smith.

As for Homecoming Court, freshmen runners up were Dezi Metoxen and Jamison Wilson. On court were Morning Star Cornelius and Julio Flores. For the sophomores, runners up were Maria Stevens and Little Bear Skenandore. On court were Kerri Krenzke and Roberto Hill. Junior Runner up were Cherilyn Powless and Sven Hemples. Serving on court were Erin Reiter and Derrick King. The Senior runners up were Margaret Stevens and Jamison King. Selected as Oneida Nation High School Queen was Marquita Hill and her King was Warren (Bucko) Reiter.

Kerri Krenzke says "It was pretty fun and everyone was dancing." She was very surprised when she made Homecoming Court.

Carly Skenandore, said she thinks it was "okay" but It could have been held at a "better place", She also liked the music.

Lee Laster, starting quarterback for the football team,

thinks Home Coming is an "experience that needs to be remembered forever."

## Prescription meds and schools, do they mix?

By Standing Wolf Barber

Reporter - ONHS Sophomore

I found a survey on the internet of 53 school principals from central Wisconsin. It, also, surveyed 73 students of central Wisconsin that were prescribed Methylpheridate (Ritalin) for at least five years.

It found that some schools stored medications unlocked and some students carried their medication with them. Sixteen percent of the students said they were asked to sell, give or trade their medication to others. However, the school principals and students said they saw no problems of medication abuse. (These findings are published in the June issue of the Journal of Developmental and

By Lee Laster

Editor - ONHS Junior

I recently sat down with Lance Kelley, ONHS Athletic Director, to discuss a few issues that are facing the sports programs. Here are his responses to my questions.

**THT:** What do you think of this years sports program?

**LK:** There's been a very big improvement, this is definitely the best year, a lot more athletes.

**THT:** How many players are there in volleyball and football?

**LK:** Volleyball-15, football-23. There is a JV, and a Varsity.

**THT:** How many years until there is a Freshman, JV, Varsity squad?

**LK:** 3-4 years.

**THT:** What is your estimate for how many players will play this year?

**LK:** Golf 7-8, track 4-5, wrestling 2-3, baseball-10, basketball-13, softball-tough

Behavioral Pediatrics.)

"The potential for abuse exists...with 16 percent of students having been asked to sell, give or trade their medication," researchers wrote. "It's possible that some of them did, given level of peer pressure. The potential for unauthorized access or theft exists at all grade levels." (The survey didn't address whether the students had actually given, sold, or traded their medication.)

The researchers recommend that states and schools adopt and enforce policies regarding the use and dispensing of medication, and school administrators, teachers, health care providers and affected families be consulted to develop such policies.

## Oneida athletic director talks sports



Kelley

to say.

**THT:** How is the school growing?

**LK:** We are growing slowly but gradually.

**THT:** What do you want this school to stand for?

**LK:** I want all students to participate in athletics. I want the future to only look

brighter for our nation.

**THT:** What is a little back-ground on yourself?

**LK:** This is my third year athletic director, my third year head coach for Oneida. I am a 8 year coaching staff. I taught at Moore, Oklahoma. I wet to college on a basketball scholarship to the University of Oklahoma.

**THT:** What is your goal by 2006?

**LK:** I want lights for the football field. I want at least 30 kids out for football. I also want a conference for every sport . I want at least one state championship in basketball. I want all the teams to be three times size that they are now.

**THT:** Would you like to make a closing statement!

**LK:** It's remarkable that we are even able to compete for how small we are.

My Scoop

Be Prepared

By Kerri Krenzke

Reporter - ONHS Sophomore

Winter is coming up! Are you prepared? Only two, maybe even one month, and you'll need to have boots, gloves, hats and a winter jacket.

It only seems as if a few months went by , but it's been a year. Already again you'll need your winter gear.

Be prepared to shovel your driveways. Wear your boots, hats, gloves and jacket on those cold, snowy, blizzardy days.

Be prepared to start turning on the heat and make sure you have warm slippers to put on your feet.

Be prepared when your car doesn't start. The worst thing about winter it is always dark.

Well there are some good things about winter, only a few, like building snowmen and igloos and drinking warm brews.

