



Wisconsin ranks second in revenue from Indian casinos

Milwaukee, Wis. - The state of Wisconsin will lead all other states in Indian casino revenues paid to them except for the state of Connecticut. The \$118 million payments to the state of Wisconsin by the eleven casinos in the state puts the Badger State second among the twenty-two states that have Indian gaming according to a study done by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Connecticut will receive \$400 million this year from their two Indian casinos. Foxwoods Casino and Mohegan Sun Casino are two of the largest casinos in the world.

Oneida Legislative Affairs Director, Kevin Cornelius, said that the Oneida Tribe realizes the significance of the sizable payments the tribes are sending the state and is surprised that the Republican legislature is still balking at the idea of new compact agreements.

"The economic impact and payment that we (the eleven Wisconsin tribes) have agreed to, far outweighs any amount that other state's tribes pay with the exception of

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Operation Oneida Cares



Ceremony recognizes men and women in armed forces, Oneida veterans

By Keith Skenandore
Kalihwisaks

Tears were shed, prayers were spoken as "Operation Oneida Cares" held an evening committed to patriotism, family and community unity.

Recognizing the commitment and valor of Oneida citizens in the armed forces, and paying tribute to their veterans, approximately 50 members of the Oneida Tribe gathered on April 16 to offer their support in the current war conflict, "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

A "Wall of Armed Forces" was shared with everyone in attendance, displaying photos of 21 names of Oneida citizens currently serving their country. A poster of Pfc. Lori Piestewa, a Hopi woman who lost her life in combat in Iraq, was also pictured. Piestewa is believed to be the first Native American woman enlisted in the armed forces to die in combat in defense of her country.

The Oneida Nation ele-

mentary school is holding a penny drive to raise money for the family of Lori Piestewa.

Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes said the Oneida Nation, like any other nation, share in praying for the men and women, and families who sacrificed to "keep our land free."

"The freedom we enjoy today," said Hughes, "to gather and express our spirituality individually is possible because of our troops fighting to protect our land."

Hughes, an Army veteran, said the Oneida Nation is extremely proud of their history in serving "this great nation" and that Oneida men and women have fought to defend "this country in every conflict since the Revolutionary War.

"Our warriors, both men and women, have defended our homeland for centuries."

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Photos by Phil Wisneski and Keith Skenandore

Top: Oneida veterans give a twenty-one gun salute to honor all veterans and current soldiers in the United States Armed Forces at a Community Prayer held at the Norbert Hill Center on April 16. The community prayer was set up to give support to Oneida community members with family members in the Armed Forces. A wall with photos of the Oneida community soldiers was also presented. Above Right: Debbie Reiter-Mehojah and daughter Louisa listen intently as the names of the Oneida soldiers are read. Above Left: Lloyd "Sky" Schuyler conducts a special tobacco burning ceremony before the event occurs. The event was scheduled to be outside, but bad weather forced it indoors.

Tribal leaders criticize Republican party for "stereotyped" cartoon

By Keith Skenandore
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MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Tribal leaders reacted with anger and indignation at the lack of sensitivity and ignorance of the Republican Party in featuring a stereotyped Indian throwing a tomahawk at the Wisconsin Taxpayers on their website with the voice-over, "As taxpayers, we got scalped."

In a press release issued by the United Tribe of Wisconsin, Lewis Taylor, St. Croix tribal leader, said

"Native Americans are taxpayers too. We should not be the subject of racist political cartoons sponsored by the Republican party. The Wisconsin Constitution opens the declaration of rights with the following, All people are born equally, free and independent, and have certain inherent rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Taylor continued, "The Republican lawmakers have a responsibility to uphold the

constitution and represent all the people in this state. It is clear the Republican guard does not feel the Native Americans are citizens that deserve their representation honorably."

Forest County Potawatomi Attorney General Jeff Crawford initially accused the state Republican Party Tuesday of putting a "racist and derogatory" cartoon on a Web site the party created on

See Page 5 Cartoon



Image courtesy of State Senator Gwendolyn Moore press release

An image from the Republic Party of Wisconsin video clip, shown above, depicts a tomahawk flying through the air at a Wisconsin taxpayer. The voice-over of the video clip says, "Let's face it, as taxpayers we got scalped."

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Operation Oneida Cares

Hundreds mourn, honor Pfc Lori Piestewa

Associated Press

TUBA CITY, Ariz. (AP) - Hundreds of mourners stood and cheered Saturday when Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano called for a Phoenix mountain to be renamed after Pfc. Lori Piestewa, the first American Indian woman in the U.S. military known to have been killed in combat.

"It's left to us to make sense of her loss and carry on the legacy she left behind," Napolitano said at a memorial service held in this Navajo Reservation community's high school gymnasium.

One way to do that, Napolitano said, is to rename a Phoenix mountain known as Squaw Peak to Piestewa Peak and also rename State Route 51 in Phoenix, now called the Squaw Peak Freeway, after Piestewa.

American Indian groups have tried for years to change those names, saying the term "squaw" is offensive.

Piestewa (pronounced p-ESS-tuh-wah) was among nine members of the Army's 507th Maintenance Company, based at Fort Bliss in Texas, killed in an ambush near Nasiriyah last month. Palestine, W.Va., native Pfc. Jessica Lynch, another member of the 507th and Piestewa's roommate, was rescued from an Iraqi hospital and returned to the United States on Saturday.

Piestewa, the first U.S. ser-



AP Photo/Tom Hood

Members of the Fort Huachuca Color Guard of Sierra Vista, Ariz., stand in the parking lot of the Tuba City High School in Tuba City, Ariz., Saturday, April 12, 2003, before presenting a helmet with Pfc. Lori Piestewa's name on it to memorial inside of the high school. Thousands of people attended the memorial service for Piestewa, the first U.S. servicewoman killed in the war on Iraq.

vicewoman killed in the Iraq war, was a member of the Hopi Tribe, whose reservation is near Tuba City. She was a 23-year-old single mother raising a 4-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl in Tuba City. Piestewa's son and daughter

her parents, Percy and Terry Piestewa.

Piestewa was buried Saturday morning on the Hopi Reservation, her brother Wayland told the crowd of 2,000. He offered no other details.

"It was very beautiful. It

was very peaceful," he said.

The four-hour public ceremony was at Tuba City High School, which Lori attended. On a stage surrounded by flowers, speaker after speaker honored Piestewa with songs, poems and stories. Some read e-mails sent to the family.

Representatives of American Indian tribes from around the Southwest read statements of support. Above the speakers, slides showed

Piestewa in high school and with friends. A picture of Piestewa and Lynch carried the caption, "Warriors Forever."

"I am so happy to have known her," family friend Christine Butler said. "Every time she would come home, she wouldn't sit with us. She would be outside jumping on the trampoline."

"The warrior may have passed on the baton, but we

have to pick up and carry that baton," said American Indian recording artist Michael Jeans, who sang "America the Beautiful."

Wayland Piestewa sent best wishes from his family to Lynch, who is recovering from her wounds at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Maryland, and invited her to visit.

"We pray that she one day will come out so we can share the love that Lori gave us with her," he said.


The ceremony began with a performance by a group of Aztec dancers, honoring Piestewa's mother's Mexican ancestry.

The crowd erupted, standing, cheering and whistling, when Napolitano said she would petition the Legislature to rename the mountain and freeway to honor Piestewa.


The Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names normally approves such changes. State and federal policies on geographic titles say there must be a five-year waiting period after a person's death before the name can be used.



The board's chairman, Tim J. Norton, has said he supports the waiting period in this case. On Friday, Napolitano said Norton should resign his volunteer post if he refuses to consider the change.

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




In Memory of Lori Piestewa








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Local

From Page 1/Operation Oneida Cares rallies community in support of troops, Oneida veteran

Father Dewey Silas of the Oneida Episcopal Church offered a prayer and gave praise to the men and women currently serving in the armed forces.

"Because of these brave and courageous warriors we are proud to say, 'We are Americans,'" said Silas.

He recognized those who gave the ultimate - their life - so we could live in a free country.

"We of the Oneida Nation are proud to say that we are Americans."

Fr. Silas also spoke of sister warrior Lori Piestewa, who, he said, "gave her life for all of us, as Jesus Christ gave his life, at Calgary."

Oneida elder Lloyd Schuyler and Leander Danforth, performed a tobacco burning ceremony for prayers of the men and women in the armed forces.

Resolution 4-2-03-A, which supports the armed forces participation in "Operation Iraqi Freedom" was read by Councilman Vince DeLaRosa.

Councilman Paul Ninham read the list of men and women currently serving in the armed forces, a total of 26 in all. Ninham said the list was inclusive and encouraged community members to bring names forward as "Operation Oneida Cares" continues.

A proclamation authored by veteran Loretta V. Metoxen, that was adopted earlier that morning by the Oneida Business Committee, was read by Councilwoman Trish King.

The proclamation, entitled, "To the family of Lori Piestewa and the Hopi Nation from the Oneida Nation," stated the Oneidas, in the ceremonies given to them in ancient times, consoled the families of those who passed on to the Spirit World.

"We, the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, now condole the family of Lori Piestewa and the Hopi Nation in this time when she gave her life, as a young woman, for us and all the people of the United States so that we may be safe and that we can continue to practice our freedoms," read King. "We honor her memory today and every day for her supreme sacrifice."

King further read, "We, the Oneida People, recognize that we all have a place, a purpose, and responsibilities to carry out here on Mother Earth. We also recognize that Lori Piestewa carried out her responsibilities to the fullest, and we, the Oneida People, are profoundly grateful to her and her family."

Treasurer Mercie Danforth read a transcript of the memorial service for Piestewa that was sent on the Internet. Danforth read from the transcript that Lori's son,



Photos by Phil Wisneski
Left: Ken Hill and Roy Metoxen lead the Oneida Color Guard prepares to present the colors at the Community Prayer. Right of the color guard is the wall that contains photos of Oneida community members that are currently serving in the Armed Forces. There are over 30 community members that are in the service. Bottom: James Denny Sr. looks for his brother Jeff Denny on the wall. The ceremony included words of encouragement to all families with loved ones serving in the Armed Forces and was capped of with a gun salute and playing of "Taps" to honor all current service people and veterans.



Brandon, spoke out and said, "I want my mommy, but she has to rest in peace."

Powerful and moving words. More words of the same kind continued as Councilman Curtis Danforth followed with the reading of the origin of taps.

Councilman Danforth read how during the Civil War, a union soldier, Captain Ellicombe crawled to save a stricken man, not knowing if the man was a union or Confederate soldier. When he reached the stricken soldier, the Captain discovered it was his son who enlisted in the confederate army without his father knowing. Wanting a military burial for his son who studied music in the South, the Captain's request was only partially granted. He was given one musician.

"The Captain chose a bugler," read Danforth. "He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in

the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. The wish was granted.

"The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps'...used at military funerals was born."

Before "Taps" was played by Don Charnon, a 21-gun salute was fired with the echoes of the gun fire heard over the silence of those at the ceremony in the Norbert Hill Center.

Once again, tears were shed.

The tears, patriotism, community unity, and prayers were a bond between family members waiting to hear from a loved one serving in the armed forces. A bond between community members, Oneida veterans and the men and women in the armed forces.

"Our community support strengthens our message to the Creator for the safety of our troops all over the world," said Hughes.

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Local



Passing On

Mason, Kathryn

Kathryn Mason, 45, Green Bay, died unexpectedly Sunday, April 6, 2003, at a local hospital. Born in Chicago, Ill., on April 29, 1957, she is the daughter of Carl Mason and Dolores (Lawe) Tourtillott. Kathy attended Senn High School in Chicago and moved to Green Bay in 1986. She was employed in housekeeping for many years. Kathy enjoyed her two wonderful daughters, bowling and having cookouts.

She is survived by her two daughters, Carly and Amanda Skenandore, Green Bay; two grandchildren, Marcus Skenandore and Adriana Funmaker; mother and step-father, Dolores Tourtillott and Robert Willnow, Green Bay; five brothers, George Tourtillott, South Dakota; Robert Morgan, Green Bay; Carl Morgan, Kansas; Kenneth Morgan, Kentucky; and Scott Morgan, Green Bay; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death

by one brother, Richard Tourtillott and her grandparents.

Skenandore, Wayne J.

Wayne J. Skenandore passed away unexpectedly on March 4, 2003 at St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born on December 22, 1941 in Milwaukee to the late Myron G. Skenandore and Lucy (Denny) Skenandore.

He is survived by his wife Patricia and son Jason and daughters Amy, Nicole and Sandy. He is also survived by 2 brothers and 5 sisters: Ronald D. Skenandore, Milwaukee; Lorraine RedHail, Oneida; Dona Skenandore, Oneida; Joan Biddle, Milwaukee; Myron G. Skenandore, Jr. (Marlene Skenadore) Green Bay, Annette (Juan) Padron, Milwaukee, Joyce Skenandore, Milwaukee. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother Kenneth Skenandore.

Waste transfer station to open before trial

Oneida, Wis. - The Brown County waste-transfer station will be handling garbage well before a legal challenge from the village of Hobart reaches the courtroom.

Brown County Port and Solid Waste Director Chuck Larscheid said the transfer site should be ready to operate by early May, about the same time that the county closes its east landfill in Ledgeview.

Meanwhile, the legal controversy over the waste-transfer station will go to trial on Aug. 11.

The waste-transfer station is being built near the closed west landfill on Wisconsin 54 and is directly across from the Oneida Nation Environmental Department. The station is also located within the Oneida Reservation boundaries.

The village of Hobart filed

a lawsuit in October, contending that Brown County government failed to obtain building permits from the village and that the construction violates an agricultural zoning ordinance.

Construction of the transfer station began in early October despite repeated objections by residents of both Hobart and Oneida to the project.

