



# Candidate meet & greet held at Radisson

By Steven J. Gandy  
Kalihwisaks

The ability to change the dynamic in local government will be upon the citizens of Brown and Outagamie county residents on Tuesday April 3.

Local elections are to be held that day at various polling places throughout the entire state.

Locally residents will have to decide seats for various positions in Brown & Outagamie counties, the Village of Hobart, the Town of Oneida and for the Mayor of Green Bay.

Recently, a candidate forum was held at the Radisson. Candidates were given the opportunity to briefly address those in atten-

dance before and informal Q & A meet & greet was held.

The organizer of the Event, Tana Aguirre, said, "Today is an opportunity for employees and the Oneida community to come out and meet our local candidates...so it's an opportunity to put a face to the name, opportunity for the candidates to get to know the Oneida community and just so we have informed voters April 3."

Oneida community member and tribal employee Chris Powless was in attendance at the forum, "I'm here to get a little bit more education on the county and the government that I moved into, I recently moved from Green

Bay to Oneida," Powless said. "I believe if tribal members vote informed, and well informed, that we'll be able to build a good relationship with the community and the non-native part of our community so we can benefit from both things that Oneida can do and things that the local government can do, the non-Indian government."

Although the Oneida community has a good track record when it comes to presidential and other congressional elections, like most communities, the voter turnout declines sharply for local elections.

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Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy  
Outagamie County Executive candidate Toby Paltzer speaks with Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt at the recent meet & greet held at the Radisson.

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## Brown County may sign on for IRR funds

By Dawn Walschinski  
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The Brown County Board of Supervisors voted 24-1 on Wednesday, March 21 to re-explore signing an agreement with Oneida to pursue federal dollars through the Indian Reservation Roads Program (IRR).

The board had previously missed a March 15 deadline when County Executive Carol Kelso didn't sign the agreement due to concerns over jurisdiction of road usage. Oneida was able to get an extension of the deadline.

According to Oneida Chief of Staff Bill Gollnick, the Bureau of Indian Affairs administered IRR Program

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## How sweet it is... maple syrup is ready



Kali Photos/Nate Wisneski  
Larry Cornelius (top right) is shown pouring sugar water collected from maple trees into a pan so it can be boiled down. In order for sugar water to be collected rapid warming during the day must be followed by below freezing temperatures in the evening. The sugar water is boiled for about one day before it is sent to Shakoháta?slu-níhe?. Jamie Better (Inset) of Shakoháta?slu-níhe? is shown putting the finished maple syrup in jars for enjoyment. The syrup must be canned at almost 180 degrees to avoid spoiling.

## New bus gives more freedom to elderly

By Dawn Walschinski  
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Elders can ride in style on the new bus for the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (ONCOA).

Elder Activity Coordinator Michelle Cottrell says the new bus is an exciting change.

"We've had a lot of problems with the last bus with it breaking down and (the elders) not able to go to their activity or event," said Cottrell. "They would have to pile into a van which is very hard for elders to get up into a passenger van, and to try and squeeze back into the seats."

The new bus has a wheelchair lift and has

more space for two people in wheelchairs. The bus regularly takes elders into Green Bay for shopping as well as to special events, offering people who can no longer drive more freedom.

"With a new bus, it shows that people do care about them, and that they are a priority," Cottrell said.

Kali Photo/Dawn Walschinski  
Elder services driver Connie Vangheem, standing at right, poses with passengers of the new ONCOA bus. The service gives elders who can't drive another option to get to town.



## HUD letter sparks debate

By Steven J. Gandy  
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Rumors of the Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) Board members indulging themselves to the tune of \$60,000 to \$100,000 have been greatly exaggerated according to the OHA board members themselves.

In a public letter obtained by the Kalihwisaks from Kevin Fitzgibbons, Administrator of the Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dated January 16, 2007 to Fern Birdsbill, Executive Director of the Oneida Housing Authority, "There may be serious issues of non-compliance and abuse involving local fund expenses for excessive travel and the use of stipends by the Board of Commissioners."

The letter goes on to allege the areas of non-compliance and the misallocation of funds included, "Excessive board meetings, training sessions and travel and lodging costs."

OHA Board Chairperson, Gina Buenrostro said, "There were no adverse findings; there was however, a management advisory comment (MAC)."

According to a letter from the auditing firm of Hawkins, Ash, Baprie & Company to Buenrostro, "Management advisory comments are suggestions on ways to improve the internal controls of an organization. Generally, MAC's do not involve violations of compliance requirements and they do not involve significant problems with Federal or State program requirements."

The letter continues, "In the case of your Organization, the MAC's were items that we felt should be reviewed by the Board. After review by the board, new policies could be written or existing policies could be amended to improve the operation of the Housing Authority."

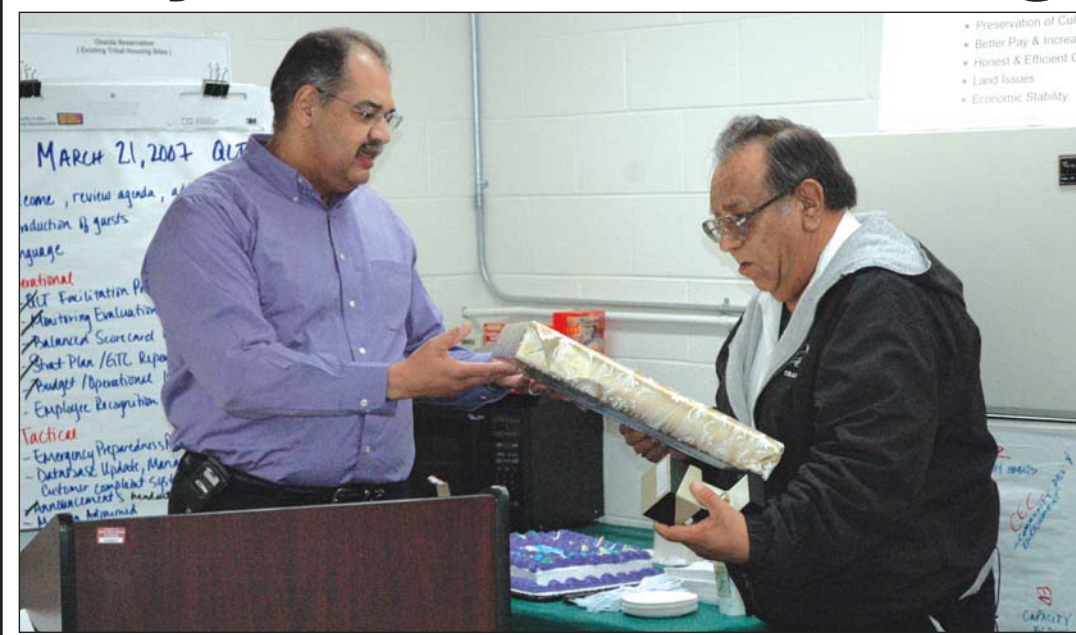
In contrast to the MAC's, an audit finding is much more serious.

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# 25 years and counting



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Cliff Webster (right) receives a Pendalton blanket from Governmental Services Divisions Director Don White (left) on March 21. Webster was honored for 25 years of service to the Oneida Tribe. Currently, he is the Oneida Public Transit Director. Webster also received a ring and plaque.

# Audit Committee member brings experience



Karen Coffey

By Dawn Walschinski

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Karen Coffey wanted to get involved with the Oneida Community, and a notice looking for board members looked like it would fit the bill.

"Chairman Danforth called me and asked me if I would be on the Audit Committee," said Coffey, "With my background, I would be a good fit."

Coffey worked for Thrivent Financial in Appleton, formally Aid Association for Lutherans, for 28 years before retiring recently.

"I worked with our volunteer staff and there would be occasions sometimes when they would misuse funds, and we would have to do an audit on their books and their activities," she said.

Coffey joined the five member Audit Committee as a community member. The other seats are filled by Ed Delgado who's chairman of the committee,

Patti Hoeft, committee vice-chair, and members Melinda J. Danforth and Vince DeLaRosa. The committee meets once a month.

"We had a couple of meetings going over various audits that we are already involved in, and just reviewing those, and question anything that,

you know, would seem to be maybe not up to par or questionable things," she said. The committee also interviews outside auditors hired to conduct the audits.

The programs vary from gaming, to the Oneida Housing Authority, to the Anna John Nursing Home.

"Whatever the Tribe's involved in," she said.

Coffey believes the position helped her achieve her goal of learning more about Oneida's daily operations.

"There's a lot to learn, just with the acronyms," she said with a laugh. "I feel like I'm kind of a greenhorn, but everybody's been so helpful and so eager to answer my questions."

Coffey stated she feels honored to have been asked to represent the community on such an important committee.

"I think it's a good that Oneida has an Audit Committee to make sure that the Tribe's resources ... financial resources are being used wisely and not ... putting finances in jeopardy," she said.

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recently changed its formulas so that tribes could ask for funds for all the roads on their reservation, not just those owned by the tribes.

"The federal government has recognized that the roads within reservations often have been the roads last repaired by other municipalities," said Gollnick.

The change triggered an appeal by Western tribes who saw their share of the IRR fund drop. Oneida officials attempted to get agreements from all of the municipalities within Oneida by the March 15 deadline in order to get all the roads inventoried and protect against losing funds which could total \$1 million.

Outagamie County, the town of Oneida, city of Green Bay and village of Ashwaubenon all signed by the March 15 deadline.

Brown County is likely to sign on as well according to Brown County Supervisor and Chair of the Planning, Development and Transportation Committee Bernie Erickson.

"It's a win-win for the Oneidas, it's a win-win for the tax payers of Brown County," said Erickson.

The lone holdout has been the village of Hobart who offered to agree to seven of its roads under certain conditions.

"The conditions were that the village didn't give up any control of the roads, payments would not be credited from the service agreement payment, for legal issues such as liability, we need to agree on what judicial system will adjudicate and resolve any issues like that going forward. If that means that the tribe has

to consider waiving sovereign immunity, then so be it," said Hobart President Richard Heidel.

According to Oneida Transportation Planner Mike Finn, questions of jurisdiction are pretty straight forward.

"(The municipalities) still have jurisdiction over the roads, the road still belongs to them, everything is their's, we're just asking for a letter of acknowledgment so we can get funding for them, also," said Finn.

Hobart would potentially receive a large chunk of the fund as the entire village is located within the Oneida Reservation boundaries.

"They're choosing to essentially throw away a funding source that has no down side for them," said Gollnick. "Will we want to talk about that when it comes

# ONSS students toy with science

By Nate Wisneski

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Oneida Nation School System Students (ONSS) represented Oneida well at the 20th annual National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque New Mexico, March 22-24.

ONSS had nine students made the trek to Albuquerque while six returned with awards. Awards ranged from prize money to scholarships.

The fair is sponsored by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and an important tool in the promotion of Indian education

throughout the country. The fair allowed 5th-12th grade students from all over "Indian Country" to compete for prizes in specific categories ranging from science, math, technology, cultural preservation and engineering.

ONSS 6th grader David White, who won the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge Award, enjoyed the experience. "It was fun to go there and see all the other projects," said

White. White's "Optical Illusion" project also took home 1st place in his category.

Science fair co-coordinator

and Oneida Nation Elementary School Assistant Principal Yvette Peguero was proud of the students and their projects. "It was a enjoyable and educational experience for the students to meet other students from different tribal nations and for our students to realize they are capable of winning awards on this national level," Peguero said.

The fair had over 300 students participate, representing about 60 tribes in 20 states.

Also taking home awards were Robert Mills, Edward Santiago, Michael Stevens, Emmitt Big Medicine and Cayman Berg Morales..



Submitted Photo/Yvette Peguero

ONSS students at the National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The fair took place March 22-24.

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Powless offered an explanation for this, "I think a lot of it is just trust. If you look at the history of our people we've always been wary of one cultures word; they say one thing and then they do another. [Our people] don't think that by living in another community that it effects them too. The decisions that are made without their input effects what they have to do."

Aguirre emphasized the importance of the event for community members.

"The Oneida Nation, the Oneida community does have a voice; we do want to work

cooperatively with all the communities. Again, it's just exercising our rights and empowering the people," She said.

Powless was in agreement regarding the importance of such events, "I hope that more of these are held and I hope that we have a good turn out for this because these are important. We can provide a good win-win situation for everybody if we think about all the good things we can do for each other rather just trying to think of what we can do for ourselves."

# CORRECTION

The Kalihwisaks received incorrect information identifying Kerry Metoxen as the lead person working with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society in the March 15 issue. The correct lead person is Janice Hirth. We apologize for the error.

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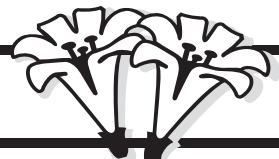
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Local



Passing On...

**Schuyler-Cannon, Alice E.**

October 24, 1927 – March 16, 2007

Alice E. Schuyler-Cannon, 79, of Oneida, passed away at home on Friday, March 16, 2007 following a long battle with diabetes. The former Alice Cornelius was born October 24, 1927 in Oneida and was the daughter of the late Charles B. and Katherine (Danforth) Cornelius. She married Robert C. Schuyler on June 4, 1948 in Lawrence, KS and he preceded her in death on May 3, 1978. She then married Howard Cannon on August 17, 1985 in Oneida. Howard preceded her in death on June 29, 1992.

Mrs. Schuyler was a graduate of the Haskell Institute. She worked as a Nursing Assistant for many years and CHR for the Oneida Tribe. Alice was active in the Senior Companion program and a Foster Grandparent. She had been an active member of the Ladies Society of the Oneida United Methodist Church.

She was loved and will be sadly missed by her five daughters, Yvonne (Leonard) Cornelius, Annette Schuyler, Rana (Keith) Woythal, Sandra (Robb) Schuyler, Connie (Steve) Danforth, nine grandchildren, Dawn Longhini, Kim Novak, Robert Smith, Paul Smith, Brian Novak, Delia Smith, Lionel Schuyler, Quinton Schuyler, James

Schuyler, and eleven great-grandchildren, one brother Earl Cornelius, Oneida and one sister, Violet Alexander, Milwaukee, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends of the family. She was preceded in death by her husbands, three sisters, Lois Skenandore, Marjorie Gerard, Lavinia Huff, and two brothers Sanford Cornelius and LeRoy Cornelius.

Funeral services were celebrated at 11:00A.M. on Monday, March 18, 2007 at the Oneida Methodist Church with the Rev. Julio A. Alvarado, officiating. Inurnment in the church cemetery.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements.

Please visit [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the Schuyler-Cannon families.

*Alice's family extends a special thank you to Heartland Hospice, especially Patty and Sister Ruth, Dr. T. Smith, the Davita Dialysis Staff and Ben Cannon for all of their support and care, as well as the Cornelius Family for singing the Oneida Hymns during this trying time. Your concern and consideration will be long remembered.*

**Buckley, Thelma L.**

September 14, 1923 – March 17, 2007

Thelma Lily Buckley, aged 83, daughter of Christjohn Antone and Lily Poole, died on March 17, 2007 at her home. She is survived by her husband, James L.



member of the American Association of University Women.

She was proud of her Native American heritage – a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Tribe.

Buckley Jr., and children James L. Buckley III of Ft. Worth, TX, Joanie L. Buckley, Anthony W. Buckley of Minneapolis, MN, and Patrick C. Buckley of Houston, TX, and her brother John Antone of Glencoe, MO. She is survived by 5 grandchildren. She died as a member of St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

She was born in Oneida, Wisconsin, and graduated from Oklahoma State College in Edmond, Oklahoma. She earned her Masters of Music from the University of Oklahoma, and later attended Louisiana State University for her doctoral program in music. She was involved in music throughout her life. While living in Venezuela, she performed in concerts, and directed several choirs. She was a member of the St. Louis Symphony Choir; and directed the Jr. League's Nightingales. She was a

Tracing her genealogy back to her ancestor, who was a Chief of the Oneida Nation during the Revolutionary War, she was inducted into the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Visitation was at Schrader Funeral Home 14960 Manchester Rd, Ballwin, Missouri on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 from 2:00P.M.–7:00P.M. The eulogy ceremony was at 4:00P.M.

Mass services were at St. Clare of Assisi 15642 Clayton Rd., Ellisville, MO 63011 on Wednesday March 21, 2007 at 10:00A.M. She was buried at Jefferson Barracks.

*In lieu of flowers, please consider donations for a new book(s) to her Tribe's library for their Native American collection, to:*

**Thelma Buckley Memorial Native American Collection**  
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**Gonzalez-Ninham, Tammy L.**

November 5, 1966 – March 19, 2007

Tammy L. Gonzalez-Ninham, age 40 of Green Bay, passed away Monday, March 19, 2007 as a result of injuries received in an auto accident. Tammy was born on November 5, 1966 in Milwaukee, the daughter of Robert L. Ninham, Sr. and the late Audrey Jean VanHorn. Tammy had been living in the Green Bay area for the past 5 years. She enjoyed spending time with her children and her friends.

Tammy is survived by her 3 children, William Gonzalez of Gresham, Tina Gonzalez of Green Bay, Angel Gonzalez of Gresham; 1 granddaughter,

Viviana Long; her father, Robert (Rosella) Ninham, Sr., of Gresham; her brother, Robert (Jami) Ninham, Jr., of Gresham; several nieces and nephews; and former husband, William Gonzalez of Morgan Siding.