Snow days are good too! Well for us students anyway because we don't have school.

Be prepared in a month and a half, as we get a colder and colder and colder draft.









# Your Health

## Oneida Family Fitness and Recreation Update

### Saturday's at Oneida Family Fitness Center

Oneida Family Fitness & Recreation is proud to announce that Saturdays are back and even better! Each Saturday Oneida Family Fitness & Recreation will be offering free transportation, structured games and activities for the youth, and exercise classes for the adults.

Oneida Family Fitness & Recreation is offering free transportation services for Oneida Family Fitness Center and Oneida Recreation Center members. There will be two pickup sites: the Oneida Community Center on County H at 9:15 and the Oneida Recreation Center (Civic) at 9:40. All children or families planning to use the transportation service or take part in the events on Saturdays at Family Fitness Center, must pre-register at the Oneida Recreation Center.

Families can pre-register their children at the Recreation Center Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00-9:00pm. Children ages 9 and older will be able to take advantage of the transportation service on their own. Children under the age of 9, must be accompanied by an adult. The bus/van will be arriving at Oneida Family Fitness Center at 10:00.

The structured games and activities will begin at 10am and run in one hour sessions from 10-11, 11-12, & 12-1. Your child/children will be able to choose what struc-

tured activities they wish to participate in for each of the hour programs. There will be a variety of activities and games being offered, such as: basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, kick-ball, recreational swimming, tournaments on billiards, ping-pong, foos ball, table shuffle board and many more.

At 1:00 the bus/van will be leaving Family Fitness Center and dropping of at the two locations.

The adult exercise class from 10:00-11:30 will be a complete body workout. All classes will include stretching, warm-up, a cardiovascular component, cool down, toning and post stretching.

Schedules for Saturday classes and activities are available at Oneida Family Fitness Center and Oneida Recreation. For any questions, please contact Jeff at Oneida Family Fitness Center at 490-3730 or John at the Oneida Recreation Center at 869-1088.

- Jeff Tilkens, Assistant Director

### Halloween Fun

WHAT: The Oneida Family Fitness Center & Recreation is planning a family hay ride and pumpkin patch party at Champion Produce.

WHEN: October 17th, 2001

COST: \$2.00 Per Person Meet at the Oneida Recreation Center at 4:00 pm (Bus leaves at 4:15). All participants must pre-

register at the Oneida Recreation Center. Deadline for pre-registration is Monday **October 22nd**

Families can pre-register at the Recreation Center Mondays through Fridays from 3:00-9:00pm.

For further questions, please contact John Powless at the Oneida Recreation Center at 869-1088.

### New class offered at Oneida Family Fitness

Oneida Family Fitness is offering a new fitness class called Core Strengthening. This class is being instructed by FITNESS SPECIALIST Chad Miller and is held on Tuesdays at 12:10, and Thursdays at 5:10. The classes are approximately 45 minutes long and they are limited to eight participants per class.

The class incorporates the resist-a-ball which tests your balance, stability, and functional strength. Along with the resist-a-ball this class also incorporates free weights and resistance bands. This challenging class will primarily work the entire abdominal region along with a total body work out.

If you looking for a new fitness challenge with exiting new exercises you will want to check this class out!!

Chad Miller, Fitness Specialist

### Students compete in Tae Kwon Do and Karate championships

October 6, 2001 was the Unified Tae Kwon Do and

Karate Championships in Manitowoc Wisconsin. Oneida Family Fitness Center had 5 Tae Kwon Do students compete in this tournament.

Results are as follows:  
Waylon Metoxen:  
Form Competition - 2nd place  
Board Breaking - 4th place  
Shadia Metoxen:  
Board Breaking - 4th place  
Sparring - 3rd place  
Brandi Metoxen:  
Form Competition - 3rd place  
Board Breaking - 3rd place  
Sparring - 1st place  
Cree Metoxen - Form Competition - 2nd place  
Board Breaking - 4th place  
Sparring - 4th place  
Cullin Pielter:  
Form Competition - 3rd place  
Board Breaking - 1st place  
Sparring - 1st place

Congratulations to all those who went and competed in this tournament. Next tournament that Family Fitness Center Tae Kwon Do plans on attending is the Tournament of Champions held on Saturday, November 10, 2001 in Appleton.