Oneida Councilman Paul Ninham said he was extremely disturbed by the fact that the county would consider using the landfill with the pending trial.

"We, along with the village of Hobart, are in opposition of the waste transfer station. I am extremely disappointed that the county would go ahead and use the facility with a pending lawsuit unsettled," Ninham said.

The county intends to use the station to consolidate and

transport garbage to landfills in Winnebago, Outagamie and Brown counties over the next 25 years.

The county hoped in 2001 to put the waste-transfer station on a 12.8-acre parcel less than a half-mile south of the existing Materials Recycling Facility at South Broadway and Hansen Road in Ashwaubenon. That proposal faced opposition from area residents and never materialized.

Then early last year, the Hobart Village Board approved the project at the old West Landfill on Wisconsin 54 and entered into an agreement with the county, but it reversed its decision in September after opposition from area residents mounted. The Brown County Board approved continuation of the construction, however.

The former dump site was

acted on by the county in the 1970's. At that time the County Board took action promising that once the dump was closed (after twenty years of operation), it would be made a park.

"With the recent decision of the County's Solid Waste Committee, the park that was promised by the county will instead become a major operation of over two-hundred trucks per day," stated the tribe. "This is a radical departure from what had been promised, and is a development that raises serious public safety and environmental concerns."

The village and the county have been ordered to numerous mediation sessions over the last few months, but the case will go to trial despite them.

Survey says gaming helps economy in Green Bay area

By Keith Skenandore

Kalilwisaks

The Oneida Nation released a survey which says a majority of residents living in part of Northeastern Wisconsin believes that Oneida Bingo & Casino has helped economic development in the Green Bay area.

Seventy-one percent of the residents believe that Oneida gaming has helped develop more business and create jobs in Green Bay for both the Indian population and the rest of the community. A total of

19 percent believe Oneida gaming has hurt businesses.

"It shows that the Oneida community is well-liked in the community and that they provide an economic boost to the community," said Gene Ulm, a representative from Public Opinion Strategies, which conducted the survey.

Summary and analysis of the survey was based on 600 likely voters in Wisconsin Senate Districts 2 and 30 which include Brown, Outagamie and Oconto counties on April 6 and 7. Margin

of error for the survey is plus or minus four percent.

Kevin Cornelius, director of legislative affairs, said there is a movement in the population in the area that is more supportive of the Oneida Nation based on a similar survey conducted last year.

"The population, as far as in our area, when it comes to the lawsuit the challenges the compact," said Cornelius, "the people are against the legislature suing the tribe against compacts.

Survey results indicated that 52 percent strongly or somewhat opposed to the state legislature spending tens of thousands of dollars of taxpayers dollars challenging Gov. Doyle's right to renegotiate gaming compacts. Strong support or somewhat supportive of the state legislature resulted in 34 percent, with 15 percent not knowing.

"They would rather see the compact extended then services cut or taxes raised," said Cornelius.

He said 39 percent would rather see the gaming compacts extended, compared to 36 percent who preferred spending cuts and nine percent for raising taxes. Seventeen percent did not know.

As for the gambling laws in Wisconsin, 42 percent say they are about right or not strict enough. Twelve percent said they were too strict, with 3 percent not knowing.

The Oneida Nation organization received a strong favorable impression from respon-

dents, 60 percent, while Oneida Bingo and Casino was 51 percent favorable, compared to 46 percent favorable to Indian gaming and casinos.

Survey summary noted that the local voters favorably distinguish Oneida gaming activities from their more polarized view of Indian gaming activities in general.

Gov. Doyle and the state legislature received a lower approval than the Oneida Nation. Fifty-five percent approve of the job Gov. Doyle and the state legislature is doing.

Oneida gaming accounts for 3,442 jobs in the state, according to a 2001 survey conducted by Michael Evans, an economist based in Boca Raton, Fla. The average wage for an Oneida Casino worker was \$27,928 including wages, salaries and tips and \$36,528 including fringe benefits. More than half of those employees are nontribal citizens.

The Oneida Tribe of Indians and Doyle haven't signed a compact but have a tentative agreement that contains no expiration date, allows around-the-clock operation of games, removes state-imposed betting restrictions and permits casino table games.

Vice-Chairwoman said at a gaming compact update meeting, where the survey results were released to the membership, that Oneida tribal officials were to meet with Gov. Doyle on April 17 and that they hoped to be nearer to a compact renewal agreement.

In Loving Memory of

Joshua Webster

who passed away January 21, 2000

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In Loving Memory of

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Political conduit works for the tribe

By Phil Wisneski

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Getting your voice heard in the state capitol is a pretty daunting task. No matter what an individual may do, he or she may be pushed aside by the "more important issues" in Madison. This was evident as current legislation was trying to get passed that would have affected gaming compacts. Many words fell on deaf ears in the state capitol. This could change if people that work for the Oneida Tribe take a stand and voice their opinion in unison on what is important to them and the nation. Oneida employees are invited to join the Oneida Nation Political Conduit (ONPC).

A political conduit combines monetary contributions of many individuals who share similar goals and interests. The conduit then channels the money collected from the individuals to political candidates selected by the conduit members who support the issues, goals and interests of the Oneida Tribe. This method uses the com-

mon phrase that there is strength in numbers. The collective support of the ONPC adds up to a very significant political force.

This force will help build relationships between the tribe and elected officials in the local arena as well as state wide. These relationships will help open up the lines of communication to help protect the tribe's interest and beliefs. Ultimately, these funds will help educate the local and state governments on who the Oneida are.

Currently in the month of April the ONPC is having a membership drive. The drive is designated to get more members in the ONPC. This past month the ONPC has held meetings to encourage employees to join and provide one, powerful voice for the Oneida Nation. Individuals attending the meetings are entered into a raffle that will take place at the end of the month. The winner of the raffle will win two tickets to the Weidner Center to see "Sam Bush", Three Sisters buffet coupons, a basket of

Tsyunhehkwá products and a stainless steel thermos. Also, all ONPC members are entered in a raffle for a framed Whitetails Unlimited Print, a limited edition silver coin set from the casino and other great prizes. Also during the month of April there is a member-get-a-member contest. The conduit member that signs up the most new members for the month of April will receive a Packer Weekend. Included in the prize are two Packer tickets, stay at the Radisson, an autographed Mike Sherman football, an autographed photo of Tony Fischer and Sunday brunch for two at Three Sisters Restaurant. Second prize is two Packer tickets, an autographed photo of Tony Fischer and Sunday brunch for two at Three Sisters Restaurant.

The amount of money that an individual contributes to the ONPC is strictly up to them. There is no minimum or maximum limit. Whatever the individual wants to donate will be automatically deducted from their payroll check

and deposited into the ONPC. This account is managed exclusively by the individual and they are the only person who decides if and when money can be taken out to donate to a certain political candidate. The conduit administrator may make suggestions by calling and asking if the individual would like to make a contribution to a certain candidate. In the end however, the individual will always have a final say on where his or her money will go. Also, all contributions can be removed from the conduit and returned to the employee at any time.

The Board of Trustees is made up of two Oneida employees: Crystal Holtz, Director of Advertising and Sandra Hayes, Director of Purchasing. Kevin Cornelius and Tana Archiquette of the Oneida Nation Legislative Affairs department communicate regularly with the conduit administrator, Michelle Hough of Tenuta-Hermes Corp. regarding the tribe's political interests. Tenuta-Hermes Corp. is Oneida's



Photo by Phil Wisneski

lobbying firm in Madison. For more information on the ONPC contact Michelle Hough at (608) 255-5522 or email her at michelle@tenuta-hermes.com. Other contacts are Crystal

Cornelius in the Communications Department, Sandy Hayes in Purchasing, Tana Archiquette in Legislative Affairs and Kevin Cornelius, also in Legislative Affairs.

Fishing ceremony blesses fish netting season

Photos by Phil Wisneski

Right: Duck Creek Crossing performs a song as Lloyd Schuyler looks on. Schuyler along with other tribal members burned tobacco and shared some good words about the fishing ceremony. Below: Ken Hill nets a fish shortly after the ceremony held at Pamperin Park along Duck Creek. The ceremony has been taking place for the past ten years.



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Connecticut. Yet we still receive criticism," he said. "We are by far paying our fair share to have these new compacts as compared to other states," he added.

Currently the Forest County Potawatomi tribe is the only tribe with a new gaming compact. According to the Milwaukee journal sentinel however, Administration Secretary Marc Marotta says that negotiations with the other ten tribes in the state are continuing and some deals will likely be announced later this week.

The payments to the states are rare occurrences in Indian country. Only seven states receive revenue sharing payments. Joining Connecticut and Wisconsin are California,

New York, New Mexico, Michigan and Arizona. Other states have agreements that are small fees to police casinos or are payments that are directly paid to local communities in the surrounding area. States with such agreements include North Carolina and Oregon.

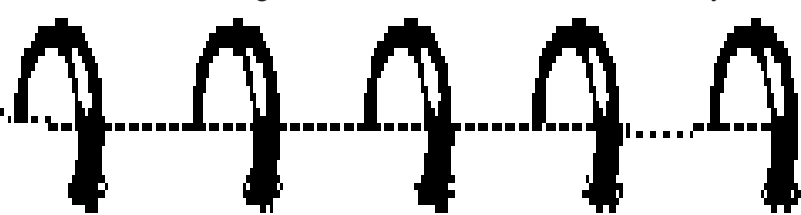
Some states are not so fortunate and receive no revenue sharing from Indian gaming. States like Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma fall into this category.

Gov. Jim Doyle has been expecting to use the \$237 million in compact payments to help balance the state's next budget. The money is earmarked to help ease the huge deficit that the state is now facing.

Minnesota, as stated above does not receive revenue sharing from their eleven tribal casinos, has permanent gaming agreements. These agreements were done dating back to 1990. The newfound success of Indian casinos has caused many states to look at the money greedily, said John McCarthy, executive director of the Minnesota Gaming Association.

"Now people think everybody should get a piece of it," McCarthy said. "These are not businesses in the normal sense. These are governments,"

Wisconsin tribes should not be expected to make major new payments to the state based on comparisons with Connecticut or elsewhere, McCarthy said.



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

April 21 - 26, 2003

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
WHERE: Parish Hall, 2937 Freedom Rd.

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Tuesday ~ April 22, 2003

COMMUNITY MEETING FOR OUR ELDERLY TRIBAL MEMBERS

TIME: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

WHERE: Multi-Purpose Center

PURPOSE: A Housing Task Force has been created for the purpose of collaborating information, programs and funding resources to address a coordinated housing effort on the reservation. Programs such as the Division of Land Management, Oneida Housing Authority, Planning Department and Long Term Care are members of this task force. Presenters from the task force will provide information to community members regarding the purpose and goals of this group.

A panel presentation will also be made regarding Elderly Housing Options. Your attendance and input will be appreciated.

For more information contact any of the ONCOA Commissioners or Susan Daniels at 869-2448.

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Company buys firm that owns Crandon mine site

The Associated Press

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) - The new owners of a proposed underground zinc and copper mining site in northern Wisconsin pledge to forge ahead with the project and hope to have the needed operating permits within 21/2 years.

Northern Wisconsin Resource Group LLC bought Nicolet Minerals Co. and its rights to 4,850 acres, including the mine site south of Crandon, company owner Gordon P. Connor said Friday.

"It is a good project," he said. "It can be done in a manner that is great for Wisconsin and northern Wisconsin. ... We are going to push as hard as we can to get this permitting done. They have been dilly-dallying around with this thing for a long time."

The company did not disclose a sale price.

Nicolet Minerals, a subsidiary of BHP Billiton of Melbourne, Australia, has been seeking the needed state, federal and local permits to mine 55 million tons of ore from a site just south of Crandon since 1994.

The mining project has been for sale since September 2002. Several companies have owned the site since minerals were discovered there in the 1970s.

Connor, whose family also operates Nicolet Hardwood Corp. of Laona, said he has been interested in buying the mining project for 15 years.

Critics have long contended the project was too risky because it would harm the environment. Supporters say the mining can be done safely and would create badly needed jobs in Forest County.

Connor said the company will review the project but probably won't change it significantly. The mine can generate 200 jobs in Forest County, he said.

"We want to see the area participate economically in the 21st century," he said. "We are concerned about the environment. We live here. We are not going to foul our own nest."

Dale Alberts, a spokesman for Nicolet Minerals, said he will continue as part of the project's management group. The permitting process will continue as is because Nicolet

Minerals is not changing, he said.

But Gov. Jim Doyle said he believes the new company may have to start from scratch in the permitting process with the state Department of Natural Resources.

"What this means, I think, it's really too early to tell," Doyle said in Madison. "I've said all along my great preference is there not be a mine there. I think it's better for the economic health of the state to make sure that we really protect the environment."

Nicolet Hardwood raises hardwood timber for its lumber and flooring business. It owns more than 30,000 acres in northern Wisconsin, much of it in Forest County, Connor

said.

The Connor family is the lone investor in the mining project so far, but others have expressed an interest, including people from Wisconsin and other Midwestern states, Connor said.

Dave Wilson, president of the Crandon City Council, said the purchase caught him by surprise because many people thought the mining project was dead.

"I think it is good news because we have somebody who is going to see this through to the end," he said.

The Forest County Potawatomi American Indian tribe has been among the critics of the mining project. Tribal officials said the

Connor family has no mining experience, and their company's financial capability was unknown.

"BHP Billiton is the world's largest mining company with net assets of \$22.5 billion," tribal Attorney General Jeff Crawford said in a statement. "We do not understand how the world's largest mining company with all if its might cannot develop this mine but the Connor family is going to be able to safely extract minerals in this environmentally sensitive area at the headwaters of the Wolf River."

Dave Kunelius, DNR mining outreach coordinator, said the agency expects to tell the company soon it has all the

necessary data. Once that happens, the DNR has four months to complete a draft environmental impact statement.