Funeral services were held at 1:00PM on Friday, March 23, 2007 at the Assembly of God Church in Morgan Siding. Reverend Michael Eldridge officiated with burial in the Gresham Public Cemetery.

Swedberg Funeral Home, Shawano assisted the family with the arrangements.

**From Page 1/OHA disputes HUD letter**

“An audit finding is a violation of compliance requirements or a significant violation of Federal or State compliance requirements,” according to the auditor’s letter.

Buenrostro and the OHA board are stating that the increases in board meetings, training, travel and lodging are due to new board members.

“The board had the most numerous trainings, but we have five new board members and mostly everyone on this housing board came to the board with little or no NHAS-DA (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act) training, housing training, employment law training or tenant eviction law training. So there was all types of training that we did have to throw our board into because they were virtually

all new members,” Buenrostro said.

According to the HUD letter claiming the non-compliance by OHA, “The Housing Authority may not be in compliance with IRS requirements for per diem payments because the Housing Authority pays in excess than the allowable rates established by the IRS.”

When asked about the above average per diem’s Buenrostro said, “That was an issue that we took care of and resolved. Whatever was overpaid has either been paid back...or had to be claimed on taxes. We immediately resolved that and strictly follow the federal register now in terms of per diem.”

Buenrostro, with the OHA Board, addressed everything that Fitzgibbons referred to in his letter to the OHA Executive Director. However,

there are still some issues waiting to be addressed. In his letter, Fitzgibbons made references to unauthorized rental vehicle up-grades by board members.

Buenrostro explained why that issue has yet to be fully resolved at this time, “The vehicle upgrades, that means I have to go back for the whole entire year, look at every single training, anyone that went out of town...what kind of vehicle did they upgrade to...was it a Pinto to a Lexus? We have to physically go through that paper work and do that. So that’s why it hasn’t been addressed yet because we want to see how much was it done...because I’m not aware of it being done at all.”

OHA said the reason for the MAC’s is due to the fact that the auditing firm compared numbers for the current

OHA Board to the numbers from previous OHA Boards, and that the current board is spending more money because they are creating new programs that need to be discussed.

“I give a lot of credit to past Board Members because they kept housing strictly to housing. They made sure Oneidas had homes. They made sure they got into home ownership. What they really didn’t do, and maybe that’s the destiny of this board, is to take us to the next level. We’re not going to be just about housing. Now we’re going to be about developing businesses so that we can continue to build more houses and develop programs for our people without relying on federal money.

**Troha donations to Bush follow questionable pattern**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ Donations from Kenosha businessman Dennis Troha and his family to President Bush’s re-election campaign follow a similar pattern to those made to Gov. Jim Doyle that resulted in a federal indictment, a newspaper review found.

Troha and seven of his family members all made the maximum \$2,000 donation to the president’s campaign on Sept. 30, 2003, Federal

Election Commission records reviewed by the Wisconsin State Journal showed. Another family member gave \$2,000 to Bush weeks later, for a total of \$18,000.

Troha was indicted March 1 on charges he illegally funneled more than \$100,000 in campaign donations to Doyle and the federal account of the state Democratic Party. The indictment alleges Troha concealed the nature of the transactions in an attempt to obtain

approval for a casino in Kenosha and lied to the FBI about it. Troha has pleaded not guilty.

Troha dropped out of the casino project about a week before he was indicted and agreed to sell his interest to the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut. Before the casino can be built, it needs approval from both the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs and Doyle.

Michelle Jacobs, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney

Steven Biskupic in Milwaukee, wouldn’t say whether authorities are looking at the Bush donations.

Troha spokesman Jeff Fleming also wouldn’t comment on the Bush donations.

A White House spokesman deferred comment to the Republican National Committee.

“This is an ongoing investigation and at this time we have no plans to return the donations,” RNC spokesman Chris Taylor said.

**Boyd, Myles R.**

March 22, 2007 – March 22, 2007

Myles R. Boyd, infant son of Doug Boyd and Sandi Kemp, passed away March 22, 2007. He was born on March 22, 2007 in Green Bay.

Survivors include his parents; maternal grandmother Joan Kemp, Seymour; paternal grandmother Harriet Kindness, Green Bay; and several aunts, uncles, and

cousins.

Services were held on Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.

Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home in Seymour assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.boettcher-funeralhomes.com](http://www.boettcher-funeralhomes.com)

**King, Peter J. ‘Buzzy’**

October 12, 1928 – March 20, 2007

Peter J. (Buzzy) King, 78, of Oneida, passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. He was born October 12, 1928, to the late Francis and Christine (Danforth) King. He married



Martha (Skenandore) King on February 3, 1951. He then married Arlene (Krueger) King on June 5, 1991.

After graduation from Seymour High School, Peter served in the Army for three years. He was a member of the Robert W. Cornelius Post 7784. Peter worked as an asbestos worker for over 30 years. He was a member of the Local Unions 19 and 127 and retired in 1990. After retirement, Peter worked part time as a security officer with the Oneida Tribe.

Peter was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing and camping. He had a passion for sports and coaching. His particular interests were boxing, basketball, horse racing, baseball, bowling and golf. He coached and mentored numerous young Oneida men who have become leaders in the Oneida community.

Peter was an active member of the Holy Apostles, Oneida Apostolic, and Methodist Church.

Peter is survived by his wife Arlene King, his children Peter D.(Renee) King, Louise (Bruce) Cornelius, Kathy King, Joyce King, Susan (Harvey) Reiter and Margaret King Francour. He

is further survived by his beloved grandchildren Justin (JT), Peter III, Shoshana, DaBen, Wenona, Levi, Derrick, Lorenzo, Daniel, Nicole, Warren, Erin, Reanna, Erika, Kenton, Rosa, Daisee, Hudson, Margo and twelve great-grandchildren, one sister Charlene Faye (Jeff) King, brothers Michael (Cally) King and James King, as well as nieces, nephews, close relatives, family and friends who were dear to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Pauline King, first wife Martha King, brothers David “Sonny” King, William King, and Ronald King, sister Wanita Kolitsch, and granddaughter Desiree Fritsch.

Funeral services were celebrated on Friday, March 23, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at Woodland Worship Center, 760 Airport Dr. Oneida. Pastor Juan Alicea officiated with burial at the Holy Apostles Cemetery.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements.

Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the family.

*Peter King’s family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Unity Hospice, San Luis nursing home, and Shady Acres staff for their tender care of our Father.*



In Memory...

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**Harry W. Cooper, Sr.**

on his birthday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

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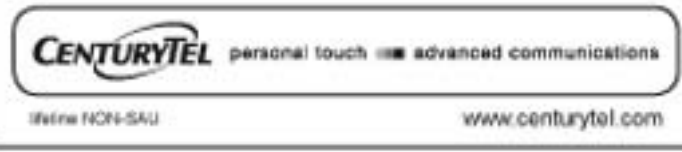
**CenturyTel offers telephone assistance to individuals living on Tribal Lands**

Consumers living on a federally-recognized tribal land may qualify for assistance programs that discount initial telephone installation and basic monthly residential service. CenturyTel is spreading the word about the programs so tribal residents who participate in federal or state assistance programs may apply for the phone discounts.

The assistance programs, known as Link-Up and Enhanced Tribal Lifeline, are available to qualifying tribal residents and vary from state to state, depending on whether the state has its own Lifeline program. Link-Up support for tribal lands provides a discount on the initial installation of a traditional, wireline telephone for a primary residence. The Enhanced Tribal Lifeline Assistance program enables participants to receive basic monthly telephone service, depending on current rates, at their primary residence for as little as one dollar a month.

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# Referendum question on Minor Per Capita proposed

The General Tribal Council delegated the responsibility to manage and distribute the Minors' Trust Accounts to the Oneida Trust Committee. The Oneida Trust Committee and Department are proposing a referendum question be added to the June 2007 ballot. A Task Force was formed to

consider some issues with the minors distributions and make a recommendation to the Trust Committee. After a year, the Task Force made the recommendation to the Trust Committee that the best way to resolve some of the issues

was to place a referendum questions on the June 30, 2007 special election ballot and have the General Tribal Membership provide direction by their vote.

Since 1994, the contributions and earnings on these

trust funds these accounts are approaching significant value. The Oneida Trust Committee formed a Task Force to assist the youth in making the most use of their trust funds. The Committee considered the following concepts:

1. **Laddered payouts**, which are a series of payments made over a period of time.
2. **Changing the age** at which the minors would receive their trust fund distributions
3. **Amending the Minors Trust Agreement** to include a requirement of a high school diploma, HSED, or a GED in order to receive their distribution.

These concepts would allow the youth more time in becoming better prepared as they plan for the use of the funds and the income tax consequences. At the Regular Trust Committee meeting of February 27, 2007, the Oneida Trust Committee approved the final report of the Task Force which contained the following:

*"Recommendation to the Trust Committee to place a referendum question on the next election ballot asking whether or not GTC supports the requirement of a high*

*school diploma prior to receiving minors per capita."*

The referendum question will be:

**Should the Oneida Tribe require a High School Diploma, a High School Equivalency Diploma, or a General Equivalency Diploma before paying out the trust fund even if the beneficiary is 18?**

YES or NO

All enrolled tribal members, age 21 and over are eligible to vote on this item. Please cast your vote at the Special Elections on June 30, 2007.

If you have any questions or comments on this subject, please let us know. Yaw^>ko.

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Please watch the KaliHwisaks and community notices for updates on this important issue

## Casting Call for "Strength of Indian Women," reader's theatre

The Oneida Nation Arts Program is producing a staged reading of the play, "Strength of Indian Women," written by Vera Manuel. In staged readings, no one has to learn lines and the productions require very little in the way of sets, costumes, and props. Also, staged readings don't require as much of a time commitment as full productions do.

The staged reading will be directed by Arlene Manuel, sister of the playwright Vera Manuel. We are in need of 6 volunteer actresses for the following roles: 4 grand-mothers, 1 mother in the age range of 30-40 years old, and one young teenage girl.

The "Strength of Indian Women," has two acts. The setting is in the home of Suzette, a grandmother, who is preparing her granddaughter's coming of age ceremony. Suzette welcomes her old friends and classmate who have come to honor and celebrate. They find the time has also come to speak of residential boarding schools and how it has affected their lives. The characters in the play come to terms with the abuse, grief, loneliness, and acculturation they suffered as children in the residential schools.

The play has been reviewed by several theatre critics in the U.S. and in Canada.

"Manuel drew for her script from the experiences of parents and their peers in Canada's residential schools for Indians. What went on in those schools threatens to bankrupt the Roman Catholic, United, Anglican and Presbyterian churches in Canada because at least 6,200 Canadian Indians allege in lawsuits they were subjected to physical, emotional and sexual abuse in schools the churches operated on behalf of the federal government," wrote Bill Blankenship in the Topeka-Capital Journal, Nov.17, 2000.

This staged reading will be rehearsed and performed in mid-May, 2007. There will be an orientation meeting with Director Arlene Manuel on Friday evening, May 11, 2007.

Anyone interested in being in this play, please call Sherrole Benton, Oneida Nation Arts Program, at (920) 490-3832 or email sbenton@oneidanation.org for more information.

## Flippin' flapjacks for babies



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Tatsyes Rice-John is shown catching a pancake tossed by Flap Jack Flippin' Larry. The event was March 24 at Parish Hall and featured raffles, bake sales and a pancake eating contest. Money raised benefitted the March of Dimes.

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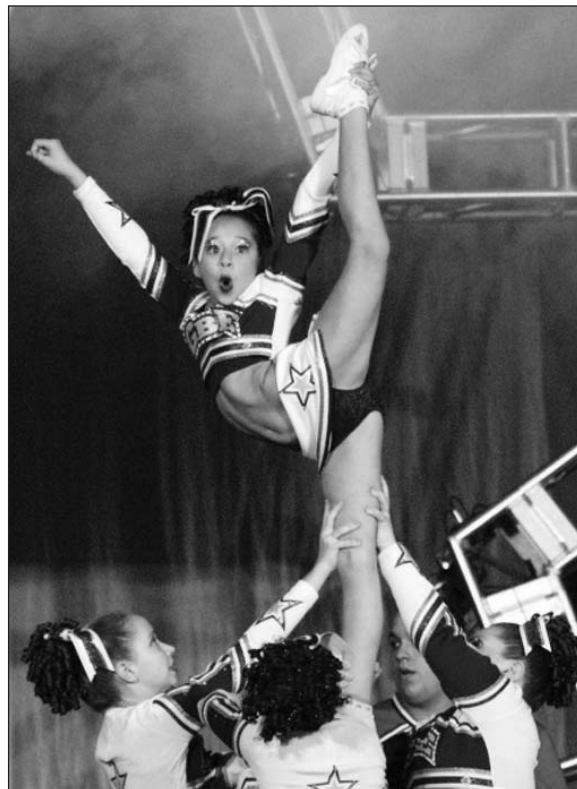
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Business

BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

Owista Oneida Tax Preparing for Tax-day

By Steven J. Gandy  
Kalihwisaks

Procrastinators pay attention. The deadline for taxes is rapidly approaching. The 2006 tax season will wind up this year on April 17, so although you have two extra days to get your taxes finished...it's still only two extra days.

If you need a little help getting your taxes finished, the pros at Owista-Oneida Taxes tax service would be more than happy to give you some expert guidance.

Owista is a partnership of two individuals with a combined experience of more than 30 years. Brian Doxtator and Tim Houge are located at 112 Riverdale Drive in the Town of Oneida and have experience in tax preparation, payroll and accounting services.

They have been working together operating as Owista for 3 years.

The foundation of their business is the individual tax payer, but they do have about 75 local businesses as clients as well.

The busy time of the year is upon Owista from the end of January through the tax deadline.

"For us it's right at the very beginning of when the W-2's are sent out or received, which would be the last week of January and the first two or three weeks of February; that's the busiest time of the year; and that's really the clientele that are receiving large refunds because of the Earned Income and the Child Tax Credits," Doxtator said.

Houge continued, "The next big one would be the last two to three weeks of the tax season and those are the procrastinators and the ones who owe."

Just because a tax payer owes money to the IRS doesn't mean they have to wait until the end of the season to prepare and file their taxes.



Kali photo/Steve Gandy

Brian Doxtator (above) and his partner Tim Houge prepare taxes out of Doxtator's home for their business Owista Oneida Taxes. This year's tax day is on April 17 giving procrastinators two extra days to file. Those who fail to file or pay by the deadline will face penalties and interest starting April 18.

"What people don't realize is that you can do your taxes January 1, but you still don't have to pay until April 17th this year," Doxtator said. "I've been trying to educate the clients and tell them that 'even though you owe, come on in early.'"

Coming in early will help your tax preparer even out the tax preparation load. The work load during the busy times for Owista is very high and keeps Doxtator and Houge busy all day.

"In the busy time, it's pretty much all day...not just doing the return, but also doing the research that goes along with making sure the return is done correctly. So hours can go into one return and we still only charge a certain price," Houge said.

The research that goes into the preparation of an individual's or a family's tax return takes a broad knowledge of tax law and understanding of the tax code.

According to Houge, "A person's life is wrapped up in a tax return; if they have children, it's on the tax return, get divorced, it has something to do with a tax return, if they have a problem in the family it's still wrapped up in the tax return, if somebody passes away, it's all in the tax return. Lives are wrapped up in that and it's something they don't train you for in learning how to prepare taxes."

Doxtator continues, "Now,

just because the per capita amount is starting to grow larger for those turning 18...they receive their amount; they're still in high school and all the sudden this child goes out and spends this money on a car, clothes and fast food...a parent can't really claim them."

According to Doxtator, if a parent does not provide more than fifty percent of the cost of living for a child, the child cannot be claimed on the parent's income tax return as a deduction.

Houge explained further, "Depending on a parent's income, the poorer families are getting nailed with this, losing those exemptions. The wealthier families are still providing more than half of this child's support...if the child earns too much then the parents are ... the ones that are getting nailed."

Owista, now in its third year is continuing to grow. It is preparing more tax returns this year than in its previous two and is bringing huge amounts of money into the local economy.

"Our client base is growing. Our first year we started we did 143 taxes, last year we did over 500 taxes and this year we're probably well over 600 with a few weeks to go," Doxtator said. "We've almost hit \$1 million in refunds and we've processed \$13,219,883 in taxable income."

The biggest piece of tax

advice Doxtator gives tax payers is, "Don't listen to anybody." He goes on, "You got a lot of people out there wanting to give advice on taxes. We have people in the community who are doing taxes that haven't been trained, they just know how to do accounting from high school and they're really good with numbers but...taxes aren't just about numbers. It's a lot about laws and processes. Talk to an accountant or tax preparer."

It is the same word of advice for those people who opt to use personal tax software like Turbo Tax.

"Turbo Tax says their math is correct in their software, but I've noticed the errors they made were in the favor of the IRS. Those who do Turbo Tax and are not getting audited need to realize that it's probably because they goofed up and they're owed money [by the IRS.]" Houge said. "It doesn't matter how little or how much you make, people just don't understand tax code."

