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She Looks for News

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## AJRCCC receives a best rating from USA News & World Report

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The Anna John Resident Center Care Community (AJRCCC) has gotten recognition on a national level with the publishing of the USA News & World Report 2014 ranking of nursing homes across the country. The report is based on state surveys and shows the AJRCCC received five out of five stars and got a Best Nursing Home Ranking. According to the AJRCCC Director of Nursing Wendy Wagner the ratings are based on an average of three measurements. The AJRCCC received four out of five stars for Health Inspections and Quality Measures and five stars for Nurse Staffing. “The five star (rating) comes from quality initiatives that we’re

supposed to have in place,” she said. “When the state survey comes in they’re looking for those quality measures to be at a certain percentile for national, state and what your facility is.” Comprehensive Health Division Director Debbie Danforth praised the staff for the high ratings. “All of the staff puts in extra hours, extra work, they go out of their way. The residents here are treated like family members,” she said. “Working with the staff, they are amazing – heart of gold. They come in and they put in the extra 110% into providing quality care and great relationships between department to department, it’s a wonderful team that we all provide no matter who works here,” Wendy Danforth stated that



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A drum and song signal the beginning of the State of the Tribes in the state capital on Thursday, February 13. The annual status of Wisconsin’s 11 tribes.

AJRCCC employees often work long hours over holidays and snowstorms to make sure the residents are taken care of. “Bottom line is it

means that the residents here have the highest quality of care possible. They’re well taken care of and that’s all thanks to the hard work of the staff and

everybody who puts care into the caring of all the residents,” she said. To see the full ratings visit: [http://health.usnews.co](http://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes/area/wi/anna-john-resident-centered-care-community-525695)

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## Oneida Museum home to 46 foot snow turtle



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Staff from the Oneida Nation Museum and Oneida Cultural Heritage along with local artist Scott Hill teamed up to create a 46 foot snow turtle in front of the Oneida Nation Museum at W892 County Trunk EE.

Steady snow fall and record breaking cold temperatures helped create and preserve the snow sculpture, though rising temperatures late in the week may doom this work of art. To see a video of work being done on the turtle visit: <http://www.oneidanation.org/newspaper/videos.aspx?id=39696>

## Work Certified graduates ready for job market

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Graduates of the three-week Work Certified Program took the morning of Friday, February 28 to celebrate their achievement before using their new skills to land and keep a job. Before attending the program Stacey King found work through a temp agency before but longed for something more stable. “I had interviews, and I haven’t gotten hired, and then when I came to this class it showed me all the things I was doing wrong



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Left to right: Oneida Business Committee Councilman Paul Ninham and Workforce Development Coordinator Victrietta Hensley congratulated graduates of the Work Certified Program at a ceremony held Friday, February 28 at the Oneida Nation Community Education Center. Participants of the program worked on their job skills and improved their interviewing and communication skills.

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## OBC cancels upcoming GTC meetings

The Oneida Business Committee took action during February 26 meeting to cancel the scheduled March 22 General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting. The OBC also didn't move forward with tentatively GTC meeting scheduled for April 6.

A special GTC meeting was called for by Chairman Delgado to reconsider the GTC action of December 15, 2013 that dissolved Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (OSGC). Chairman Delgado feels the meeting is now unnecessary. "We are finding that the work is showing that we are able to comply with the GTC directive without creating any liabilities to the tribe. We need a little bit more time to go down that path before we decide what to bring to GTC and when," said tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft.

"It looks like we may be able to (dissolve OSGC) without hurting the tribe," added Delgado.

Final approval calling for an April 6 GTC meeting was met with opposition for a variety of reasons.

"I'm opposing because of cost containment at this point," said Councilman David Jordan. "We also have a fiduciary responsibility to watch our finances and if our money is crunched right now I'm being responsible and saying we have to cancel this meeting because of it."

"I think there are other issues that have been pending and there's really no set consideration about how we formulate which petitions go first, or second, or third, or a year later," said tribal Treasurer Tina Danforth.

**Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises pays dividend**

Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises (OTIE) had a better than expected financial year which resulted in a \$500,000 dividend payment. The corporation, chartered and owned by the Oneida Tribe, made a payment of \$120,000 last year and had a scheduled payment of \$130,000 this year.

"OTIE did much better than it's projected revenues so we do have a check for \$500,000. In order to grow the company we requested that we were able to keep more of our profit to show the financial capability to perform the contracts we get," said OTIE Board Chairman Butch Rentmeester.



OTIE Committee Chairman Butch Rentmeester presents OBC Treasurer Tina Danforth a dividend check of \$500,000.

## 2014 Tri-annual elections for OBC, other boards

It's time once again for the tri-annual elections for the Oneida Business Committee and other boards, and time for Oneida citizens to step up and make a change, either by voting at the polls or running for office.

The caucus scheduled for Saturday, April 12 is the first step in the election process. Election Board President Vicki Cornelius stated individuals 21-years-old and older who want to run for office should attend the caucus.

"They should know what they're running for, they have to have someone nominate them, they have to be there, they have to accept it or decline it, and they have to fill out the application," she said. The Election Board will run a background check for positions with certain requirements like the Gaming Commission. The application will be due to the Secretary's Office by Friday, April 18 by 4:30.

People who can't attend the caucus can petition to be placed on the ballot. They will need 10 signatures to be turned into the Secretary's Office for verification by Friday, April 18 along with an application. Applications will be available from the Secretary's Office as well located in the second floor of the Norbert Hill Center at N7210 Seminary Road.

Cornelius urges people who want to change the way Oneida does things to participate in the election process.

"Some people say that we have consistently the same things happening to the tribe, and if they want to change it they need to elect someone who they think will change it," she said.

- said.
- Vacancies for the 2014 General Election:**
- Oneida Business Committee – 9 Vacancies
  - Oneida Gaming Commission – 1 Vacancy
  - Oneida Land Commission – 2 Vacancies
  - ONCOA – 3 Vacancies
  - Oneida Election Board – 3 Vacancies
  - Oneida Land Claims Commission – 3 vacancies
  - Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee – 3 vacancies
  - Oneida School Board – 2 vacancies parent positions

### 2014 General Election Dates

- ♦ *Caucus..... April 12*
- ♦ *Primary..... May 10*
- ♦ *Election..... July 12*

### Attention Oneida Graduates!

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A special graduation centerfold will be published in the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 issue in full color!

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- 4 Name of graduating student
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### CORRECTION

On the cover of the February 20, 2014 Kalihwisaks the story "Families pack the Turtle School for Family Fun night," the event's sponsor was misidentified. The Family Fun Night was a Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SPDI) sponsored event. The Kalihwisaks apologizes for the error.

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Passing On...

**Pelegrin, Ryan M.**  
**October 16, 1987 – February 18, 2014**

Ryan M. Pelegrin, 26, of Green Bay passed away on Tuesday February 18, 2014 of natural causes. He was born in death by his Mom Sally Pelegrin, and his grandparents. Services were held at 11a.m. on Saturday February 22, 2014 at the Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street De Pere. Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the family. *Many thanks to the St. Vincent, Green Bay Dialysis Center staff for all of your care and concern shown to Ryan over the years.*



**Obituaries...**  
There is no charge for obituary notices to be published in the Kalihwisaks for enrolled Oneida members.

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And I close my eyes to visualize  
Your face when you were here.

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Gov. Walker seeks more time to decide on Kenosha casino

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker wants six more months to make a decision on whether to approve the Menominee tribe's Kenosha casino project, a delay that would push his deadline to beyond the November election.

Walker released a letter Friday co-signed by the tribe asking the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to extend the original deadline from Aug. 23 to Feb. 19. Walker and tribal chairwoman Laurie Boivin say in the letter that more time is needed to "develop and analyze independent data, and facilitate discussions with the interested parties."

The Menominee tribe has been pushing for opening an off-reservation casino for more than 20 years, saying it will help pull their tribal members out of poverty. The tribe wants to build the casino complex on the grounds of the old Dairyland Greyhound dog track in Kenosha.

Walker has said he wouldn't approve the casino unless all of the state's 11 tribes agree to it. But the Ho-Chunk and Forest County Potawatomi tribes, which operate other casinos in Wisconsin, have steadfastly opposed the proposal.

In addition to unanimous agreement among the tribes, Walker said the casino needed community support and must result in no new net gambling.

Walker's administration has ordered an independent analysis of the economic impact of the proposed casino and entertainment complex that would include a Hard Rock Hotel. The Menominee have said the \$800 million project will create 5,000 direct and indirect jobs, while the

Potawatomi have said it will cost the Milwaukee area where that tribe operates a rival casino about 3,000 jobs.

Economic impact was not one of the original criteria Walker said he would use for deciding whether he would approve the project.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Burke's spokesman issued a statement criticizing Walker for seeking a delay in the decision until after the election.

"Now that he's facing an opponent in Mary Burke with a proven track record of creating jobs it's clear he is trying to save face," Burke's spokesman Joe Zepecki said. "Today's request is simply another example of Walker playing politics rather than focusing on the needs of the people of Wisconsin."

Walker and Boivin said in the letter they needed more time to arrive at a

"fully informed decision."

The Menominee and Hard Rock Casino issued a joint statement in support of Walker taking more time.

"The Menominee-Hard Rock team believes the ultimate analysis will demonstrate that the Kenosha casino will provide significant benefits to the state," the statement said.



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**Loretta Metoxen,  
Oneida Tribal Historian**

## Loretta Says... Think spring

Ongoing Column • Providing a connection to the past

As we weather the cold blasts of the north winds, the high snow banks and the icy road conditions, we should think Spring. Surely, it's coming—but are we ready for it?

I have received a dozen or so seed catalogs from all over the United States since last November to the current time. Five or six of them come from Bloomfield, Illinois. I read them from cover to cover, trying to find out what varieties are new and better and whether or not they are suited to our northern clime. For instance, there are several pages of tomatoes, from

huge one pounders to tiny “jelly bean” types. There are about twenty various cucumbers—characterized as slicers for salads or pickling. Some cucumbers are multi-purpose.

My family and I are planting a good sized garden this year. It will include everything from three kinds of sweet corn to potatoes—and sweet potatoes. There are beets and beet greens (the tops can be eaten like spinach), green and yellow beans, snap peas (you eat the pods), summer squash and winter squash (they are both delicious), carrots and lettuce (several kinds), peppers and three varieties of tomatoes, turnips and cabbage. And that is not all. The list goes on.

The heavy lifting

required is not in my repertoire, but I can assist planting everything and I am certainly able to pull the millions of weeds that always show up and are competition for the nutrients in the soil. Weeds are vigorous and fast growing, so they need to be controlled early on, or they will surely take over. Some weeds are edible. Pig weed, otherwise known as Lamb's quarters are prolific and always show up in the garden. It is a very good tasting “green”. Other edible weeds are stinging nettles and milkweed. Soups can be made from both of these. Care needs to be taken when gathering nettles. Using gloves will prevent the burning sensation. Milkweed is the major food source for the Monarch butterfly.

Milkweed is a food source for us, too, especially the large composite lavender blossoms and the smaller tender top leaves.

The seed catalogs are therapeutic with their bright colored images and great descriptions. They give us hope for the coming season. I have already sent orders to four seed companies. They have “collections” and offer special discounts for timeliness or promotions. I took advantage of certain offers.

The next step is to decide what plants to start early in peat pots. I finally determined I would start two kinds of tomatoes, two kinds of peppers, cabbage and cauliflower, muskmelon and watermelon. The peat pots with the newly grow-

ing plants can be planted directly in the soil when the time is right, after threat of frost is past. Those plants that require a longer growing season will then have a vigorous start and will properly mature.

I was fortunate to stay with Zach and Lilly Skenandore and their large family one summer when I was nine years old. I followed Lilly everywhere in the garden. She had all kinds of vegetables, but I was most interested in the tiny yellow pear and red tomatoes. I could help myself to them when they were ripened. She canned hundreds of quarts of fruit and vegetables. She did not forget the flowers. I particularly remember her dahlias, sweet peas and gladiolas. Dahlias and

gladiola bulbs have to be lifted and stored in the fall. I learned this and other things from her at the age of nine and I never forgot what she taught me about gardening. She also insisted pick contract beans, so she gave me a syrup pail to fill.

At that time, most every family planted a garden. They always included strawberries and raspberries, sometimes blackberries and blackcaps. Many families also planted contract beans and cucumbers with local canning companies for additional income.

Gardening is beneficial to us in many ways. It is even beneficial right at this moment as I gaze out the window at the high snow banks.

## Oneida Relay for Life Event gearing up



Photo courtesy of Pogi King

Participants of the Relay for Life enjoy theme nights such as “South of the Boarder” night.

### What is the Relay for Life Event?

In the following weeks we will run a series of articles in the Kalihwisaks to show the community what takes place during our 15 hour event each year and why we do what we do each year. While the event takes on a “party-like” atmosphere to begin with, it also hosts a poignant luminaria cere-

mony in memory of those who've passed on.

Check out a few of our pics on some of our happenings. In addition to a silent auction, we have games/prizes for the kids, facepainting, movie time, DJ music, dance contests, food, Pantene hair challenge (ponytails are cut on-site and donated to cancer survivors) and best campsite contest as well as “Dude & Dudette” contests as well.