That would be followed by months of meetings and public hearings before a final decision is made, Kunelius said.

The history of a proposed mine dates back to July 4, 1975, when drilling discovered an ore deposit in Forest County. The deposit is estimated to be 60 million tons of zinc, copper, lead, gold and silver ore.

Mining interests have since spent more than \$145 million related to the project, according to company officials.

From Page 1/Republican party cartoon irks tribal leaders

criticize Gov. Jim Doyle.

Republican Party spokesman Chris Lato said the cartoon was not meant to be disrespectful and was intended to point out the flaws in the agreement.

In response to complaints that it was derogatory, the state Republican Party dropped the cartoon Wednesday its Web site.

"We do not consider the cartoon to be offensive; it certainly wasn't our intent," Republican Party spokesman Chris Lato said. "If a few people were taken aback by that cartoon . . . we want to address those concerns."

Oneida Councilman Paul Ninham said he was floored by the derogatory cartoon.

"I was absolutely appalled," he said.

"I'm at a point where I need to start defending the Oneida people against racism by the Republicans. I can't sit by and let those racists comments continue to come forward by the Republican party."

Doyle spokesman Dan Leistikow did not immediately return a telephone message Tuesday to The Associated Press.

Doyle plans to use at least \$200 million from compacts with the state's 11 tribes to help fix Wisconsin's \$3.2 billion budget deficit for the two-year period that begins July 1.

The Potawatomi compact has no expiration date, allows the tribe to offer new games like craps and roulette and removes some restrictions on its casinos, including on the number of slot machines. In return, the tribe expects to pay the state an estimated \$340 million over the next 10 years.

After Doyle announced compact agreements with the Potawatomi tribe and the Oneida Nation, lawmakers passed two bills giving Legislature final approval over compacts. Doyle vetoed them both. Republican lawmakers then challenged Doyle's authority to negotiate compacts in the state Supreme Court.

"Legislators should be working to balance the budget, not to trash the people who are helping to solve a problem that Indian tribal governments did not create," Crawford said in a statement released Tuesday.

"The Tribes of Wisconsin are not responsible for the States' budget deficit," stated Lac du Flambeau President Henry "Butch" St. Germain. "The Tribes of Wisconsin have offered financial assistance to the State through their gaming compacts. I am angered by the remarks and bigoted statements made recently in the media. It is very disturbing that people who have been voted into such leadership positions are making racist remarks. These representatives and senators are responsible for representing all citizens of the State regardless of their race. I think it's a sad day in Wisconsin history and its relationship with Native American citizens."

Greg Garvin, Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Administrative Officer, said, "Republicans have taken their ideological differences with the Governor into the realm of the KKK. The cartoon reflects ignorance and an open dislike of Native Americans. We are demonized again. Ironically, this is done at a time when we are offering to relieve taxpayers of paying \$200 million in governmental costs. The Republican party needs to publicly apologize for this insult to the thousands of tax-paying Native American voters in this state and the buffalo who thought it up needs to resign. This is Trent Lott all over again. If this is the big tent the Republicans have for us, it looks like they want Native American's camping outside. Simply removing the offensive cartoon is not enough. The person or persons responsible should step down."

But Lato said the party stood by the cartoon and insisted there was nothing racist in its content.

"The point of the cartoon is

to deliver a really important message in a lighthearted manner," Lato said.

Republicans who control the state Legislature have been feuding with the Democratic governor for two months over gaming compacts.

State Sen. Gwendolynne Moore, D-Milwaukee, demanded an apology from the state Republican Party of Wisconsin.

"The use of the word 'scalped' is a blatant attempt by Republicans to inflame racial tensions on the issue of Native American gaming," Moore said.

But Lato said critics were missing the point of the cartoon.

"Sen. Moore is reading things into it that simply are not there," he said.

Moore disagrees.

"Republicans have sunk to a new low with the despicable use of this racist stereotype," said Moore. "In a way I'm grateful that the Republicans are finally being honest about why they oppose the new tribal gaming compacts. As this ad clearly shows, Republicans still view Native Americans as savages who run around the state scalping white people."

Ninham, who sits on the State/Tribal Special Relations Committee, created by the joint legislature, said he is going to bring forth the race issue to the committee. The committee is apprised of tribal representatives, senators and assemblymen.

"I'm putting this on the next agenda," said Ninham.

The United Tribes state they have demonstrated their willingness to help the state of Wisconsin out of a \$3.2 billion dollar deficit and have continually been rebuffed by the Republican leadership. They say they are growing increasingly skeptical of discerning the value of committing millions of dollars to the State of Wisconsin when the state's good faith efforts are not reciprocal.

Stockbridge Chairman Bob Chicks said, "We are not sitting on our reservations with

bottomless pockets of money waiting to be taken by the State of Wisconsin. We have needs in our community which are being hampered by our effort to pay for gaming compacts which we hope will secure a more stable economy in our communities in longer terms than five years at a time."

United Tribes say that smaller tribes that have marginal profits have been chastised by Republican Representative John Gard for not being able to make annual payments to the state. "Gard has deprecated those governments for wanting to use meager profits to improve the quality of life in their communities. Through his ignorance he compares the sovereign Tribal governments to poor individuals who are not sovereigns," stated the release.

"Governor Doyle promised not to raise taxes when he campaigned last year. He has worked to culminate the State resources to address the budget deficit without raising taxes. If the Tribes do not get compacts, they will not make payments. That will cost the state more than \$200 million. The Governor will be faced to raise taxes because the legislature has refused to cooperate and support his budget proposal and initiatives aimed at cutting costs. A month ago they were attacking the Governor for his attempts to secure \$237 million from Tribes, now they are once again attacking the \$200 million he is seeking. Republicans like John Gard will not be satisfied until the Tribes pay nothing and the deficit continues to grow.

"The only plan Representative Gard may have offered to save the state money is in mileage and per diem by living in Sun Prairie and representing a district 150 miles north. Perhaps the entire legislature can live within 25 miles of the capitol and represent all of Wisconsin honestly."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Oneida Public Transit now has a Toll Free Phone number!
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State/National

Milwaukee SEOTS May news and notes

SEOTS staff

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

ed on 2778 S. 35th Street. Phone - 384-7740.

SEOTS extended office hours

Monday - Wednesday
8-6:30pm
Thursday & Friday
8-4:30pm
Saturday 9-12pm

Oneida language class

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

Saturday,

May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
Time:10-12pm

Craft class

Craft class will continue through May, break for the summer and then pick up in the fall again. Different crafts will be held on through-out the summer on Saturday

mornings. We may even try to do some during the day in the summer. The craft for May has yet to be determined. We will also be working on our quilting squares. Come and join in for crafting, socializing and fun!

Wednesdays,

May 7, 14, 21, & 28th
Time:6:00pm

Women's Day the Oneida Way-Aroma therapy

Ladies if you never pamper yourself now is the time! Come to Seots on Saturday the 17th of May for a relaxing stress free afternoon. Bonnie Stoneman and Patty Archiquette will be coming from Tsyunhehkwa. Tsyunhehkwa has a traditional viewpoint of sustainability. This meant that the creator gives us all that we needed in the natural world. The afternoon will start with a lun-

cheon at noon, followed by a presentation on Aroma therapy and Workshop on blending our own milk bath, natural body powder and learn about traditional stress management. Its going to be a great afternoon. This is an afternoon for ladies that just want to have fun and relax.

Saturday, May 17

Time:12:00-3:00

Cultural heritage class

Class will be on hold until further notice.

Tsyunhehkwa

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

van trip to Oneida.

SEOTS advisory board meetings

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

Tuesday,

Time:6:00pm

Oneida intertribal singers

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

Monday

Time:6:00pm

SEOTS monthly van trip to Oneida

Prescription pick-ups are twice a month. The first Monday of the month (May 5) and the third Wednesday of the month (May 21). The Wednesday pick-up is our regularly scheduled trip that community members are able

to go on. Please call to reserve your seat early.

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

---Important van trip note---
please read

Please note that the monthly van trip to Oneida on the third week of the month for the winter will be contingent on the weather. Now that we are going into the winter months check with the SEOTS office the day before the trip to see if we will still go.

Drum Class

Drum class will not be meeting until further notice.

Oneida Family Literacy recruit efforts

The Oneida Family Literacy Even Start Program is currently recruiting new families to join our NEW Tuesday afternoon Parenting and Family Development Classes. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Oneida Community Education Center located at 2632 S. Packerland Dr. in Green Bay. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Rebecca Gardner or Josephine Lobdell-Jordan at 496-7860 or drop in at the Community Education Center.

The Oneida Family Literacy Even Start Program is looking for someone who has a daycare certification and is interested in contracting out their services to work as a childcare provider for the program. They would need to work on Tuesdays from 1:45 PM to 4:15 PM and 4:45 PM to 7:15 PM and 2 hours on another afternoon and 2 hours in the evening, day to be determined. Anyone interested should contact Josephine Lobdell-Jordan at 496-7860.

Marotta says state won't get more than \$200 million in gaming

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - The state's administration secretary says Wisconsin may receive no more than \$200 million in American Indian gaming revenue in the next two years - \$37 million less than Gov. Jim Doyle proposed in his budget plan.

The projected \$237 million in tribal payments was a key part of Doyle's plan to close Wisconsin's \$3.2 billion budget deficit for the two-year period beginning July 1. Administration Secretary Marc Marotta said Doyle would propose a funding alternative if gaming revenue amounts to only \$200 million.

Marotta said Monday revenue projections have

decreased because the state would take little or no money from five tribes with low-grossing casinos in remote northern Wisconsin locations.

The intent is to allow the Red Cliff, Sokaogon (Mole Lake), Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa bands and the Menominee tribe to reinvest in their casino operations in hopes of eventually paying more to the state. All but the Red Cliff would make some payments.

"What we are trying to do is to strike a balance between getting as much as we can for the state and still allow the tribes to invest in their operations, to hire people and to take care of the challenges

they face on their own reservations," Marotta said.

Sen. Bob Welch, R-Redgranite, said the \$37 million gap is the latest example of an unbalanced budget.

"We've been hearing since this budget came out, 'We're going to have \$237 million. I'm giving away the store. I gave the tribes everything they wanted because we get all this money.' It's been a mantra," Welch, a member of the Joint Finance Committee, said. "Now we find out it's just a lie, that they never had the money lined up, that now they're going to give the tribes even more."

Assembly Speaker John Gard, R-Peshtigo, said the

payment relief Doyle was offering poorer tribes was unfair.

"I think every taxpayer in the state would like to have that deal," he said. "There's a lot of families that would love to be able to take the money that they would pay to the state and invest it in their own family, their own small business, their own farm."

Marotta also blamed the decreased gaming revenue on Republican lawmakers' disapproval of Doyle's compact negotiations.

After the Democratic governor announced compact agreements with the Forest County Potawatomi tribe and the Oneida Nation, lawmakers

passed two bills giving Legislature final approval over compacts. Doyle vetoed them both. Republican lawmakers then challenged Doyle's authority to negotiate compacts in the state Supreme Court.

"What the tribes thought was going to be a goodwill gesture on their part, to really step up, has been met with nothing but resistance from our Republican friends in the Legislature," Marotta said. "The antics have really caused our momentum to slow, and it really hurts our negotiating process."

Welch said the Joint Finance Committee will begin taking action next week on the governor's budget.

"Republicans in the two houses are going to have to sit down pretty soon and decide whether we even have a budget," Gard said. "We have a proposal for something, but it isn't a budget, because a budget has to be balanced, and it clearly isn't."

Census releases detailed undercount, over count

WASHINGTON (AP) - The 2000 census count was least accurate in Indiana and Minnesota and most accurate in New Mexico and Colorado, according to a state-by-state Census Bureau report that concluded the bureau did a good job overall.

States in the Midwest had the highest overcounts, while Texas and California had some of the largest numbers of people missed, along with parts of the mid-Atlantic and rural West. Two other big states, New York and Illinois, had overcounts.

The bureau estimated that it over count North Carolina's population by .15 percent.

Also released Monday were estimates for counties and towns across the country. It's the bureau's follow-up to its announcement last month that it overcounted the country's population by 1.3 million people in 2000 after originally announcing an undercount of 3 million.

The latest estimates will not affect the government's official population count of 281.4 million in 2000.

Nor will it affect how the government distributes at least \$185 billion to the states for social services and programs such as Medicaid, or the redrawing of congressional and local political district boundaries.

Still, census officials say they are releasing the estimates to prove how well it counted U.S. residents in the once-a-decade head count. All but 10 states and the

District of Columbia had overcounts.

Conceivably, the new figures could be used by cities, counties and advocates for minorities in lawsuits arguing that blacks, Hispanics and other groups were underrepresented. "But there are still some troubling issues with the data," said associate census director Preston Jay Waite.

How well the Census Bureau counts the population, and what to do about errors that are uncovered, has been a contentious issue. Congressional Democrats and civil rights leaders maintain the bureau has not ensured that minorities are counted fully.

Critics say the bureau should have used a complicated statistical method called sampling to make up for historic undercounts of minorities.

Opponents of that method, mainly Republicans, have said the latest estimates prove that sampling actually inserts more error into a census they contend is one of the most accurate in history.

National findings released in March showed an overcount of whites, Asians, American Indians on reservations and young children, while many blacks and Hispanics were missed.

The Census Bureau estimates it was most off in Minnesota, where it overcounted the state's population of 4.9 million by 1.7 percent. Indiana was overcounted by

1.6 percent.

Nevada and Montana had the largest percentage of people undercounted, at 0.5 percent.

The bureau guesses it came closest in Colorado, where it

overcounted the state's population of 4.3 million by 331 people, or 0.01 percent. In New Mexico, it undercounted by 321 people, or 0.02 of the state's 1.8 million residents.