Doxtator explains further, "It's a math software and you have to still understand where each number goes."

The partners also emphasized that ultimately it is the responsibility of the individual tax payer to file a correct return.

"That's just the way the law is written...it doesn't matter if they prepared their taxes or they hired someone to do it, whether it's done correctly or not, the tax payer, the client, is still responsible for the taxes," Doxtator said.

The cost for Owista's services is dependent upon the individual's situation.

"We don't charge elders, those who are retired and a minimum age of 62, we just ask for a donation," Doxtator said. "High school students are \$15, fulltime college students are \$25 and the average tax payer is \$50."

Owista is hoping to perform these services for the community and then be able to give something back as well.

"Our goal is to earn enough money to create a youth treatment facility, a run-away shelter, an alcohol & drug program for youth in this community. We want to give the majority of the money back to the community," Doxtator concluded.

Balanced Scorecard Update

Oneida Nation Vision

Submitted by Julie Clark  
Balanced Scorecard Coordinator

The following excerpt from Parker on the Iroquois - Great Law of Peace, Book III was shared at the meeting to acknowledge the nearly 100 people who participated in creating the Oneida Nation Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic themes for our Nation. These 100 participants met to develop the strategy map, objectives and performance measures for each of the four Strategic Themes:

1. **Economic Growth and Development** - *Economic security for the Tribe and its People*
2. **Responsible/Responsive Government** - *Effective and efficient governance that meets the needs of the On^nyote^a.ka.*
3. **Culture and Language** - *Bring our language back to life and strengthen Tsi^niyukawliho.^ for those faces yet to come.*
4. **Quality of Life** - *The mental, physical, social well-being of Oneida people.*

These instructions are given to Chiefs as they begin their new role as a Chief. These words have existed since the founding of the Confederacy. The principles apply to all of us as we go about our daily life.

"We now do crown you with the sacred emblem of the deer's antlers, the emblem of your Lordship.

You shall now become a mentor of the people of the Five Nations.

The thickness of your skin shall be seven spans - which is to say that you shall be proof against anger, offensive actions and criticism.

Your heart shall be filled with peace and good will and your mind filled with a yearning for the welfare of the peo-

ple of the Confederacy. With endless patience you shall carry out your duty and your firmness shall be tempered with tenderness for your people. Neither anger nor fury shall find lodgement in your mind and all your



words and actions shall be marked with calm deliberation.

In all of your deliberations in the Confederate Council, in your efforts at law making, in all your official acts, self interest shall be cast into oblivion.

Cast not over your shoulder behind you the warnings of your nephews and nieces should they chide you for any error or wrong you may do, but return to the way of the Great Law which is just and right.

Look and listen for the welfare of the whole people and have always in view not only the present but also the coming generations, even those whose faces are yet beneath the surface of the ground - the unborn of the future nation."

Parker, Arthur C., Parker on the Iroquois, Book III (pgs. 38-39)

**Oneida Nation Vision:**

A Nation of strong families built on Tsi^niyukawliho.^ and a strong economy.

**Oneida Nation Mission:**

To strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty.

**Core Values: The Good Mind**

Watch for community and employee meetings to learn more about this exciting time in our Nations' history. (Communications Team for the Oneida National Balanced Scorecard)

Calendar 2007

March 30-31

**5th Annual Edwin King Men's Basketball Classic**  
WHEN: March 30-31  
TIME: Friday - 5:00pm start, Saturday - 7:00am  
PLACE: Turtle School Gym  
Call 920-265-3589 to volunteer or for more information.

April 14

**21st Annual Bill Danforth Memorial Bowling Tourney**  
WHEN: Saturday, April 14  
TIME: Registration begins at Noon, 2:00pm start  
PLACE: Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley  
All Native bowling tournament unless previous bowled in tournament. Men and women divisions. \$30 entry fee per person, no personal checks. Reservations call 920-869-2955 or sign up at White Eagles Sport Bar and Grill.

April 14

**Trumpeting the Stone**  
WHEN: Saturday, April 14  
TIME: 6:45pm - Pre-concert lecture  
7:30pm - Concert  
PLACE: Meyer Theatre, Downtown Green Bay  
Green Bay Civic Symphony is presenting *Trumpeting the Stone*, an original orchestral composition by Mohican Brent Michael Davids commissioned by Oneida trumpet player Christopher Moore. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for elders and \$35 for family pass. Call 468-4676 for tickets.

Tuesdays

**United Amerindian Center Beading Class**  
WHEN: Every Tuesday  
TIME: 1:00pm to 3:30pm  
PLACE: UAC Center, 407 Dousman Road, Room 235  
Dates and times subject to change during summer months. All ages welcome! For more information contact: Marie Hoke at 920-436-6630, Leave a message

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# Legislative Review, Letters

## Treasurer's Report

### Greetings,

### FY 2006 Budget

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 came to an end on September 30th, 2006. The Business Committee approved the Gaming portion of the audit on January 17th, 2007 and approved the remainder of the audit on January 31st. Again, thank you to everyone that contributed to another successful completion of the audit.

### FY 2007 Budget

The FY2007 Budget was approved by General Tribal Council September 16, 2006. As of the end of February, the organization has a positive variance. We will be reporting to the Business Committee in early May on the March 31, 2007 year to date financials. This information will also be reported to the General Tribal Council in the Semi Annual Report for the July meeting.

### FY 2008 Budget

With the FY 2006 closing and the audit being completed, FY 2007 is underway, we are focusing on the development of the FY 2008 budget. The Treasury Team and the newly hired Budget Director are beginning to work on the initiation of the FY2008 process. Part of this process will include Community Meetings early in the process as a way to communicate where we are with the process and to obtain input and comments on the current process for improvements. The initial community meetings have been scheduled and will be held each Wednesday evening at 5pm in the Business Committee Conference Room starting April 11th, 2007 running through May 9th, 2007. We encourage everyone to attend so we can work to improve the process.

### Budget Director

Please join me in welcoming LeeAnn Skenandore as our new Budget Director for the organization. Prior to accepting the Budget Director position, LeeAnn was my Assistant for over four years, and was previously the Administrator to the Gaming Commission. LeeAnn is also an instructor for Concordia University, in which those



**Treasurer  
Mercie Danforth**

skills will play an important role in the direction we want to move the process. With the initiation of the FY2008 budget process starting soon, this position will be essential in moving the process forward. Welcome to our team LeeAnn in your new role!

### Office Changes

With my Assistant taking on the role of Budget Director, there will be a few changes in my office. I will not be seeking another Assistant for the fulfillment of this term. Carole Liggins, currently the Assistant to Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes, will be also assisting my office. Please contact Carole Liggins for any questions or requests starting March 26th, 2007. The financial portions of my office will now be routed through the Finance Office for completion. Thanks Carole for offering your assistance through this time of transition!

### Upcoming Elections

Spring Elections are approaching! The primary election was held on February 20th, 2007 and the actual election will be held on April 3, 2007. Some of the local offices up for election include the Brown County Executive, Outagamie County Executive, City of Green Bay Mayor, Village of Hobart Trustees (2), and the Town of Oneida Chairperson and two supervisors. If you have never registered or have moved since the last time you have voted, you will need to complete a voter registration form. If you plan on being out of town on election day or rather not wait in line, you can fill out an application for an absentee ballot. If you have any questions on the candidates, voter registration form or absentee ballot, please contact the Legislative Affairs office at (920) 869-4388.

Your comments and questions are always encouraged and most welcome. We can not continue to improve without your input. Please feel free to contact any of the Business Committee Members at (920) 869-4364, or toll free 1-800-236-2214.

*Yaw^ko  
Mercie L. Danforth*

## Legislative Update

### MAST Impact Week/Lobbying:

I spent the week of March 12-16 in Washington, D.C. attending Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (M.A.S.T.) Impact Week and lobbying on Capitol Hill. Two major issues M.A.S.T. lobbied on include the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the Indian Reservation Roads Program issues. Education and Protection of Native languages were also brought to the attention of the legislators.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act has not been re-authorized by Congress in 15 years. It was extremely close to passing during the last session of Congress. Unfortunately, this extremely important bill failed due to politics. However, this year the Natural Resources Committee Chairman, Nick Rahall has introduced a bill to re-authorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The Natural Resource Committee has jurisdiction over "Indian" matters and the Chairman has pledged that the Indian Health Care Improvement Act will be the first bill to move out of his Committee. We will continue to lobby this bill, until it passes out of Congress and is signed by the President.

The Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act - Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU) has several new laws contained in 25 CFR Part 170, Indian Reservation Road, (IRR) Final Rule. One of those

new laws now allows Tribes to inventory all roads (not just roads owned by a Tribe) within a federally recognized reservation, and potentially generate revenue for non-owned IRR roads.

The purpose of this new law is to allow Tribes to cooperatively assist governments and municipalities within the Tribal reservation with maintenance, and reconstruction needs on roads that provide access and services to that Tribal Government. This process also allows Governments, Municipalities, and Tribal Governments to maintain more roads within a fiscal budget year.

Due to the new law some Plains Tribes and Western Tribes, who are large land based tribes and have several miles of roads, feel that there is some misapplication of the regulations taking place in the Midwest and Alaska Regions, who are smaller land based tribes but are now eligible to include more miles of roads. We lobbied for the purpose of continuing the SAFETEA-LU Laws as written and to encourage Congress to continue the support of Tribes and the IRR program. We asked Congress for their continued support allowing Tribes to resolve IRR issues and concerns under this program and submit them before the new law is signed in 2009.

Outagamie County, Town



**Councilwoman  
Trish King**

of Oneida, Village of Ashwaubenon, City of Green Bay, and most recently, Brown County have all agreed to work cooperatively with the Tribe to include their respective roads on our inventory. The Village of Hobart, which resides wholly within the Reservation boundaries, has also agreed to participate to some extent but could hardly be considered as working cooperatively with the Tribe.

### Compensation Project Update:

I am pleased to provide you with an update regarding the Oneida Tribe's Compensation Project. I have been selected by the Oneida Business Committee to participate on the Project Approving Team with Councilman Ed Delgado as the alternate when I am not available. The team consists of the General Manager, Gaming General Manager, Chief of Staff, Assistant Chief Financial Officer along with myself and/or Councilman Delgado. Our responsibility is to review and approve recommendations from the Compensation project Advisory Team and consultant, Valliant. Valliant Enterprises is located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is a North American Indian owned business. They have extensive experience with Tribal Compensation Systems.

Informational meetings

for Tribal employees and supervisors, on the compensation project, were completed on February 1, 2007. Employees can find additional information on the Oneida Tribe's Intranet. The information will include updates, documents for downloading, and an e-mail address for submitting questions and concerns.

The Project Approving Team will review a draft wage/salary system from Valliant which will include economic factors and tools needed to keep the wage/salary system current.

### Smart Growth Plan Update:

The Business Committee approved a request for proposal (RFP) on March 14 which will be used to hire a consultant to work cooperatively with a Smart Growth Task Force to develop the Smart Growth Plan for the Oneida Tribe. The Smart Growth Task Force includes representatives from the Oneida Business Committee, Land Management, Land Commission, Development, and Administration to ensure all areas of interest are represented. The RFP proposals are due to Administration by April 5 for final selection to be made by the end of April. The Smart Growth Plan is expected to enhance the Tribe's economic vitality, coordinate development with infrastructures in a cost-effective manner, provide transportation options, and enhance the livability of our community. We are anticipating the completion of this plan in October 2007.

## Letters...

### Miss Oneida Letter

Dear Community,



**Metoxen**

Thus far, as Miss Oneida, I've had the opportunity and the great pleasure of meeting the Business Committee and attending the following events: The Walk of Legends, Faith in Action Family Picnic, Culture Days @ the Oneida Museum, Oneida's 4th of July Parade, Oneida's Annual Pow-Wow, Get to Know the Oneidas' Commercial shoot, Relay for Life, Green Bay Packer Family Fun Night, Art street, Indian Summer Fest, The UW Oshkosh Student Pow-Wow, Tsyunhehkwa's Harvest Days, The Three Sisters Pow-Wow, The Green Bay Holiday Parade, the Veteran's Pow-Wow, the Annual Sobriety Pow-Wow, and the Honor the Youth Pow-Wow.

In regards to my platform, I plan on making a presentation at my cousin's middle school. My goal is to educate them on Drunk Driving before they get to high school and before they begin driver's education. Through my experience, high school comes at you fast. If you are not prepared, it can be overwhelming. I hope to help them in enjoying what high school has to offer and be aware of the dangers involved with drinking and driving.

I truly cannot believe that my reign as Miss Oneida is

coming to an end. It has been an amazing experience. It would not have been the same without Jr. (Racheal Ninham) or Lil' Miss Oneida (Tianna Hackett). It has been so much fun spending my time with both of them. They have so much to offer such as their support for the dates from April 23 to April 28 where I; with the help of many will be running for the title of Miss Indian World! How exciting is that?! With the funds raised from blanket dances at the last two events we wish to say thanks to everyone for your support, every bit counts. I like to send a special thanks to Salisha Ninham, for the amazing bead work she has done on my traditional outfit. Your talent is absolutely amazing. Thank you once again.

As I bring my third article to a close, I would like to encourage any young women interested in running for the title of Miss Oneida to go for it. If you have any questions please ask, I'd be more than happy to help in any way I can.

*Sincerely,  
Iris Metoxen, Miss  
Oneida 2006-07*

### Miss Jr. Oneida Letter

Sheku Aweku,

My name is Racheal Ninham, and I'm the reigning Jr. Miss Oneida 06-07. This is my third article I'm writing



**Ninham**

and I'm just going to talk about the recent events I've attended. Those events are: he Honor The Youth Pow-Wow, AmerIndian Center Pow-Wow, Pioneer Elementary School, Hoover Elementary School, Tullat Elementary School, Bay Port High School, CP telethon, the Sobriety Pow-wow and the UWGB half-time performance. These events were very fun to attend and were also very interesting. I particularly enjoyed doing the school events.

I'm anxious to attend additional events with my other reigning friends, Miss Oneida Iris Metoxen and Lil' Miss Oneida Tianna Hackett - they're very fun to be around - very friendly and crazy (haha) people. It's sad to think that our year of reign together is almost over. I hope the remainder of our reign will be as much fun as we've had so far.

One more thing before I end my article is I would like to throw out a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that has helped, donated or just plainly participated in my fundraisers to get me to the Gatherings of Nations Pow-wow that will be coming up in the end of April.

*Yaw^ko,  
Racheal Ninham, Jr. Miss  
Oneida 2006-07*

### Thank you Amvets

Dear Oneida Amvets Post #54 members,

On behalf of our Oneida men's basketball team I would like to thank you for your sponsorship this year in the 8th annual March Madness basketball tourna-

ment in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The four day tournament consisted of 24 teams from throughout Indian Country. This tournament has become a premiere event in terms of the Indian basketball circuit. Our team took home a respectable 3rd place. Thanks again for supporting your tribal community members.

*Yaw^ko,  
Pete King III*

### We're all related

A Message to My Relatives:

It's been awhile since I have been able to communicate with you, my relatives. I've had difficulty using this newspaper's Letter to the Editor section because I have problems putting things in writing as well as I often have difficulty with my speech. Sometimes I get help and today is one of those times.

The reason I call all the Oneidas my relatives, or my brothers and sisters, is that the creator, in all creation, has created only about 25,000 Oneidas. We've got to be all related and I think if we looked far enough back into our family histories, we'd find that out. Lately, I've seen our people do some things to re-enforce my idea that we're related, all of us. Case in point, those Norbert Hill Center employees who cared enough about our Oneida High School kids to report to the proper Tribal authorities, instances whereby the children were not being provided proper guidance and leadership. If those Norbert Hill

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*If you have any questions, please feel*

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# Oneida Business Committee

## Oneida Business Committee Meeting Minutes

### Regular Meeting • February 14, 2007 Business Committee Conference Room

*Present:* Kathy Hughes—Vice Chair, Mercie Danforth—Treasurer, Patty Hoelt—Secretary, Trish King—Council member, Paul Ninham—Council member, and Edward Delgado—Council member.

*Excused:* Gerald Danforth—Chair, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth—Council members.

*Others Present:* Clifford Webster, Barb Skenandore, Laura Manthe, Gene Schubert, Pat Pelky, Sherrole Benton, Geraldine Danforth, Beth Bashara, Peril Huff, Brenda John, Cathy Metoxen, Wanda Diemel, Michele King, Debbie Danforth, Racquel Hill, Sylvia Cornelius-Waupose, Christine Klimmek, Dottie Krull, Dave W. Skenandore, Butch Rentmesster, Kitty Melchert, Winnifred Thomas, Frank Ness, W. Mclester, Kay Katch, Barb Dickson, Tina Danforth.

*Opening Prayer:* Richard Baird

*Special Recognitions:* Recognition of Harry Baird from the Oneida Public Transit Department, for driving 100,000 miles accident and citation free, presented by Patty Hoelt, Clifford Webster and Susan House.

Oneida Retail gives special recognition to the Arts Program for the integral role they played in lobbying securing artists and their art work for consideration for the Oneida Blanket, presented by Michelle Peterson and Susan House.