### Who to contact?

- Pogi King Dessart
- Jenny Webster
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# Perry Catches Her Dream

**By Nate Wisneski**  
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Not many 20-somethings would leave a dream job designing in the fashion industry to pursue a Master's Degree in Business. But for Julia Perry, 29, that dream job was a stepping stone to her ultimate career goal, her own line.

After graduating from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City Perry designed for Isaac Mizrahi, Ralph Lauren, and Elie Tahari. After almost four years she knew it was time to branch out on her own.

"It was always my dream to have my own line. When I was designing for other's, while I loved it, I was always trying to learn so that when I start my own line I will know what I need to," said Perry. "I knew about the designing in the industry but not the business side of it. I went back to school with every intention of starting my own company."

Perry is in her first year of pursuing her Masters of Business Administration at Brigham Young University. She introduced POINT&HUE, her women's contemporary sport fashion line during last month's Las Vegas Fashion Week.

"It's driven towards women in the mid-20's to mid-30's that are profes-

sionals. It's really modern," said Perry.

The unveiling of her fashion line is the first step in her goal of making POINT&HUE a household name sold in the best stores around the world.

"For me it was one of those dreams I had as a child that I never knew was going to happen. I took every step to pursue my dream but there are a lot of talented people and you never really know if it's going to happen," Perry said.

"During the show I was just in the zone making sure the line came off really well. It really didn't hit me until the end when I had to walk out because it was my line. I was like I can't believe that this just happened. When I got my first job out of college I cried, I couldn't believe I got a job with a major designer. After the show I went to my hotel room and it sunk in and I cried."

Perry had laser sharp focus on her career choice at a very young age.

"I always have loved clothes. My mom was my 4-H leader when I was eight. She taught us how to make denim shorts and I went the extra mile and made a matching hair bow," said Perry. "I've always been into it and always designing and sewing since then. I took every sewing class in high school."

As for Perry, the Las Vegas show is in the rear view mirror as she focuses on moving her line ahead.

"For every fashion designer the dream is New York Fashion Week. I hope in five years I will be presenting there. I would love to be in great stores and compete with any other contemporary line out there," said Perry.

Perry is in discussions with buyers so she is not sure which stores will carry her fall line. Her website, POINT&HUE.com will soon be a commerce site with the ability to place orders.

Perry points to the Oneida Higher Education Office as one of the main catalysts for her success.

"With the Oneida Higher Education Grant I was able to go to a really good fashion school. Without the grant my story wouldn't be possible and I wouldn't be where I'm at. I've had a lot of help along the way but that grant is one thing that has gotten me to where I'm at today," she said.

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# Dirty Dozen Tax Scams for 2014

**By Dianne Zubella**  
Bay Bank

The Internal Revenue Service recently released its annual "Dirty Dozen" ranking of tax scams, reminding taxpayers to use caution during tax season to protect themselves against a wide range of schemes ranging from identity theft to return preparer fraud. Here's a summary of three of the most common tax scams and ways that consumers can protect themselves:

## Identity Theft

Once again, tax fraud via identity theft tops this year's Dirty Dozen list. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as your name, Social Security number (SSN) or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other



crimes. In many cases, an identity thief uses a legitimate taxpayer's identity to fraudulently file a tax return and claim a refund. The IRS has a special section on their website (www.IRS.gov/identitytheft) dedicated to identity theft issues, including YouTube videos, tips for taxpayers and an assistance guide.

## Phishing

Phishing is a scam typically carried out with the help of unsolicited email or a fake website that poses as a legitimate site to lure in potential victims and prompt them to provide valuable personal and financial information. Armed with this information, a criminal

can commit identity theft or financial theft. If you receive an unsolicited email that appears to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), report it by sending it to phishing@irs.gov. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information.

## Return Preparer Fraud

About 60 percent of taxpayers will use tax professionals this year to prepare their tax returns. Most return preparers provide honest service to their clients. But, some unscrupulous preparers prey on unsuspecting taxpayers, and the result can be refund fraud or identity theft. Consumers should use only preparers who sign the returns they prepare and enter their IRS Preparer Tax Identification Numbers (PTIN). Other "red flags" of unscrupulous preparers include: charging a percentage of the refund as a preparation fee; not providing the consumer with a copy of the completed return; and promising larger-than-normal refunds. The Wisconsin Better Business Bureau has more tips for choosing a tax preparer online at www.wisconsin.bbb.org.

Keep these scams in mind as you get ready to file your taxes this year. Always remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. You can read the full list of scams on the IRS website.



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- Emergency medical travel

The main changes include elimination of Stabilization Assistance (examples include shelter, auto repair, appliance repair/replacement, D.O.C. re-entry assistance, legal fees, home renovations to accommodate handicap access, student assistance, basic eyewear/dental needs, or basic home medical equipment).

Other changes include:

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Services are available only for enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
- Services will cover catastrophic events, illness, or injuries only.
- Services will assist with an emergency situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life or safety.
- Requests for assistance must be made within thirty (30) business days from the catastrophic event, illness or injury.
- Applicants must satisfactorily provide the program with required documentation and/or verification before funds can be released.
- Application for assistance shall be made within a reasonable time period, not to

### Cost-Sharing:

One of the other changes for the fund is the applicant will be required to pay a portion (cost-share) unless the person falls below the Federal Poverty Level limit. The Federal Poverty Level limit is used by Economic Support Services (Center for Self-Sufficiency) and determined by the Federal government.

The Amendment to the Community Support Services Fund requires Economic Support Services (Center for Self-Sufficiency) to set caps on the amount of assistance each person or household may receive, per event.

A copy of the Resolution can be obtained by calling the Tribal Secretary's Office (920-869-2214), downloading a copy from the Tribe's website - **[www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org)** (Select Government, scroll to Oneida Laws, click on BC Resolutions), or pick up a copy at the Economic Support Services (Center for Self-Sufficiency) office.

Customers urged to  
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prescription system

The Pharmacy is encouraging the use of the automated “Phone Request Program“ when you need a refill on your medication. Please make sure you have your prescription RX bottle when you phone the automated refill line at **920-869-4970**.

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## Alzheimer's Association Presents Local Programs

*All provided free of charge to families and caregivers*

Green Bay, WI – Alzheimer's disease is a fatal brain disease that now affects one in three seniors and currently kills more Americans than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. As the world's largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research and the world's leading voluntary health organization for Alzheimer's care and support, the Alzheimer's Association has many programs to help caregivers and those diagnosed with this disease or other related dementias.

Made possible in part by funds raised through the Walk to End Alzheimer's®, the Alzheimer's Association Greater Wisconsin Chapter is holding several upcoming programs for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias as well as for their caregivers and concerned friends.

Upcoming programs include:

- 1) *Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers: Persons in Early Stage (a three part series)*  
– March 5, March 12

2. Using your touchtone phone, enter prescription number followed by the # key
3. Automated voice will repeat the number you entered and ask you to confirm
4. Press "1" if number is correct or "0" to enter again
5. For security validation you will be asked to enter your date of birth in a two digit format for example: 05/05/61. This automated system will confirm your request at the end of the process

and advise you when your prescription(s) will be ready and you will be reminded to pick up your prescription(s) in seven days.

If you receive a rejection, or cannot complete your order, you can press "1" on your touchtone phone pad and your call will be routed to a Pharmacy Representative or you can leave a voice-mail message.

In April, we will be implementing a new service to improve customer services! Beginning in mid-April, you will

receive a phone call from the pharmacy system when your prescriptions are ready for pick up. If you do not pick up your prescriptions, you will receive a reminder phone call to pick up the prescriptions in 7-days, please. So, please make sure to update your phone numbers when you check in to the health center pharmacy. We are asking for your cooperation and patience as this system is implemented.

*Thank you.*  
**Oneida Pharmacy**

and March 19, 1:30PM – 3:00PM, “Friendship Place” Building on the Odd Fellow’s Campus, 1207 S. Jackson St., Green Bay.

- 2) *Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers: Persons in Early Stage (a three part series)*  
– March 7, March 14 and March 21, 1:00 PM – 3:00PM, Oshkosh Senior Center, 200 N. Campbell Rd., Oshkosh, WI.
- 3) *Conversations about Dementia*  
– March 11, 1:00PM – 3:00PM, Neuroscience Group, 1305 W. American Dr., Neenah, WI.
- 4) *Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia*  
– March 15, 1:00PM – 3:00PM, Neuroscience Group, 1305 W. American Dr.,

Neenah, WI.

- 5) **Caregiver Stress:  
Take Care of Yourself**  
– March 25, 3:30PM –  
4:30PM, 200 N. 7th  
St., Sturgeon Bay, WI.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. To register for programs in Green Bay, contact Alzheimer's Association Outreach Specialist **bbartlett@alz.org** or phone **920.469.2110**. To register for programs in the Fox Valley, contact Alzheimer's Association Outreach Specialist **kalbert@alz.org** or phone **920.727.5541**.

These workshops are made possible in part by the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's®. For more information on these workshops, to volunteer or become

involved in Walk to End Alzheimer's®, visit us at **[www.alz.org/gwwi](http://www.alz.org/gwwi)** or call our 24 Hour Helpline at **1.800.272.3900**.

- More than 5 million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's disease
- Every 68 seconds someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease
- Alzheimer's is currently the 6th leading cause of death

The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

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**Healthy Living *with Diabetes***  
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**Healthy Living *with Diabetes*** is an evidence-based workshop based on the theory that people with type 2 diabetes have similar concerns and problems. There is no charge to attend.

The workshop will meet once a week for 2 ½ hours, 1–3:30 P.M., beginning Tuesday, March 25th thru May 6th. Workshop is limited to the first 12 people to register.

Please Contact **Barb Silva**, *Native American Family Caregiver* to register at Oneida Elder Services **(920) 869-2448, ext. 6834.**

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## **TRIAD CLASSES**

**For March April & May**

**Wednesdays**

Class	Date	Time
Learn to read Nutrition Labels “Master the Grocery Store”	March 19	5:00 pm
Sports Nutrition “Weight Loss”	April 16	11:00 am
Become a pro @ understanding Fats & Eating Healthy “On the Go”	April 30	5:00 pm
Learn to read Nutrition Labels “Master the Grocery Store”	May 7	11:00 am
Carbohydrate Counting “Balancing Act” Meals/Exercise/Medications	May 21	5:00 pm

Three small, five-pointed star icons arranged horizontally.

All classes are held at Oneida Family Fitness Education Room

\*Incentive given for attendance at each class



# ONCEC hours to change

The Oneida Nation Community Education Center will be reducing the number of hours that it is open. This is primarily a result of cost containment. The ONCEC staff reductions do not permit for safe and effective coverage of the current hours while meeting the obligations to the Tribe and the Oneida Community. The new hours beginning on Monday, March 31, 2014 will be 10:00 am to 6:30 pm Monday through Thursday. Fridays the ONCEC will remain open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The ONCEC will meet the existing obligations for programs and training outside of these hours. If you have any questions please contact the staff at (920) 496-5258.

# From 1A/Work

and things I could improve upon,” she said. Workforce Development Coordinator Victrietta Hensley stated the five graduates improved their employability chances by learning business technology and communication and improving their reading and math skills. “Our philosophy in workforce development is to promote employability skills, the tools to strengthen people’s employability skills and enable them to sustain themselves,” said Hensley. King plans to implement her new interviewing skills right away in pursuit of a career in gaming. “I learned how to do an introduction when you walk into a room, which I never did. I used to just go in and go sit down, but now I know but know I know I have to introduce my self and say why I’m there and why I want to be a part of the company,” said King. According to Hensley, the program has helped 200 people through their partnership with the College of the Menominee Nation (CMN) and other programs. Approximately 90% of the participants

are tribally enrolled, though the program is open to anyone. “We do assessments to see where their skills may be lacking or where their strengths are and where they’re more likely to succeed and we help them to get the tools to be able to get them down the right road,” said Hensley. King and three of her fellow graduates – one participate couldn’t attend because she was at a job orientation – enjoyed refreshments and talked excitedly about an upcoming job fair. King highly recommends the Workforce Certified Program for anyone struggling to find a job. “I would tell them to join the program; I would recommend it for anybody,” she said. “Go for it!” The Work Certified Program is part of Workforce Development which is funded by a five year \$1.3 million grant through the Administration for Children and Families/Administration for Native Americans (ANA) – Sustainable Employment and Economic Development Strategies (SEEDS) program. For more information call 920-490-3627.

# Course Options program to expand opportunities for students

MADISON – The doors to higher education and expanded educational opportunities are opening a little wider for public school students with the rollout of Wisconsin’s new Course Options program. The 2013-15 state budget eliminated part-time open enrollment, a program that had allowed high school students to attend courses in other public school districts while remaining enrolled in their resident district, and established the Course Options program for students at all grade levels. Through Course Options, students may take up to two classes at a time from approved educational institutions in Wisconsin at no cost to students or their parents. Educational institutions include:

- Public schools in a non-resident school district,
- Charter schools,
- Technical colleges,
- University of Wisconsin System,
- Tribal colleges,
- Non-profit institutions of higher education, and
- Non-profit organizations approved by the Department of Public Instruction.