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Legislative Review/Letters & Opinions

Letter to the Editor

Native Soldiers

Today, as bombs blasted over Bagdad and as children and families were blown apart, AND as American soldiers of all colors and creeds marched down the road of war ready to give their lives for their country, I listened to a hater called Rush Limbaugh express glee at the destruction. Limbaugh, is the hate-mongering radio commentator who a few years ago called Indians "a bunch of drunks" as they protested the Atlanta Braves baseball team.

Limbaugh spends three hours daily spreading hate and racism on local and national radio stations that seem determined to feed the flames of hate and intolerance throughout Wisconsin and the entire nation. Isn't it any wonder that Indian leaders from throughout our state recently returned to their respective reservations, shocked at the intolerable racism they were exposed to in the State's Capital.

But this article is about war and the soldiers who do the fighting, the suffering, and the dying. Recently, I read of a weary Iraqi soldier who said, "We spend our whole lives living for wars and hiding from bombs." I know nothing else about this weary soldier. Maybe he's dead now. Maybe my relative killed him and I'd rather have him die than my relative, that's for sure. But, I also feel bad for those Iraqi soldiers, who most likely never realized why they've been fighting and dying for so long. And for what and for whom?

Iraq is one of the richest oil countries in the world, yet 60 percent of their population live in extreme poverty. Almost all of them live in fear for their lives while an elite

class lives in palaces and kills anyone who dares to speak their mind, or dares to print the truth, or for women specifically, those who dare express any emotions at all.

But America is not all that innocent either. Who are the soldiers marching towards Bagdad? Who are the soldiers who soon may be marching on to Iran, to Syria, and on to North Korea? Who are the soldiers whose bodies will be burned on the battlefield if biological warfare should break out? And who will they be fighting for? The racists in Madison? Or will they be fighting and sacrificing for the intolerant hate mongers who spread their hate on hate radio and the growing millions of Americans who worship them?

Surely, it's not President Bush's children out there in the desert. Limbaugh's either. So far it looks that this war, and the wars to follow, will be fought by the same class of Americans who fought and died in Vietnam some quarter of a century ago, tens of thousands of young working class and poor Americans who couldn't afford college and didn't have the political connections to get out of the fighting, like G.W. Bush.

The strange thing is, thus far, I support this war. If Bush is telling the truth, the dictator and madman in Bagdad has to be stopped. But, with graduation coming, I don't want to see our Oneida children die for a country that is increasingly growing hateful towards Indian people. But to those who decide to go, and our heroes who are already there, heroes like Travis Smith, Paul Stevens and Yuma House, I know the love and the prayers of all Oneida people will be with them.

Ed Delgado

BC Briefing...

Business Committee

The Business Committee continues to negotiate the gaming compact with the State of Wisconsin. The approval of the Potawatomi compact by the Department of Interior is very encouraging. We are hoping for a signed compact very soon. For the most up-to-date information, please attend the Gaming Compact Community Meeting which is held every Wednesday at noon in the BCCR until the compact is signed.

Improving communication continues to be a goal of the Business Committee. In order to meet this goal, we have been holding retreats to work collaboratively with different areas of the Nation. So far, meetings have been held amongst the Trust Committee and the Finance Committee.

The planning phase of the Fiscal Year 2004 budget process has begun. We are working to meet an August 8, 2003 deadline for GTC approval.

Legislative Operating Committee

As the LOC nears the end of their first session, priority has been placed on the Oneida Gaming Ordinance; Oneida Constitution; Administrative Procedures Act; and the Alcohol Regulation, Control and License Law Amendments. The LOC is currently working on drafting the

Constitution and reviewing drafts of the Gaming Ordinance and Administrative Procedures Act. The amendments to the Alcohol Regulation, Control and License Law have been forwarded for a public hearing on May 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the BCCR.

Individual Office

On April 22, the Oneida Business Committee will be hosting a listening session on the Venture Fund. The purpose is for the Business Committee to engage in a constructive discussion with the community and to gather input. The Oneida Nation established the Venture Fund as a line item in the Tribe's annual budget. The fund is used to provide capital to develop business opportunities. The goal of the Venture Fund is to aid in the diversification of the tribe's economy and to increase the long term revenue contributions to the general fund. The Venture Fund will also be used for investment projects and Government-to-Government opportunities.

Oneida's economy is based primarily in Oneida Bingo & Casino and Oneida Retail. As we know from our recent compact negotiations, our economic future is subject to political forces out-



Councilwoman
Trish King

side the control of the Oneida Nation. This leaves Oneida's Reservation economic base vulnerable to actions of the State. The goal of diversification is to ensure the financial well being of the Nation.

The listening session will include a brief overview of the Venture Fund Process. The Oneida Tribe receives numerous proposals offering various business opportunities. These proposals are directed through the General Manager's office to the Development Division for evaluation, which includes examining the proposals' strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) and other information such as the market, financial feasibility and capital estimates. If the project meets the necessary criteria and is approved it moves into the second phase of the approval process.

The second phase of the approval process includes completing the due diligence. The due diligence process is an investigation of all factors that may affect the venture's economic performance. These factors include identifying and quantifying risks, assessing the proposals soundness, confirming assumptions and

verifying all essential information. If the project is viable, the Finance committee will have a business analysis completed and provide a recommendation. This final phase ends with a completed comprehensive business plan.

The Business Development Department will be updating their targeted industry analysis in order to seek business opportunities in the area. The purpose of a targeted industry analysis is to select business opportunities that minimize risk and satisfy the goals of diversification.

By streamlining projects through the new process and revisiting the targeted industry analysis we hope to move the Oneida community in the direction of developing a viable self-sustaining economy into the future.

Community

My thoughts and prayers go out to the soldiers that are fighting overseas as well as their families who are anxiously awaiting their safe return home. I send my deepest sympathy to the children, family, and friends of Lori Piestewa. This has been a difficult loss felt throughout all of Indian Country. I can only pray that the outpouring of support and donations will help relieve some of the pain knowing that Lori has captured the hearts of this country. She is a true hero.



Councilman
Paul Ninham

Life as a councilman for the Oneida Nation continues to be challenging and an honor. I had the honor of standing shoulder to shoulder with some of the most successful leaders of our nation at the National Indian Gaming Association annual meeting in Phoenix. At a reception to support Ernie Stevens Jr. for re-election to the Chairman's seat of the National Indian Gaming Association, I was proud to introduce retired Chairmen, Purcell Powless, Rick Hill

and Gerald Danforth who represent more than 50 years of great leadership of the Oneida Nation. Once again Oneida representative, Ernie Stevens Jr. will serve as Chairman of NIGA for another term. He ran unopposed and was elected by unanimous consent. The Oneida Nation should be proud to have established leadership positions on a national level.

It was good to see all my Oneida brothers and sisters from all over the country converging in Phoenix for the NIGA annual convention. I had the pleasure of meeting Oneida people who live in Phoenix, California, New Mexico, and of course Wisconsin.

The Oneida Business Committee has also had the opportunity to enjoy recognition of our citizens in other arenas. Congratulations are deserving of the commendable achievement of Sharon Mousseau, our Oneida Nation School Administrator who has been named

"Educator of the Year" by the Wisconsin Indian Education Association. This is an honor bestowed upon Ms. Mousseau for her accomplishments and dedication to providing our children with quality education and opportunities for future educational development.

On yet another note of congratulations, Lori Webster was named "Outstanding Parent of the Year" by the Wisconsin Education Association. Lori has served as an outstanding role model for parents throughout our community. She is active in meetings, fund-raising activities and helping in the community as a volunteer.

And last, but certainly not least, the Oneida Nation School System was selected as a recipient for the Department of Interior's award of merit for performance and outstanding service to the values of occupational health and safety. The Oneida school system has demonstrated genuine con-

cern for the welfare and safety of the students and staff in securing a safe and stable environment. This award was accepted on behalf of the school system by Safety Director, Dan King in Phoenix, AZ on April 1.

In closing, I wish to also pay respect and offer prayers of support for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces throughout the world. We enjoy the success and accomplishments of our nation, because of the men and women who defend our right to exercise our sovereignty as the Oneida Nation. It was a very heartbreaking experience while in Phoenix, the world was informed that PFC Lori Piestewa was killed in action in the war in Iraq. On behalf of myself and my wife Jill, we will pray for the family and for the nation to honor the memory and sacrifice of a great woman warrior who gave her life for the freedom of her country and her children. Peace to the family of PFC Lori Piestewa, Hopi Nation.



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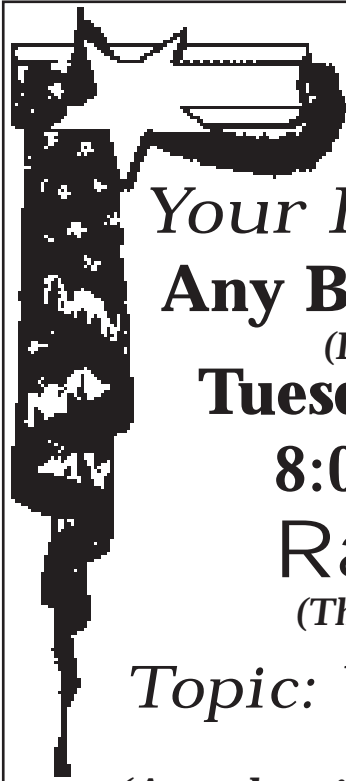
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The time has come to look to the future of our Nation, and let the world know how we will remember those who served!

Sports

Weather dampens spring sport season

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The weather has impacted all of the Oneida Nation High School spring sports schedules, but it has yet to hamper the enthusiasm and spirit of the coaches and players.

Baseball

Baseball coach Gary Lancelle can barely contain his giddiness as he talks about the upcoming season.

"We are going to be a lot better than last year," he said. "The kids are serious about getting better and I feel real confident that we will have a good year."

The confidence is well earned as the team returns numerous players from last year's team. Last year the team was competitive, but wasn't able to garner a victory in four tries. The returning players are pitcher Lee Laster, Marlon Skenandore, Cody Peters, Josh House, Marvin Spruce, Thomas House, Julio Flores and Loli Hill. Lancelle looks to these players to provide leadership and experience to the newcomers. The top newcomers for the team include Presley King, Jermaine Delgado, Isaiah Smith, Tony Stevens and Little Bear Skenandore. The newcomers will be expected to contribute to the team from the start as the team only has about 15 players.

This season the team will face stiffer competition in the schedule playing the likes of Oshkosh Lourdes, Gresham, Crivitz and Marinette Catholic Central. The Thunderhawks have a total of eight games this season and Lancelle has set a lofty goal

of winning half of them.

"The only way we are going to get better is if we play better competition," Lancelle said.

Lancelle is in his third season as baseball coach and is assisted by Mark Ninham and Brandon Metoxen. Their first game is next Thursday, April 24 at Crivitz.

Track

The track team is hoping to jump to new heights and distances this season. This year marks the largest team assembled by Oneida Nation High School and it looks to be a promising year. Coach Thom Burke looks to his more experienced runners and jumpers to show leadership and dedication to the younger athletes.

Burke is hoping Katrina Red Hail will break her own school record in the long jump event this season.

"She set that mark last year and we will be working to break it again this upcoming season," Burke said.

Burke also has high hopes for Coleman Reed in the shot put.

"He definitely has a chance to break the record," Burke said.

The team is working hard and the season outlook is looking positive. Burke said he wants one of his athletes to advance to the state sectionals this year. Qualifying for sectionals would be a school first and Burke thinks the team has the athletes that can do it as long as they work hard and stay true to the sport.

In all there are 8 athletes competing.

Burke is in his sixth year coaching the track team and is

assisted by Becky Anderson.

Golf

The golf team this year may struggle due to the numbers game. With the rise and optimism of the baseball team this spring many golfers have decided to give baseball a shot and not participate in the school's golf program. Due to the numbers crunch the school is allowing students to participate in two spring sports if they choose to do so.

One golfer who is concentrating on golf exclusively is

Jermaine Webster. Last year Webster qualified for sectionals in the state tournament. This year coach Lance Kelley has the same hopes for Webster and also believes he may be able to advance to the state level.

"He was real solid for us last year, and we are looking for him to build on his success from last year and carry the load this year," Kelley said.

Latsi Hill is also returning from last year and Kelley wants him to become a little

more consistent this year.

"He really improved from day one to the end of the season last year and hopefully he and the other team members will do the same this year," Kelley said.

Other team members are Presley King, Jameson Wilson, Jonathon House and Scott Link. King and Wilson both participate in other spring sports.

The team has 13 meets this season with the first one next Thursday, April 24 at Crivitz.



Photos by Phil Wisneski

Above Right: Thomas House throws to home plate in a drill at a recent practice for the Oneida Thunderhawks. Oneida returns eight players from last year's team and there is plenty of optimism for a successful season. Their first game is next Thursday, April 24 at Crivitz. Above: Eddie Metoxen tries to clear the high jump bar at a recent practice, while track coach Thom Burke looks on. The track team has eight participants this year and hopes to advance someone to sectionals this year.

Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball

April 28 (Home)
Oshkosh Lourdes
3:30 pm

May 2 (Away)
Gresham
4:30 pm

May 5 (Home)
Stockbridge
4:00 pm

Track

May 1 (Bowler Triangular)
Bowler
4:00 pm

May 2 (Crivitz Invite)
Crivitz
4:00 pm

May 9 (Peshtigo Invite)
Peshtigo
4:00 pm

Golf

April 22 - Hilbert
@ High Cliff
3:30 pm

April 24 - Crivitz Inv.
@ Hunter's Glen
TBA

April 26 - Seymour Inv.
@ Crystal Springs
8:00 am

Thank You

We would like to thank all the bowlers that came to the Bill Danforth 17th Annual Bowling Tournament that was held on March 22, 2003.