#### 1. Call to Order by Kathy Hughes

#### 2. Oath of Office – None

#### 3. Approval of the Agenda

- Additions
- Deletions
- Moves

*Action:* Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the agenda with the deletion of Executive Session. New Business item #1 and move Executive Session Old Business item #1 to open session, seconded by Patty Hoelt. For: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoelt. Opposed: Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham, Trish King. Motion failed.

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the agenda with the deletion of Executive Session New Business #1. Business Development Unit Review and Assessment, seconded by Trish King. For: Paul Ninham, Trish King, Mercie Danforth. Opposed: Patty Hoelt, Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

#### 4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Minutes of February 14, 2007.

*Action:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the February 14, 2007 minutes with a note of the time when the Chair had left and the Vice-Chair chaired the meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Special Minutes of February 14, 2007 Annual Meeting.

*Action:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Special Meeting minutes of February 14, 2007 regarding the January 1, 2007 Annual GTC Meeting that had no quorum, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham, Patty Hoelt, Trish King. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

#### 5. Tabled Business – None

#### 6. Reports

- Bay Bank (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Bill Menacher - 2nd Meeting of the Month

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to table the Bay Bank quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Oneida Nation Electronics (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Jeff House - 2nd Meeting of the Month

*Action:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the request to combine the Oneida Nation Electronics quarterly report with the Seven Generations Corporation's quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- Environmental Resource Board (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Ted Hawk - 2nd Meeting of the Month

*Action:* Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Environmental Resource Board quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Oneida Personnel Commission (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Brenda Skenandore - 2nd Meeting of the Month

*Action:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Personnel Commission quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 7. Travel Reports – None

#### 8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

- Debbie Thundercloud RE: Quarterly Health Center Update

*Excerpt from November 22, 2006:* Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the monthly Health Center update and change reporting date to quarterly, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Patty Hoelt to approve the quarterly Health Center update of February 28, 2007. Seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. New Business:

##### a. Resolutions

- Debbie Thundercloud  
Eugene Schubert  
Laura Manthe

RE: WIS. DOT Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program Resolution-Requesting adoption of WI. Department of Transportation and the Oneida Tribe to Determine Social, Cultural, Jointly Plan & Implement a Study to

Economic & Environmental Impact to Improve or Realign Highway 54 through Central Oneida Community

*Action:* Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Public Land Highway Discretionary Program Resolution 2-28-07 A, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

##### b. Requests

- Debbie Thundercloud  
Butch Rentmeester

RE: Requesting Review & Approval of the CIP Package for Duck Creek Trail, Project #06-004.

*Action:* Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the CIP package for Duck Creek Trail Project #06-004, seconded by Patty Hoelt. For: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoelt, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

- Debbie Thundercloud  
Butch Rentmeester

RE: Requesting approval of a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for the Krause-Anderson Contract for the Assisted Living/AJNH Project, CIP Project #98-005 and Approval to Activate \$500,000.00

*Action:* Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the Krause-Anderson Contract for the Assisted Living/AJNH Project, CIP Project #98-005 and approve activation of \$500,000.00, seconded by Patty Hoelt. For: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoelt, Paul Ninham, Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

For the Record: Patty Hoelt noted a memo from the Law Office be attached when any contract or entity (within the tribe) request approval of limited or waiver of sovereign immunity and that the Oneida Business Committee will receive accompanying documentation that identifies those clauses or risks so that the Oneida Business Committee can be conscientious before entering into agreements.

- Debbie Thundercloud  
RE: Casino Well Testing Summary

*Action:* Motion by Patty Hoelt to approve the discussion between EPA and DNR and for the General Manager to bring back the final results of those discussions to the Executive Staff meeting in April, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the rest of casino well testing summary report as FYI, seconded by Patty Hoelt. Motion carried unanimously.

##### c. Travel Requests

- Kathy Hughes  
RE: Request approval for Vice Chairwoman and Chief Counsel to attend OEDA and Power Plant Entertainment meeting, March 22, 2007 in Baltimore, MD

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request for the Vice-Chair and Chief Counsel to attend the OEDA and Power Plant Entertainment meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Patty Hoelt  
RE: Requesting Blanket Travel Approval for Wisconsin Coastal Management Council Meetings

*Action:* Motion by Trish King to approve blanket travel for Secretary Hoelt for the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council meetings, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- Vince DelaRosa  
Ed Delgado  
RE: The Grand Opening of the Ancient Americas; Chicago, IL; March 6 - 7, 2007

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request for Council members Vince DelaRosa and Ed Delgado to the grand opening of the Ancient Americas, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Finance Committee – None

#### 11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) – None

#### 12. Treasurer's Report – None

#### 13. Oneida Business Committee Planning

Approval of the February 13, 2007 Planning Meeting Minutes

*Action:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Planning Meeting minutes of February 13, 2007, seconded Paul Ninham. For: Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham, Patty Hoelt, Trish King. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

#### 14. Executive Staff Meeting – None

#### 15. Legislative Affairs Update

- "Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin" Letter from Councilman Paul Ninham - Retro Approval

*Action:* Motion by Patty Hoelt to retro-approve the "Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin" letter from Councilman Paul Ninham, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 17 - Voter ID Update - FYI

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Assembly Joint Resolution and Federal FY 2009 Overview as FYI, seconded by Patty Hoelt. Motion carried unanimously.

- State FY 2008 Overview - FYI

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to approve State FY 2008 overview as FYI and refer item #7 to the Law Office regarding the Department

of Revenue, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Local, Municipal and County Report - Approval/Action  
*Action:* Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Local, Municipal and County report as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

10:22 a.m.	Recessed for 10 minute break
10:37 a.m.	Closed session
11:53 a.m.	Recessed for lunch until 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	Resumed closed session
2:10 p.m.	Recessed to participate in conference call regarding land claims
3:00 p.m.	Back into closed session
4:27 p.m.	Open Session

#### 16. Executive Session

##### a. Tabled Business

- Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approval of Phillip Morris Contract  
Michelle King

*Excerpt from February 14, 2007:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Phillip Morris contract until February 28, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoelt. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to take the Phillip Morris contract from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Trish King to approve the Phillip Morris contract legal review #2007-129 with authorizing limited waiver of sovereign immunity and a waiver of conflict of interest form, seconded by Patty Hoelt. Motion carried unanimously.

- Gerald Danforth RE: Request Approval of Paul Stenzel  
Winnifred Thomas Attorney Contract Amendment

*Excerpt from February 14, 2007:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Paul Stenzel attorney contract for the Chair to hold a meeting with the Appeals Commission's Chief Judicial Officer, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to take this item from the table, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Paul Stenzel attorney contract addendum with Chief Counsel incorporating language for applicable tribal law, seconded by Patty Hoelt. Motion carried unanimously.

##### b. Old Business

- Debbie Thundercloud RE: Personnel Matter -  
Geraldine Danforth Requesting a Procedural  
Exception

*Excerpt from February 14, 2007:* Motion by Patty Hoelt to ask the Human Resource Department (HRD) to bring back recommendations on a new job description for possible changes to experience and qualifications that could be re-posted, back in two weeks, seconded Paul Ninham. For: Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham, Patty Hoelt. Opposed: Mercie Danforth, Trish King. Motion carried.

*Action:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to deny the request for the procedural exception and to accept the recommended changes to the job description, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham, Patty Hoelt, Ed Delgado. Opposed: Trish King. Motion carried.

For the Record: Mercie Danforth: First of all, I want to thank the Committee members that did support my decision in regards to what I brought forward. I felt that I did follow procedures in regards to what was authorized out there. Unfortunately, it didn't go through. I need the support of the full Committee on this decision to move forward and I found that I did not receive that on here unfortunately. Also, because of the threats that were made in regards to what people would do, I think we could control that in a good manner, but unfortunately, it doesn't sound like that would be the case. I cannot put somebody in this position with that. I think we'd be setting him up for failure. We won't have the support of the full Committee to do that, therefore, I also can't explain or really get everybody to understand why the type of person makes a difference in that type of position when I work with him.

For the Record: Patty Hoelt: This issue was about fairness and not about the individual recommended to become the CFO without going through the interview process as required for all positions in this tribe. I strongly support that all opportunities available to tribal members are given to all tribal members and not to just one individual. There were no threats made except attacks on the policy of this tribe to only work for an individual and not to work in fairness to all tribal members.

- Vince DelaRosa RE: Oneida Housing Authority(OHA)  
Audit

*Excerpt from February 14, 2007:* Motion by Patty Hoelt to refer the OHA Audit to Councilman DelaRosa for an initial assessment with a report back on Feb. 28, 2007, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Patty Hoelt to direct the Chief Counsel to provide the Oneida Business Committee with a report at its March 14, 2007 meeting that describes the responsibilities of the Oneida Housing Authority to respond to the audit results of November 9, 2006 of Hawkins, Ash & Baprie and Company, the January 16, 2007 letter from HUD Administrator Kevin Fitzgibbons. The Chief Counsel's report shall also describe the Oneida Business Committee's responsibility and authority to respond to the audit results and HUD letter, and to identify what tribal laws, policies and procedures apply to the Oneida Housing Authority, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Paul Ninham to accept Vince DelaRosa's report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

*Action:* Motion by Patty Hoelt to direct Internal Audit to evaluate and analyze the findings and concerns found in the Hawkins, Ash & Baprie and Company's audit of November 9, 2006 and the January 16, 2007 letter from HUD Administrator Kevin Fitzgibbons and report those findings to the Business Committee at the March 14, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- Neil Cornelius RE: Harrah's Joint Marketing Agreement

*Excerpt from January 31, 2007:* Motion by Mercie Danforth to table

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Business Committee Minutes

Next Regular Business Committee Meeting...

Wednesday • April 11, 2007 • 9:00 A.M.

Business Committee Conference Room

Norbert Hill Center • 2nd Floor



State

# Road, lane closures scheduled for April 2 in downtown De Pere

## Work taking place for new Claude Allouez Bridge

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) NE Regional Office at Green Bay is announcing road and lane closures starting Monday,

April 2 in downtown De Pere due to construction of the new Claude Allouez Bridge.

George Street. Beginning on April 2, George Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Broadway and Wisconsin St. for approximately two weeks. Stop signs on George Street will be removed at Wisconsin St.

Broadway (WIS 32/57). Beginning at 4 a.m. on April 2, Broadway will be closed to traffic between Merrill and

George streets until late August 2007. A multi-lane roundabout will be constructed for the east approach to the new Claude Allouez Bridge.

- Detour for WIS 32. Traffic will be detoured onto Heritage Road (County X) south of De Pere, east to County GV, north on County GV to WIS 172, and west on WIS 172 to Ashland Avenue (WIS 32 on the west side of the Fox River).
- Detour for WIS 57. Traffic

will be detoured onto Heritage Road (County X) south of De Pere, east to County GV, north on County GV to WIS 172, and west on WIS 172 to Riverside Avenue (WIS 57

north of De Pere).  
 • Detour for local traffic. Local traffic is asked to use Cook Street east to Erie Street, Erie Street north to George Street, and George Street east to Broadway.

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the Harrah's Joint Marketing Agreement, seconded Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from February 14, 2007:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to take this item from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from February 14, 2007:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Harrah's Joint Marketing Agreement contingent on Gaming Commission review, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Gaming Commission's report and request responses from management at the Business Committee meeting of March 14, 2007, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

### c. New Business

1. Debbie Thundercloud Butch Rentmeester

RE: Business Development Review and Assessment of Gaming Master Plan

Deleted

2. Patty Hoeft Cheryl Skolaski

RE: Approval of 57 New Enrollment Applicants & Approval of 2 Relinquishments

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the 57 new enrollments and 2 relinquishments with verification of the spelling of Waupekenay, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Gerald Danfoth

RE: Development/Change in Legislation Regarding Employee Protection

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to refer the Employee Protection Policy to LOC for review and consideration regarding employees of elected bodies, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Trish King, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Paul Ninham, Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to refer the request for legal assistance, directing the individual to go to Compliance for legal assistance, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Paul Ninham, Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

### d. Legislative Affairs Update – None

### e. Attorney Brief

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Attorney Brief of February 28, 2007 as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

### f. Audit Committee – None

### g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1:30 pm)

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the OEDA report as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

### h. Seven Generation Corporation Update (1st and 2nd meeting of the month) – None

Recess/Adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on March 14, 2007.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

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## ASNE: Native journalist numbers up, percentage of minorities at newspapers down

WASHINGTON – The number of Native American journalists working at U.S. mainstream newspapers rose significantly in the last year, according to the latest survey from the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE).

The 2007 survey, released Tuesday, shows 332 self-identified Native journalists at newspapers that responded to the survey, up from 309 in last year's survey and the highest number ever record by ASNE. Still, Native journalists make up just 0.6 percent of the news staff at mainstream newspapers.

While growth is encouraging, the survey reflects that much more work is needed, said Mike Kellogg (Navajo), Native American Journalists Association president.

"It's important all voices are heard in the community, and all voices listened to and not dismissed because of cultural ignorance," Kellogg said. "Twenty-three new native employees are not good enough. It's going to take extra efforts from mainstream media and organizations such as NAJA to better those numbers."


At minimum, newsroom diversity should reflect the population a media organization serves, Kellogg said.

Overall, the survey showed an increase in the number of journalists of color working for mainstream U.S. newspa-

pers. For the first time, the survey counted people who work for newspaper affiliated news Web sites, such as Washingtonpost.com. Those online jobs added about 2,000 employees to the annual survey, and journalists of color made up about 16 percent of the online employees. That helped lead to an overall increase in the number of journalists of color reported in the survey.

However, the percentage of newspaper reporters, editors and photographers who are journalists of color dropped, from 13.9 percent in last year's survey to 13.6 percent this year.

The Native American Journalists Association remains committed to increasing the number of Native journalists working at newspapers, magazines and broadcast and online news outlets.



**Information Technology Manager**

**Job Description Overview**  
Establish, set-up and configure user workstations. Develop & implement -going user training. Technology in core business areas such as web based marketing, property management systems, point of sale programs and data management systems. Maintain, support and upgrade the systems, including the servers, PCs, hardware, software and operating systems.

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# State/National

## Onondagas get more time to get federal support for land claim

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) ~ A hearing on a motion to dismiss the Onondaga Nation's land claim has been adjourned for three months to give the Onondagas more time to persuade the United States to join in the suit.

Lawyers for the Onondagas and New York had been scheduled to appear Wednesday before Judge Lawrence Kahn in U.S. District Court in Albany.

New York is seeking dismissal of the claim, arguing, among other points, that the state is immune under the U.S. Constitution from such suits unless the United States is a plaintiff.

The U.S. Justice Department has previously intervened as a plaintiff in the Cayuga, Oneida and Mohawk land claims. It has yet to do so in the Onondaga Nation's case, which was filed in March 2005.

In their case, the Onondagas have asked the court to declare that New York illegally acquired roughly 4,000 square miles in five treaties between 1788 and 1822. Although they are not seeking evictions, the Onondagas want legal title to a swath of upstate New York up to 40 miles wide stretching from Pennsylvania to Canada, including the cities of Syracuse, Oswego, Fulton, Watertown, Cortland and Binghamton.

The Justice and Interior departments are giving "serious consideration" to the Onondagas' request that the United States join in the case, said Joe Heath, one of the Onondagas' lawyers.

Kahn rescheduled the hearing for June 19.

## Hobart Trustee Candidate

Terry Blohowiak



Terry Blohowiak was born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He is married - 36 years to Gail A. Blohowiak. They have two grown children-Matthew and Carrie. Both children are graduates of Pulaski School and both attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota- twin cities. Terry is also grandpa to Anna and Ellie.

Completing the family is Rex, the Wonder Dog,- an adoptee from the Sanger B. Powers Liberty Dog Program where Gail volunteered. Terry also took in the dogs for socialization from this program until it closed.

Retired from a career as an electrician, Terry enjoys hunting and the outdoors. He is also a pilot-a goal of his achieved three years ago on his 55th birthday. At work he was involved in budgeting for project, maintenance issues and installation of new machines and processes. Part of his commitment to the environment is maintaining 80 acres of forest in Forest County- a place he loves to be!

Terry spends fair amount of time tending to the needs of his elderly parents who are now in assisted living. He is also the family handyman helping out these who need it- mainly Gail's parents and aunt. Having been a Hobart resident of over 28years, this is "home". He has watched the development of Hobart over this time and has been active in area politics. He campaigned for Patty Hoeft for Brown County Board last year. He was also part of the recall work for the former Village President and the NO to TIF referendum group that stopped the Village from developing the northern end of Hobart by borrowing \$14million dollars.

## From Page 6/Letters

Center employees did not have a connection to the children, they would not have cared and would probably have ignored the behavior and things would not have changed.

Another case in point is about what I recently read in the Kalihwisaks. The issue was the Oneida printing Enterprise and keeping jobs on the Reservation for Oneidas. That's a good policy and I hope the OBC protects that policy and protects Oneida jobs.

Yes, we're related. But that doesn't mean we don't have problems. One problem we have is about the dispute between the OBC and the Appeals Commission. It sounds like the issues are what "sovereign immunity" means and the OBC not complying with a court order. Oneida sovereignty is at risk when the government does not comply with court orders. Sovereignty is also at risk when our OBC wants to make the laws and then re-interpret them when they don't like the court's rulings. And what happens to our Oneida people when the government ignores court orders? I think that means that the people's due process is done away with.