### Submitted by Wendy Stuart

RN BSN Community Health Nurse

What is influenza? It is a highly contagious viral infection of the nose, throat and lungs that is most severe during the winter season. The flu is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States among those over age 65. It is estimated that approximately 20,000 Americans die each year from influenza complications. Fortunately, the flu can be prevented with a safe and effective vaccine. The vaccine is usually given in the fall (September through December). The virus changes from year to year so it is important to get vaccinated with a new flu vaccine every year.

Is there enough flu vaccine supply? This season more vaccine is expected to be available than in previous years. However, distribution of the vaccine may be slightly delayed. 50 percent if the total supply will be available by the end of October and 100

## Women helping women

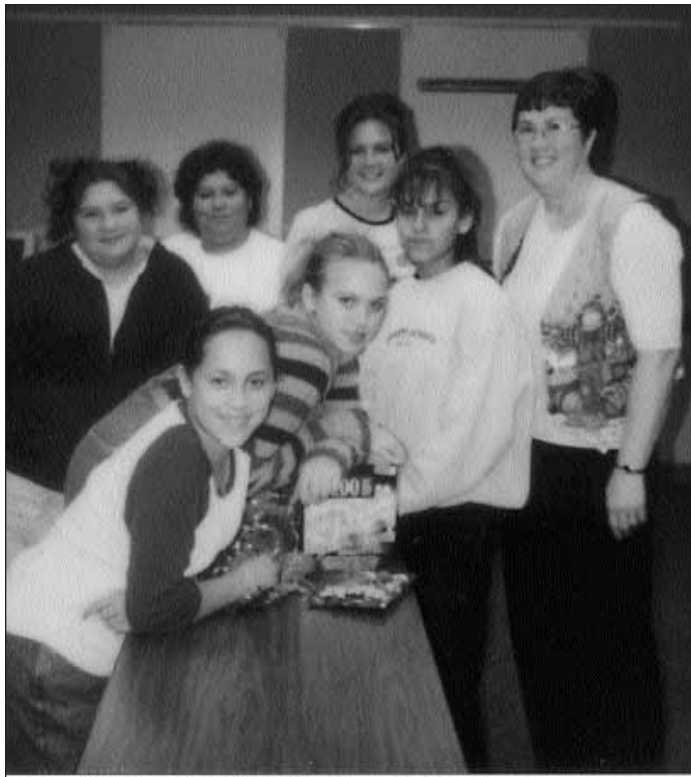


Photo courtesy of Tara Anderson

Girl Scout Troop 221 lends a hand to the success of the second annual Evening for Women to be held on Oct. 23. Volunteering their time were, front (l-r), Sheena Danforth, Brittany Schwantes, Amber Menore, and back (l-r), Laurie Webster, Maria Danforth, Troop 221 Leader, Tara Anderson, Public Health Educator, Oneida Community Health Center, Kathy Schoendorf, Breast Health Educator, St. Vincent Regional Cancer Center. The girls spent last Friday night at the St. Vincent's Breast Center making gift bags consisting of "A Recipe for Success" as a special gift for all 750 people who are expected to

percent of the supply will be available by December. Getting the shot in early December will provide adequate protection against the flu.

Can I get the flu from the shot? The viruses used to produce the vaccine for the flu are killed so it is impossible to get the flu from the vaccine. Some people should talk to their doctor before getting the flu vaccine. Those who have had a serious reaction to eggs, a reaction to previous doses of the influenza vaccine or history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome should consult their doctor. If you are severely ill at the time your shot is scheduled you should wait until you recover before getting the vaccine.

Who can get influenza? People of any age can get influenza. Most people are ill for only a few days but some get much sicker. People at risk of getting a serious case of influenza should get the vaccine. High risk people include:

\* Anyone over age 50

\* Residents of nursing homes or other long term care facilities

\* Health care workers

\* People with chronic disorders (heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, diabetes)

\* Anyone whose immune system is weak (treatment with steroids or chemotherapy, HIV)

\* Children on aspirin therapy.