We especially want to thank the following who donated items or supported us, which helped make this occasion a wonderful time:

Joe Webster of Webster Industrial, Ron Sommers for the Oneida Bingo & Casino prizes, Beavers, Fleets, Radisson Inn, Bear Paw, Mr. Golf, Fry Bread Heaven, Mark of Western Lanes, Ashwaubenon Lanes, Diana & Roy Denny, Ronald John, Uncle Cliff, Aunt Betty, Aunt Marilyn, Romy Doxtator, Larry Schuyler and Joe King.

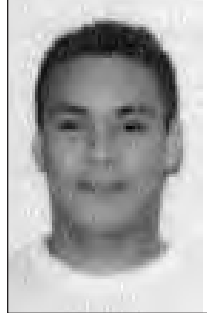
All the door prizes were greatly appreciated. We hope to see you all next year!

Thank you,
Bill Danforth Family

Family Fitness April Members of the Month

Brandon Waupekenay

Brandon has been a member of the Oneida Family Fitness for three years. He was motivated to



begin an exercise program by following Bruce Lee's philosophy of "being able to move when you want to move. When you think 'move', you are moving!" By utilizing this philosophy, Brandon now feels good about himself because he has kept his body slim and improved his health.

Standing in Brandon's way of achieving his goals, however, was a sprained ACL in his knee. Now that his knee is better, he performs weight training, cardiovascular exercise and aquatic exercise to stay in shape. By continuing to set goals for himself, Brandon keeps the ambition going to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Brandon enjoys working out at Oneida Family Fitness because of the great atmosphere friendly staff and cleanliness of the facility. Besides exercise, Brandon sleeps and eats.

Last of all, Brandon's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this, "You only have twenty-four hours in a day. You can choose to lay around during them or do something to make the next twenty-four hours of your life better."

Ruth Mostek

Ruth has been a member of the Oneida Family Fitness for six and a half years. She first started and



exercise program many years ago because her doctor instructed her to do so. Her biggest obstacle to begin and continue with an exercise program was to exercise on a regular basis. However, Ruth overcame this obstacle and made exercise a regular part of her life. Because of this, she lost weight and improved her overall health.

For her exercise program, Ruth enjoys participating in a variety of classes. She participates in Yoga, water exercise classes, low intensity step classes and elder strength training to name a few. Thanks to the variety of classes, Ruth has increased her overall strength, flexibility and energy.

Ruth enjoys exercising at Oneida Family Fitness because the staff is friendly and always helps her when she needs assistance. Besides exercising, she enjoys crafts, going up north to her trailer, dancing and spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Finally, Ruth's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this, "I would tell them, why don't you join a health club. I love it very much."



"OPERATION ONEIDA CARES"



Arizona governor draws criticism for trying to rename peak after Piestewa

PHOENIX (AP) — Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano drew criticism Monday from some Republican lawmakers after asking a state board to rename a mountain peak to honor an American Indian woman killed in the war with Iraq.

Some Republican lawmakers said Napolitano was "politicizing" the death of Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa, a Hopi Tribe member from Tuba City who was killed in Iraq last month. Many American Indians find the name of Phoenix's Squaw Peak offensive and have tried for years to rename it.

"It seemed to me (an opportunity) to make lemonade out of a lemon," said Napolitano, who considers the name an embarrassment.

Republican state Rep. John Allen said Napolitano inappropriately merged renaming the peak with honoring Piestewa. The state should deal with the issues separately and honor all Arizonans who died in the war, he said.

"They have taken an individual who has done a great service for their country and tried to use that person posthumously to get a political end they couldn't get themselves," Allen said. "That's wrong."

Even though the chairman of the Arizona Geographic and Historic Names Board has threatened to block her plan, Napolitano said she will continue to push the name change.

Critics claim "squaw" is derived from an Indian word for female genitalia, although some linguists disagree.

Call to duty separates soldier from wife, upcoming birth of firstborn

Staff Sergeant Marty Antone departs for Kuwait; wife Bana 8 1/2 months pregnant

By Keith Skenandore
Kalhwisaks

The first baby of Marty and Bana Antone is expected to be born on May 11 without complications, according to their doctor. Unfortunately for the Antonese, their doctor didn't anticipate the complications of war in Iraq.

When little Dorian James Antone is expected to arrive on May 11, his proud father will not be at the hospital in Green Bay. Instead, Marty Antone and the 432nd Civil Affairs unit were deployed last weekend to Kuwait and will eventually be based in Iraq in the rebuilding efforts of the torn city and their infrastructure. Marty is expected to be in Iraq for at least a year, possibly two.

A commitment to to serve your country can be difficult when it interferes with a commitment to family.

Marty Antone is certainly not the first and more than likely, will not be the last to experience such a difficult decision.

A call to duty for his country has separated this dedicated soldier from his wife Bana and the upcoming birth of their firstborn son.

Bana, who is eight and a half months along in her pregnancy, said the news of a baby was unexpected, but exciting to say the least. What wasn't exciting was the escalation of the war and Marty having to leave home.

"We had to get ready for everything," said Bana. "Marty was busy with everything."

Marty first left Green Bay back on March 1 to be stationed in North Carolina.

"It was very hard to see him go," she said. "Everybody was emotional."

While in North Carolina, Bana and Marty were able to stay in communication with each other via his cell phone. She spoke to him last Thursday, April 10, and she said Marty wanted to make sure that "the baby and Mom are healthy."

"He seemed pretty calm but he was worried about me and the baby. He was a little nervous."

They both eventually knew that he would go to Kuwait, and when he was deployed last weekend, Bana and Marty's communication link was broken. She said there contact with each other now relies on the mail.

Marty had hoped to be home for the birth of their son, but according to the Red Cross, he could only come home if there were complications during the delivery.

"We will be going through the most exciting time of our life and it will be difficult not having him here," said Bana.

"He won't be able to look at the baby and hug him.



Photos courtesy of Regina Woods
Marty and Bana Antone, above, share a good-bye as he prepares to depart for North Carolina back on March 1. Antone later departed for Kuwait on April 12. At right, the Antonese share a happier moment together. The war in Iraq has separated the couple as Bana prepares to deliver their first child, a son, on May 11.



That's hard."

With a newborn comes additional responsibilities. Responsibilities Bana says she is ready to handle. She currently works at a local TJ Maxx department store, but says after April 29, her days of working are over.

She said it would have been too difficult for the baby, already minus one parent, to deal with her returning to work and going off to a sitter almost every day. Being their first child, she feels the need to be there with their son as he begins to grow.

"The baby will be growing up and Marty will not be around to see his smiles and hear him cry."

Dorian James Antone will be able to hear his father's voice as Marty plans on sending recorded messages back home for Bana to play for him. Bana knows that will be good for their son, but it does-

n't replace the absence of his father.

"We plan on exchanging lots of tapes and photos," said Bana.

Bana can't wait for the day her husband comes home and is able to hold his son for the first time. A time, she said, is going to be a transition as Dorian is physically introduced to his father.

"It's going to be difficult," said Bana.

Difficult transitions are not new to Bana and her family. She was born and raised in Kucova, Albania. She lived there 16 years until her family moved to Greece where they lived three years. It was through immigration that Bana and her family were able to move to Massachusetts.

Bana lived in Massachusetts two years, and it was during that time she

met Marty while hiking in her home state. After a year and a half of dating, they married last Sept. 14.

From Albania, to Greece, to the United States, says Bana, those transition periods will help her deal with Marty being gone.

"It was different coming here," she said. "It was a different society."

The immigration to the United States, she says, was somewhat of a lonely time not knowing anyone. But now she can rely on many friends to help with the pregnancy and Marty's departure.

"I am alone without him not being here," she said, "but I have a lot of friends to rely on."

Bana's parents will be here the first couple of weeks following the birth, then she says her friends will take over.

"I appreciate all the help," she said.



Daughter of...
Debra and Kenmit Valentino



PFC Valentino, Cassandra R.
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UIC 44900
FPO AP 96613-4900

Cassandra, 20, is in Bahrain, with the Marcent Command Center. She is a Small Computer System Specialist and Tactical Data Network Operator.

PFC Cassandra Valentino



Son of...
The Late Darlene Antone



Staff Sergeant Martin Antone
432nd Civil Affairs, BN
Arifjan, Kuwait
APO AE 09366

Marty is in Special Operations and will be heading to Iraq to assist in patrol, supply of food and clothes, and rebuilding Iraq and their infrastructure.

SGT Nicholas H. Plitz



Brother of...
James T. Denny, Sr.



Sgt. Denny, Jeff D.
2nd Trans/4th Platoon
68 CSB
Camp Arif Jan
APO AE 09366

Jeff is currently stationed in Kuwait. He served in the Persian Gulf War in 1991 with the 101st Airborne Division.

Sgt. Jeff D. Denny



Son of...
Marlene (Minnie) Garvey



Ryan Korth
5867 Ocean View Boulevard
Bermington, WA 98311

Ryan, 23, has been in the Navy for approximately 3 1/2 years. He is a submariner serving on the USS Alaska SSBN 732.

Ryan Korth

OPD, past and present, receive best badge awards

By Keith Skenandore
Kalihwisaks

Newly elected Outagamie County District Attorney Carrie Schneider didn't miss a beat when it came to carrying out the offices 4th annual "Best Badge Awards."

In doing so, Schneider and her staff selected Oneida Police Officer Matt Ninham for outstanding work as an officer including community involvement, and newly retired Oneida Police Chief James Danforth for the career service award.

Former District Attorney Vince Biskupic began the awards three years ago, and Schneider felt it was important to continue the recognition.

"It's important to recognize officers and other parties in our criminal justice system who do outstanding work," said Schneider. "They are never given a thank you, so it was important to give them a night out where we can reflect back."

The DA's office received nominations from surrounding agencies in the county, but when it came to the career

service award, Schneider took it upon herself to nominate former Chief Danforth.

Schneider said in selecting the career service award recipient, her staff looks at someone who has given much of their life and dedicated that to serving their people while protecting their citizens.

"Chief Danforth was an example of that," she said. "On top of that, he was instrumental in creating and forming the Oneida Police Department.

"That in itself is deserving of recognition."

Schneider said the recipient of the career service awards are sometimes notified prior to the banquet, but in this case, Danforth wasn't.

"They definitely caught me by surprise," said Danforth.

He said he was coned into attending the award ceremony on behalf of Officer Matt Ninham and the department. He was informed that interim Chief of Police Greg Powless and Lt. Ron King could not attend.

"I was asked to be there for Matt and the department," he said.

Danforth said he was at a loss for words, and that he had mixed emotions as he stood at the podium receiving a standing ovation.

"It's an honor receiving this award from the Outagamie County District Attorney's office," said Danforth. He said the award was an accomplishment for the Oneida tribal law enforcement agency and that it was deserving.

"This is not an individual award," said Danforth. "Through the efforts of the county, the DA's office, surrounding law enforcement communities and efforts of the tribe we were able to accomplish what other counties haven't been able to.

"This is a team effort and it's a reflection on everybody involved, especially the Oneida law enforcement people I had the pleasure of working with."

Assistant District Attorney Rob Sager recognized Officer Ninham for the work he does in his respective community.

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Best Badge Awards

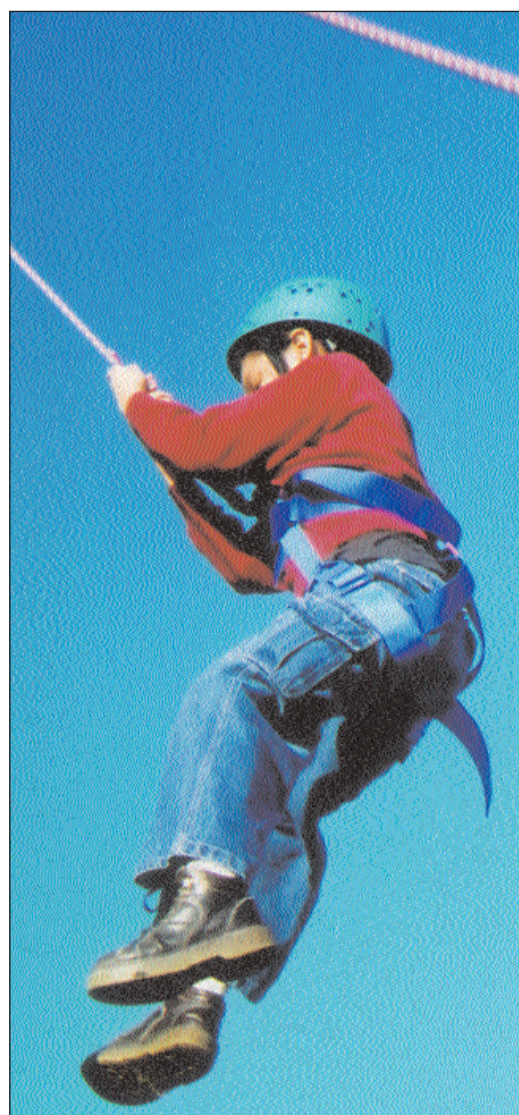


Photos by Keith Skenandore
James Danforth, above, former Oneida chief of police, fights back tears as he receives a standing ovation for his Career Service award by the Outagamie County District Attorney's annual "Best Badge Awards." At right, Oneida Police Officer Matt Ninham, right, prepares to accept his award for his work with the Oneida youth and recognition of assistance during the death of two Hobart police officers.