“Wisconsin has many talented students who want to broaden their horizons or accelerate their learning by taking specialized or college-level coursework,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “Course Options provides another way for Wisconsin’s public school students to access the courses they need to graduate ready for success in college and career.” Through Course Options, students across the state will have new opportunities to access a wide variety of coursework and to earn college credits while in high school. For example, students could take advantage of unique courses offered by a neighboring school district or earn dual credit for courses offered by a university or technical college. Course Options also will provide another pathway for high schools to build or expand their own concurrent enrollment or transcripted credit programs in partnership with local institutions of higher education at no cost to students and their families. Materials from the DPI provide guidance and instructions for students, parents, school districts, and educational institutions regarding local implementation of the program in accordance with state law, including the Course Options student application. In addition, an application and approval process for non-profit organizations, limited to eligible private schools in the first year, is also available through the DPI.

Under the law, parents submit applications directly to the educational institution the pupil wishes to attend at least six weeks before the start of the course. The educational institution must send a copy of the application to the pupil’s resident school board and, no later than one week prior to the date on which the course is scheduled to commence, the educational institution must notify the applicant and the resident school board whether the application has been accepted or rejected. Reasons for rejection are limited. Educational institutions may deny a request if the student does not meet course prerequisites or entrance criteria or if there isn’t space available in the course. School districts must deny a request if it will conflict with a student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) and may reject applications if the requested course does not satisfy high school graduation requirements or if it does not support the student’s academic and career plan. Like the prior part-time open enrollment law, 2013 Wisconsin Act 20 requires all Course Options courses to be made available to public school students at no cost to the student and states that resident school districts are responsible for paying for the course. However, no new state funds were allocated for the expanded Course Options program, and Wisconsin school districts that must fund this program remain under tight revenue controls. The DPI worked to mitigate costs for school districts by requiring institutions of higher education and resident school districts to negotiate the costs of dual credit courses locally and create cost-sharing agreements that are ideally cost-neutral to both parties. This approach is based on the many successful transcribed credit partnerships that Wisconsin’s technical colleges and high schools have already established across the state. “We want every Wisconsin student to graduate college and career ready, ideally with college credits or an industry certification in hand,” Evers said. “We are grateful for the many successful partnerships that already exist to help students reach these goals and look forward to the new opportunities that Course Options will offer Wisconsin students and families.” Students can start accessing the Course Option program for the 2014-15 school year. Materials and further information are available online at <http://courseoptions.dpi.wi.gov/>.

# History reburied? NY’s 1755 battle site covered up

By Chris Carola  
Associated Press

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. (AP) ~ The French and Indian War battle won here by green Colonial troops is just a footnote in most history books, but the way Randy Patten sees it, the New England farmers who fell during an ambush that opened the fighting didn't need to be buried a second time, 250 years later. In the 1990s, a businessman was granted permission by the town of Lake George to fill in his vacant, sloping property. The land borders the wooded ravine where about 1,000 British Colonial troops and 200 of their Mohawk Indian allies were ambushed by a larger force of French and Indians on the morning of Sept. 8, 1755. The ravine was part of the route for a wilderness road traveled by such 18th-century figures as Paul Revere, Benedict Arnold, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. “This (businessman) is dumping on historical ground, or what's left of it, anyway,” said Patten, a 61-year-old retired state police investigator and former member of the New York commission that promoted the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War from 2005 through 2010. It’s often been that way in Lake George, where history can be uncovered with the simple turn of a shovel or obliterated with the bucket of a backhoe. In October, state archaeologists announced that they had discovered 10,000-year-old Native American artifacts just inches below the ground near the state-owned beach on the lake’s southern end. At nearby Fort William Henry, numerous artifacts and skeletal human remains have been found since the original 1750s fortification was reconstructed as a tourist attraction 60 years ago. Archaeologists believe hundreds of soldiers are buried under what’s now the asphalt parking lot shared by the fort and the neighboring resort hotel. Yet despite its rich history, Lake George’s efforts to preserve remnants of its Colonial past often have fallen short, bested by economic development interests in a southern Adirondack town where tourism is the only industry. In the early 1970s, the ruins of a French and Indian War fort were bulldozed to make way for a new hotel on the village’s southern end, despite pleas by local preservationists to save at least a portion of

the site. Patten said another historic parcel was damaged when, starting in the late 1990s, businessman Anthony Tomasovic dumped tons of soil, trees and road debris on his 2.8-acre property fronting a commercially zoned stretch of Route 9, the main drag in his tourist-friendly area. At some point, the fill began cascading into the ravine where the ambush known as the Bloody Morning Scout is believed to have happened along the Military Road, built by New England militiamen just days before the battle. Patten is convinced many of the scores of casualties from the first musket volleys of the ambush were buried afterward in the ravine where the Mohawks from New York and provincial militiamen from Massachusetts and Connecticut were bushwhacked at the start of the Battle of Lake George, eventually won by the Colonials. For proof, he points to after-battle reports and soldier journals that record the dead being buried “where they fell” in the days following the battle. Patten, local historians and at least one town planning board member raised concerns about the ravine site after Tomasovic first applied

in the mid-1990s for a permit to fill in his property. Nevertheless, the planning board approved his application in 1996, allowing Tomasovic to begin clearing trees and dumping soil on the property. In 2004, a study completed by the Warren County Historical Society under a grant from the federal battlefields preservation program stated that within 10 years, Tomasovic’s project and other commercial development along Route 9 “will completely obliterate any evidence of this battlefield as well as the graves of those slain during the action and buried as they fell.” In December, the town’s planning and zoning director sent Tomasovic a letter ordering him to cease fill operations on his property. The letter was written two days after The Associated Press first began inquiring about Tomasovic’s property. The town’s letter didn’t mention any issues regarding the dumping of soil on the battle site, only focusing on concerns over stabilization of the high, approximately 250-foot-long embankment that now looms over the ravine

• See 13A, History reburied

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### Milwaukee's Indian Community School Teambuilds with Oneida Experiential and Adventure

Room Parents, Administration and school staff from Milwaukee's Indian Community School headed north to join up with Oneida Experiential and Adventure for an individualized team building experience focused on trust, awareness of roles and responsibilities, empowerment, and communication. Even though this team of helping professionals recognized their team's strength of trust in one another they found the day and a half of team building activities and an outdoor experience snowshoeing to be challenging, insightful, and an effective impact on their group's team development.

***"All Oneida Tribal Departments need to go through this type of Staff team training annually!"***

***"I learned from each experience. Each activity made me focus on different areas of myself. I had such a positive experience everything happened so smoothly and effortlessly. Strong instructors"***

***"I learned to look at strengths in others instead of seeing the weaknesses."***



## 2014 Snowshoe Tying Class

The Oneida Community Health Center's Diabetic Team continues to receive federal grant money to help individual's manage their diabetes. The Diabetes Team continues its partnership with Oneida Adventures to offer patients an opportunity to attend Oneida Adventure's Snowshoe tying class. Jayci Malone and Maggie Peterson from the Diabetic Team worked to evaluate patients with Diabetes and register them for Kip Miller's Snowshoe tying class. Kip Miller instructed students' on knot tying skill and specific snowshoe tying progression, while he metaphorically related it to diabetic planning and prevention. Volunteers, Yvette M. Peguero and Marissa Geiger, provided one-on-one support to the students. The collaboration was an effort to increase physical activity, self-awareness, and to cultivate patience with personal planning and healthy decision making skill. Physical activity can have a positive effect on body composition, heart health, flexibility, and strength. Most importantly, physical activity can have a direct impact on improving blood sugar control.

The Oneida Adventure program strives to provide programs that help people use adventure based activities as a way to learn about themselves in a fun and challenging way. When participants learn the art of snowshoe tying, they will quickly realize the importance of following a well-prescribed plan on correctly tying the patterns. If one small step is missed, it may not be notice until later. Even though missing a step may have little impact on the structural/safety of the shoe, it does affect the lacing strength and durability. Experientially this can teach participants about the importance of following a well -prescribed plan to manage their diabetes.

***"At times it looked complicated and mistakes were made, but following instructions and direction that were given by instructors helped work through the frustrations."***

***"The frustration were equated to diabetic challenges—you know where you screwed up, sometimes you need to start over but there are big rewards in the end."***

***"THIS IS THE BEST PROGRAM THE TRIBE HAS OFFERED PERTAINING TO DIABETES."***

***"I was nervous about being able to complete the snowshoes on time, but with the encouragement from my classmates I was able to accomplish a great feat."***



**Call Kip Miller if Interested in Learning more! 920-490-3810**

**2014 Snowshoe Tying Participants picture to the left**

***Left to right***—Clyde Skenandore, Kim Lalluzerene, Marlin Mousseau, Andrea Hoes, Jason Widi, Todd Mendolla, Lisa Drew Skenandore

***Not pictured***—Terry Kenandore, Paula Ninham, Gwendolyn Christjohn





# Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems

## Technology helps with ancient harvest



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Kali photos/Nathan Wisneski

Left: Don Charnon, Horticultural Farmer, is standing next to our new, (blue) Corn Shelling Machine. This was made possible with the funding and support of the First Nation Development Institute and their grant process. The machine provides the shelling of our traditional White Corn, which had been done almost solely by hand in the past. We are able to adjust tension as needed, to reduce cracked corn and the kernels that may not come off in the first run. The cobs are deposited one at a time into the chute on the upper part of the machine and the rollers are taking off the kernels. The empty cob is deposited into a bin in front of the machine on the lower end and the kernels are going into a bin off to the side of the machine.

Right: Kyle Wisneski, Agricultural Worker is placing our White Corn kernels into a winnowing machine. It is designed to clean out the corn by screens and fan system as it is dropped down the chutes inside and as you can see the kernels are falling into our bins and the chaff, debris, cracked kernels fall directly to the bottom pail. It is a process that is repeated as necessary so we have the cleanest corn that we can provide our Cannery and Community. In the past we would winnow the corn outside, regardless of the weather and using a fan. The machine has helped us place the work inside a more secure working environment and is better for all the backs for those that help.



## Second Annual Native Food Sovereignty Summit Agenda Finalized

### Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Sets Precedent for Tribal Involvement

LONGMONT, Colorado (Feb. 26, 2014) – First Nations Development Institute (First Nations), one of the co-sponsors of the Second Annual Native Food Sovereignty Summit to be held April 14-17 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, today released the final agenda for the event. It is available at this link: <http://www.firstnations.org/conferences/2014/food/agenda.html>.

The Food Sovereignty Summit is a unique, national event. It is the only conference of its kind that is directly co-sponsored and co-organized by a tribe – the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin – which is providing numerous and significant resources to stage the event. It is a highly focused effort by the tribe to provide other Native nations and organizations with valuable information and insights into how to build food sovereignty and Native food systems and businesses. The Oneida Nation has a significant food operation that includes a certified organic farm, bison herd, apple orchard, commercial cannery, farmers market, retail store and a food-distribution system.



**Workshops are FREE**  
**Class is limited to 25 people, so please register early.**

### Workshop 1

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**  
**Ellenbeckers Farm**  
**N6661 Seminary Road, Oneida**  
**9:30am – 11am.**

Topics will be:  
Seed Starting/Growing your own plants.  
Inexpensive raised garden bed (straw bale garden)  
Planting flowers with vegetables  
Free seeds at this workshop will be available.



### Workshop 2

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**  
(date dependent on weather & soil conditions)  
**Ellenbeckers Farm**  
**N6661 Seminary Road, Oneida**  
**9:30am – 11am.**



Topics will be:  
Soil Preparation/Planting  
Care and maintenance of your plants.  
Tour the Ellenbeckers backyard to view:  
Seed starting / germination room  
Home made hot boxes  
Aqua culture  
Fruit trees  
Chickens  
Compositing  
Home made hoop house  
Landscaping  
Watering systems  
Berries & grapes.

### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION:

Contact Bill V. @ 920-496-7423 or [wvervoor@oneidanation.org](mailto:wvervoor@oneidanation.org)

**We will start slow so come grow with us and think SPRING!**



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Participants in a Growing Gardeners Workshop learn different aspects of planting and upkeeping a garden.