\* Women who will be past the 3rd month of pregnancy during the flu season

\* People who provide essential community services

Are you interested in getting the flu shot? Anyone who wants to reduce their chance of getting influenza may get immunized. The Oneida Community Health Center will be offering flu vaccines starting at the end of October. Dates and times will be announced when shipments arrive. You may call (920) 863-2711, ext. 4926 for further information.

### JOAN CALABAZA SEPTEMBER 2001

Joan Calabaza has been a member at Oneida Family Fitness for about one year. She admits to working out only on and off during that year, but over the last four months she tries to work out every day. Her motivation to begin an exercise program started when she faced some major changes in her life. "I just wanted to do something for myself." Since she has been working out regularly, Joan has participated in the Bellin Run, which is a 6.2 mile race, and Dylan's 5k Run/Walk at Indian Summer.

Joan's personal fitness program centers around walking. She has just recently incorporated weight training and running into her fitness program. Some of the obstacles which she has had to overcome are.....NONE. "I didn't feel like there were any obstacles because I was exercising for myself!" She feels that the most important element in her life which helped her work toward her healthy lifestyle was that fact that exercise made her feel like she was accomplishing something.

Joan enjoys working out at Oneida Family Fitness because "the staff is very friendly..... even at 6:00 a.m." Besides exercise, she enjoys reading, bowling and has just started to play darts.

A final piece of advice that Joan would give to someone who was looking to change their lifestyle habits sums up in one word.....COMMITMENT!!!

Congratulation to Joan on all of her hard work and dedication on becoming Member of the Month.

### ED RODGERS SEPTEMBER 2001

Ed Rodgers has been a member at Oneida Family Fitness since May of 2001 and in only this short period of time he has made some remarkable accomplishments. His motivation to start up an exercise program came when Oneida Family Fitness offered an incentive to try out the club for a week. "Another motivation was to either exercise or buy bigger clothes" says Ed. With this in mind, Ed has been able to continue with a set exercise program

and lose 30 pounds in the process.

Ed's routine starts off with about 22 minutes on the bike and 16 minutes on the rowing machine. "Once I get to my goal weight, I can start to vary the workout" says Ed. Throughout all of the success, Ed has encountered some obstacles. "Keeping myself motivated both to come to the gym as well as having days when I wanted to cut

short the amount of workout time were difficult to overcome," but an upcoming vacation kept Ed continuing to workout. "I have a goal weight that I want to be at for the vacation in December."

Ed enjoys working out at Oneida Family Fitness for several reasons. One is the staff because "everyone makes you feel welcome" and second is because "I work in the building that is close so I can get the workout done on my lunch hour. The remodeling and upgrades will also be a big plus." When he is not working out, Ed enjoys watching football with his friends and getting away on "mini-weekends to break up the winter."

Finally, a piece of advice Ed would give to someone who was looking to change their lifestyle habits would be "start slow and continue with a program that you feel comfortable with."

Congratulations to Ed Rodgers on all his hard work and dedication on becoming Member of the Month.

### ELDER IN THE SPOTLIGHT RUTH MOSTEK FALL 2001

Ruth Mostek has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for about 4 years. When presented with the Elder in the Spotlight honor, she was surprised. "I did not even expect it" she said. Some of the comments from her peers that nominated her were "she is very friendly to everybody she speaks to. She encourages people to join the fitness center and she cares for people. She will ask about people if she has not seen them for awhile." Also, "her dedication to exercise and her good spirits keep everyone going!"

You will often see Ruth walking the indoor track, weight lifting on the Trotter machines, and in the morning swim classes. Her motivation to begin an exercise program came when her "doctor told me to join a health club." One of the best things about joining Oneida Family Fitness is the interaction with others. "I enjoy working out with the other member and also the staff is very helpful and friendly".

Outside of the fitness center, Ruth enjoys going to her cabin up north during the summer months, taking long walks, playing cards and doing crafts.

Ruth has been married for 26 years and has 3 children, 2 daughters and a son who is a priest. She also has 2 grandchildren, 6 step grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Congratulations to Ruth Mostek on all of her hard work and dedication !!!