What goes up must come down

Photos by Yvonne Kaquatosh
9 year old Phillip Starr was up for the challenge to climb the Roaming Stone at the annual Spring Fling last Thursday at the Turtle School. Kip, who works in the area of Experiential Education, assisted participants at the rock climbing area of the health fair. Tara Anderson, Public Health Educator for the past 4 years, said the 'Spring Fling' was a kickoff celebration of National Public Health Education Week. A variety of local health care representatives were set up in the school gymnasium which was held "to increase access to services in the community," as well as for "anyone who works at living a healthy lifestyle," said Tara. This was Tara's last 'Fling' as it were. She has accepted a PR position at Aurora. "It's a great stepping stone," she added. Please see related story on page 4B.



Peter Cottontail hops down the library trail

The Easter Bunny was in town April 14 in conjunction with a Pancake and Porky Supper at Three Sisters.

Approximately 75 children were in attendance - with two of the youngest being only 5 months old.

Isabel Parker, Community Coordinator/Library Director, expressed appreciation to the volunteers who helped in the kitchen and of course, the Easter Bunny for bringing along the beautiful weather.

The Easter Bunny gave candy bags to all the children and posed for photos with individual families after the supper.



A coloring contest was held as well. First place honors went to Felicia Thomas while Angela Polanco was the runner up. Both girls received a large Easter basket.

The event was sponsored by the Oneida Housing Authority.



Photo courtesy of Isabelle Parker
5-month old babies (l to r), Landon Pamanet and Vashautai Smith sat on the Easter Bunnies lap at the event. Their parents are Jill Jordan and Terry Pamanet and Tara Adams and Latakeh Smith.

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From Page 1/Best badge awards received by OPD past and present

"A lot of things he has accomplished are things he has done outside of his job," said Sager. "But there are things he does as a police officer and he is recognized as a police officer when he does those things."

Sager noted Ninham's work with the "Shop with a Cop" program, specialized training in street survival and the dark side of the Internet, and assisting other officers in dealing with stress.

Ninham said a future youth event is a bike rodeo sponsored by the Oneida and Hobart Police Departments set for May 17 at Hillcrest Elementary School.

Recognition of Ninham's work with the Hobart Police Department during the loss of their two fellow officers, Stephanie Markins and Robert Etters, received high praise by Sager.

Sager said Ninham spent time counseling the families and officers who worked with the two slain officers, and his efforts were not only recognized by his own department, but by the Hobart Police Department and the Brown County District Attorney's office.

"They (Brown County DA's office) commended Officer Ninham for his standing by the families of the fallen officers way beyond what he had to do," said Sager. "It became apparent to them what he was doing was out of the goodness of his heart."

Ninham said during the trial that the mother of Stephanie Markins was informed by him about the autopsy report and that it was going to be very detailed. Markin's mother said she wanted to know if her daughter suffered but wasn't sure if she wanted to hear the autopsy report. It was during the autopsy report that Ninham and Markin's mother stepped outside the courtroom and had their own conversation.

"That's something that I don't normally do," said Ninham.

What evolved from that conversation is a friendship.

"I told her what we (Ninham and Officer Denny) did for Stephanie in detail," said Ninham. "Her mind was

at peace.

"I needed to do that and she needed to hear it. It bought closure for both of us."

As for his work with the youth, Ninham says they will be our future leaders so he prefers to be a good role model for them.

"They are the tomorrow," he said. "I like getting in touch with them, and I have a good rapport with them."

"It's nice to have that contact and that relationship in their life."

Like former Chief Danforth, Ninham was surprised by his recognition.

"I was in awe of receiving the award," he said. I couldn't believe I was getting an award so early in my career."

Ninham, 27, has served two years on the tribe's police force. A force he says who has supported him.

"Even though I'm being recognized for my actions, there are a lot of reasons that other people support me," he said.

"This award is representative of the whole department. Their support helps me become a better officer and a

better person."

Danforth said it is actions like Ninham's that deserves recognition.

"It was good to see a young officer that has taken the initiative to get involved and wanting to make a difference," said Danforth.

"It's not everyday you find an officer willing to go beyond what is required to do."

Danforth says an award for any officer of the Oneida Police Department does a lot of good for the entire force.

"People outside the community, both tribal and non-tribal, recognize that sincerity in giving back to the community."

Schneider said Ninham was nominated by interim Chief of Police Greg Powless.

She said the nominations are reviewed by the DA staff, and that they make the decisions as to who will receive a "Best Badge Award."

As for Matt, Schneider said Ninham is an officer who is involved in the lives of the youth in the community.

"He's a perfect example of that," she said.

OCIFS finding time to care about you

By the OCIFS Coordinator

The Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS) Members would like you to become more involved with Oneida agriculture and our food systems. There are numerous opportunities throughout the year for you to get involved with the OCIFS projects. For more details please look for the OCIFS Newsletter due to come out in July 2003.

The Oneida Food Distribution Program is always looking for volunteers to assist at the pantry, and various fund raising events. The Apple Orchard has many opportunities for the community and especially the youth to learn and participate in harvesting assorted fruits, and Tsyunhe'hkw^ has so many workshops, classes and harvesting opportunities that they are too numerous to list here. All the OCIFS members are concerned about the health, education and welfare of the community members.

The OCIFS members real-

ize the need to once again get our youth involved in agriculture. That is why they support the Falling Leaves 4-H club and the projects that they do. OCIFS has made it possible for the 4-H youth to plan on planting Colorado Blue Spruce seedlings on Saturday, April 26th. They want the youth to be able to look at their 'forest' as they grow up to become adults, and to help encourage young people that a little effort goes a long way to achieving success.

Also coming soon, a community fund raising booth right outside Tower Foods grocery store. We are anticipating this to be completed by the end of April, and will be

looking for youth to get involved with the finish decorative painting of the booth. For more information about this please contact Bill VerVoort at 869-4530.

For additional information regarding the OCIFS programs, please contact the appropriate person listed: Oneida Food Distribution / Food Pantry - Ms. Nori Damrow at 869-104; Oneida Nation Farms/Apple Orchard - Ms. Pat Cornelius at 833-7952; Oneida Tsyunhe'hkw^ Center - Mr. Jeff Metoxen at 869-2141; Oneida Grants Office - Ms. Frieda Clary at 869-4263; Oneida Health Center - Ms. Jane Powless at 869-4912.

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• Bakery from Doepker's of Seymour
• Video Rentals
• Diabetic foods
• Full line grocery
• Dairy-Frozen-Produce Depts.

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1/2 gal.
2/\$5.00 w/Member Card

Flavorite Hamburger Pickles
16 oz.
2/\$1.00 w/Member Card

SENIOR CITIZENS!
(62 years or older)
It's 5% Discount Day Every Wednesday!
We'll also have snacks for Senior's in our Public Lounge on Wednesdays!

Morning Glory Orange Juice
64 oz. Bottle
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24 oz. can
2/89¢ w/Member Card

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2 Liter Bottles
89¢ w/Member Card

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2/\$4.00 w/Member Card

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\$1.09 w/Member Card

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Please watch in the mail for your \$10 coupon to be used the week of April 28th-May 4th
Coming Soon... at TOWER FOODS Brat Fry Stand!
We need non-profit organizations to sign up to sell brats to raise money for your organization. If interested, please contact Tower Foods at 869-1969

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Education

Scholarships Available

Tylenol Scholarships

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

Summer of Academic Refinement

Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah is presenting a college-preparation program through their Multicultural Student Services office. The program is known as SOAR, which stands for Summer of Academic Refinement. Multicultural high school juniors (Native American, Latin, African American, Polynesian or Asian) are invited to participate in this one-week college preparation experience. Students will participate in ACT test preparation and examination, advisement on BYU majors, personal career assessment, leadership training and more. The participation fee is \$200, need-based scholarships are available. Summer 2003 dates are June 23-28, July 7-

12 and July 14-19. For more information contact Ann Marie Lambert at 801-422-3065, Email to MSS@BYU.EDU or on the web go to <http://campuslife.byu.edu/ms/s/soar>. **Registration deadline is June 2, 2003.**

TRIBES

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

College of Menominee Nation

Oneida site grand opening scheduled

Keshena, WI – College of Menominee Nation cordially invites the public to a grand opening ceremony and open house to celebrate the opening of its Green Bay auxiliary campus site.

The Green Bay Site, located at 2667 West Mason Street, opened in January 2003 as an auxiliary site for College of Menominee Nation. Since 1993, the college has provided higher education opportunities to American Indian communities and non-Indian communities in Northeast Wisconsin. In its first decade, College of Menominee Nation has grown from a student enrollment of 47, attending classes in a high school classroom, to 554 students attending classes on the main campus in Keshena and two auxiliary sites (Green Bay and Bowler). An additional educational outreach project is located in Crandon.

College of Menominee Nation is an accredited institution of higher learning currently offering the Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees and the Associate of Applied Science degree. Articulation agreements with six colleges provide opportunities for students to transfer to complete a baccalaureate degree. Currently, 14 classes are provided in Green Bay with an additional 6 planned for Fall 2003. Articulation agreement schools include: University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin - Madison, University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and the Bellin School of Nursing.

Visitors to the grand opening celebration and open house will meet college administrators, community leaders, faculty and staff. Refreshments will be provided.

Open Invitation to the Public

April 24, 2003

Grand Opening Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Family Night – Student and Family Activities
6:00 – 8:00 pm

April 25, 2003

Open House, Recruitment, Advising
10:00 am–3:00 pm

Location: College of Menominee–Green Bay Site
2667 W. Mason Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

Contact: Cynde Hill, Green Bay Site Coordinator
920-965-0070

Career Week events scheduled at ONHS

Career Week events are scheduled for ONHS students throughout the week of April 21-25, 2003. Students will be touring Kimberly Clark Paper Mill on Monday, 4-21-03 as part of Career Week Festivities at Oneida Nation

High School.

Students have requested to hear guest speakers from the following career fields during this week: Writers and Journalists; Police Persons, Detectives, and Security Personnel; Registered Nurses;

Clothing and Fashion Design; Cosmetology; Computer Programming; Chefs, Cooks, and Restaurant Management; Carpenters and Building Construction Trades; Auto Technician and Auto Collision Repair & Refinish

Technology; and other career fields that students are currently requesting guest speakers from. We want to give the students the opportunity to select the career fields they want to hear about and not what we want them to hear about. We had great Career Week Speakers and presentations last year and we are looking forward to this year's Career Week Events at our high school.

Students Connect To Careers

Oneida - The final touches are being put on the career week activities scheduled for April 21-25, 2003. This year, the theme is: "Career Connections." Throughout the week, students will be treated to a variety of presentations including: police and fire protection, wild life conservation and preservation, computer technology, dog training, nursing, veterinary science,

dentistry, careers in the fine arts, counseling, teaching, tribal government, and social work.

"Career week has 3 purposes," said Fred Sanderson, member of the career week planning committee. "First, to give students the opportunity of learning about the variety of careers available to them in the world of work.

Second, To provide students with information on

what skills and characteristics are necessary to function successfully in specific careers.

Third, to show students that their friends and relatives (Native Americans) are already working in a variety of careers, and they can do likewise.

Career week is a valuable and practical educational experience linking education and vocational exploration," Sanderson said.

Call
1-920-869-4280
or
1-800-236-2214
for information
pertaining to the
Kalilwisaks

Attention All Graduating 2003 High School Seniors

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

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

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

DEADLINE to submit photos: Friday, May 9, 2003

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

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

Democrats: Federal budget leaves Wisconsin education underfunded

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - The recently approved federal budget underfunds President Bush's plan to overhaul education by \$250 million in Wisconsin over the next five years, Democrats said Tuesday in expressing their concerns the spending plan will further damage the state's already weak economy.

The plan also would continue to leave federal funding for special education well short of the 40 percent it is supposed to provide, adding another burden to Wisconsin's strapped budget, said U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wis.

The lack of federal funding means the state and local schools must make up the money for special education and the federal No Child Left Behind program that includes standardized testing and other measures, Kind said.

"If the federal government doesn't step up and partner

with the state, then the burden comes back home," Kind said. "It's not right, and it's not fair to do to a state like Wisconsin."

Wisconsin faces a \$3.2 billion deficit through mid-2005.

Congress approved a record \$2.27 trillion federal budget Friday. The budget puts in place a nonbinding outline that lawmakers will use to write tax and spending policy.

State Sen. Joe Leibham, R-Sheboygan, said Democrats were missing the point of Bush's budget - stimulating the economy. The president had proposed \$726 billion in tax cuts to jump-start a sluggish economy, but Bush said Tuesday he would accept a more modest plan to cut taxes \$550 billion over 10 years to stimulate growth and encourage companies to hire new workers.

"First and foremost, that's what our federal government and state government has to be focused on at this time, and that's to provide jobs that individuals can provide for their families and support themselves," Leibham said.

Kind used figures from the U.S. Department of Education and the

Congressional Research Service, a reference bureau for lawmakers.

The federal government is supposed to provide 40 percent of the costs for special education but has never come close, according to the state Department of Public Instruction.

For the current school year, the federal government is providing roughly 16 percent of the costs. Though the budget Congress approved would leave Wisconsin \$218 million short of the 40 percent mark, the budget would still increase slightly the percentage of special education the federal government would pay for in the upcoming school year, DPI said.

Gov. Jim Doyle, who joined Kind and U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., at a news conference, said it is still unclear how the federal budget would affect Wisconsin's finances in other areas like homeland security and prescription drugs.

"We knew enough putting this budget together that we weren't budgeting on the hopes that we were going to get more money there, but, boy, it would be helpful," Doyle said.

ACADEMIC ADVISING COORDINATOR

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

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ONEIDA HEAD START

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR.

CHILDREN MUST BE 3 OR 4 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2003.

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- USDA APPROVED MEALS
- ONEIDA LANGUAGE
- PARENT EDUCATION
- TRANSPORTATION(FOR THOSE ON ROUTE)
- FAMILY FUN NIGHT

HEAD START GOAL:

TO LOCATE AND SERVE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

Your Health

Annual TV-Turnoff Week is April 21-27

By Dawn Krines Glatt
Health Promotions

This year's TV-Turnoff Week celebration is April 21-27. This event's purpose is to raise public awareness of the problems of excessive TV time. The National Educational Association and American Medical Association are among the 70 supporting national organizations and some seven million people will participate this year. Challenge yourself and your family to turn off the TV. Read on to find out why and how.