One final thing. On April 28th, I'll be in Oneida to collect signatures for a petition I hope will improve the quality of life for Oneidas. I've tried this before and you may have noticed me standing near the ball diamond at Site I. In the past, I've not been successful in gathering signatures. But I keep trying. That's how I fulfill my responsibilities to my relatives. So far, I don't know exactly where in Oneida I'll be or what time I'll be there. Please call me or write of you wish to know where I will be on the 28th. By then I will know. Thanks.

Ph: 414-934-9766

Address: 761 N. 25th Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

Kerry Brunette

## Encouraging Tribal Humanitarianism

Hello my name is Jennifer M. Stevens, the daughter of Ernest L. Stevens Sr. and the late Patricia Stevens. My Mother has passed on and my father still lives here in the Oneida nursing home, but there is one thing that lives on inside of me is that my parents stressed the importance of humanitarianism. When I think about what makes me proud of being Native American is that no matter what...we have strived to keep "our people" forefront in our minds and in our hearts-It is natural for us to be humanitarians. For the most part I am proud of the progression and growth of our Oneida community. I remember not long ago our tribal members experience many struggles-especially financial. It is 2007...Now I see our economy change like night and day. Yet it appears to me some tribal members are reaping the benefits of our economic facelift, yet others are still struggling-this really bothers me and that is what brought me to share my thoughts today.

With this in mind...I would like to propose a Native Voice Network concept hoping our tribe will collaborate with other tribes and further develop it. It would be a national central located Native owned/managed joint business venture that consisted of mass media through; television, radio, internet, and newspaper. In my mind, "some" tribal issues can be resolved through mass media. Mass media is a multi-million dollar business and I think our tribe and many others are a little behind the times... We can't always rely on gaming for revenue, how do we know how long that will last? For example, the

Hispanic/Latin American communities have their own radio station and TV stations why can't we? I don't suggest media used to paint a pretty picture, but paint a realistic canvas of how Native American people "really" are. It will enable Native Americans to represent themselves and speak on their behalf-give us our voices back. Simply encouraging our media to be of utmost quality and integrity for the viewing of all races. We want to educate America not scare them away before we get the opportunity to have an impact.

One of the recent concerns that I have is the segregation amongst our people within our own community and with other tribes. Due to gaming and the expansion of our economy it has brought us to a state of competition amongst each other. I have noticed while other tribes flourish there are still Native people living in impoverishment and unlivable conditions. This competition contradicts our basic philosophies as Native people. In spite of one's economic or political status we should always take care of our people or other's in need, especially if we have the capacity and resources to do that.

Another concern I have is poor representation of Native American people through the United States Media such as; television, internet, newspapers, and radio stations. Native American issues such as; poverty, poor funding allocations, taxes, and land claims, to name a few... It appears that media in most cases, have Non-Native Americans representing the state of our tribal issues and it is easy for the media to paint a biased picture of us.

In my mind, media, education, and communications are the prime sources to the misrepresentation of Native American people. The United States for centuries have used media to develop stereotypes of Native Americans to the point that U. S. Citizens have been "conditioned" to treat us like a third world country and second class citizens in; educational institutions, government to government negotiations, and the job market. The United States has preyed for hundred of years on our ignorance of their way of life, religion, government, and even the value of a dollar through mass media. Now we have the ability to use our voices with our funding through high quality and effective mass media. Where do you think the dumb drunken Indian stereotype came from? Mass media...

We are also behind the times with humanitarian efforts not just media... There organizations like; "Habitat For Humanity" (<http://www.habitat.org>), and "Heifer International" (<http://www.heifer.org>), TV shows such as Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (<http://abc.go.com/primetime/xtremehome/>) the Oprah Winfrey Show and the Angel Network (<http://www.oprah.com>), to name a few. These are excellent examples for our community and tribes to look at as models. I would like us to fight for greater causes...everyone else is, why can't we? There are far more benefits we will gain in the long run through humanitarianism.

In my eyes, Native American people have always had the true humanitarian spirit and hope we don't lose that through changing times and our economic successes. Not all tribal members benefit like others do-it would really be nice to see more humanitarian efforts in our own community and in Indian Country. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer M. Stevens

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*We help one another!*  
*Free Community Dinner*

## Oneida Social Services

**Our Oneida children need you - Oneida Foster Care Program & Indian Child Welfare**  
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**We help one another... Strengthening individuals, families and communities! Learn how to participate!**

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# Oneida Family Fitness

## Family Fitness Highlights

**Oneida Family Fitness Hours:**

M-T-W-TH-F: 5:30AM-8:30PM  
 Saturday: 7AM-2:00PM  
 For more information call 490-3730

**Fitness Members for the month of March 2007**

Debbie has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness since 1999. She was first motivated to begin an exercise program because of her weight and her family's encouragement. The only obstacle that Debbie had to overcome was coming to the fitness center by herself. However, the support she received from her friends and family helped her continue to exercise.



**Debbie Melchert**

Since exercising on a regular basis, Debbie has lost 55 pounds and has been able to keep it off. She also feels much healthier than she used to be. These accomplishments have been made by going to Oneida Family Fitness about five days a week, sometimes even twice a day. She also participates in a wide variety of group exercise classes throughout the week. These classes help her stay motivated by keeping her workouts interesting.

Debbie enjoys going to Oneida Family Fitness because it helps her feel energetic and good about herself. In her free time, Debbie likes to play volleyball, golf, swim during the summer and spend time with her family.

Last of all, Debbie's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "Stick with it because it takes time!"

Congratulations to Debbie for your hard work and dedication! Keep up the good work!

Dana has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness since its days at the Norbert Hill Center. He was recently motivated to exercise more because his cholesterol was high and his energy level was low. The one obstacle that Dana overcame was finding time to workout. He works nine hours a day as a carpenter, but still finds time to exercise before, during, and after work. By doing this and not taking two steps back by partying last weekend, Dana is able to stay strong and healthy in all areas of his life, and be there for his three children when they need him.



**Dana Isaac**

Dana's current workout routine consists of walking, light lifting, and stretching in the morning. In the afternoon, he will do heavier weight training. In the evening, he will run, bike, or lift weights as well. This has allowed Dana to increase his time spent running from ten minutes to an hour.

Dana enjoys going to Oneida Family Fitness because of the variety of exercise machines that are offered. In his free time, Dana creates and sells a variety of artwork, including drawings, wood burnings, and tattoos. He also likes to read.

Finally, Dana's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "Your health is, and should always be, your number one priority!"

Congratulations to Dana for your hard work!

## How to Burn more calories

By Jason Manders

Oneida Family Fitness Specialist

In my experience working with people, talking with, and being with people, the topic of exercise is usually brought up. The big question on people's minds is, "What's the best exercise to . . ." So many people want a quick fix or a magical exercise that will help shed those extra pounds. In the search for eternal fitness, people will try every new activity that's "guaranteed to burn fat" Instead of doing whatever is seen on television to burn calories, choose activities that work for

you. For all those looking for that miracle pill, keep looking. For everyone else, read on.

Burning calories, like most things in life, is about choices. Let's start with a typical day at work. (See chart below)

Simply changing daily eating habits can make the difference when trying to burn calories. Many people follow the old guidelines of eating three meals ( breakfast, lunch and dinner) a day. Eating 5-6 small meals as opposed to three large meals will help raise the metabolism and stabilize blood sugar allowing

for efficient fat loss.

One of the best ways to lose water retention is by drinking. Many people are concerned with retaining water in their body. As a result, not drinking water has become their solution to water retention. To rid the body of excess water, it's important to drink a gallon each day.

Too many carbohydrates can cause insulin levels to rise creating unstable sugar levels. They body can't burn fat when these levels are too high. Cut back on the breads, pastas, juices, bagels and candy.

Activity	Calories	Activity	Calories
Using elevator	4 cal.	Taking stairs (5 min. total/day)	54 cal.
Lunch at office (45min.)	57 cal.	30 min brisk walk before lunch	165 cal.
Drive to work by car	20 cal.	Ride bike to work (15 min. each way)	235 cal.
Load dishes in dish washer	13 cal.	wash dishes manually	60 cal.
Watch TV	30cal.	Shine shoes, clean room for 1st 15 min. of TV time	65 cal.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124 cal.</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>559 cal.</b>

-This data is based on a 160-lb person. Results may vary.

## Oneida Tae Kwon Do Tournament Season

By Adam Brown

Marital Arts Instructor

With Spring in the air, the Oneida Martial Arts department is getting ready for the 2007 Tae Kwon Do Tournament circuit. It all "kicked off" March 24 at the 2nd Annual MAPMA Invitational in Hortonville. Next up, April 7 marks the Oneida Tae Kwon Do tournament at the Oneida Turtle

School. Other competitions this year will include Oshkosh, Wautoma, and Milwaukee Invitationals. The Oneida Martial Arts students always perform well, bring home nice trophies, and spread Martial Arts Good Will wherever they compete. Help us wish them good luck and safety at all the events they travel to.



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2006 tournament participants show off their awards

## National Kidney Month

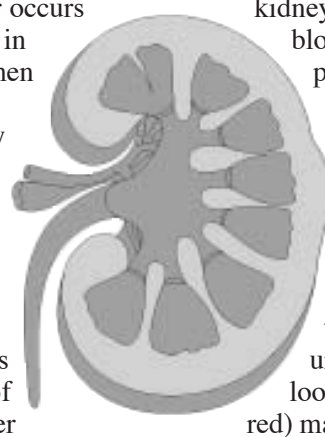
March is a National Kidney Awareness Month. The month is dedicated to providing information on kidney location, kidney function and kidney cancer. Let's start with a few kidney facts:

- Kidney cancer occurs twice as often in men than women
- American Cancer society estimates the number of kidney cancer case's world wide was 22,490

The kidneys are a pair of organs on either side of the spine in the lower abdomen. Each is the size of your fist and is part of the urinary tract. Their job is to make urine by removing wastes and extra water from the blood. Kidneys also make substances that help control blood pressure and the production of red blood cells.

Individuals may be exposed themselves to kidney

cancer and not even know. Cigarette smoke increases the risk of this cancer. The exposure to cadmium and lead ( used in paint) can also contribute to kidney cancer. Diabetes, obesity, chronic kidney failure or high blood pressure may predispose people to kidney cancer.



Symptoms don't always point to kidney cancer. Since the kidneys are part of the urinary tract, blood in urine (making urine looks rusty or deep red) may be an indication of kidney problems. Painful sides that don't go away or a sudden lump or mass that develops in the abdomen can also point to kidney problems. Most often, these symptoms can be the result of a cyst or infection and not necessarily kidney cancer. Your medical doctor should be made aware of any symptoms that may develop.

## Oneida Family Fitness is growing!



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Muareen Cisler heads for the pool in the new elevator at the Oneida Family Fitness Center.

By Michelle Mielke

OFF Director

The Oneida Family Fitness capital improvement project to construct an elevator service was recently completed in July 2006! Due to increased accessibility, membership is rapidly increasing as expected. Oneida is making the choice to be more ACTIVE! Memberships have already increased by 15%, and facility use is on the rise!

A strong focus on quality physical fitness opportunities remains, special emphasis on character development for all ages/ stages of life, preventative health education and specialty programs to include disease /weight management. The Oneida Active For Life program is making a difference, impacting an increase awareness and education of the many benefits physical activity provides.

**ONEIDA Family Fitness Hours**  
**Monday-Friday: 5:30AM to 8:30PM**  
**Saturday: 7:00AM to 2:00PM**

**Oneida Family Fitness Staff**

Michelle Mielke.....	Fitness Center Director
Ryan Waterstreet.....	Assistant Director
Ryan Engel.....	Fitness Specialist Supervisor
Stefanie Reinke.....	Fitness Specialist Lead
Lori Bembnister.....	Fitness Specialist
Eric Frantz.....	Fitness Specialist
Tina Jacobsen.....	Fitness Specialist
Jason Manders.....	Fitness Specialist
Tiffany Brockington.....	Fitness Specialist
Tek Skenandore.....	Fitness Assistant
Hudson Denny.....	Fitness Assistant
Kevin Schoenebeck.....	Martial Arts Coordinator
Adam Brown.....	Martial Arts Instructor
Maureen Cisler.....	Administrative Assistant
Martina Frechette.....	Administrative Assistant
Teresa Roth.....	Aquatics Supervisor
Teresa Holschuh-Sieja.....	Aquatics Trainer/Supervisor
Nicole Cooley.....	Lifeguard
Orrie Kreisler.....	Lifeguard
Jessica Mettler.....	Lifeguard

The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at:  
 2640 West Point • Green Bay, WI Phone: (920) 490-3730.  
 Look for O.F.F. highlights once a month in the Kali.

**Oneida Community Band**  
**Concert: Music and a Meal**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2007**  
**5:30pm Food**  
**6:00pm Concert**  
**At the Social Services' Community Room**  
**2640 West Point Road**

Join us for **Music and a Meal** concert with the newly formed Oneida Community Band featuring Oneida and surrounding community musicians.

The event is free and open to the general public!

**For more Information: 490-3833**



## Oneida One Stop-Packerland Approaches Opening Date

Submitted by Oneida Retail Division

The Oneida Retail Division has grown over the last three decades from a few roadside kiosks into a thriving business chain of eight retail stores. And recently, ground was again broken for a new

18,000 sq. ft. facility located at 3120 South Packerland Drive. The new facility, which will focus on the store within a store concept, will emphasize tobacco sales with an Oneida Smokeshop. It will also follow suit with the other

One Stops with an attached 76 slot machine casino and restaurant called Apple Spice Junction. The One Stop and casino will be open 24/7 with the restaurant hours being 6am to 8pm.

This site, flanked by

Schneider National across the street and Amerprise a half mile south, possesses the 3 critical elements for success... location, location, location. Studies indicate excellent traffic counts past the site and thus, we expect to be posi-

tioned well as Oneida Street continues to expand south. The number of people that live, work and shop in the south Packerland area has grown rapidly in the last few years, and is expected to continue to grow in the foreseeable future. With this in mind, the Oneida One Stop-Packerland will serve its customers well in regard to convenience, as well as another crucial area-environmental harmony.

Each design element of the property and building were evaluated to reduce the impact on our natural

resources without sacrificing business needs. The result is a design that supports Oneida's mission to propagate environmentally intelligent practices. It's going to be functional and attractive, with an emphasis on lighting for safety and canopy coverage to protect customers from the weather. The eye-catching canopy design will draw customers off Packerland Drive, and will integrate well with the curved flowing shape of the building. Finally, the quality and style of the brick and glass structure will convey a business image of substance and



2006 Sketch of the new Oneida One Stop Location

3120 S. PACKERLAND DRIVE

**ONEIDA ONE STOP**

Packerland Location to OPEN  
~ Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~



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Contact Bear Paw Art Gallery for both Applications

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June 19-21, 2007  
Radisson Hotel  
& Conference Ctr  
Green Bay, WI

Oneida VOICES  
Raised Beadwork  
Art Show  
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July 27, 2007  
Bear Paw  
Art Gallery  
Green Bay, WI



**Bear Paw Art Gallery**  
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Green Bay, WI 54307-1595

### NEW Items

Now Available at the store:

- DVD – 'Christmas in the Clouds', starring Sheila Tousey from Stockbridge/Munsee, among others!!!
- *Jingle Dresses* for girls, sizes 10 and 6.
- *Corn jewelry* – Necklaces, earrings, keyrings
- Zuni and Santo Domingo Silver jewelry
- 'Addressing the Council' – New oil painting by Bruce King
- Indian Country Today, newspaper and 2007 POWWOW magazine
- Mark Fisher's metal sculptures will be returning to Bear Paw in then next few weeks. Awesome outdoor sculptures give any garden the WOW effect.
- Ribbon shirts – Sizes to 5X
- Lots of new puzzles

### Local Oneida featured in "Trumpeting the Stone"

By Nate Wisneski  
Kalihwisaks

Oneida culture will be featured at the Meyer Theater on April 14. Oneida tribal member and trumpet maestro Christopher Moore will star in the concerto "Trumpeting the Stone."

Moore, an assistant professor of trumpet at Florida State University, wanted to prepare a piece that honored the Oneida people. "I wanted to have a true concerto written by a Native American, which had Native American elements in it and truly reflected elements of Oneida culture."

"Trumpeting the Stone" derives from the tribal name "People of the Standing Stone." The piece originated with the idea of Moore wanting a trumpet concerto that entailed Oneida's music and sounded a little different than the standard classical piece. Moore contacted the director of the Oneida Arts Program, Beth Bashara for assistance.

The Oneida Arts Program provided a grant for Moore to conduct research needed to complete the piece. Also, Bashara put Moore in contact with Mohican classical composer Brent Michael Davids. "They both hit it off immediately," said Bashara.. "They share the same kind of love (for music). It was a great partnership which created a really great concerto for trumpet."

Moore traveled to Oneida and met with cultural leaders to gain input on the Oneida music. He researched the brass bands, hymn singers, native flutes and social dances to see how he could incorporate those into his piece. "I wanted the piece to have "Oneida Music" and have Oneida elements, not just Iroquois elements.