Second Annual

Evening for Women

Brown County Women's Cancer Coalition

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

KI Convention Center • 333 Main St.

Green Bay, Wisconsin

The BROWN COUNTY WOMEN'S CANCER COALITION is pleased to present a special educational and motivational event. We encourage any woman who has a personal interest in the fight against cancer to attend, along with her mother, sisters, daughters, and friends. Please join us for an evening filled with insight and laughter that you are sure to love!

Registration & Vendor Displays

4:30 - 6:00 pm

\*Over 40 vendor displays

Welcome and Supper

6:00 - 6:30 pm

\*Mistress of Ceremonies, Marii Spitell Ziegelbauer

Gynecological Cancers

Dr. Julian Schink, M.D.

\*Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline

6:30 - 7:15 pm

Comedy Revue

Black & White & Red All Over

\*Sponsored by Zonta International

7:15 - 8:15 pm

Closing & Vendor Displays

8:15 - 9:00 pm

Preregistration is required. Seating is limited to 750. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable registration fee. A meal will be served. To register, make check or money order payable to St. Vincent Regional Cancer Center, P.O. Box 13508, Green Bay, WI 54307. Please include name, address, and phone number. If registering after October 16, please call 433-8632 for availability. Parking vouchers will be available at registration for the Main Street ramp.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. Julian Schink is a professor in the Division of Gynecological Oncology at the University of Wisconsin and a member of the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center. Woodward/White named him one of the Best Doctors in America (twice) and one of the Best Doctors in the Midwest.

Black & White & Red All Over is a trio of veteran actors: Sue Ramssett, Deaun Thelen & Carolyn Nelson, who together provide a series of comic vignettes that have audiences howling with laughter. Join them as they explore the lighter side of relationships, parenting, aging, success, workplace, issues, dieting, beauty and other vanities. You won't want to miss it!

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A Community Health Dinner

Focusing on Tobacco Abuse Prevention

Thursday, October 25

5:15 - Tobacco Burning Ceremony

5:30 - 7:30 - Dinner and Program

At Parish Hall in Oneida

To register for the dinner please call Jeanne @ 869-4840 by Oct. 23

-DOOR PRIZES-

Sponsored by the Brown County Health Department and the Oneida Community Health Center



## Development Division

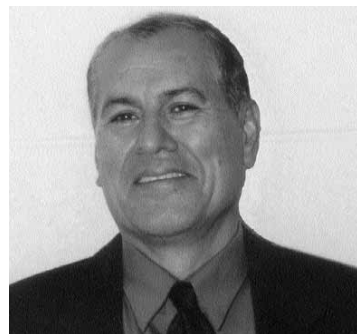
# Wigg-Ninham elected as Chief Judicial Officer for Oneida Appeals Commission

The Oneida Appeals Commission would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere congratulations to Leland Wigg-Ninham of Oneida, who was elected to a one year term of office with the Oneida Appeals as the Chief Judicial Officer. In addition, the Appeals Commission

extends the same congratulations to Carole Liggins, who was re-elected as the Deputy Chief Judicial Officer for the Appeals Commission. The Appeals Commission which serves as the Judicial Branch of the Oneida Nation Government has eleven Judicial Officers who are elected by the General Tribal

Council to adjudicate issues brought before the judicial system. Since his election to the Appeals Commission in 1998, Judicial Officer Wigg-Ninham has undergone extensive training in the judicial field. He has successfully attended legal training for judges at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Prior to his election to the Oneida Appeals Commission, Leland was Vice-Chairman of the Oneida Trust and Enrollment Committee and served as an elected member of the

Oneida Gaming Commission. Leland has spent his entire life in the Oneida area, employed in private industry for 35 years. His education background includes graduation from Green Bay East High School, Leland has an Associate Degree in Management/Communications and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Concordia University. Leland resides in the Oneida area with his wife, Rebecca, who have seven children, five grown and two at home. The Oneida Appeals Commission wishes to



Wigg-Ninham

extend our sincere appreciation to the outgoing Chief Judicial Officer Kirby Metoxen who served with distinction in this position for the past year. Kirby still retains his position on the Appeals Commission as an Associate Judicial Officer.