# South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

Serving Milwaukee and the counties of southeastern Wisconsin

**SEOTS Office Hours:** Mon.-Fri.: 8–4:30PM  
**CLOSED NOON TO 1:00PM**  
Call for available weekend hours, **(414) 329-4101**

## Activities Calendar

for the month of **April 2014**

- 1 **Tuesday**  
**Senior Activity Day** 11:00AM–2:00PM  
\$3 Luncheon / Footcare with Desiree / Bingo – Bird Rm.  
**Oneida Language** 5:00PM & 6:00PM, Beginners, 5:00PM and Advanced, 6:00PM  
Learn Oneida language with Renee Elm-Pfaller, Bird Room
- 2 **Wednesday**  
**Last day to call in meds for Monday pick up.**
- 3 **Thursday**  
**Craft Class** 6:00PM, Daisy Chain Bracelet with Charlene, \$10 fee includes Supplies – Wolf Room  
**Reading Circle Club** 4:30PM–6:30PM; Youth Reading Group – Bird Room
- 7 **Monday**  
**Oneida Singers** 6:30PM  
**Med-Pick up**
- 8 **Tuesday**  
**Senior Activity Day** 11:00AM–2:00PM  
\$3 Luncheon / Planting Peat Pots with Angela / Bingo – Bird Room  
**Oneida Language** 5:00PM & 6:00PM, Beginners, 5:00PM and Advanced, 6:00PM  
Learn Oneida language with Renee Elm-Pfaller, Bird Room  
**Board Meeting** 6:00PM, Turtle Room
- 9 **Wednesday**  
**Free Tax Preparation** 12:00PM–8:00PM  
No Appointment Needed  
**Last Day to Call in Meds for Monday pick up.**
- 10 **Thursday**  
**Craft Class** 6:00PM, Daisy Chain Bracelet with Charlene, \$10 fee includes Supplies – Wolf Room. Call to sign up 414-329-4101  
**Reading Circle Club** 4:30PM–6:30PM; Youth Reading Group – Wolf Room
- 14 **Monday**  
**Oneida Singers** 6:30PM, Bird Room
- 15 **Tuesday**  
**Senior Activity Day** 11:00AM–2:00PM  
Potluck / Easter Egg Decorating / Bingo Bird Rm.  
**Oneida Language** 5:00PM & 6:00PM, Beginners, 5:00PM and Advanced, 6:00PM  
Learn Oneida language with Renee Elm-Pfaller, Bird Room
- 16 **Wednesday**  
**Last day to Call in meds for Monday pick up**
- 17 **Thursday**  
**Craft Class** 6:00PM, Daisy Chain Bracelet with Charlene, \$10 fee includes supplies – Wolf Room. **Reading Circle Club** 4:30PM–6:30PM; Youth Reading Group – Wolf Room
- 21 **Monday**  
**Oneida Singers** 6:30PM – Bird Room  
**Oneida Van Trip**, Shuttle leaves at 8:00AM, **Oneida Med-Pick up**
- 22 **Tuesday**  
**Senior Activity Day** 11:00AM – 2:00PM  
Dancercise with Deb / Brown Bag Lunch / Bingo – Bird Room  
**Oneida Language** 5:00PM & 6:00PM, Beginners, 5:00PM and Advanced, 6:00PM  
Learn Oneida language with Renee Elm-Pfaller, Bird Room  
**Board Meeting** 6:00PM, Turtle Room
- 23 **Wednesday**  
**Cultural Class with Randy Cornelius** 6:00PM TBD / Potluck / Bring a Dish to Pass – Bird Room  
**Last day to call in meds for Monday pick up**
- 24 **Thursday**  
**Craft Class** 6:00PM, Daisy Chain Bracelet with Charlene, \$10 fee includes Supplies – Wolf Room. **Reading Circle Club** 4:30PM–6:30PM; Youth Reading Group – Wolf Room
- 28 **Monday**  
**Oneida Bingo Trip – Departure at 7:00AM**  
\$6 Food Coupon and \$10 Bingo Coupon
- 29 **Tuesday**  
**Senior Activity Day** 11:00AM – 2:00PM  
Dancercise with Deb / Brown Bag Lunch / Bingo – Bird Room  
**Oneida Language Class** 5:00PM & 6:00PM, Beginners, 5:00PM and Advanced, 6:00PM  
Learn Oneida language with Renee Elm-Pfaller, Bird Room  
**Board Meeting** 6:00PM, Turtle Room
- 30 **Wednesday**  
**Last day to call in meds for Monday pick up**

### SEOTS Mission...

Our mission is to strengthen our cultural connection and provide services and programs that enhance the well being of Onayote’a:ka in southeastern Wisconsin.

## Second Annual Elder Assistance Program a Success

By Mark W. Powless

Thanks in large part to Marquette University High School (MUHS), SEOTS was again able to offer our Elder Assistance Program to provide in-home help for Oneida Elders residing in the Milwaukee area. Through the Senior Shared Life Project of MUHS, hundreds of high school seniors are deployed to offer community service.

MUHS annually offers their Senior Shared Life Project to organizations throughout the Milwaukee area. According to their website, “It’s that time of year when seniors serve and deepen their awareness of the needs of the less fortunate by assisting more than 70 community agencies within the Milwaukee area.” This is the 42nd year that MUHS offers this program.

SEOTS applied to the



Submitted photo

Marquette University High School (MUHS) Seniors Ben and Henry, assisted Oneida elders in the Milwaukee area through the Senior Shared Life Project, of which is in its’ 42nd year of community service.

program and was granted two youth for the purpose of providing in-home assistance to Oneida Tribal Elders residing in southeast Wisconsin. During the two week program, the seniors swept and mopped floors, cleaned kitchen cabinets, ovens, refrigerators, vacuumed floors, wiped down door handles and doorways,

cleaned ceiling fans, cleaned carpets, removed unwanted clothing and appliances, and more. In addition, every home visited received a bag of healthy food, including Oneida White Corn.

The seniors, Ben and Henry, have been irreplaceable. An orientation with the youth informed them about the Native

American community and touched on Oneida culture and history. In each encounter with Elders, both young men displayed high levels of respect and a desire to serve the households in any way possible.

During a quick reflection on the weeks’ activities, Ben expressed his amazement. “I’ve learned a lot about the values of this close-knit community. Everybody is committed to helping the community prosper. You don’t see that everywhere.”

The Elder Assistance Program kicked off on Monday, February 24 and concluded on Friday, March 7. This program was a direct result of an Elder focus group that identified in-home assistance as a need within the Elder community. During the two week period, 22 Elder homes were visited. Yaw^ko to MUHS, and Ben and Henry for all their help!

### Work Out, Low Fat for Elders

Have you participated in the W.O.L.F.E. Program at the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center?

**Here are the details of the program:**  
**Who:** Any Native American Elder (age 45 or better)  
**When:** Every Wednesday, 10AM – 1PM  
**What:**

- 10AM – 11AM: **Fitness Activities**
- 11AM – 11:20AM: **Nutrition Discussion**
- 11:20AM – Noon: **Cooking**
- Noon – 1:00PM: **Eat and Socialize**

**Where:** 1711 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI  
(kitchen located on the 2nd floor)

For more information, contact Jennifer Casey at: **414-383-9526, Ext. 155**

### SEOTS COLOR GUARD

The SEOTS Color Guard is seeking veterans to join and participate in Color Guard activities.

For those interested, please contact:  
**Leon House, (414) 543-1622**

### Oneida Singers

Are you interested in learning to sing with the Oneida singers or need to contact them for an event? Call John House at **(414) 313-2559**

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### Elderly Weekly Meals

Visit the meal site at:  
**3232 West State Street**  
(former Indian Community School)  
every **Monday, Thursday and Friday**  
(5pm the first Friday of each month, 11:30AM all other Mondays, Thursday, and Fridays).

Enjoy a tasty meal, visit with friends, and play Bingo.

**Eligibility:** Native American (plus spouse) must be 45+, Non-Native must be 60+.

### 3 Day Health Coverage Fair

March 4 & 18  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

March 5 & 19  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

March 6 & 20  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

**DEADLINE**

**Must be signed up for insurance by March 31st.**

Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc.  
1711 South 11th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
(414)-383-9526  
www.gliihe.net

## MEDICATION

Distribution Reminder:  
SEOTS now picks up medications from Oneida **every Monday.**

Please call with all of your medication orders by the Wednesday before our Monday pick-up.



# Wise Youth Group urgently needs your support



Photo courtesy of Wise Youth Group

The Wise Youth Group needs financial help from the community to continue offering services to area young people.

*Over 50 Oneida youth that engage weekly to better the community need your help*

Oneida, WI ~ Every Friday, students pour out of Oneida Nation Middle School, running into the sunlight, eager to board Oneida Transit and the Wise Women Gathering Place van to travel to Wise Youth group. This vibrant group of over 30 middle school students (about 40% of ONMS student body) has been gathering since 2006 for 8 years at Three Sisters Resource Center, and has even grown so large as to divide into a second group of 10-15 high school students who meet Mondays at WWGP. Their purpose? To improve healthy relationships, eliminate violence and bullying, prevent drug and alcohol abuse, and make the Oneida community a bet-

ter place for all to live. WWGP is appealing to the Oneida community at this time to support Wise Youth financially, as the Wise Youth groups cannot continue past the end of April, 2014, with present organizational funds. WWGP has dedicated their 2014 annual campaign to this cause. Furthermore, enrolled Tribal members will soon receive a letter appealing for support, and WWGP implores members and all people to mindfully consider making a donation. All contributions are welcome from \$5 to \$1,000's, and raffle items as well. \$17 will allow one student to attend one Wise Youth group meeting. This includes a ride home to Green Bay or Oneida after group—last year, 90% of our students stated that they would be unable to attend Wise Youth without the transportation provided. \$800 will provide two weekly Wise Youth meetings to

40-50 students in middle and high school. This includes a meal of pizza and healthy snack. Last year, over 75% of Wise Youth members reported that the food they eat at Wise Youth is their meal for the night. \$28,800 will support both Wise Youth groups for one year. The students would like the community to know what a difference Wise Youth has made in their lives. WWGP has even received a donation from a youth member, in the amount of \$2. Here is what the students are saying about Wise Youth group:

- *Wise Youth helped me with difficult decisions at home and in life. It's kept me from doing drugs and alcohol, it also kept me from doing very bad things.*
- *If I never had Wise Youth, I would either be an out-of temper-bully or a bystander, because I was both before I went to youth group, and I*

*didn't even realize it until Wise Youth group.*

- *Wise Youth has helped me step up to leadership. – MaKayla*
- *Without Wise Youth, I wouldn't be sharing my perspectives at all. I feel like my opinions matter, and they're opinions about my culture. I gained a lot of experiences here. – Faith*
- *I gain a lot of knowledge on important subjects like teen dating violence or bullying. I also became a very good speaker in front of groups. – Synala*
- *I think the community should help Wise Youth because we can change when we work all together. You all will be surprised what kids can do. Youth do have a voice, you just have to listen.*

Since Wise Women Gathering Place became an incorporated 501c3 organization in 1998, the organization has brought over 2 million dollars independently into the

Oneida community through federal and state contracts and grants. As well, WWGP has collaborated with Oneida Social Services since 2007 on grants to provide Domestic Violence-Transitional Housing and Sexual Assault Services at a value of over 2 million. WWGP is also grateful for the support of the Oneida Nation in the amount of \$4,500 in total campaign contributions, and \$20,000 in contracted services during that time. Executive Director, Alice Skenandore says "Wise Women Gathering Place has always had the intention of being a good neighbor to the Oneida Tribe and surrounding area. Providing requested services to the Oneida community has always been at the heart of our work." Wise Youth group is currently made possible by collaboration with several Tribal entities. Oneida Transit donates vital transportation for

some of the youth from school and home after group. Oneida Housing Authority allows Wise Youth to meet at Three Sisters Resource Center free of charge. Oneida Adventures Program has partnered with Wise Youth the last two years, in order to provide training for the high school group to build leadership skills, and in turn, mentor the middle school group. WWGP would be willing to partner with other departments who may have resources to create a contractual partnership to continue Wise Youth effort, and welcomes the possibility of collaboration on future grants. Personal donations may be directed to the WWGP office, at 2482 Babcock Rd, Green Bay, WI 54313. WWGP may also be reached at (920) 490-0627. To learn more about WWGP's broad array of other programs, please visit their website at [www.wisewomengp.org](http://www.wisewomengp.org)

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## Division Of Land Management Commercial Building



N5310 County Rd. U • Green Bay, WI

470 Airport Dr.,  
Oneida, WI 54155

Est. Monthly Pymt: \$ 750.00  
(Utilities not included)  
Applicants who have a credit score of 600 or better and a maximum debt to income ratio of 36% or less are encouraged to apply.  
**Directions to Commercial site:** Take County Road U heading north to site. The site is just before State Hwy. 29. The commercial site will be on the right.

- 16 Year old Building
- 2,312 Square Feet
- Bathrooms
- Central Air

Applications to be turned in at Land Management

Before or on: **March 28, 2014**

Contact the Division of Land Management for more information.  
Sheila Huff  
Local: (920) 869-1690 ext. 1827  
Toll Free: (800) 684-1697 ext. 1827

or go to... <http://land.oneidanation.org/land/>

[www.kalihwisaks.com](http://www.kalihwisaks.com)

## Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty through Environmental Compliance

Since 2004, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin (Tribe) has received grant funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and implement a Tribal

Environmental Response Program (TERP). This funding has been used to train staff from various Tribal departments to support the implementation of the program and to gain practical experience with environmental

laws and issues. Knowledge, skills and abilities that have been developed include:

- Chemical hazard awareness
- Forklift operator training
- Screening for environmental contamination
- Knowledge of environmental laws
- Fundamentals of environmental law enforcement
- Coordination with federal and state environmental protection programs

As the Tribe continues to identify its own needs for environmental regulations, TERP funding will continue to develop capacity to support those regulations including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Compliance with NEPA is necessary to receive and use federal funding, actions that require a federal permit, or involve an action on individual or Tribal trust properties. Developing the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform NEPA, consistent with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), allows faster review of those types of actions and will result in quicker lease assignments for Tribal members.