Let's take a look at the facts. The average child watches 28 hours of TV a week. That's an average of four hours everyday! Most of this time watching TV is spent alone or with a friend - without parents' supervision

Introducing...

Dental Early Childhood Caries Prevention Clinic

S. Burrell, DDS
Oneida Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic is pleased to announce that it will begin an Early Childhood Caries Prevention Clinic (ECCP Clinic). The clinic is targeted to begin on May 1, 2003. The Dental Clinic seeks to increase dental access for Native American/Alaska Native expectant mothers in the second trimester of pregnancy. The Clinic is limited to those low risk expectant mothers receiving Obstetric Care at the Oneida Community Health Center.

Studies have shown that mothers with high caries rates possess large amounts of the bacteria *Streptococcus Mutans* intra orally. The bacteria feed on sugars that

of selections. Studies have shown the more children watch TV, the more likely they are to slack off on school work, have poor reading skills, not play well with friends, have fewer hobbies, participate in fewer activities, and be overweight.

A study conducted by Brown University School of Medicine also found that kids with a TV in their rooms were more likely to have problems falling asleep, and more likely to wake up during the night than those who didn't have TVs in the bedroom. As a result, these children were more sleep deprived. Parents might mean well, or think that the TV will help relax their children, but actually the opposite is true. Researchers say that TV actually over-stimulates children.

With these negative effects of excessive TV in mind, let's look at what we can do to control our children's viewing habits.

1. Set a good example by keeping your own TV time under control.
2. Do not put TVs in bedrooms. Although more than half of American kids have TVs in their bedrooms, the American Medical Association says TVs should NEVER be allowed in children's rooms.
3. Create a chart with your child of his or her activities, including TV viewing, homework, chores, playing with

friends and other activities. Then discuss what you believe to be a balanced set of activities.

4. Encourage planned viewing and enforce a weekly time limit. Have program choices in mind before turning on the TV. Turn the TV off when the show is over. Avoid "channel surfing," and never use TV as background noise.
5. Consider cancelling your cable TV service. It is much less tempting for your children to spend hours in front of the TV when they don't have 50 channels to choose from. And wouldn't it be nice not

to pay a cable bill each month?

Our children are our greatest resource. Let's curb their TV time and lead them into more valuable pursuits. Set the rules and remain firm. The result - healthier children - is worth listening to a little complaining!!!

Information for this article was gathered from the following newsletters: "The Well Workplace" and "Parenting Works." TV-Turnoff Network is a national nonprofit organization that encourages children and adults to watch much less TV in order to promote healthier lives and communities. The organization's slogan is "Turn Off TV, Turn On Life."

Look for more information at <http://www.tvturnoff.org>

The Effects Of Oral Health On Overall Well-Being

S. Burrell, DDS
Oneida Dental Clinic

Many Americans do not realize that good oral health can significantly affect the rest of the body. The mouth often times mirrors the general overall health of the patient. Studies have noted that gum disease may be related to problems such as stroke, heart disease and premature babies. The general dentist often is the first to note the oral components of disease.

The Surgeon General released a report which noted that a large portion of the population suffers from oral disease. This disease often decreases a person's quality of life by making it difficult for them to chew and eat food. Oral disease that is allowed to go untreated can lead to more serious infections like bacterial endocarditis. This is an infection which destroys the valves of the heart.

In order to ensure that minor problems do not become large its important to visit the dentist twice a year. During these visits the dentist will do an oral screening which checks for caries, broken restorations and gum disease. The patient is also given instructions on proper oral hygiene. The dentist may also discuss nutrition and smoking cessation with patients.

remain on the teeth after eating and an acid is formed. It is this acid that causes caries. Mothers often transfer the bacteria to their infants through activities such as sharing feeding utensils. The dental clinic seeks to significantly reduce the rate of caries in expectant mothers and their infants. In order to accomplish this the clinic intends to provide consistent care to expectant mothers. Secondly, the clinic expects to reduce to least 65% the proportion of Native Americans and Alaska Native parents and care givers who use feeding practices that prevent Baby Bottle Tooth Decay. Thirdly, the clinic desires to increase by 45 percent the number of expectant mothers who have never lost a tooth due to caries

and periodontal disease.

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

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

means of preventing serious oral disease."

Moms are invited to participate in a series of activities that are designed to improve their oral health and reduce tooth decay. The first set of activities will involve watching a short film which describes the importance of baby teeth. Secondly, moms will be invited to the dental clinic to receive dental exams which will involve measuring the levels of the bacteria which causes tooth decay. Patients will also receive dental cleanings and restorative work such as fillings. Each participant will also be asked to chew a Xylitol containing chewing gum after delivery. Xylitol chewing gum has

been shown to be effective in reducing tooth decay when used on a regular basis. Expectant mothers will also receive care packages designed to assist them in caring for their newborn's mouth. Upon delivery of the baby, mom's will be asked return to the Dental Clinic with their infants so that they may receive instruction on the proper care of the infant's mouth.

Expectant mothers interested in participating the ECCP Clinic should visit the Oneida OB/GYN clinic. Additional information regarding the program and consent forms can be obtained there.

Oneida Food Distribution and Oneida Pantry

Volunteer hours for January 2003

By Nori Damrow

Food Distribution Manager

ROMAN DOXTATOR	32
BILL AND ROSE COOPER	32
GERALDINE HALLAM	29
ADELINE JOHNSON	21
MAE BAXTER	20
DOROTHY OLSON	16
RUTH SKENANDORE	13
GLORIA TODT	12
SHIRLEY HOUSE	11
JANE SALZMAN	5
DORTHY ERMENC	5
KARL HORNICK	4

BAY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

DOROTHY KLITZKA	86
JIM KLITZKA	34

ADMINISTRATION

BILL VERVOORT	40
DON MILLER	80
NORI DAMROW	80

17 VOLUNTEERS 516 TOTAL HOURS
• 516 hours X \$7.73 (Oneida Minimum Wage) = \$3,989 saved by Oneida Nation
• 183 bags to client. 22 bags emergencies. Total 205 bags distributed

We are so grateful to our volunteers. We could not have a Pantry without them. These are January's statistics. They are the latest ones we have completed for publication. Each month is similar but a little different. We have about half of our volunteers listed for January. More will be on the list for March and April due to the fund raisers we have between now and Easter. If anyone would like to volunteer a few hours, earn bags of food, and help the Pantry at the same time, call Nori Damrow from 7am to 3:30pm Monday thru Friday.

Oneida Food Distribution Program

Have you checked out our new Exit Driveway for the food deliveries we receive weekly. The Truck Drivers are very happy with the convenience of getting out of our parking lot after they unload their food. And we are very relieved to have the trucks make less trips through our Parking Lot. We service families and very often have little children in the yard running around and having fun.

The Food Distribution Program is food in lieu of food stamps. The retail value of the Food Package is about \$100 per person per month. In each category of food, you have a choice.

In the vegetable group you have a choice of 5 different fresh vegetables (fruit and vegetable choices are being expanded) and 12 canned. The fruit group includes 5 fresh and 5 canned to choose from. We have the cheese and butter. In the meat group we have fresh frozen chicken, ground beef, and soon we will have ground bison-everyone's favorite. Canned meat and fish choices are chicken, beef stew, beef, luncheon meat, and tuna, plus 20 other choices. I don't know how we can make this food package any better but we continually try.

We feel that between all the members of O.C.I.F.S., which includes the Oneida Farm and Apple Orchard, Tsyunhehkwa and Cannery, Oneida Health Center, and Grants Office plus our two programs here, we have erased hunger from the Oneida Community. If this is not true, then we need your help to let us know who is needing food. There is no reason for anyone to be hungry. For more information, please call 869-1041 or email us at: food@oneidanation.org And, our fax number is 869-1668.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica is next week

By Doris Yelk-Wilberg

March of Dimes WalkAmerica is just around the corner. The event will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at the Ashwaubenon Community Center. Join Team Oneida and have fun walking with your friends. For more information or a pledge envelope, contact Doris Yelk-Wilberg

by return E-mail or 869-4515.

If you'd like to have the team captains take your pledges to US Bank on Thursday, April 24th, have your envelopes to LBDC by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23rd. If you are receiving incentive prizes, they will be delivered after the drop off (probably on Friday). Or, you can take your pledges to bank

days yourself, or drop your envelopes off the day of the race. US bank is located in downtown Green Bay at 425 Pine Street. You can park in the ramp, free of charge and drop your envelopes off. If you have raised more than \$50, we will need to know your sweatshirt size so we can get an *Oneida/March of Dimes* sweatshirt to you.

Kick Diabetes Out of Oneida

Join us at Doxbee's Supper Club in Seymour for an evening of good food, important information and fun.

Featuring...

Tim Moureau, APNP, CDE

Oneida Community Health Center Diabetes Team
and...

Darrell Bevell

Green Bay Packers Quarterback Coach

May 15, 2003
4 - 8 pm

Ticket information:
869-4888
Tickets are...
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Sponsored by the Oneida Community Health Center Diabetes Grant

Eye on Environment

Rotovating service available

It is Time for you to sign up for the Tsyunh#hkw< 2003 Garden Rotovating service. The **deadline for pre-registration will be April 30.**

We will require your name, physical address, telephone number, and a fee of twenty dollars. This fee is used to offset some of the costs of the Rotovating service. Please use stakes or some other type of marker to indicate location and boundaries of your garden.

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

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

Tsyunh#hkw<

2003 Gardening and Horticulture Workshop Series...



April

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

May

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

June

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

August

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

September

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



10th Annual Harvest Days & Husking Bee
Exact dates in Sept./Oct. TBA

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

By Lisa Miotke

Environmental Specialist

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

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

This event is a collaborative event, where staff from Conservation, Eco-Services, Experiential & Outdoor Adventure, the Photo Club,

along with the Environmental Resources Board and Environmental Quality. That's right- we're all gonna play together! Oneida Earth Day is a community event to celebrate and appreciate Mother Earth's gifts to us.

The day of the celebration is shaping up like this: Opening Ceremony at 9am, sign up for tree giveaway, cleanup, displays, Lunch, entertainment, and photo con-

test judging at noon. The afternoon includes demonstrations, tour of restoration sites, interactive displays, experiential activity, tree giveaway, photo contest winners announced, and ending with a closing ceremony around 3:30pm. WOW- doesn't that sound great?

See, now you know why you shouldn't miss this great opportunity to meet with friends, family and staff while

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

Earth Day Photo Contest

Three Categories

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

Four Subject Categories

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

Five Requirements

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

with...

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

13 Awards

- One winner from each age category and each

subject category

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

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



Oneida Division of Land Management

470 Airport Road ~ Oneida, Wisconsin

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our

8th Annual Open House

May 21 & 22, 2003

Don't miss any of the Activities:

- Info on the Railroad
- Land Use Information
- Rummage Vendors
- DOLM Building Addition

Events:

- Tribal Cemetery Update
- Fresh Homemade Bakery
- Hidden Treasure Game
- Food

• 50/50 Raffle...Games...and much more!

Stop in and meet the staff of DOLM

Watch for upcoming announcements of our activities!

Space available for vendors. For more information contact us at 1-800-869-1690 or 1-920-869-1690 or visit our website at: <http://land.oneidanation.org>

EARTH DAY AGENDA

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

Saturday, April 26, 2003

10am	Opening ceremony Signup for tree giveaway	
10-noon	Cleanup around Reservation Informational Displays open Tours of Restoration sites. (wetland, forest, buffer, projects done recently)	
12-1	Lunch Entertainment Photo contest judging open	
1-3pm	Interactive activities: "Remnants of the Rainforest" by Dino (Dennis Tlachac) Oneida Lake, & the Land Use Plan. Find out about the Railroad Easement & give your input on how it should be used. Tours of Restoration sites (cont.) Demonstrations	
2pm	Tree planting and mulching demo Tree Giveaway Judging of photo contest ends	
2:30pm	Padding skills	
3pm	Announce Photo contest winners	
3:15	Tree Planting Ceremony	
3:30	Closing Ceremony	

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

139 Riverdale Road (Hwy. J)
Oneida, Wisconsin

For more information, contact Leland or Jill at (920) 869-2718

Controls sought on high-capacity wells for farms, water bottlers

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - A proposal to set new controls on construction of high-capacity wells, such as those used for water-bottling operations, has gained support of some farm interests that opposed an earlier version.

The bill introduced by state Rep. Spencer Black, D-Madison, would require a permit for wells that pump more than 100,000 gallons of water per day.

Under existing law, the state Department of Natural Resources can only regulate those high-capacity wells that would harm municipal water supplies, giving the DNR no oversight of such wells in rural areas even though they might hurt trout streams, wetlands or private wells.

The move for more control of the wells grew out of unsuccessful attempts by Perrier in the late 1990s to develop water-bottling operations in Wisconsin.

People who fought the Perrier plan for pumping water at the headwaters of the Mecan River and near springs in Adams County discovered the state had little oversight.

High-capacity wells pump at least 70 gallons of water per minute and are used by water bottlers, municipalities, industries and farmers for irrigation.

Mike Carter, executive director of the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association, said he had urged members to come up with suggestions that make the legislation fairer to farmers.

"My members really can see we have a choice to make," Carter said. "We can either fight this and maybe put it off for a year or two, or we can work with a coalition of groups and come up with a law that allows us to keep putting food on peoples' tables."