## Oh give me a home...



Photos by Phil Wisneski

The Oneida Nation Farm received 13 more Buffaloes on Friday, October 5. The buffalo were from the Niobrara, Nebraska Reserve. They were obtained from a grant through the Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative. The Oneida Farm has been a member of the cooperative since 1992. With the addition of the 13 new bison this brings the total Oneida Buffalo count to 44. The pasture for the buffalo will be expanding from its original 80 acre pasture to over 100 acres. The new pasture will include ponds constructed by DPW.

## Casino Marketing Department update

What's happening at Oneida Bingo & Casino?! The Gaming Marketing Department has been very busy creating, organizing and implementing the following events.

### IT'S ONEIDA BINGO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY!!

The celebration kicks off Sunday, October 14th. Player appreciation gifts at every session! Drawings each session for a chance to win \$250 or \$2,500 cash! Entries for chances to win a silver Cadillac Seville, Plymouth Prowler or a Volkswagen Beetle! So come and play Bingo October 14th through October 20th for your chance to win!

**Entertainment** at the casino keeps getting bigger and better - Alice Cooper will perform Sunday, October 21st, 8:00 PM, in the Pavilion - tickets are only \$20. November is also a big month of top entertainment. Twenty dollars will get you a ticket to see Engelbert Humperdinck, Sunday, November 11th performing in the Radisson Ballroom, show starts at 8:00 PM. Soap Opera Stars will be shining Saturday, November 17th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM also in the Radisson - this event is FREE!

Our **Holiday Collectibles** promotion begins Wednesday, November 14th and runs through December 17th. Bring your non-perishable food donations to the main casino mall. For every pound of food donated, you'll receive one "Holiday Collectible" game piece. Every game piece is a winner! Prizes include CASH, ORNAMENTS, CHOCOLATES & MORE! Receive entries into the 2nd chance weekly drawings for a \$1,000 cash prize. **PIGSKIN PIX FOOTBALL PROMOTION** continues...don't forget to participate for a chance to win cash, a trip to the Super Bowl, a trip to the Pro Bowl and other great prizes!

## Facilities Department keeps casino shining

We have made it through another very busy summer. We have been working in and around the Pavilion tent to ensure it's cleanliness and ready for the next show. The Pavilion night shows were tremendously successful this year which kept the department extremely busy. I would like to extend my appreciation to all the custodians and maintenance personnel for all the hard work and long hours put into ensuring the tent was ready for each show.

The parking ramp renovation is nearing completion. The renovation of the ramp was necessary in order to prevent it from deteriorating and to ensure the integrity of the structure remained.. The concrete surface was treated

with a penetrating sealant to prevent chloride ion from absorbing into it. The removal of old caulk, repairing damaged weldments and the installation of new joint caulk were also completed in this project.

The south and west side of the Mason street casino is currently receiving it's face lift. When complete, it will match the facade of the sides already completed. The purchase of additional land the Mason street casino has allowed us to expand our parking lot. A retaining wall is currently being erected and once that is complete the entire lot will be black topped.

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**Jerry Ambrosius**

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# SEE PLACE

The Oneida Nation Communications Department has moved! Please note the new changes in phone and fax numbers

<b>Communications Department</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
Norbert Hill Center	869-4276 Mike Metoxen
869-4340 Debbie Webster	869-4275 Kirby Metoxen
869-4270 Bobbi Webster	869-4274 Lisa Oudenhoven
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>Kalihwisaks</b>
869-4271 Crystal Holtz	869-4277 Keith Skenandore
869-4272 Chris Powless	869-4279 Phil Wisneski
869-4273 Lee Ann Laes	869-4280 Yvonne Matson

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October 16, 2001  
**Proposed Start Date:**  
December 17, 2001

***Grocery Store Meeting  
Saturday, November 10  
8 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.  
Parish Hall  
Free Bingo Breakfast for the first 100  
people.  
Community involvement is a must  
for this project to work. Come on out  
and get involved!***