He then took his research to Davids where they shared

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Trumpeting the Stone



## Oneida Early Intervention

# Native American Children to Receive Health and Development Screening

### Brown & Outagamie Counties targeted in April

(Oneida, WI) The Oneida Nation is preparing to hold its annual "Child Development Days" screening session April 13th and 14th in the Oneida Elementary School on Seminary road. "Child Development Days" is a cooperative event where several Tribal Programs come together in an effort to identify children who may be in need of health or education

services.

The Oneida Early Intervention Program is one of the major units that participate in "Child Development Days". The program consists of two coordinators. One of them works in the area of children ages birth through five in the Oneida Community; the other coordinator works children ages birth through five in the Head Start program.

The main focus of Oneida Early Intervention is to detect children who may have disabilities or other exceptional

needs, and then to ensure that those children receive proper care. Physical, speech, emotional, behavioral, and social development will be evaluated, and referrals made where therapeutic assistance needs are identified. The program employs three speech therapists, two Occupational Therapists, one nurse, one

Exceptional Educational Needs Specialist and one Mental Health Specialist.

Several staff members will participate in "Child Development Days" screening's and follow through with professional evaluations and referrals where indicated.

The process is a pro-active way of preparing young chil-

dren not only for kindergarten, but also for whatever life has in store. The partnerships that have been established both inside and outside the tribe makes this a highly successful program.

"Child Development Days" are Friday April 13 between 1

and 5:00 pm, and Saturday, April 14, from 9:00am until Noon. Oneida Nation Elementary School is located at N7125 Seminary Road. Walk-ins are welcome. Parents may call 920-869-4369 for more information, or to make an appointment.

## Are You at Risk for Diabetes?

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services is reminding people to recognize their risk for developing pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes and encouraging them to visit their local health provider to get tested. Seventy-five percent of people with diabetes show no symptoms, so the best way to find out if you have diabetes or are at risk to develop diabetes is to get tested.

"There is no cure for diabetes, but people can live well if it is diagnosed early," said Dr. Sheri Johnson, State Health Officer. "Early diagnosis and treatment of Type 2 diabetes can prevent serious problems caused by high blood sugars."

Diabetes is a serious but controllable disease that affects the way your body uses food, and if left untreated, it can slowly damage blood vessels and nerves with no warning. Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body does not make enough insulin, or it may not be able to use the insulin as it normally should. Medications and insulin shots may be needed for treatment. Pre-diabetes is a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal, but not yet high enough for a diagnosis of diabetes.

Early detection is the best way to control and manage all types of diabetes.

If you have any of the fol-

lowing symptoms, contact your health care provider to be tested for diabetes:

- Frequent urination
- Excessive thirst
- Extreme hunger
- Unusual weight loss
- Increased fatigue/irritability
- Blurry vision

Type 2 diabetes can be linked to family history, increasing age, lack of exercise and being overweight. If you are at risk for diabetes, you can try to prevent it by controlling your blood sugar levels through exercising regularly, eating a diet low in fat and high in fruits and vegetables and keeping your weight under control.

To help people reduce their risk of getting diabetes, communities can help promote healthier environments by:

- \* Asking restaurants, school lunch programs, vending companies, and work-place cafeterias to offer healthy food choices
- \* Working with grocery stores and markets to increase fruit and vegetable options and consumption
- \* Promoting programs to expand community physical activity opportunities
- \* Educating the community about diabetes prevention

For more info about diabetes, go to [www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/diabetes/index.htm](http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/diabetes/index.htm)

## A CIRCLE OF HEALING FOR WOMEN

*A circle for women who have experienced sexual abuse as a child*

**This is a 10-12 week group addressing issues related to the effects of sexual abuse.**

### Topics to be discussed include:

- *Safety/Trust Issues* • *Family Issues*
- *Relationship Issues* • *Parenting*
- *Self-Esteem* • *Anger Issues*
- *Body Image*

**The Group will meet...**

**Every Tuesday from 9:00am-11:00am beginning March 27, 2007**

**Oneida Behavioral Health**

**2640 Westpoint Road • Green Bay, WI**

*Childcare will be available in the Social Services Building.*

**If you are interested in the group, please contact... Shelley Riutta at 490-3726 or Kim Perry at 490-3881**

**Availability is limited so please reserve your spot today!!**

## Contract Health Community Meeting

### Questions and Answers...

- **CHS** • **Medicare D** • **Senior Care**
- **Update Proof of Residency**

**Where: Oneida Community Health Center**

**When: April 17th 2007**

**Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

## Enrollment Update

**To: All Enrolled Tribal Members**

The Oneida Enrollment Department is providing the following information to help identify the services our office provides to the Tribal Membership.

**Our Department has had it's own website since May 16, 2006!** This means, most of the forms you commonly request can now be downloaded at your own convenience. Please visit us at <http://enrollment.oneidanation.org> and share with us how you like our website.

The Enrollment Department provides many services which include but is not limited to the following:

- Tribal mailings: Kalihwisaks (newspaper), Annual/Semi-Annual GTC booklets, GTC notices/mailings, Per Capita Notices/Forms, Burial Information
- Certification/verifications of Enrollment
- Proof of Per Capita Income
- Tribal Identification Cards
- Genealogical Record requests
- Enrollment / Relinquishment / Blood Increase requests

### Deadline Information:

- April 30, 2007: Last day to submit New Enrollment Applications, Relinquishment or Blood Increase Requests for review and/or approval by the Trust/Enrollment and Business Committee's.

Please contact our department if you have any questions about the receipt of your payment or any other form(s). 1-800-571-9902 or 920-869-2083

### Office Hours:

**April 2007:**

- Closed April 6, 2007 as of 12:00 (noon).

### Reminders:

- It is the responsibility of all tribal members and/or their parents/guardians to keep their address information current.
- It is recommended for persons that who may be unable to attend to their "enrollment matters" for an undetermined amount of time (such as military personnel or incarcerated persons), to assign someone as their Power of Attorney. This practice has proven to be the most effective way to keep you and your membership records/services current.

**All this information and more can be located on our website.** Please visit it and share with us how you like it or how we can improve it. Yawa'ko

## An Invitation to the Oneida Community

### Sovereignty for Indian tribes

*A Scholarly Review by BJ Jones*

**on Thursday, April 5th, 2007 at the Radisson Inn from 1:30 - 4:30**

A recent federal court decision holding that the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act should apply to Indian casinos has caused quite the stir in Indian country. The decision has been denounced by many persons as violating the "sovereignty" of Indian tribes. Sovereignty is the right of Indian tribes to enact their own laws and to be governed by them and not be dictated to by the federal and state governments. Many tribes, however, have not enacted many labor laws governing their communities and employees oftentimes turn to federal and state laws as a means of protecting their rights. It is becoming an increasing trend in Indian country, however, for Tribes to grant employees rights and to create administrative agencies and tribal courts to enforce these rights. By exercising their sovereignty in this way Indian tribes withstand the efforts by many to apply federal and state laws to them and to open themselves up to suits in federal and state courts.

Exercising sovereignty in this manner oftentimes conflicts with the second notion underlying the concept of sovereignty- that Indian tribes as sovereign nations cannot be sued in federal, state or tribal courts. It is oftentimes necessary to waive this second aspect of sovereignty in order to create effective remedies for the rights granted to employees of tribal enterprises. Tribal leaders are concerned however that by opening themselves up to suits in their own court systems they may be compromising the tribal resources needed to sustain the government and economy of the Tribe. Although insurance, such as worker's compensation and liability insurance, is a protection against this happening in many situations the tribal government is tempted to step into disputes that rightfully belong in a tribal administrative agency or the tribal court. Although the government may have the sovereign right to do so, such actions may encourage employees to seek remedies outside the tribal agencies and more lawsuits such as the Cabazon decision where the federal courts took jurisdiction may result.

**This presentation will discuss this balance.**

*Sponsored by the Oneida Appeals Commission*



## "TAKE THE FIRST STEP" SPRING FLING 2007 HEALTH EDUCATION FAIR

**OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
TRIBAL EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

**LOCATION: ONEIDA Community Health Center  
(Lobby Area)**

**DATE: Wednesday, April 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**COME AND ENJOY**

**Healthy food and refreshments  
Health and safety promotional items**

**National Public Health Week**



**Preparedness and Public  
Health Threats**

**April 2-8, 2007**





# Education

## Oneida Community Education Center computer classes for the month of April

By Nathan Plitzuweit

New CEC Computer Instructor

The Oneida Nation Community Education Center has announced our April schedule of computer and business classes. Classes are free for all tribal members, tribal employees, and their families, and held at our location at 2632 South Packerland Drive.

In addition to introductory and advanced training in Microsoft Office, Corel WordPerfect Office and other software programs, the Community Education Center also offers classes for those new to computers or who would like to learn more using computers at work or home.

The first Monday of the month, April 2nd, is available for individual consultation for all who are interested in taking classes but may possibly be unsure of their own particular skill level.

Several introductory classes will be offered during the first week of April, including an "Introduction to Microsoft Word", an "Introduction to Keyboarding", an "Introduction to Windows XP", an "Introduction to Microsoft Excel", and a course for those who have little or no prior knowledge of

computers entitled "Computer for Beginners". All of these classes start on Tuesday, April 3rd and are two hours in length, for three consecutive days, ending on Thursday, April 5th. An "Introduction to Corel WordPerfect" begins on Friday, April 6th and will continue on consecutive Friday's for a total of four two-hour sessions.

The Community Education Center will be observing a half day on Friday, April 6th, closing at 12 noon in observance of Good Friday. We will be open on Saturday, April 7th.

The second week of April brings more introductory classes, starting on Monday, April 9th, with an "Introduction to Windows XP" class and an "Introduction to Microsoft FrontPage" class. These classes will continue on consecutive Monday's for a total of three two-hour sessions. Then, starting on Tuesday, April 10th, we will be offering an "Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint" class, an "Introduction to Microsoft Publisher" class, an "Introduction to Microsoft Word" class, and an "Advanced Microsoft Excel" class. All of these classes start on Tuesday, April 10th

and are two hours in length, for three consecutive days, ending on Thursday, April 12th. Finally, on Friday, April 13th, we will be offering a one session class entitled "Novel GroupWise", which will give you everything you need to know about the e-mail, calendar, and organizational software used by the tribe and other businesses.

The "Novel GroupWise" class will be repeated on Monday, April 16th. Then, starting on Tuesday, April 17th, we will be offering an "Introduction to Microsoft Word" class, an "Introduction to Microsoft XP" class, an "Advanced Microsoft Word" class, and an "Introduction to Microsoft Access" class. All of these classes start on Tuesday, April 17th and are two hours in length, for three consecutive days, ending on Thursday, April 19th.

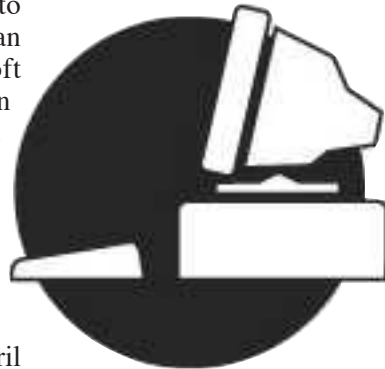
On Tuesday, April 24th, you will have the option of taking an "Introduction to Microsoft Excel" class, an "Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint" class, and an "Intermediate Microsoft Access" class. These three classes start on Tuesday, April 24th and are two hours in length, for three consecutive days, ending on Thursday, April 26th.

Finally, on Monday, April

30th, we will offer one class entitled "Introduction to Microsoft Internet Explorer". This is a one session class that will last for two hours.

In addition to our regular classes, one-on-one training and assistance is available by appointment during our regular business hours. The Community Education Center offers two large computer labs for your use during our hours of operation, as well as on-hand knowledgeable staff to help answer your questions.

The Oneida Nation Community Education Center is open Monday thru Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Friday. On Saturdays, the Center is open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information on our computer classes or assistance, contact the Oneida Nation Community Education Center at 496-7860.



## Scholarship Opportunities

### Humboldt State Scientific Leadership

Humboldt State University Scientific Leadership Scholars Program is awarding Four-year Scholarships in Computer Science, Environmental Resources Engineering, and Mathematics.

#### Scholarship Eligibility:

All applications for the Scientific Leadership Scholars Program that meet the following requirement will receive consideration.

Applications from Native American students and students whose parents never attended college will have first priority.

Financial need as established by the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

#### 2.75 GPA in high school

#### Apply by April 15, 2007.

For application forms, assistance or further program information contact: [www.humboldt.edu/~sls](http://www.humboldt.edu/~sls) Phone: 707-826-4348 e-mail [sls@humboldt.edu](mailto:sls@humboldt.edu)

### Oneida Trust Scholarship

The Oneida Trust Scholarship was established as a financial resource to assist eligible enrolled Oneida Tribal members in securing higher education opportunities.

The Trust Scholarship is targeted to applicants who are in need of fulfilling college entrance requirements in order to become official accepted into an accredited post-secondary education institution.

The scholarship can assist with: Required pre-requisite credited classes, post-graduate preparation and admission exams, such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT or related preparatory course work.

The Trust Committee respectfully request that all recipients of this scholarship keep in mind the prospect of returning to the Oneida Tribe to share their acquired knowledge, experience, and education.

Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, be in academic good standing (2.0 grade point average for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students).

The Trust Scholarship is a one-time scholarship up to \$2,500. For an application, contact the Higher Education Office at 920-869-4033 or 800-236-2214 x 4033.

## \$10 Million Sovereign Nations Scholarship Fund Endowment Campaign to Benefit American Indians

Denver, CO. (March 13, 2007) – American Indians share a long history of philanthropy. Whether generosity was demonstrated by holding a giveaway or a potlatch, a person's value was measured not by what they owned, but rather by what they gave away. It is in this spirit that the American Indian College Fund (the Fund) created the Sovereign Nations Scholarship Fund Endowment (SNSFE). The Fund is pleased to announce that the inaugural disbursement from SNSFE will be distributed to American Indian students during the 2007-2008 academic year. The SNSFE was established to address the growing financial needs of American Indian students and to provide fur-

ther access to higher education. According to Barbara Brewer, Oglala Lakota College graduate and American Indian College Fund scholarship recipient, "The Sovereign Nations Scholarship Fund Endowment is wonderful. It shows us students that our tribes really care about our education. It is good to see tribes working together for the future of all our children."

The SNSFE is a permanent endowment established by the American Indian College Fund and primarily supported by American Indian Nations and American Indian-owned businesses. Other corporations, foundations, and individual donors have also generously contributed to this noteworthy campaign, which

currently stands at two million dollars. The fundamental vision of the SNSFE is to build it to a capacity of ten million dollars and use the interest generated from this endowment for scholarships that will be awarded to the nation's best and brightest American Indian students for generations to come. American Indian students in graduate school and tribal college students, as well as others, will have the opportunity to apply for this prestigious scholarship.

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Tuesday • April 24, 2007, 11A.M.–2 P.M.  
West Conference Room • Main Casino  
2100 Airport Drive, Green Bay

### May

Tuesday • May 8, 2007, 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.  
Conference Room • Mason St. Casino  
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## Oneida Head Start...

Is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2007–2008 school year.

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Please bring your child's...**Birth Certificate, Tribal Enrollment, immunization records and the parents household income.**

Our goal is to service low-income families and children with special needs. **Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2007.** You are welcome to stop by our Three Sisters or Norbert Hill Center Sites and pick up an application or call and we will mail one to you.

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### Head Start Family Income Guidelines ~ 2007

Poverty Guidelines for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia

1.....	\$10,210
2.....	\$13,690
3.....	\$17,170
4.....	\$20,650
5.....	\$24,130
6.....	\$27,610
7.....	\$31,090
8.....	\$34,570

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,480 for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above.)

If you are not sure if your household meets the income guidelines, please call Lisa Aho at (920) 869-4369 or 1-800-236-2214. Full consideration will be given to applications received before May 31, 2007.



# T Thunderhawk

## Social Dance held for the "Honor Song" play

By Dwight Hill

Senior ONHS

On Monday March 9, 2007 a social dance and play event was held in Oneida at the Oneida Longhouse. The students that performed for the guests of native students from other surrounding area public schools were none other than The Ohuntsya:kekha Kanunya?shuh Class, that is instructed by Kal^na Brooks. The students were asked to co-host the event. It started out with Oneida Nation School Senior Dwight Hill saying the opening, and was followed by the traditional handshake ceremony explained by O N H S junior Lak^wa:yo Mclester.

Then we had a student introduce the Quiver Dance which is what the handshake ceremony is a part of, then we continued with the Friendship Dance, the Alligator Dance, Shake The Bush, the Old Moccasin Dance, and last but not least the Robin Dance since spring is underway. There were a number of lead singers throughout the day, and I think that a lot of people acknowledge that the students at ONHS are conducting themselves in a respectful manner, and that's what always should be heard about our people, is good things.