**EXTREME COUPON STOCKPILE SALE**

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11 AM - 7 PM  
SATURDAY, MARCH 8  
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# Gambling has given Ho-Chunk new hope

*Scattered tribe's \$200 million annual revenue source has caused conflict, created opportunity*

**By Bill Lueders**  
Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism

Chloris Lowe remembers how it used to be. His people, the Ho-Chunk, were impoverished, like most of the nation's Native American tribes. Unemployment was rampant. There were no tribal businesses, and debt stirred talk of bankruptcy. "The tribe subsisted wholly on federal and state programs," said Lowe, who served as the Ho-Chunk's top political leader in the early 1980s and again in the mid-1990s. "We were, for all practical purposes, a welfare state."

All that is different today, due in large part to the tribe's ability to run gambling operations. The tribe, which prefers the word "gaming," now operates a network of six casinos, with 175,000 square feet of casino floor space, 5,000 slot machines and about 100 tables, for games including blackjack, poker and roulette.

The Ho-Chunk's gambling operations generate about \$200 million in profit annually, a figure confirmed by tribal officials. That accounts for more than a third of the annual totals reported for all 11 state tribes in a 2012 state audit.

The Ho-Chunk are tied with the Oneida in the number of casinos, and their profits are comparable to those of the Potawatomi.

Gambling has provided tribal members with jobs, opportunity and income. It has allowed the tribe to build infrastructure and create programs for its roughly 7,400 members, and to preserve the Ho-Chunk way of life.

"In the course of less than 35 years, we've changed a complete society, and for the better," says Lowe, now a business consultant to tribal nations. "It's a monumental change."

Indian gambling has allowed the Ho-Chunk to capitalize on what is otherwise the tribe's greatest drawback. Its land holdings are mostly small, scattered in more than a dozen Wisconsin counties. But they include parcels near larger popu-

lation and visitor centers, like Madison and the Wisconsin Dells.

Jon Greendeer, the tribe's elected president, agreed that having scattered lands in key places is an advantage "if your goal is to make money." But, he added, "if your goal is to preserve your people, your culture, your language, it's the worst thing on Earth." He would rather have a tribal homeland with geographic continuity.

"Our families have been ripped apart, our communities have been disenfranchised, our stories have been lost, our villages are no longer," Greendeer said. "We've lost a lot."

## Getting started

On a recent Saturday afternoon, the tribe's casino on the east edge of Madison is booming. There are hundreds of cars in the lot and most of the facility's 1,100 slot machines are in use.

Row after row of players are participating in a grand income redistribution scheme, parting with their money in hopes of making more. It is a pursuit that has only one sure winner.

The Ho-Chunk's casino empire grew out of the tribe's first business, a tobacco store that opened in a used trailer in the Wisconsin Dells in 1982, with the help of a U.S. Small Business Administration loan. Lowe, then tribal chairman, said the store "produced the seed money for everything else that followed." The next year, on the same site, the tribe opened a bingo hall.

By this time, Lowe had already been ousted as chairman, a not-uncommon fate for Ho-Chunk tribal leaders. But he continued to play a role in the tribe's evolving gambling business, including its second bingo hall in Black River Falls.

Over time, in a saga that included an FBI probe, a shooting, an arson at the Dells facility, and the conviction of an outside management consultant on bribery charges, the Ho-Chunk assumed the task of managing their own gambling operations.

"I was always of the opinion that this was

something we could handle," Lowe said. But like other tribes, the Ho-Chunk were persuaded that they needed to bring in outside managers. "They were sold a bill of goods."

A series of court decisions and Wisconsin's creation of a state lottery in 1987 paved the way for full-fledged casinos, which the Ho-Chunk now operate in the Dells, Madison, Black River Falls, Nekoosa, Tomah and Wittenberg.

The tribe's Madison casino offers Class II instead of Class III gambling, meaning patrons are technically competing against other players and not the house. The distinction seems not to matter to those parked at its machines. It also offers computerized poker, which the state Department of Justice is seeking a federal injunction to stop. That case is pending.

Lowe acknowledges that the Ho-Chunk have endured internal discord related to their gambling operations. "It has caused splits within families, splits within communities," he said. "Change is disruptive." But he thinks the gains from gambling have been worth it.

"We've gotten through a lot of conflict," Lowe said. "There will be more of that in the future, but not as intense."

## Where the money goes

The economic impact of the Ho-Chunk's gambling operations is far-ranging. The tribe is the largest employer in two Wisconsin counties, Sauk and Jackson, where the Dells and Black River Falls casinos are located.

"The tribe is very important to the area," says Sarah Hudzinski, spokeswoman for the Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau. Its casino and convention space draw in visitors, and the tribe works cooperatively with non-native businesses, like small hotels.

Hudzinski also praises the Ho-Chunk for being good neighbors, with a "philosophy of giving back to the community." In August, the tribe donated \$25,000 to help build an amphitheater at



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The Ho-Chunk's casino at Black River Falls, near the tribe's headquarters, invites players to come.

near-by Mirror Lake State Park. A dedication ceremony is planned on June 12.

While the economic impact of gambling on the scattered Ho-Chunk tribe has not been quantified, tribal leaders attest that unemployment has declined, college enrollment has risen and more members own their own homes.

The tribe's headquarters in Black River Falls now include a health center and courthouse that will eventually host a tribal police department. Revenues from gambling have also helped the tribe build relationships with other governments: federal, state and local.

Perhaps most importantly, it has created jobs for tribal members. "We're building careers for people," said Brian Decorah, the Ho-Chunk's executive director of business.

Greendeer agrees, saying gambling has empowered the Ho-Chunk and spurred "not an exodus but definitely a migration of many from dependence to independence."

The Ho-Chunk employ about 3,500 people, 28 percent of whom are tribal members. Nearly 2,300 of these work in the casinos or affiliated businesses, like hotels.

Each of the tribe's 7,400 enrolled members receive around \$12,000 a year in per capita payments from gambling revenues, in quarterly installments. That comes to nearly \$90 million a year.

Payments to young people are held in trust until they turn 18 — or 25, for those who don't graduate from high school or get a GED diploma. That's a sudden influx of more than \$200,000. "Some of them have made it last a year," Greendeer jokes.

Anne Thundercloud, a former Ho-Chunk spokeswoman who now works as a public relations consultant, said the per capita payments are "helpful" but not ideal.

"I would like to see it put towards our programs," Thundercloud said, "especially those dealing with employment and training."

Greendeer said the per capita payments are intended to supplement household income. But he knows that, for some, "it's dependent income." So the tribe's focus is on

helping members be educated and find careers. "We want them to work," Greendeer said. "We want them to want to work."

Besides the per capita payments, the tribe has an annual budget of roughly \$50 million. This funds a range of programs, including housing assistance, college scholarships, health and dental coverage, and elder care. There's even a program that covers gym memberships and pays tribal members, who face a 25 percent rate of diabetes, for the time they spend exercising.

And the Ho-Chunk give about \$1 million a year to charity. "I have a couple megabytes on a spreadsheet of all of the charities we've given to," Greendeer said. Among them are programs for compulsive gamblers, whom Greendeer considers "a liability" to the industry's image.

The tribe's rising fortunes have helped preserve its cultural heritage. "Our language is the most important thing," says tribal spokesman Collin Price. A tribally funded program works with public school districts in Tomah, Black River Falls and Wisconsin Dells to teach Ho-Chunk — not just to native students but all who desire.

## Gambling is dominant

Greendeer acknowledges that an economy built on gambling may not be sustainable in the long run. He envisions a future where individual members, not tribal government, are driving opportunity.

He framed it as a question: "Do you want our government to build a bowling alley and a grocery store, or do you want to create the environment to support native entrepreneurs?"

But the profit margins of gambling make other ventures less attractive. "I can take one slot machine and I can destroy any business that you try to create," Greendeer said. "I can make more money off of that."

Figures from federal audits of the Ho-Chunk Nation show the tribe made a total of \$957 million in "net cash" — profit — from its gambling operations in the five fiscal years between

2008 and 2012. This includes \$207 million in fiscal 2012, which ended on June 30 of that year, the audit shows.

The five-year gambling total dwarfed the \$64 million earned from the tribe's other economic enterprises, including its five casino-based convenience stores. In fact, the profits from these other sources did not even match the \$81 million the tribe received during this period in federal and state aid, which fund a wide range of health and human services programs.

The tribe is pursuing new economic activities outside of gambling. But Greendeer said the tribe is "very cautious and almost overprotective" about such opportunities, in part because of past exploitation. Tribal decisions are not made, to borrow a phrase, at the speed of business. And tribal politics are fraught with peril.

For instance, Greendeer has not told tribal members he met with President Barack Obama for about 45 minutes last fall to discuss his opposition to the Menominee tribe's plan to open an off-reservation casino in Kenosha. He worries that if that plan nonetheless comes to pass, his trip to the White House will be decried as a waste of time and money. "How much did you spend?" he imagines being asked.

Both the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi have strongly objected to the Kenosha casino, which has received federal approval. Greendeer concedes his tribe is worried about the projected \$20 million revenue loss from this competition but also argues that the southern part of the state is the Ho-Chunk's ancestral homeland.

The Ho-Chunk also plan to expand their casino empire, in Beloit. The tribe in 2012 reached an interagency agreement with the city of Beloit and Rock County and is awaiting federal and state approvals.

Decorah said the Beloit facility is expected to have about 1,800 slot machines, which would make it second to the Dells in terms of size. Greendeer expressed confidence it will be built. "It's going to be great," he said.



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Ho-Chunk president Jon Greendeer at the tribe's headquarters in Black River Falls, Jan. 16, 2014. Greendeer says the advent of gaming has helped many tribal members move from dependence to independence.



# What you need to know about March health deadline

By **Connie Cass**

Associated Press  
https://twitter.com/ConnieCass

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sick of hearing about the health care law?

Plenty of people have tuned out after all the political jabber and web-site woes.

But now is the time to tune back in, before it's too late.

The big deadline is coming March 31.

By that day, for the first time, nearly everyone in the United States is required to be signed up for health insurance or risk paying a fine.

Here's what you need to know about this month's open enrollment countdown:

## Already Covered?

### No Worries

Most people don't need to do anything. Even before the health care law passed in 2010, more than 8 out of 10 U.S. res-

idents had coverage, usually through their workplace plans or the government's Medicare or Medicaid programs. Some have private policies that meet the law's requirements.

If you're already covered that way, you meet the law's requirements.

Since October, about 4 million people have signed up for private plans through the new state and federal marketplaces, the Obama administration says, although it's not clear how many were already insured elsewhere. In addition, many poor adults now have Medicaid coverage for the first time through expansions of the program in about half the states.

President Barack Obama is urging people who have coverage to help any uninsured friends and relatives get signed up.

## Need Coverage?

### It's Crunch Time

Chances are you'll hear more reminders about health care this month. The push is on to reach millions of uninsured people.

On Thursday, Obama will participate in a televised town hall aimed at reaching uninsured Hispanics, who make up nearly a third of all uninsured people nationally. The White House said the event is sponsored by a coalition of nonprofit groups and major Latino media outlets, and will be disseminated across broadcast stations, web-sites and social media.

Wooing Hispanics is a priority, but it's just one component of a broader effort by the administration, insurers, medical associations and nonprofit groups to get the word out and guide people through the sometimes-rocky enrollment process. They plan special events at colleges,

libraries, churches and work sites.

Singing cats, dogs, parrots - even a goldfish - are promoting the message in TV and online spots from the Ad Council.

A big hurdle for the effort: As recently as last month, three-fourths of the uninsured didn't know there was a March 31 deadline, according to polling conducted for the Kaiser Family Foundation. Most said they didn't know much about the law and had an unfavorable opinion of it.

Plus, many worry they won't be able to afford the new plans.

The enrollment campaign is emphasizing that subsidies are available on a sliding scale to help low-income and middle-class households pay for their insurance.

How to enroll? Start at HealthCare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596. Residents of states running their own marketplaces will be directed there; people in other

states go through the federal exchange.

After March 31, many people won't be able to get subsidized coverage this year, even if they become seriously ill.

The next open enrollment period is set to begin Nov. 15, for coverage in 2015.

## Deadline Details

There are exceptions. The big one is the Medicaid program for the poor. People who meet the requirements can sign up anytime, with no deadline.

Also, people remain eligible for Medicare whenever they turn 65.

If you are insured now and lose your coverage during the year, by getting laid off from your job, for example, you can use an exchange to find a new policy then. People can sign up outside the open enrollment period in special situations such as having a baby or moving to another state.

You can choose to buy insurance outside the marketplaces and still benefit from consumer protections in the law.

People who do that wouldn't normally be eligible for premium subsidies. But the Obama administration says exceptions will be made for people whose attempts to buy marketplace insurance on time were stymied by continuing problems with some enrollment websites.

## Millions of People won't get covered

Some 12 million people could gain health coverage this year because of the law, if congressional auditors' predictions don't prove overly optimistic.

Even so, tens of millions still would go without.

That's partly because of immigrants in the country illegally; they aren't eligible for marketplace policies.

Some of the uninsured will not find out about the program in time, will find it confusing or too costly, or will just procrastinate too long. Some feel confident of their health and prefer to risk going uninsured instead of paying premiums. Others are philosophical-ly opposed to participating.