Culture

Myth: Adults can't learn languages

By the time a child is four or five years old, she speaks her language fluently, although her thoughts are relatively unsophisticated and there are many things she can't express well. Children soak up language quickly and effortlessly; where as for adults, it seems like a very difficult chore. But if you are exposed to a language for four or five years- as a child is exposed to her first language you will speak it at least as well as a five year old. And given that you are a much more experienced thinker, you will be linguistically ahead of the five-year-old in

almost every way. An adult learner will probably always have an accent, but otherwise, it is primarily an adult's inhibitions and desire for perfection that make language learning seem so difficult. My eighteen month old grandchild is delighted with herself for being able to name objects and people ("baba" for bottle, "mawmaw" for grandmom.) If you could learn to delight in small, simple language accomplishments as a toddler does you path to language learning would seem much easier.

The master must remember that the apprentice

should be treated with the same patience given to a toddler learning her first language. You would never say to a two-year old, "How come you can't remember that word? Remember that the learner must hear a phrase dozens of times in many different situations before mastering it. The teacher's impatience with the learner and the learner's impatience with himself are the greatest obstacles to adult language learning. Bring back childish delight and the childish confidence, and language learning becomes as easy for adults as it is for children.

Also, remember how children learn their first language. They learn it with-out effort, because they are immersed in it. By leaving English behind and doing your teaching and learning in the context of activities, you are re-creating the childhood learning situation. Adults can learn a language as well as children if they learn it like children do.

Reprinted from *How to Keep Your Language Alive: Some Myths about Language Learning*. Hinton, Leanne ; 2002Heyday Books pg 3-4.

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(The Maple Sap Thanksgiving [Closing])

Once the sugar camps are all done harvesting the sap, and everything is cleaned up, a day is picked by the Faith-keepers to give thanks for what the people have been able to harvest. At this time, the sap is used as medicine for everyone to drink and give thanks. Two Great Feather Dances are done as a way to honor the maple tree and for creation's cooperation during the harvesting of the sap.

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Oneida Language Lesson



Review of body parts/hurt

katsa> nu niyonuhw@kte *Where does it hurt?*
gotts'a new knee yoh new wakt -nuhwak- verb (hurt)

onutsi *Head*
oh noon gee

sanutsistan&=waks K< *Does your head hurt?*
saw new gees stah new waks kah

<=^, Waknutsistan&=waks *Yes, My head hurts*
ahh uh, wak new gees stah new waks

ok@hla *Eye*
oh gah law

sakahlan&=waks k< *Does your eye hurt?*
saw gah law new waks kah

<=^, Wakkahlan&=waks *Yes, my eye hurts*
ahh uh, wak gah law new waks

oh&hta *Ear*
oh whoon da

sahuhtan&=waks k< *Does your ear hurt?*
saw whoon da new waks kah

<=^, Wakahuhtan&=waks *Yes, my ear hurts*
ahh uh, wah gah whoon da new waks

katsa> nu niyonuhw@kte *Where does it hurt?*
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For language tapes call 920-490-2472

ONEIDA Pronunciation System

VOWELS:

- "a" has the sound of the "a" in ah or father
- "e" has the sound of the "e" in egg or eight
- "i" has the sound "i" in ski or machine
- "o" has the sound of the "o" in hope or low
- "u" has the sound of "un" in tune
- "<" has the sound of "on" in son

CONSONANTS:

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

- 't' normally has the sound like a 'd'. If a 'k', 'h', or 's' follows, then the 't' sounds as top.
- 'k' normally has a g-like sound but if a 't', 's', or 'h' follows, it has the sound as kill.
- 's' coming between two vowels makes a 'z' sound, before or after an 'h' like the sound in sea.
- '>' glottal stop. Stops sound like in the word like 'oh, oh'
- 'tshy' or 'tsi' sounds like 'j'
- 'tshy' or 'tshi' sounds like 'ch'
- 'sy' sounds like 'sh'
- '#' accent mark over a vowel indicates stressed syllable in a word. Combination of '#' makes of falling tone sound.
- '=' lengthens the sound of a vowel and underlined sounds are whispered.

FOR SALE BY OWNER

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

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

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

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

See the cultural website

We encourage everyone to become involved in the Oneida Language. Remember that every word you learn and speak becomes a part of keeping the Oneida Language alive. Please visit our new website at:
<http://language.oneidanation.org/about/history>



Good News



New Arrivals

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

Shania Ray Skenandore

Shania Ray Skenandore, newborn daughter to Marsha Hill and Darrell J. Skenandore, was born on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 1:48 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Appleton. She weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz's and measured 20.5 inches in length. The proud maternal grandparents are Marty & Don Braeger, and Michael & Mary Hill. The proud paternal grandparents are Grace and Dixon Skenandore. Shania has three big sisters, Marissa, Janene, and Alyssa. She also has two big brothers, Brandon and D.J.

Zadrian Zack Cornelius

Zadrian Zack Cornelius, newborn son to Chuck Cornelius and Janelle Walking Eagle, was born on Sunday, April 6, 2003 at 7:49 pm at St. Vincent's Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 3 oz's and measured 19 inches in length. The proud paternal grandparents are Gloria Cornelius, Earl Cornelius. The proud maternal grandparents are Elaine Parker & Wayne Metoxen and Bruce Walking Eagle & Penny. He has three older siblings at home, Chuck, Jr., Jannessa, and Tamera.

Aideen Jozsef Van Straten

Aideen Jozsef Van Straten, newborn son to Jae and Kelley Van Straten, was born on Friday, April 11, 2003 at 4:58 a.m. at St. Vincents, Green Bay. Aideen weighed 5 lbs., 5 ozs. And measured 18 3/4 inches in length. The proud maternal grandparents are Dale and Kate Calkins, of Oneida and paternal grandparent is Diane Van Straten. The proud maternal great grandparents are the late Otto Wagner and Geraldine Stevens. The proud paternal great grandparents are Helen Giese and the late Roger Giese. Siblings at home are Dalton, Shauna, and Draven.

Congratulation's!

Congrats Girl!!!!
On your Great Accomplishments!



Love ~ All your family back home :-)

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to my Granddaughter
Emily Tank
on the 23rd of April 2003



Love You Always,
Do-Do King

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to someone Special
Julie Denny
on the 17th of April 2003



Love Arlene King

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to my Daughter-in-law
Lisa Metoxen
on the 19th of April 2003



Love Arlene King

Happy Birthday

Deja Vieau
Happy 3rd Birthday

Happy Birthday to a very special girl! April 6th is your day! You bring so much joy and sunshine into our lives.



Love Mom, Grandma Sandi, Nana Josefa and Papa Warren, Sid, Emma, Gavin, and Family

Congratulation's!

Kai Sukanuma
for receiving the Arrow of Light and crossing over from Weeblos to Boy Scouts!



From Your proud Parents Mom & Dad

Congratulation's!

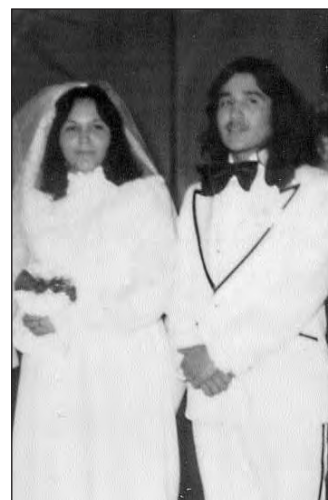
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Happy 25th Anniversary on April 8, 2003 to
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Happy Birthday

to a new generation!

Jerusha Maylene Matson
April 25th



Also in picture... Ina Gail Bain and daughters Taina and Arlouine

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary April Calendar of Events

Watch the migrating birds on a guided bird hike

(Green Bay, WI) Discover what's flying at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary by joining Sanctuary Director and avid bird enthusiast on a guided bird hike on Saturday, April 26 and Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 a.m.

The hikes will take you through the Sanctuary's diverse habitat, which makes a great resting area for a variety of migrating birds. "Early spring provides a great opportunity for birders because the birds are in the process of migrating back to their summer nesting areas," Baumann explains. "And, because there is very little foliage on the trees, spotting the birds is much easier."

To take part in the hike, all you will need is a pair of binoculars and comfortable shoes for hiking. Birders will

meet in the first parking lot to the right as they enter the Sanctuary grounds. The hikes are free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary is a 700-acre urban wildlife refuge featuring live animal exhibits, educational displays, miles of hiking and walking trails, and excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.

After April 15, the Sanctuary's hours change to their summer hours, which are 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. with trails closing at 4:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. The Sanctuary is located at 1660 E. Shore Drive on Green Bay's east side across from Bay Beach Amusement Park.

Visit the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Web site: www.baybeachwildlife.com

For more information, call (920) 391-3671.

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Board Vacancies

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

Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee: one (1) vacancy. Qualifications: Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe or Indians of Wisconsin who has served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. Qualifications shall also include the following: 1. Honorable Service A. a person who has been inducted into of voluntarily entered into active duty in one of the service branches and who did not receive a discharge from active duty with that branch due to "less than honorable conditions." B. Active duty is having served 181 days or more of continuous duty unless discharged early for a service-related disability. C. Served as a member of the Selected Reserve and who has completed at least six years in the Reserve or National Guard or who was discharged early because of a service connected disability. 2. Shall be a citizen in good standing. Board member will serve until Nov. 2005. **Application deadline is April 25, 2003.**

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

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

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

Notice of Availability

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

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

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

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

Alternatives: The preferred alternative is to construct the 40' X 48' garage at the location described. This alternative provides needed income for a Tribal member, and improves the local economy. The "No-Action" alternative was also evaluated. It would not meet the goal of expanding the local economy of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. "No-Action" would limit economic opportunity for a Tribal member while supplying needed community services.

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

Project Description: The Division of Land Management is proposing to construct an 5,525 square foot expansion to the existing building to provide additional space for staff, land records, and to combine several organizational elements into one facility. Adding a 44 space parking lot and widening the driveway is also proposed in the project. The site is located at 470 Airport Drive in Township 23 North, Range 19 East, Sections 2 and in the Village of Hobart, Brown County, Oneida Nation Reservation, Wisconsin. A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared regarding this proposed action in compliance with the Oneida Environmental Policy (2-13-

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Need for Project: The proposed expansion to the Division of Land Management building is needed to provide additional space for staff, land records, and to combine several organizational elements into one facility. The new facility will be added to the existing structure in an already cleared area of the property. The No-Action Alternative was also evaluated, however, this will not provide necessary space for staff and land records. This would not provide for the needs of the department. **Comments & Availability:** Interested parties can obtain copies of these documents by contacting the Oneida Environmental Department at PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or calling Lisa Miotke at (920) 497-5812. To provide comments regarding the proposed action, submit them within 30 days of the date of this NOA to the address above.

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING Estate of **Baird, Evelyn Elizabeth Webster**, deceased, Oneida. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Hearing has been scheduled for this estate.

The Hearing will be held 5/15/03 at 11:15 PM and at the following location: Gordon Dickie Center, Main Floor Conference Room, W2907 Loop Road, Keshena, WI 54135.

All persons having an interest in the estate, including all creditors having claims against the estate, are hereby notified to be present at the hearing in person or by attorney and furnish such evidence as they desire. Failure to appear or to make prior arrangements may result in the loss of rights claimed.

Testimony will be taken and evidence received for the purpose of considering the claims of creditors, determining heirs, and probating of the Will, if any. If a Will has been submitted, a copy of it has been attached to this notice. If you know of a Will, or of a later Will, please advise the Judge as soon as possible.

If some parties live a great distance from the place of hearing, it is not necessary that they attend unless they have specific disputes or issues they intend to raise which will not be addressed in their absence. However, the attendance of enough persons to provide the needed evidence of heirship and other information is necessary.

If sufficient reason appears, the Administrative Law Judge, in his discretion, may continue the hearing to another time and place to be announced.

This hearing is to be held pursuant to the Act of June 25, 1910, 25 U.S.C. 372 (1970) as amended, and the Probate Regulations of the Department of the Interior, 43 C. F. R. Part 4.

NOTICE OF HEARING Estate of **Farmer, Samantha Metoxen**, deceased, Oneida. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Hearing has been scheduled for this estate.

The Hearing will be held 5/15/03 at 9:15 PM and at the following location: Gordon Dickie Center, Main Floor Conference Room, W2907 Loop Road, Keshena, WI 54135. Farmer

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Oneida Nation Jobs

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

Community Outreach Coordinator-LTE

Position #01845
Salary: Grade 5 \$10.05/hourly (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position will design, coordinate and implement outreach programs to provide technical support, education, activities and assistance in planting and maintaining medicinal gardens through organic and culturally congruent practices. This is an agricultural exempt position and reports to the Agriculture Food Production Supervisor. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Closing Date: April 23, 2003
Proposed Start Date: June 23, 2003

Ambulatory Clinic Staff RN

Position #00112/01843
Salary: Grade 10 (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This position provides nursing care in the ambulatory clinic at the Oneida Community Health Center. This position will work in compliance with the Health Center's philosophy and mission statement. Incumbent must be willing and able to work beyond the scheduled work times and be on call twenty-four hours a day as needed/required. This is an exempt position and reports to the Nursing Supervisor.

Closing Date: April 24, 2003
Proposed Start Date: June 23, 2003

Account Assistant II

Position #01814
Salary: Grade 6 \$10.42/hourly (Negotiable dependent upon education & experience). **Position Summary:** This incumbent in this position will cross train in and be responsible for a wide variety of duties that include but are not limited to verifying, processing and reconciling financial transactions related to accounts payable, accounts receivable, gaming sales/purchases and fixed assets. Incumbent will be expected to work evenings, weekends and holidays as needed/required. This is a Key, non-exempt position and reports to the Accountant.

Closing Date: May 5, 2003
Proposed Start Date: July 7, 2003

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

When: Tuesday, May 6, 2003
Where: Business Committee Conference Room
Time: 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

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

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

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



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