Nakenzie Cottrell, a junior at Southwest High School said "It was good, I really enjoyed it" Mitchell Skenandore, a senior at Pulaski High School, said "It's great to view a nation in Oneida conducting their ceremonial ways, especially the next and younger generations." He also is a photographer for that school's newspaper. Community member and longhouse traditionalist Forest Barton said "it's good, it's always has been good." He also informed and gave us pointers on the singing. All in all he and his little one enjoyed it. Tom Kelly, a specialist at Seymour High School, wrote a quote saying "I participated in a couple of dances. The students really seem to have a lot of fun, and it's also a great way to spend a day away from school".

Donald J. Hahnke said "I experienced Oneida culture education and mentoring between ONHS student and Oneida students from a few other local school districts as well as socialization and building experience."

Larry Melchert, a junior at Southwest High School, said "I thought it was a wonderful experience, especially for the younger ones. It was interesting to hear young ones my



Photo by ONHS Mentorship Program Coordinator Cindy Thomas  
ONHS junior Daniel Gutierrez serves as lead dancer during the ONHS social dance at the Long House on Monday, March 12. Also in the picture is senior Gavin Hill.

age speak our own language. I would do this again." Coming from a long time family friend that currently goes to a public school, that says a lot

of good for the Oneida Nation School Systems which are based upon language and culture and that what public schools don't have.

## Trip to Ski Brule

By Douglas Reed

ONHS sophomore

We had 30 kids and 4 staff members. Allie, Angel and I went for a walk to the home-stand just to see the surrounding area on foot. Most all the kids went skiing or snow boarding. It was the first time skiing for Johnny. Andrew

fell face first. The "Big Bear" got Brian when he tripped. Some of the kids stayed inside just to talk to each other. When it was time to leave some kids didn't want to go so they tried to hide. I still hold the arm wrestling title.



THT photo/ Douglas Reed

Some students chose to explore the area rather than ski.

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## A Bear fan weighs in

By Doug Laster

ONHS sophomore

Enough on the Packers. They didn't go to the Super Bowl. They didn't even win the division. It's time for Bear fans to rally around their team.

Yes, I'm a little ticked off at the Bears for not winning the Super Bowl. But this season is going to be totally different. The Bears are going to practice as hard as they can and also concentrate on what they're doing on the field. Period.

So, when they kick Rex Grossman off the team, there is going to be a great offensive side to go with their great defense. The only reason they didn't put much effort into the game is because of Grossman, a.k.a. the "Fruit Cake" of the team. Although he's not a bad passer, he isn't the best. As for the Packers, they'll be lucky to place second in the division and they'll definitely lose both games to the Bears.

## Strange, but very true

By Shakira Stevens

ONHS senior

A few interested gems gathered off the internet.

Afraid to fly and crash and die! Prince Charles and Prince William never fly on the same plane just in case they crash.

For you left handed people, 2500 left handed people die each year on average from using right hand made products.

Did you know porcupines float in water? Keep your mouth shut!

It is against the law to burp or sneeze in a certain church in Nebraska.

I think you should brush up on your speaking skills. In

Arkansas it's illegal to mispronounce Arkansas.

In Alaska you will see no moose, from a plane that is. It is illegal to look at a Moose through a plane window.

A person uses fifty-seven sheets of toilet paper each day.

What do you think is in rice paper? Rice? I think not!

If you like running in the rain and if you're a girl, go right ahead! Men are six times more likely to be struck by lightning.

No need to thank me for sharing this very useful information that you might need in a life or death situation in the future. These are strange but true facts.

Track team practice starts Monday, March 27, meet at Turtle school, 3:30.

The first meet is the Crivitz

Invitational set for Thursday, April 27.



## A day at the Longhouse

By Andrew Sitting Bear

ONHS senior

My day at the Long House was exciting. When I first arrived at the Long House Dwight Hill stood up and gave the opening for the day. I then participated in the handshake ceremony with all the people from other schools and from the Oneida Nation High School.

Secondly, we rocked the Longhouse with a fancy social dance. I led danced the Duck Dance. In the Duck Dance the men represent the hunters and the women represent the ducks. The men team up in pairs and try to corral the pairs of females when the song turns to a specific beat. It was great fun.

Third, we all had a very

big traditional lunch. Corn soup, wild rice, berries, squash, green beans, and strawberry drink. Wow, that was good. Then we went back to the Longhouse.

Finally, I got the wonderful opportunity to watch Carol Smart perform the play "Honor Song." The play was about Dr. Rosa Minoka Hill and her life accomplishment. Dr. Rosa Minoka Hill was the first Native American woman doctor in the United States. She did her doctoring here in Oneida, WI. She was the mother to Norbert Hill and others.

Overall the whole day was worth going to and it was much better than sitting at school all day long.



Photo by ONHS Mentorship Program Coordinator Cindy Thomas  
ONHS computer teacher Gary Lancelle and ONHS senior Andrew Sitting Bear do their part in the Duck Dance.

## CORRECTION

Raeanne Funmaker's My Scoop in the March 15 issue about Teen's and Stress was credited to "Raeanne Skenandore." A big "THT Apology" for this mistake.

## My Scoop

### A Teacher's take on the March 12 Long House Experience

By Lynn Adrian

ONHS instructor

I wanted to commend all the individuals who worked so hard to put together an amazing day for the students in the Oneida Community. Tsyosha?aht had talked to Carol Smart when she had put on her play at Saint Norbert College last fall. Carol's response was not unlike her performance on Monday, impassioned and to the point--"I've been wanting to perform for the students for years!"

"Honor Song" performed for the children on Monday had that much more impact in that so much of what Rosa Minoka-Hill's life was about was raising and treating children.

And our students in Oneida were at their best, engaging other children in

the dance, by direct encouragement, performance, singing out in sonorous timbre the music and words from the longhouse communities of generations past.

A student wrote this next to Carol Johnson's room-- "Success is how high you bounce from the fall." Rosa Minoka-Hill catapulted past racism and war, and fashioned her practice in kindness, humility, courage and perseverance in the warmth of a well-used kitchen cove. I think somehow that the children in Oneida are protected by this woman's devotion, even today.

Well, I have been wanting to say these things, and thank those of you who so graciously shared of yourself and your resources to make this happen for the students!



# Good News

## From Page 1B/ "Trumpeting the Stone"

ideas and the piece was composed.

"Trumpeting the Stone" features the Oneida Hymn Singers and will also feature elements of social dances, flutes and brass bands. According to Bashara "the piece represents all the different musical traditions in this community." The concerto premiered at Florida State University in February 2006.

Moore is now ecstatic to be able to present the piece in the Oneida area. "It feels great to fulfill the intent of the piece, it will be played for the community of Oneida," Moore said.

"Trumpeting the Stone" will be a piece of a hour long performance that will be directed by Seong-Kyung Graham. The Green Bay Civic Symphony will also perform "Symphony No. 9 in E Minor (From the New World)" by Antonin Dvorak



Submitted Photo/Beth Bashara

Christopher Moore (right) and Brent Michael Davids (left) worked together for about one year to create "Trumpeting The Stone."

and "Polonaise" by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

The performance will be preceded by a pre-concert lecture by Moore at 6:45 pm

with a reception to follow in the Meyer Theater. Tickets can be purchased through the Green Bay Civic Symphony by calling (920) 468-4676.

### Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Alex**



Love Mom Keith, Felicia, Quinton Grandma and Grandpa

### Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday

to our beautiful baby girl  
**Jada**



Love, Mom and Ethan Grandmas and grandpas aunts uncles and cousins. We love you peanut

## 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!

### Madeline Maria Roberts

Madeline Maria Roberts born to proud parents Aaron and Carol (Sauer) Roberts on February 22, 2007. She weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and measured 18 3/4 inches.

Paternal Grandparents are Tom and Janet Roberts.

Maternal Grandparents are Carol Devine and William Sauer.

Maternal Great Grandparents are William and Ella (Summers) Sauer.

### Dion Dominic Skenandore

Dion Dominic Skenandore was born to proud parents Nicole

Skenandore and Lamont Walker at Bellin Hospital.

He was born on March 14, 2007 at 7:27 am and weighed 8 lbs 7 oz. He was 20 inches long.

The proud grandmothers are Barb John and Lasandra Walker. The proud grandfathers are Gerald Skenandore Jr. and John Walker.

### Floyd Wayne Silas Jr. and Rose Marie

Track had a baby girl on March 9, 2007 at Aurora BayCare Medical Center.

### James Anthony Fish III

James Anthony Fish III was born to the proud parents James II

and Erin Fish on March 13, 2007 at 10:34 p.m. He weight in at 9lb 4oz and was 21 inches long. His grandpar-

ents are Jeanette and Bob Ninham, Trink and Jim Chereskin Mark and Amanda Helgeson, Jim and Carol Fish I his great-grand-

parentsar3e Louise Archiquette and the late Milton Archiquette, Marge and Bob Little, and the late James and Edith Fish.

### Giovoni Guy Pocan

Giovoni Guy Pocan was born on March 1, 2007 to proud parents Marissa Metoxen &

William Pocan and proud Big Brother Desmond. He weighed 9 lbs 3 oz and was 20 inches. Proud Grandparents are Nancy Metoxen, Sherry Hill and the late Bruce Pyatskowitz and Robert Ninham. Proud Great Grandparents are Bev & Ed Hill, Lois Metoxen, David Smith & the late Doris Smith.

## Searching for Former MISS ONEIDAS . . .

Please contact Tana Aguirre @ 869-4239 or Racquel Hill @ 869-4388 with your current address if you are on this list:

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Shelly Begay  
Linn Cornelius  
Patti Hoef  
Linda King  
Justine Smith  
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If you know the whereabouts of the following individuals, please pass this information on to them.

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@4:30 p.m.  
with a  
**PUBLISH DATE**  
of... **Thursday,**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Questions, please call:  
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## Public Hearing

### Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice

**Pardons** - A pardon is a formal and public act of forgiveness of a crime. The pardon is available to tribal members only and is effective within the Oneida Tribal employment system.

When: Thursday, March 22, 2007

Where: Business Committee Conference Room (BCCR)

Time: 10:00AM

### Public Hearing Process I. Registration

All pardon petitioners must register witnesses twenty-four (24) hours prior to the public hearing date by contacting Lisa Summers at 920-869-4478.

### II. Testimony

**A. Oral:**  
Each witness will be limited to 5 minutes. Witnesses who have not pre-registered will not be allowed to testify. There will be no exceptions.

**B. Written:**  
Written testimony must be submitted on or within 5 days of the public hearing date.

**C. Witnesses:**  
Witnesses who wish to testify against the granting of a pardon must register twenty-four (24) hours prior to the public hearing date. There will be no exceptions.

### III. Petitioners

The public hearing has been set to comply with the one week notice prior to the public hearing [Oneida Pardon Ordinance 5.5-5 (c)]. The following pardon applications will be considered at the above stated pardon public hearing: June M. Czechan, Gary F. Hill, Phillip D. Jordan, Ronald D. Skenadore, Cynthia Smith & Francine Valentino.3

## Public Hearing

### Purpose:

Amendments to the Per Capita Ordinance to address recommendations from the Enrollment Department, including issues dealing with the amount of attachments, and how taxes and attachments are deducted from per capita payments.

When: May 1, 2007

Where: Business Committee Conference Room (BCCR)

Times: 11:30AM

### Public Hearing Process I. Testimony:

**A. Oral:** There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral presentations. 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 (Patricia Hoeft) or Peril Huff, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center, 2nd floor or mail to PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed law or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise [phuff@oneidanation.org](mailto:phuff@oneidanation.org) Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376.

## Job Opportunity

### Oneida Job Training Program

#### Summer Youth Employment 2007

The Oneida Job Training Program is taking applications for the Summer Youth Work Experience Program. Ten work slots are available for this introduction to the world of work. The program includes work experience, tutoring, and career orientation. The youth will be paid minimum wage of \$6.50 hr, and are eligible to work a maximum of 24 hours a week. Requirements for the program are:

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To obtain an application contact Sandi Skenadore at 490-3789, [sskenado@oneidanation.org](mailto:sskenado@oneidanation.org), or Dianne McLester-Heim 490-3897, [dmclest3@oneidanation.org](mailto:dmclest3@oneidanation.org). The priority deadline to apply is Friday, May 18th, 2007. All names will be entered into a drawing and the first ten youth will be contacted for employment.

## Public Notice

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June 7 & June 21

August 2 & August 16

October 4 & October 18

December 6 & December 20

May 3 & May 17

July 5 (Tentative/Holiday) & July 19

September 6 & September 20

November 1 & November 15

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<b>Night Porter / Dishwasher</b>	Ability to work 3rd shift, holidays & weekends; able to perform frequent, repetitive tasks including climbing, walking, pushing, pulling, bending & lifting. Perform deep & routine cleaning of equipment, work surfaces & floors. Change or clean equipment filters & fryer oil in a variety of locations.
<b>Receiving Clerk</b>	Receive, verify & put away food, beverage & supply orders. Fill & delivery department requisitions daily as necessary. Basic computer knowledge required. Must be able to lift & move 50 pounds & available to work any day of the week.
<b>Food Prep / Pantry</b>	Prepare fruit trays, salad bar items, & box lunches. Assist with pastry & bakery items. Additional job responsibility may be assigned.
<b>Grill Cook - Standing Stone</b>	Take grill orders accurately in a helpful, friendly, courteous & professional manner to ensure total guest satisfaction. Assist guests with preparation of grill to order items for the Standing Stone Grill & Buffet. Prior hospitality experience preferred.
<b>Bartender</b>	Serve & prepare beverages or assist with other servers to guests and act as a cashier for the lounge. Bartending experience required. CPR certification and/or First Aid Training preferred. <b>Must be 18 years or older.</b>
<b>Cocktail Server</b>	Service of beverage and/or food in a friendly, courteous & timely manner, resulting in guest satisfaction. <b>Must be 18 years or older.</b>
<b>Banquet Server</b>	Set up banquet room and serve food and/or beverage in a friendly, courteous & professional manner. Mainly lunch hours (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) & weekend nights. <b>Must be 18 years or older.</b>
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## Environmental

## Fisheries Management Considerations

By Bill Koonz

Specialist—Environmental Protection

Like terrestrial (land species), fish (aquatic species) have specific requirements for food, cover and breeding. Native brook trout require cold water with ample oxygen and

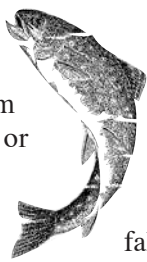
introduced species. Second, taking fish from one area and releasing them in a new area may cause potential fishermen to have false expectations. If, for example, the fish came from a polluted lake or river containing high mercury, PCB's or other toxins, but the water body they were released in was clean, people catching those fish would assume them to be safe when they may pose a health risk.

Some jurisdictions only allow artificial baits or baits that have been frozen to be used in their waters. This reduces the risk of releasing new fish species into the local ecosystem as well as to reduce the risk for bio-contamination from the water the live fish might be transported in. It is much more difficult to control an exotic species once it has been established than it is to prevent that exotic species from entering the system in the first place.

When transporting fish from one watershed/lake to another, both the species intended for release and everything living in the transported water will be dumped into the receiving waters. The bottom line is that biological communities can be greatly disrupted with the addition of new species and the transport of aquatic species from one water body to another should be very carefully considered by fisheries managers. The public is not assisting the fishery by releasing fish from foreign waters into local water systems. Contact Bill Koonz at 920-496-5350 or [bkoonz@oneidanation.org](mailto:bkoonz@oneidanation.org) for wildlife related questions or issues.

In addition to disrupting the natural life cycles of resident species, taking fish from one watershed/lake and releasing them into another watershed/lake carries two major biological hazards. First, moving water and fish from one place to another increases the chances for introducing a new disease, parasite or invasive species into the receiving water-body. Things like zebra mussels and Eurasian milfoil are local examples but small amounts of water contain millions of organisms, many of which are microscopic. Releasing fish, which may harbor parasites and diseases foreign to the water body in which they are released, along with the water they were captured in,

risks allowing new biota (living organisms) into the receiving waters. Similar to Europeans first arriving in the Americas, existing species may not have resistance to, or the ability to compete successfully with,



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## Paparazzi in my front yard?

Submitted by Diane Jourdan

Municipal Recycling Program

Just in case you are curious about that strange woman driving around snapping photos of your trash and recycling, you can be assured that she is not a stalker nor is she casing your place.

It is just your friendly, neighborhood recycling spy. Starting this month the Municipal Recycling Program will be doing spot checks, monitoring the Curbside Trash and Recycling Service within our community.

This monitoring is a result of the reports we have received over the past year that residents are not recycling as much as we could be. We are also concerned about

the quality of service you have been receiving from the waste hauler.

Residents need to be aware of the benefits being provided by the Oneida Tribe through a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant. Our curbside service charges:

- \$6.82 per month for 35 gallon trash containers
- \$7.63 per month for 65 gallon trash containers
- \$8.44 per month for 95 gallon trash containers
- \*\$0.00 for recycling bins

If you were to find your own waste hauler, you could double or triple these prices. Try calling any of the area waste haulers. You will find they charge between \$15 and \$20 per month and you would have to purchase your recycling bins.

On the other hand if our current waste hauler is not performing well, it is time to find out why. In recent reports we have received from Veolia (formerly Onyx—big dark green trucks), many residents don't put out everything, sometimes the bins are overloaded, have trash bags setting on top or next to the trash cart, recycling is mixed with trash, trash mixed with recycling, and any number of other reasons for not being picked up.