Figuring out just how many of the uninsured got coverage this year won't be easy because the numbers are fuzzy.

The administration's enrollment count includes people who already were insured and used the exchanges to find a better deal, or switched from private insurance to Medicaid, or already qualified for Medicaid before the changes.

Some who sign up will end up uninsured anyway, if they fail to pay their premiums.

The budget experts predict enrollment will grow in future years and by 2017 some 92 percent of legal residents too young for Medicare will have insurance.

But even then, about 30 million people in the United States would go uncovered.

## Some are Left Out

A gap in the law means some low-income workers can't get help.

The insurance marketplaces weren't designed to serve people whose low incomes qualify them for expanded Medicaid instead. But some states have declined to expand their Medicaid programs. That means that in those states, many poor people will get left out.

People who fall into the gap won't be penalized for failing to get covered.

Some others are exempt from the insurance mandate, too: **American Indians**, those with religious objections, prisoners, immigrants in the country illegally, and people considered too poor to buy coverage even with financial assistance.

## The IRS is Watching You

The law says people who aren't covered in 2014 are liable for a fine. That amounts to \$95 per uninsured person or approximately 1 percent of income, whichever is higher. The penalty goes up in later years.

A year from now, the Internal Revenue Service will be asking taxpayers filing their forms for proof of insurance coverage. Insurance companies are supposed to provide that documentation to their customers.

If you owe a penalty for being uninsured, the IRS can withhold it from your refund.

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along the property's back side.

Tomasovic said he had finished fill work at the property last year, before receiving the letter. He has yet to build anything on his property, but says he still has plans for the parcel. He refused to divulge details.

Tomasovic defended his work at the property, pointing to a neighboring commercial property that was built decades ago, also by dumping fill into the ravine. He said that anyone building a business in an area as steeped in history as Lake George can't help but run into

preservation issues.

"All of Lake George is a historic site," Tomasovic told The Associated Press. "Everywhere you build there, you're going to find something historic."

No official archaeological digs have been conducted in the ravine, and none are planned.

Patten feels something should be done to honor the common soldiers who died and are buried in the ravine.

"They were the first Americans to battle a professional foreign army," he said. "They deserve better."



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# Oneida Life

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## Dance & Theater group brings art of movement to Oneida Recreation

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The Stuart Pimsler Dance & Theater group from Minneapolis, MN spent three days with kids from the Oneida Recreation Program introducing them to dance movements. The group was brought to Oneida by utilizing the National Endowment for the Arts grant. Stuart Pimsler Dance & Theater group performs across the world and while introducing youth to the basics of dance.

## USDA spending \$3M to feed honeybees in Midwest

By M.L. Johnson  
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will spend millions of dollars to help farmers and ranchers improve pastures in five Midwestern states to provide food for the nation's struggling honeybees under a program to be announced Tuesday.

Commercial honeybees pollinate an estimated \$15 billion worth of produce each year.

But agricultural production has been threatened by a more than decade-long decline in commercial honeybees and their wild cousins due to habitat loss and pesticide use. Colony collapse disorder, in which honey bees suddenly disappear or die, has made the problem worse, boosting losses over the winter to as much as 30 percent per year.

The USDA hopes to stem those losses by providing more areas for bees to build up food stores and strength for winter. The new program, details of which were provided to The Associated Press ahead of the announcement, will be "a real shot in the arm" for improving bees' habitat and food supply, said Jason Weller, chief of USDA's National Resources Conservation Service.

Dairy farmers and ranchers in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas can qualify for about \$3 million to reseed pastures with alfalfa, clover and other plants appealing to both bees and livestock. Farmers also can get help building fences, installing water tanks and making other changes that better enable them to move their animals from pasture to pasture so the vegetation doesn't become worn down. The goal is to provide higher quality food for insects and animals.

The USDA is focusing on those five states

because 65 percent of the nation's estimated 30,000 commercial beekeepers bring hives there for at least part of the year. With limited funds, Weller said, the goal is to get the biggest payoff for the investment.

The program is just the latest in a series of USDA efforts to reduce honeybee deaths. The agency has partnered with universities to study bee diseases, nutrition and other factors threatening colonies. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack also recently created a working group on bees to coordinate efforts across the department.

The work is already paying off with changes to once-common beekeeping practices, such as supplementing bees' diet with high-fructose corn syrup, said David Epstein, a senior entomologist with the USDA. He noted that the quality of bees' food is as important as the quantity.

"You can think of it in terms of yourself," Epstein said. "If you are studying for exams in college, and you're not eating properly and you're existing on coffee, then you make yourself more susceptible to disease and you get sick."

Tim Tucker, who has between 400 and 500 hives at sites in Kansas and Texas, said he may take some of his bees to South Dakota this year because the fields around his farm near Niotaze, Kan., no longer provide much food for them.

Tucker, who is president of the American Beekeeping Federation, said the last "really good" year he had was 1999, when he got more than 100 pounds of honey per hive. Last year, he averaged about 42 pounds per hive.

It's not a "cure all," Tucker said, but "anything we do to help provide habitat for honeybees and for native bees and pollinators is a step."

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# Preparing for Oneida's 2014 General Election

**By Brenda John Stevens**  
Tribal Member Information Services

Participating in the Tribe's election is a critical responsibility of Oneida Tribal members. Preparing to participate as a knowledgeable voter or candidate is just as important.

**The Kickoff:** The Caucus that kicks off the Tribe's election cycle is right around the corner. Come Saturday, April 12, at 1:00 p.m., Oneida Tribal members will gather in the Business Committee Conference room to nominate candidates for the vacancies on this year's ballot. Others will be there to accept or decline the nomination, but that is only one way to get your name on the ballot. Tribal members can also petition to be on the bal-

lot by gathering 10 or more signatures of Tribal members to run for a position.

**The Primary election** for Business Committee positions will be held May 12 to determine the final list of candidates that will go on to General Election. **The General Election** will be held later this summer on July 12.

A different approach. Not all Tribal members are familiar with the Tribe's election process or know what it takes to be a candidate. Some voters are just learning how to evaluate the candidates to make the best choice. This year, government staff are taking a new approach to help Tribal members prepare for the election by hosting Oneida Election Information seminars throughout the election

period. The seminars are designed for both the candidate and the voter.

Each set of seminars provide information about the roles and responsibilities of the positions – particularly the Business Committee positions – current issues and general state of affairs for the Tribe.

The first Election Information seminars will be held Mar. 15, 17 and Mar. 19 at three different times and locations to allow as much access for Tribal members as possible.

- Mar. 15 ~ 9 to 11 a.m. ~ Norbert Hill Center: N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida
- Mar. 17 ~ 6 to 8 p.m. ~ County H Rec Building: N6457 County Rd. H, Oneida
- Mar. 19 ~ 4 to 6 p.m. ~ Veterans Affairs: 134 Riverdale Dr. Oneida

Applications for the 2014 General Election will be available at the Caucus or from the Tribal Secretary's Office on the second floor of the Norbert Hill Center during the week when applications will be accepted. Completed applications

are submitted to the Tribal Secretary's Office during the week following the Caucus beginning 8 a.m. Monday, April 14 through 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 18.

Please watch for more articles about the Tribe's election process and his-

tory in upcoming issues of the Kalihwisaks. Contact April Skenandore for more information about the Election Information seminars at **920-869-4316** or **ASKE-NAN1@oneidanation.org**.

## Tribal Member Information Services (TMIS)

**By Brenda John Stevens**  
Tribal Member Information Services

Tribal Member Information Services (TMIS) is a service of the Business Committee developed by and housed in the Tribal Secretary's office to provide information about the Oneida's government to Tribal members and create opportunities for Tribal members to participate more effectively in their government.

The Saturday Mornings with the Business Committee (BC) is one example of the services we provide. TMIS coordinates an informal get-together on the first Saturday of the month for BC and Tribal members to share information with each other on current issues and Tribal concerns. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to Noon at Ridgeview Plaza, suite 4, at 3759 W. Mason Street.

The GTC Prep Discussion is another opportunity for Tribal members to participate in their government. Tribal members make very important decisions at

every General Tribal Council meeting. It is critical for Tribal members to understand the information and make informed decisions. The GTC Prep Discussion provides a way for Tribal members to prepare by reviewing the meeting materials and asking questions before the GTC meetings. TMIS video records the discussion to post on-line for Tribal members who can't attend the discussion.

Some other areas of TMIS responsibilities:

- Manage the Tribe's Facebook page and help other departments with their social media efforts;
- Maintain various web-pages on the Tribe's website, including the home page and Members Only landing page;
- Coordinate the team that writes the GTC annual and semi-annual reports;
- Video record BC meetings and GTC Prep Discussions;
- Video conference with the SEOTS Office to give more Tribal members the opportunity to

participate;

- Help other departments communicate their information effectively to Tribal members.

The TMIS office was approved by Oneida Business Committee action on July 25, 2012, as a part of the Tribe's reorganization efforts and is staffed by two employees: Brenda John Stevens and Apache Danforth. The office can be reached by calling **920-869-4458** or **920-869-4281** or emailing **TribalMemberInfo@oneidanation.org**

**Oneida Election Caucus**  
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## NASA Grant for Climate Education Innovators goes to College of Menominee Nation

Keshena - The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) is one of four tribal colleges in the U.S. to be chosen for a grant from NASA's Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP). The NASA award package of nearly \$3 million is funding new cooperative agreements designed to enhance learning through the use of the agency's Earth science resources. The awards have a three-year period of performance and range in value from approximately \$413,000 to \$1,009,000. They will support the tribal colleges and their partners as they improve teaching and learning about global climate change on their campuses.

Professor Lisa Bosman of CMN wrote and submitted the proposal that won \$413,423 for work that will be done at the Keshena campus and involves five partner institutions. CMN will work with the NASA Langley Research Center, which will incorporate data sets related to weather and solar irradiation, Argonne National Laboratory, which will provide access to real-time solar energy performance data, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the National Council for Science and the Environment, and UW-Platteville, serving as evaluator.

Bosman, a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering and Clemson University, is a member of the faculty in CMN's degree program in Material Sciences and Pre-Engineering. She identifies several research objectives for the new grant, including opportunities for from four to six students in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) programs to construct a user-friendly solar energy system evaluation tool. The experiential learning project will incorporate the real-world performance of different solar modules at Argonne National Laboratory, NASA weather and solar irradiation data, and detailed cost analysis and investment payback period.

Grant funding will also help establish innovative teaching curricula that fuse STEM concepts with climate change literacy, Bosman says. The result will be combined social science and physical science courses that should have wide appeal to many students. CMN's STEM-based course on Introduction to Statistics will be modified to include climate change literacy in the curriculum through case studies analyzing climate change data. Another CMN course – Global Implications of Climate Change – will be modified to bring science and math concepts into the curriculum through use of a STEM-based lab module.

Impact will be achieved beyond the College's curriculum as the grant helps CMN develop an educational train-the-trainer model as a training outlet for the faculty of tribal colleges and universities and for teachers in local middle schools. Participating teachers will learn how to implement climate change studies in the classroom through the solar energy research and classroom experiences, with special emphasis on including experiences of the Native American community into context and incorporating NASA's weather and solar irradiation data into the science curriculum.

The selected along with CMN for the NASA awards were tribal institutions in Belcourt, North Dakota; Cloquet, Minnesota, and Pablo, Montana.

In making the announcement, NASA reported that the winning proposals illustrated innovative uses of NASA content to support elementary, secondary and undergraduate teaching and learning. There is a strong emphasis on engaging students using NASA Earth observation data and Earth system models, as well as providing climate-related research experiences for teachers, undergraduate and graduate students, particularly in the tribal college community.

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Welcoming new students

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6:00-7:30 for ages 12-17  
@ the Social Services main Door building  
(Front entrance by flag poles)

FMI Contact Beth at  
[bbashara@oneidanation.org](mailto:bbashara@oneidanation.org) or 490-3833



Oneida  
Community  
Library's



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**SLOPPY-JOE'S**  
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Saturday  
May 17, 2014  
11AM - 1PM

- Children's Book Week Festivities
- Music Month Merry Making
- Games & Activities!
- Sloppy-Joes!
- Literacy

Lots of fun for the whole family!

Re-designed bar coded Tribal ID Facts

- The Enrollment Department began issuing Bar Coded Tribal ID Cards on October 1, 2013.
- The Bar Coded Strip replaces the green and purple Gas Tax Exemption stickers.
  - If you have a green or purple sticker, please know when your sticker expires you will not be eligible for the gas tax exemption until you get the Bar Coded Tribal ID.
- You may TRADE IN an "old" Tribal Picture ID for the Bar Coded Tribal ID.
  - Sorry, we do NOT accept trade-ins of non-picture certification cards, the green colored certification papers or old gas tax cards.
- Tribal members DO NOT need to pay for the Bar Coded Tribal ID as long as they trade in an acceptable Tribal Picture ID. (If no trade-in the applicable fee will apply)
- Tribal members will have until approximately September 30, 2014 to "Trade In" an old Tribal Picture ID for the Bar Coded Tribal ID.
- Tribal members who are under age 16 may trade-in their Tribal Picture ID for the Bar Coded Tribal ID; however, they are not eligible to receive the gas tax exemption until they turn 16.
- The type of gas tax exemption (on or off reservation) is based on the address you have on file at the Enrollment Department. It is important all members keep their address information up-to-date.
- Members are only allowed one "trade-in".
- Tribal members still need to complete a Gas Tax Application prior to their birthday each year to maintain their gas tax exemption. If they do not re-apply they will not receive the gas tax exemption.
- At the Oneida One Stop, Tribal members still need to:
  - Present their Bar Coded Tribal ID to the cashier to be scanned for gas tax exemption.
  - Sign their receipt.
- At GTC Meetings beginning January 2014, it

the Bar Coded Tribal ID.

is intended for tribal members to

New hours for issuing Tribal ID's:  
Monday through Friday (except for Holiday's & special closure days/times) 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
If you are coming from out of town and/or require a specialized time, please call at least two (2) days in advance to schedule an appointment.

Enrollment Department Information

Tribal ID Costs (without acceptable trade-in):  
\$3.50 - For anyone under age 55  
\$1.50 - For anyone age 55 and over

Front:



Back:



HOURS TO GET AN ONEIDA TRIBAL ID CARD HAVE CHANGED

Effective Monday, October 21, 2013 the hours for issuing Tribal ID Cards will change. The new hours will be from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. If a person is from out of town or would require a specialized time for this service, please call the Enrollment Department to schedule an appointment. Their telephone numbers are: (920) 869-6200 or (800) 571-9902. ID Requirements: Persons who are age 18 and over are required to present a picture ID in order to get an ID. Persons under age 18 must have their parent/guardian present with their picture ID. Everyone's cooperation and attention to this notice is appreciated.



# Thunder & Wik

# *Oneida Nation High School Honor Roll*

A black and white photograph of a campfire burning brightly in a snowy environment. Several logs are stacked and consumed by the flames, which are visible against the white snow.

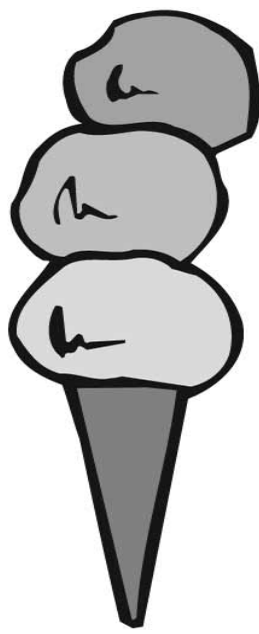


**Muriel King**

# Times Thunderhawk

# Milwaukee Bucks' Let Down Season

# *Erin Go Bragh!*






**CURRENT ISSUES**  
*This is a reprint from my guest editorial, some tribal members are asking for an update*  
On December 15, 2013, the General Tribal Council, which is the supreme governing body of the Oneida Tribe (henceforth “Tribe”), voted to dissolve the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (7Gens), a corporation which is 100% Tribally owned. That GTC action has left our Tribal population divided on many fronts. Many support the action-while many do not; many are asking why the corporation has not yet been dissolved; many are quite angry at me for calling for a reconsideration of the December 15th action, while many others are just wanting to know where we’re at and where we’re going regarding the dissolution action. With this Guest Editorial, I will comment regarding some of the above community concerns. But first, I will try to provide a short history of 7Generations as I myself try to understand how a once successful Tribal company came to the point where the membership voted to dissolve it.

**Short History:** Originally, 7Gens acted as a commercial leasing agency for the Tribe. Its primary role was to lease Tribal properties. It was

quite successful in doing that and provided an annual return back to the Tribe in addition to paying local property taxes on properties that were not yet in trust. In 2004, the Oneida Business Committee of that time, expanded 7 Gens role and made them a corporation that would seek out business opportunities. That action led to 7Gens investing in a tissue company (Nature’s Way) which failed costing 7Gens and the Tribe in excess of 4 million dollars. The next business venture was the waste to energy project. On that project, the General Tribal Council in 2011, scolded Business Committee members Secretary Patty Hoeft and myself as Councilman, for asking questions regarding the waste to energy project. (Hoeft’s motion requesting due diligence on the project was voted down by the General Tribal Council). So the project went forward until 2013 when the General Tribal Council, first in May, prohibited the waste to energy project from being placed anywhere within the Reservation boundaries and, finally, as stated, the December 15 action to dissolve 7Gens.

**December 15, 2013:** On that Sunday evening after the December 15th GTC, I began receiving calls to secure the 7Gens building and all its docu-



**Chairman’s Report**

**By Ed Delgado**  
Chairman



ments. It was then that I began to really worry. Surely, the GTC did not expect that the 7Gens would immediately be dissolved, not with tens of millions of dollars at stake relating to properties and Tribal land. Not with the debt of 7Gens being almost \$27 million dollars and not knowing what the Tribe’s financial responsibilities would be if the corporation was immediately dissolved. Yet, I received those calls from Tribal members to immediately dissolve. When the Business Committee met with petitioner Frank Cornelius on either the Monday or Tuesday morning after the GTC meeting, the petitioner was adamant that 7Gens be immediately closed. The Business Committee could not immediately close (dissolve) with so many unanswered financial consequences pending. Such action, I believe would be financially irresponsible.

Accordingly, as Tribal Chairman, I called for a meeting to reconsider the December 15th action, thus giving the Business Committee time to find out how 7Gens could be dissolved in a fiscally responsible manner, or if dissolving could not be done without harming the Tribe financially, to ask GTC to reconsider or modify its December 15th decision.

**Developments Since December 15th GTC Action:** Since the December 15th GTC action:

- (1) the 7Gens CEO and CFO have resigned for personal reasons,
- (2) the 7Gens Board has been dissolved by Business Committee resolution, even though I believe that recent Board appointments had started to make some good decisions, but unfortunately, probably too late.
- (3) in place of the Board, corporate authority was transferred to an Agent (Sage Stone Management, LLC). The responsibilities of the Agent is to operate 7Gens in place of the former Board until further notice, and to speak to the 7Gens partners and creditors regarding the consequences when and if dissolving 7Gens takes place. And finally,

(4) an attorney group, Whyte, Hirschboek, Dudek, SC) has been hired they would carry out the legal aspects as we move forward to find out the consequences of dissolving 7Gens.

In a short time, after the newly appointed 7Gens Agent has met with 7Gens partners and creditors, and after the newly hired attorney group has had a chance to evaluate the legal consequences of dissolving 7Gens, the Oneida Business Committee will sit down with the Agent and the attorney group to come up with a resolve. It is very well possible that the December 15th GTC action can be done in a fiscally responsible way and we will move in that direction. It is also possible that the December 15th action could reasonably be a financially irresponsible move and will require asking the GTC to reconsider or modify its decision.

The OBC is following

the directive of the GTC December 15, 2013, to dissolve 7Gens, and hiring an attorney to verify the consequences, one of which is how do we dissolve or re-negotiate contracts with 11 businesses in 7Gens holding company without triggering an immediate payment of almost 27 million dollar in debts. That is the key question. The attorney will have the information needed for GTC: Do we go ahead with the dissolution or do we modify the dissolution by re-incorporating and re-financing the holding company businesses. In fact, the GTC petition by Frank Cornelius has forced the issue: to address the problems and financial future of the properties and assets now held by 7Gens.

In closing, we all got here together. The General Tribal Council has played a role in getting to this point where we are divided, as has the 7Gens Board of Directors, and the Oneida Business Committee. But I believe that we all want the same thing. We all want to do what is best for the Tribe and our people and our future generations. And I believe we, all of us, will make the sound financial decisions to do just that. Thank you.

OBC Forum

Shekoli, Cost Containment



David Jordan Councilman

The Tribe continues to be in a cost containment mode. The BC took this action in early February as the revenue projections from both the casino and retail operations were not as projected, as well as some of the revenue from the federal government was not received.

Some of this decreased revenue is due to the cold weather this area has been experiencing. People are not inclined to venture out in frigid temperatures. We do expect this to turn around within the next 120 days and hopefully we will be able to lift these restrictions.

Casino Expansion

The expansion project is still on schedule. When finished, this facility will be larger and will offer more for our customers to enjoy. The eating areas will be a new dimension and offer items that are mainly seen in some of the larger casinos in the east and out west. Although some pitfalls have come to the attention of my office, these have been researched and are well within the architectural schemes that were presented.

Committees

Some of the my current responsibilities include my participation in the Community Development Planning

Committee (CDPC); Quality of Life Committee (QOL); Audit Committee, Legislative Operating Committee (LOC), and as liaison to the Gaming Commission, Head Start Policy Council and Land Commission. I attend these meetings on a regular basis and contribute valuable input after each and every presentation from those attending.

In my LOC duties I have been the sponsor of several pieces of legislation, most notably the Indian Preference Law, GTC Stipend Policy and the GTC Meetings Law. My office has worked in cooperation with several sub-committees in scrutinizing these new amendments or rewrites and through a consensus, has forwarded these items to the full LOC and the BC.

Earlier in this term I attended the planning meetings of both the Anna John Resident Centered Care Community and the Larsen Road One Stop.

Employees

Our employees are some of the best in the business. They have had to deal with adversity both in downsizing some departments due to vacant positions and also with decreased hours due to construction projects in our facilities. In both instances, they have stepped up to the plate and given their all to make sure everything is completed in a satisfactory manner and everyone is treated with respect. It is not always easy to deal with an unruly or disruptive

customer when we are in a belt tightening environment, but thanks to the training they have received, they find a way to smooth things over and do the best they can. A big “Thank You” goes out to every one of our employees.

Again I want to thank you, the general membership, for taking the time to read these articles and as always I am available to meet with you, should you so desire. I can be reached at (920) 869-4482 or you can e-mail me at [djordan1@oneidanation.org](mailto:djordan1@oneidanation.org)

David Jordan

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Norbert Hill Center**  
The OBC meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month  
**Wednesday, March 12**  
**Wednesday, March 26**  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
**Wednesday, April 23**  
**Wednesday, May 14**  
**Wednesday, May 28**

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2014 ONEIDA RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

It’s almost that time of year again; the Oneida Recreation Summer Program is closely upon us.

**SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE**

Don’t let your child miss out!

**Date:** Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
**Location:** Civic Center  
**Time:** 9 a.m. until filled (phone registration is not allowed)  
**Fees:** \$5.00 Recreation membership  
\$10.00 Summer Program fee  
All Summer Program participants must be a member of Oneida Recreation.

This year’s programs consist of sessions for the following age groups:

- 5 & 6 Year Old
- 7 & 8 Year Old
- 9 & 10 Year Old
- 11&12, 13 &



14 Year Old

**Session I** June 16<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Session II** July 14<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Session III** August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>



For more information contact John E. Powless III at 869-6286





OBC Meeting Results

The following meeting results have replaced the full minutes of the Business Committee meetings to help save space and reduce costs. These results entail the heart of the BC's actions in the meeting; however, the full version of the minutes can be accessed on the Business Committee's website at [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org) or by contacting the Tribal Secretary's office at 920-869-4451. The internet can be accessed at the Oneida Library and Community Education Center.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014

**Present:** Vice Chairman Greg Matson, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens; **Not present:** Chairman Ed Delgado, Council member Vince DelaRosa

**Call to Order and Roll Call** by Vice Chairman Greg Matson at 9:02 a.m.

**Opening** by Makayla Doxtater, student from Oneida Nation School

**Approve the agenda**  
Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes to be approved**  
1. Oneida Arts Board – Sapatis Menomin  
2. Oneida Police Department – Latsiklanunha Hill  
\*Brandon Stevens arrived 9:08 a.m.