If we don't increase our recycling weights—that is our paper/cardboard collections and our co-mingle (1&2 plastics, glass bottles, aluminum, bi-metal cans)—we could lose our grant funding. We currently receive about \$34,000.00 per year, which

we use for things like recycling bins, disposal costs for some special events, incentives for recycling, educational tools, special bins (i.e. compost bins), etc.

So, for the next four (4) weeks the Recycling Program will be monitoring the Veolia (Onyx) Residential Curbside Trash/Recycling pick-up days (Thursdays and Fridays). The addresses using the most consistent recycling practices during this time will be entered onto a database and at the end of the fifth week an address will be randomly picked. The chosen household will be awarded a prize. The prize will be announced in a later issue.

## Grand Canyon Skywalk attracts tourists to Hualapai

By Chris Kahn

Associated Press Writer

HUALAPAI INDIAN RESERVATION, Ariz. (AP) - Few tourist attractions at the Grand Canyon have generated as much hype as the Skywalk, the mammoth glass-bottomed deck that extends 70 feet past the rim of the Grand Canyon and offers breathtaking views 4,000 feet over the canyon floor.

It's being touted as nothing less than a spiritual experience. David Jin, the Las Vegas businessman who paid \$30 million to build it, goes as far as to say that it enables visitors "to walk the path of the eagle."

Really? I was ready to find out.

When the Hualapais opened the deck for journalists earlier this month, I arrived early and worked my way to the front of the line. Police ushered me and several others onto the carpeted staging area, handing each of us paper surgeon's slippers to

cover our shoes and protect the glass.

I stood up, took a breath, and looked out into the abyss.

Something seemed to happen to my legs as I stepped onto the Skywalk. I had to concentrate to move my feet.

Was that a wobble? Maybe.

The Skywalk is like a huge steel diving board. Architects embedded shock absorbers into the railing to dampen the vibration. The result felt a little like being on a cruise ship.

I pressed on.

The Skywalk's builders have said repeatedly that the deck is extremely durable. It's essentially a huge steel horseshoe, capable of withstanding 100 mph winds and holding several hundred 200-pound people at a time.

I had no reason to doubt them. But out on the edge, my mind was racing: I tried to remember if any government regulatory agency had checked how well this thing was anchored to the cliff. I

wondered what it would sound like for a million pound hunk of metal to uproot and tumble 4,000 feet. Like an earthquake, I bet.

I wasn't sure I liked this. I'm not a tall man, and the glass wall didn't even come up to my shoulder. The canyon winds were whipping all around me, and it seemed like a good swift burst would be enough to push me over.

Maybe I was being crazy.

A few dozen journalists had joined me on the Skywalk, and nobody else seemed as concerned. They perched their chins on the glass wall and looked down. In front of me a British reporter laid on his belly and pressed his face to the floor.

I shuffled past them, hunched down and clutching the railing, just to be safe.

Finally, at the farthest point on the Skywalk, I stopped and peered through the transparent floor.

And there it was.

## Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary April Calendar of Events

**Animal Stories for Preschoolers** Oh, There's an Otter: Monday, April 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. and again Monday, April 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

Children and their families can learn about otter during Animal Stories for Preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the stories "otter

play" by Nancy Luenn and "otters under water" by Jim Arnosky. After the story, the youngsters will participate in a fun craft project. Cost is \$2.00 pre Green Bay resident or friend member and \$3.00 pre non resident. Pre registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

**Trail Fitness Walk:** Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 12:00p.m.

It's time to get out into the spring air! A Sanctuary Naturalist will lead this 45minute brisk hike on uneven terrain. Please come

dressed for the weather and bring your hiking shoes. Cost for all four sessions is \$10.00 pre Green Bay resident or friend member and \$15.00 pre non -resident. Pre registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671. Space is limited.

**Easter Events:** Hop over to the Sanctuary Saturday, April 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m.

Children and their families can enjoy a morning full of fun activities including making a decorative bag for collecting Easter eggs, coloring

pictures, refreshments and of course, an egg hunt. Admission is \$2 per Green Bay resident and Friends member and \$15 for non-resident. This event is designed for children ages 3-8 years old. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671. Space is limited.

**Annual Crane Count:** Saturday, April 14, 2007 at sunrise

Every year, Wisconsin volunteers enjoy a morning in the outdoors listening for Sandhill cranes. If you are interested in participating in this annual event, please contact Mark at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary at (920) 391-3678. Volunteers will be assigned designated areas throughout Brown County. This event is free and open to the public.

**Spring Bird Walk:** The birds are chirping! Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 6:30 a.m. and Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 6:30 a.m.

Spring is here, which means you'll hear a lot more chirping at the Sanctuary. It's a great time of the year to come out to view a variety of Wisconsin birds. This event is free and open to the public. Meet at the parking lot by the Sanctuary Director's house. Bring binoculars and a field guide and come dressed for the weather.

Visit the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Wed site at [www.baybeachwildlife.com](http://www.baybeachwildlife.com).

It is time again...

## To sign up for the Tsyunhékwá 2007 Garden Tilling service

The deadline for pre-registration will be April 30. The last day for services completion is June 30th. 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. Also, please remove any debris above or below ground in planned garden area.

We would also like to encourage you to check out our Tsyunhékwá 2007 Gardening and Horticulture Workshop series. These workshops offer a wide variety of gardening information. Knowledge gained from these various workshops, along with getting those hands dirty, will enhance your gardens' productivity.

Our Family Seed and Plant Distribution will begin May 12th and ending June 9th. Any available seeds or plants, after the ending date, will be allocated with a donation to the program in mind.

If you have any questions regarding the Tsyunhékwá Garden Tilling service or Tsyunhékwá Workshop series, please telephone Ted Skenandore, Horticultural for Seed and Plant Distribution or Lou Williams Jr., Outreach Worker for tilling services at (920) 869-2718 or email.



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7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday  
**PLACE:** ONEIDA PARISH HALL  
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## Land Claims Commission Corner

## Who the heck is Wilson Cornelius?



Submitted by Judith Jourdan

Records Technician

Greetings Oneida Community,

I have been here in the Land Claims office now for almost two months, two very short months, but in that very short time, I have been learning so much. I have found a treasure of information that has made me aware of how truly connected I am to the land of my ancestors.

Which brings me to the title of my topic today. Who the heck is Wilson Cornelius? I personally had never heard of him before but while going through one of the file drawers, I came across a packet of letters to and from the Bureau of Indian Affairs dating from 1909 through 1975. It was there that I learned about Wilson Cornelius. It was also there that I found a connection to my ancestors because

when I started reading about Wilson Cornelius, I couldn't help but be reminded of my great grandfather, Henry Duke Doxtator. My mother used to tell me about her "Grampa Duke" who was always writing letters to Washington, DC. Like Wilson and his quest for land rights, Henry Duke had developed a letter writing campaign with bureau officials in Washington regarding taxation of our reservation lands.

It was because of Wilson's persistence that the federal government officials were finally made to pay attention to the plight of the Oneida people and their quest for compensation for the wrongful taking of their lands. You see, in this packet of letters, there were in excess of 65 letters, the bulk of which were to Wilson Cornelius, from Wilson Cornelius, about Wilson Cornelius, or about the claims of the Oneida Indians of New York regard-



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Painting of Wilson Cornlius by Judith Jourdan based on a photograph.

ing early treaty rights. Many of the later letters referred to Wilson's daughters, Mary Winder and Delia Waterman or to Delia's son in law, Jacob Thompson.

The earliest reference to Wilson Cornelius was his letter dated January of 1909. At that time he was about 26 years of age. What impressed me most about this man was his tenacity and persistence. For thirty years he wrote letter after letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs which were shuffled back and forth from the office of the Chief Clerk to the Director of Lands to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and, in some cases, all the way up to President Herbert Hoover. To say that he got only negative responses for his efforts is an understatement. However, despite these "negative responses", he continued to write. At one point, after being assigned to

investigate the Cornelius communications, the Special Agent for New York Indians reported to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. His conclusion was that Mr. Cornelius had somehow "gotten hold of some of the early treaties and entertains the opinion the treaties are still in force" and that he is "more or less unbalanced mentally". In another of the letters, Wilson was told to write back when he could find someone else "who could write legibly to determine what he wants."

As a general rule, the responses to all of his requests went something like this, "Your letter has been filed with your many other communications regarding alleged claims" or "There is no basis for claims for land" or "No further information

can be given at this time" or "This office has no control or jurisdiction except in a merely advisory capacity" or "Nothing is due the Oneida Indians except the annuities which are being appropriated each year." But still he kept writing his letters.

Finally, in May of 1939, after 30 years of rejection, he was, by the continuous evasive techniques of government officials. In reference to the letters he wrote, "It became clear to me that over a long span of years the bureau officials had misled the Oneidas and tried in all possible ways to thwart their pleas for justice in regard to their land."

By the early 40's, Wilson's children had reached adulthood and two of his daughters took up his fight for Oneida land in New York. Mary Cornelius Winder became the secretary for the Oneida Indians living on the Onondaga Reservation. She fought tirelessly on behalf of the Oneida people. Her dream was for a peaceful homeland for all Oneida people. Just as with her father, her letters were forwarded around from office to office. Delia Cornelius Waterman was the tribe's clerk for many years. She was fluent in four of the six Iroquois language. She was one of the first Oneidas to move back to ancestral territory on the 32 acres in Oneida, New York and lived there for about five years. She moved only after her home burned down. She died in

2003 at the age of 102, disappointed that the claims for the land were still unsettled. Her daughter, Geralda, married Jacob Thompson who became the President of the Oneida Indian Nation of New York.

It was Jacob Thompson who was introduced to the law firm of Bond, Schoenck & King resulting in his meeting with attorney George Shattuck in April of 1965. Finally, here was someone willing to listen to the inquiries started by Wilson Cornelius so many years prior and to investigate the claims of the Oneida people. It was just the beginning of the long and bitter legal battle still in the courts today. Had he still been alive at that point, Wilson would have been 82 years old. According to some accounts, it was the daughters who were credited with beginning the land claim efforts, but in reality, it was Wilson Cornelius—Wilson, and later on people like Laura Kellogg and "Willie Fat" Skenandore and a host of others that were instrumental in finally getting the land claims recognized in federal courts system.

Thank you for letting me share this story with you. I welcome your comments and feedback, Look for my article in the next issue of Kalihwisaks.

## Oneida History Conference

NHC Business Committee Conference Room  
May 15, 16, & 17, 2007

**Day 1: Tuesday  
May 15, 2007**

**Morning Session**

8:30 – Coffee & Rolls

9:00 – **Invocation & Post Colors  
Business Committee  
Welcome**

9:15 – **Salute to the Veterans**  
Loretta Metoxen & Kerry Metoxen

10:30 – Remarks about 2007 History Conference

10:40 – Oral History/ Written History  
Dr. Carol Cornelius / Q & A

**12:00 – LUNCH**

**Afternoon Session**

1:00 – General Allotment Act  
David Wrone / Q & A

2:00 – The Competency Commission  
Larry Hauptman / Q & A

3:00 – Public Law 280  
Pattie Brezinski / Q & A

4:00 – Open Discussion

**Day 3: Thursday  
May 17, 2007**

8:30 – Coffee & Rolls

9:00 – **Looking at three Oneida  
Communities**  
Jack Campisi & Kristina Ackley

10:00 – **Oneida Education—Yesterday,  
Today, Tomorrow** Facilitator:  
Thelma McLester Panel-Diana Peterson

11:00 – **Oneidas IRA Elected  
Leadership from 1934 – 1969**  
Loretta Webster

12:00 – Open Discussion  
**Closing & Colors**

**Oneida Wisconsin,  
1900 – 1970's**

**Day 2: Wednesday  
May 16, 2007**

**Morning Session**

8:30 – Coffee & Rolls

9:00 – **Indian Claims Commission**  
Karim Tiro & Kristina Ackley/Q&A

10:00 – **Termination – Panel**  
Eva Danforth & Althea Schuyler & Larry Hauptman & Ada Deer / Q&A

11:00 – **Relocation / Oneida Stories  
from Milwaukee**

Facilitator—Renee Zakhar. Panel:  
Herb Powless, Marge Stevens & Opal Skenandore /Q & A

**12:00 – LUNCH**

**Afternoon Session**

1:00 – **Oneida Singers – Local &  
Milwaukee**

1:30 – **Oneida Artists &  
Entrepreneurs, Exhibits in gym**

2:30 – **Stories of Oneida Community  
Life**

Facilitator—Judy Cornelius 20's / 30's / 40's Panel – Marie Hinton & Herb Lewis / Q & A

Facilitator—Jerry L. Hill 50's / 60's / 70's Panel – Stan Webster, Rosemary Christensen / Q & A

4:00 – Open Discussion

For more information call

Gordon McLester II – Conference Coordinator at 920-869-2978

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**Randall L. Robertson**

for Oneida  
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Chairperson  
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Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Personal Information:**

- Born in 1954 and lived on a farm in the township of Oneida my entire life
- Work and manage dairy farm with my family and several employees
- Charter member of the Oneida Volunteer Fire Department, 1977 – Present
- Held position of Fire Chief 1984–1994

**Qualifications:**

- Current Town Board Supervisor since 1993
- Attended Wisconsin Town Association training seminars
- Attended town officers training put on by UW–Madison
- Met with tribal and county police departments

**Future Goals:**

- Provide better communication about our plans and activities in the town
- Continue to be in a financially positive position
- Accelerate our road maintenance – seal coating and crack sealing
- Improve Town Board communication and cooperation with the Oneida Tribe.
- I know I am most qualified to lead the Town of Oneida into a great future.

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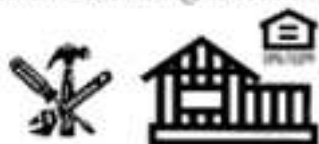
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Sports/Recreation

# Green Bay Elite All-Stars shine in national competitions

By Steven J. Gandy

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Green Bay Elite (GBE) has 83 championships, 6 teams and a the drive to be the best cheerleading gym in the United States.

The owners of GBE are Charlene and George Greendeer and their daughter Cherokee Greendeer. Cherokee is also a coach and head choreographer for the competition teams. Also on staff at GBE is five year veteran David Fletcher. Together they all hone the skills of their students and prepare them for numerous competitions throughout the United States.

Recently, the GBE Pink Team went to Dallas to com-

pete in the biggest competition the National Cheerleaders Association offers.

"We won the Dallas competition this year, which is the big one; it's like the Super Bowl of cheerleading. It's been my daughter's passion, her goal to win that particular competition, and we finally did it on our third try, and last year we missed it by six-one-hundredths of a point," Charlene said.

With the victory came a trophy, banner and jackets for the girls advertising their national victory.

The national competition in Dallas plays host to 125

teams all competing for the number one spot. It is held annually and marks the pinnacle of the cheer season which runs from October through April.

The weekend following the victory in Dallas GBE traveled to a competition in Chicago where it took home a number of awards.

"We went to Chicago and we did the Jam Fest National Competition and three of our four teams won first place nationals. There we also won the spirit award and then one of our teams won the Outstanding Class award," Charlene boasted.

Most recently the GBE

Pink Team won 10 additional awards at a competition in Wisconsin Dells. They also won a bid to compete in the Cheerleading Worlds on April 21-22 at Wald Disney World in Florida which will be broadcast nationally on ESPN and ESPN2.

The teams at GBE consist of girls and boys ranging in age from three-years-old up to 17-years-old.

The teams perform routines that are judged and involve many aspects of cheerleading.

"In cheerleading, it's a two-and-a-half minute routine to music and we cheer, we dance, we jump, we tumble and we stunt, that's where they put the girls in the air.

So we do a little bit of everything in two-in-a-half minutes," Charlene explained.

The popularity of cheerleading, according to Charlene, has grown in recent years in the Green Bay area, "When we first started there was very little interest in cheerleading; it was all dance and pom-pom in the Green Bay area. So it was like pulling teeth to girls interested because it was not very well respected."

GBE began in 1999 and once moved from place-to-place to hold practices. They now have a permanent facility located on 1194 O'Hare Boulevard in De Pere.

GBE will be offering a new

type of cheerleading adventure without all of the stress that comes with national competitions.

"Our project this year is new recreational teams. Our new recreation teams are more for girls who just want to have fun. They'll just practice one day a week and they'll only go to a couple local competitions in the state of Wisconsin. So it's a lot of pressure off, just having fun and learning all about cheerleading," Charlene emphasized.

Those interested in becoming a member of the GBE cheerleading school should call (920)983-1700.



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Members of the Green Bay Elite Pink Team are flying high while practicing a routine. The Pink Team is one of six teams Green Bay Elite has and it is also the advanced team performing and competing in competitions across the United States. Green Bay Elite was started in 1999 and is owned by Charlene and George Greendeer and coached by their daughter Cherokee Greendeer.

## 4th Annual Oneida Rec Art Show



Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

Jean (left) and Ben (center) Opelt observe submitted pieces at the 4th Annual Oneida Recreation Fine Arts Exhibit. Prizes were awarded in photography, drawing, painting and sculpture categories. The show took place March 22 and 23 at the County H Recreation Center.

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