**Minutes to be approved**  
1. Jan. 22, 2014 regular meeting minutes  
Motion by David Jordan to approve Jan. 22, 2014 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. Jan. 23, 2014 special meeting minutes  
Motion by David Jordan to approve Jan. 23, 2014 special meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
3. Feb. 3, 2014 special meeting minutes  
Motion by David Jordan to approve Feb. 3, 2014 special meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

1. Designate Lauren Hartman as alternate tribal representative to Fee-to-Trust Consortium  
**Sponsor:** Pat Pelky  
Motion by David Jordan to adopt resolution 02-12-14-A Designate Lauren Hartman as alternate tribal representative to Fee-to-Trust Consortium, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. Continue cost containment through end of FY2014  
**Sponsor:** Tina Danforth  
Motion by Tina Danforth to adopt resolution 02-12-14-B FY14 Revised Emergency Cost Containment and Spending Restrictions, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.  
3. Support Family and Child Education program (FACE)  
**Sponsor:** Greg Matson  
Motion by Tina Danforth to adopt resolution 02-12-14-C Support Family and Child Education program (FACE), seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.  
4. Adopt Outagamie County Sheriff's Deputization Agreement of Oneida Police Officers  
**Sponsor:** Ed Delgado  
Motion by David Jordan to adopt Outagamie County Sheriff's Deputization Agreement of Oneida Police Officers, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

1. Self-Governance – Chris Johns  
*Excerpt from Jan. 22, 2014:* Motion by Brandon Stevens to defer the Self-Governance report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Self-Governance report, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously  
2. Governmental Services Division – Don White  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Governmental Services Division report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
3. Human Resources Department - Geraldine Danforth  
Motion by David Jordan to accept the Human Resources Department report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Boards, Committees and Commissions

**A. Appointments**  
**B. Quarterly reports**  
1. Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee - Loretta Metoxen, Chairwoman  
*Excerpt from Jan. 22, 2014:* Motion by David Jordan to defer the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by David Jordan to accept the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services – Pamela Ninham, Chairwoman  
*Excerpt from Jan. 22, 2014:* Motion by David Jordan to defer South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Tina Danforth  
3. Oneida Land Claims Commission - Amelia Cornelius, Chairwoman  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Land Claims Commission quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.  
4. Oneida Land Commission – Amelia Cornelius, Chairwoman  
Motion by David Jordan to accept the Oneida Land Commission quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
5. Oneida School Board – Debra Danforth, Chairwoman  
Motion by David Jordan to accept the Oneida School Board quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Standing Committees**  
**Legislative Operating Committee**  
Melinda J. Danforth, Chairwoman

1. Jan. 15, 2014 meeting minutes  
Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve Jan. 15, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. Resolution: Sovereign Immunity Law Amendments  
Motion by David Jordan to adopt resolution 02-12-14-D Sovereign Immunity Law Amendments, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Committee**  
Treasurer Tina Danforth, Chairwoman

1.Feb. 7, 2014 meeting minutes  
Motion by David Jordan to approve Feb. 7, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Tina Danforth

**Community Development Planning Committee**  
Vince DelaRosa, Chairman

**Quality of Life**  
Paul Ninham, Chairman

**General Tribal Council**  
1. Withdraw call for special GTC meeting to reconsider GTC Dec. 15, 2013 action to dissolve Oneida Seven Generations Corporation  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer withdraw call for special GTC meeting to reconsider GTC Dec. 15, 2013 action to dissolve Oneida Seven Generations Corporation to a special Business Committee meeting to be held before Feb. 19, 2014 for the Business Committee to decide whether they are going to go forward with the agenda items regarding the call for consideration of the Dec. 15 GTC action or schedule different items for that agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with one opposed:  
Ayes: Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Opposed: Tina Danforth  
For the record: Tina Danforth stated I opposed because a petition was submitted timely on Dec. 18 and I was with the understanding that that would be addressed jointly with the Chairman's request on March 22 and this has not been dealt with timely. For us to even to try and consider to come up with an agenda between now, the 12th and the 19th is not very responsible and I'm not available, I will be out on vacation.  
2. Petitioner Lizzie "Laurie" Mouse: To overturn decision mandating the Mouse's vacate their home  
Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept receipt of petition and for it to go through the appropriate analysis within 30 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

1. Approve National Violence Prevention Resource Center consultant agreement for gang prevention and awareness  
**Sponsor:** Ed Delgado  
*Excerpt from Jan. 8, 2014:* Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer to the next Business Committee meeting, with the understanding that there may be an e-poll conducted depending upon the publication deadline, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with one abstention.  
*Excerpt from Dec. 11, 2013:* Motion by Tina Danforth to have the National Violence Prevention Resource Center Consultant contract brought back to the next Business Committee meeting based on the work meeting recom-

mendations, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer approval of National Violence Prevention Resource Center consultant agreement for gang prevention and awareness to the March 12 Business Committee meeting when the Chairman will come back with a recommendation, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. Approve gang prevention and awareness community meetings schedule  
**Sponsor:** Ed Delgado  
*Excerpt from Jan. 8, 2014:* Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this resolution to the Chairman's office and to bring back a new recommendation in two weeks at the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.  
*Excerpt from Dec. 11, 2013:* Motion by Paul Ninham to defer approval to schedule community meetings regarding gang awareness and prevention to the Business Committee work meeting and to have any recommendations brought back to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer approval of gang prevention and awareness community meetings schedule to the March 12 Business Committee meeting when the Chairman will come back with a recommendation, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.  
3. Designate use for Oneida hotel room tax collections  
**Sponsor:** Ed Delgado  
*Excerpt from Jan. 22, 2014:* Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer designate use for Oneida Tribe hotel room tax collections to the Chairman's office to bring back a recommendation, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one opposed.  
*Excerpt from Jan. 8, 2014:* Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this resolution to the Chairman's office and to bring back a new recommendation in two weeks at the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer designate use for Oneida hotel room tax collections to the March 12 Business Committee meeting when the Chairman will come back with a recommendation, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Tina Danforth

New Business/Requests

1. FY2014 Employment, Compensation & Benefits  
**Sponsor:** Geraldine Danforth, HR Area Manager  
**a. Chief Financial Officer: Approve posting the Accounting Manager for Central Accounting**  
**b. Comprehensive Health Division: Approve continuing to hire for Dental Supervisor position in the Dental Department**  
**c. Comprehensive Health Division: Approve hiring two (2) emergency temp (ET) Dental Assistants in Dental Department**  
**d. Comprehensive Health Division: Approve posting and filling two (2) new Dental Hygienist positions in the Dental Department**  
**e. Comprehensive Health**

**Division: Approve posting Administrative Assistant III in Administration**  
**f. Comprehensive Health Division: Approve posting Certified Pharmacy Technician in the Pharmacy Department**  
**g. Comprehensive Health Division: Approve posting sub-relief Pharmacist**  
**h. Comprehensive Health Division: Approve posting and filling Diabetes Program Supervisor in the Diabetic Department**  
**i. Gaming Division: Approve Workforce level change in Personnel Services**  
**j. Governmental Services Division: Approve posting Administrative Assistant III in Higher Education**  
**k. Governmental Services Division: Approve posting 10 Art Interns for Arts Program**  
**l. Governmental Services Division: Approve posting and filling Child Care Teacher at NHC Child Care Department**  
**m. Governmental Services Division: Approve posting and filling Child Care Teacher at Airport Road Center Child Care Department**  
**n. Governmental Services Division: Approve posting and filling Intake Coordinator position in the Vocational Rehabilitation Department**  
**o. Governmental Services Division: Approve posting and filling vacant position of Teacher Assistant in Head Start Department**  
**p. Governmental Services Division: Approve hiring limited-term Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist position**  
**q. Gaming Commission: Approve posting and filling the Regulatory Compliance Specialist position**  
**r. Human Resources Department: Approve posting and filling the new position of Workforce Development Trainee in the Workforce Development Department**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer items a-r to the Feb. 26 Business Committee meeting [which will allow the Business Committee to have a work meeting before then with the Division Directors, HR and Finance, so that we can review our hiring and compensation during this new cost containment period], seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Tina Danforth  
Amendment to main motion by David Jordan to exclude f and g from the deferral, approving items f and g  
[Approve posting Certified Pharmacy Technician in the Pharmacy Department and Approve posting sub-relief Pharmacist], seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Tina Danforth  
2. Approve letter of cooperation for Rebecca Webster for Walden University research project  
**Sponsor:** Paul Ninham  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve letter of cooperation of Rebecca Webster for Walden University research project, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion

carried unanimously.  
3. Approve Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections use agreement to lease office space at Oneida Police Department  
**Sponsor:** Ed Delgado  
Motion by David Jordan to approve Wisconsin Dept. of Correction use agreement to lease office space at Oneida Police Department, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.  
4. Approve government transition plan for 2014 newly elected OBC  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to delete this item from the agenda, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel

**Travel Reports**  
1. Government-to-government meeting with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Dec. 12-14, 2013, Warm Springs, OR  
**Sponsor:** Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Joanie Buckley  
Motion by David Jordan to accept the Government-to-government meeting with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Dec. 12-14, 2013, Warm Springs, OR travel report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. Budget Appropriations Meetings, Nov. 12-14, 2013, Washington, DC  
**Sponsor:** Brandon Stevens  
Motion by David Jordan to accept the Budget Appropriations Meetings, Nov. 12-14, 2013, Washington, DC travel report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Requests

1. Gaming: Procedural exception for five gaming division employees to 2014 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Tradeshow and Conference, May 11-14, 2014, San Diego, CA  
**Sponsor:** Louise Cornelius  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to deny the procedural exception for five gaming division employees to 2014 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Tradeshow and Conference, May 11-14, 2014, San Diego, CA travel request based on the new cost containment measures enacted today, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. 2nd Annual Economic Development Summit, Feb. 18-20, 2014, Lac du Flambeau, WI  
**Sponsor:** Ed Delgado  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve 2nd Annual Economic Development Summit, Feb. 18-20, 2014, Lac du Flambeau, WI travel request based on the new cost containment measures that allow for the government to travel, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried with one opposed:  
Ayes: Tina Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth  
**For the record:** Melinda J. Danforth stated I'm opposing due to the cost containment measures that were just put in to place.  
3. Summit of Federation of United Tribes, March 1, 2014, Baraboo, WI  
**Sponsor:** Ed Delgado  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Summit of Federation of United Tribes, March 1, 2014 Baraboo, WI travel request, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
4. Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) Conference, April 14-15, 2014, New Orleans, LA

• See 9B, OBC Minutes, Feb. 12







Oneida Business Committee • Regular Meeting

AGENDA



To get a copy of the agenda, go to: <http://oneida-nsn.gov/>

• 9 AM • Wednesday, March 12, 2014 • BC Conference Room • 2nd floor • Norbert Hill Center

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Opening

III. Approve the agenda

IV. Oaths of Office

V. Minutes to be approved

1. Feb. 26, 2014 regular meeting minutes

VI. Resolutions

1. 2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grant

Sponsor: Joanie Buckley

2. Ultimate Texas Hold'em Rules of Play

David Jordan/Mark Powless

VII. Reports

1. Governmental Services Division – Don White

2. Comprehensive Health Division – Dr. Ravinder Vir/Debra Danforth

DEFERRAL REQUESTED

VIII. Board, Committee and Commissions

A. Appointments

1. Arthur Cornelius to Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee

B. Quarterly reports

1. South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services – Pamela Ninham, Chairwoman

2. Bay Bank Corporation – Lance Broberg, Chairman

3. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation – Gene Keluche, Agent

4. Oneida Child Protective Board – Lois Strong, Chairwoman

5. Anna John Nursing Home Commission – Melinda K. Danforth, Chairwoman

6. Oneida Nation Commission on Aging – Wes Martin Jr., Chairman

IX. Standing Committees

A. Legislative Operating Committee – Melinda J. Danforth, Chairwoman

1. Feb. 19, 2014 meeting minutes

B. Finance Committee – Treasurer Tina Danforth, Chairwoman

1. March 7, 2014 meeting minutes

C. Community Development Planning Committee – Vince DelaRosa, Chairman

D. Quality of Life – Paul Ninham, Chairman

X. General Tribal Council – Patty Hoeft

1. Petitioner Yvonne Metivier The GTC directs the OBC to create a “Stall Mall” for Oneida Tribal members, small businesses and vendors, at the empty former grocery store on Water Circle in Oneida (petition submitted 12/27/13)

XI. Unfinished Business

1. Approve National Violence Prevention Resource Center consultant agreement for gang prevention and awareness

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

2. Approve gang prevention and awareness community meetings schedule

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

3. Designate use for Oneida hotel room tax collections

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

4. Request for legal review of Sagestone contract and two GTC 2008 resolutions regarding transparency

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

XII. New Business/Requests

1. Oneida Gaming Commission contract for space at Radisson Hotel and Conference Center

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius

a. Chief Financial Officer: Approve posting the Accounting Manager

XIII. Travel

A. Travel Reports

B. Travel Requests

1. Gaming: Gaming General Manager and two gaming division employees to 2014 National Gaming Association (NIGA) Tradeshow and Conference, May 11-14, 2014, San Diego, CA

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius
- XIV. Additions

XV. Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of March 11, 2014

A. Reports

1. Chief Counsel report – Jo Anne House

2. Legislative Affairs - Nathan King

3. Bay Bank Corporation – Lance Broberg, Chairman

4. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation - Gene Keluche, Agent

B. Audit Committee – Councilman Brandon Stevens, Chairman

1. Jan. 16, 2014 Audit Committee meeting minutes

2. Internal Audit Jan. report w/Attachment A

3. Request follow-up with Governmental Services Division Director regarding Ecolane Transit System

C. Unfinished Business/BC directives

1. Extend Internal Division Director additional duties assignment as Interim Enterprise Division Director

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

2. Reorganization of Enterprise Division: Review Farm and Printing operations

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

3. Identify impacts and action steps in response to Docket #12-TC-130, HVS Advertising-Marketing vs Oneida Indian Preference

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth

4. FY2014 Employment, Compensation & Benefits – Geraldine Danforth, HR Area Manager

a. Law Office: Approve posting and filling Attorney position

D. New Business/Requests

1. Pardon and Forgiveness Recommendations – Vicki Deer, Pardon and Forgiveness Screening Committee Chairwoman

a. June Czechan

b. George BlueBird Jr.

c. Kelly Braaten

2. Approve permanent procedural exception to trade back for cash policy for contracted Health Care Providers

Dr. Ravinder Vir/Debra Danforth

E. Additions

XVI. Adjourn

Posted on the Tribe's official Web site at <http://www.oneida-nsn.gov/> at noon Thursday, March 6, 2014 pursuant to the Oneida Open Records and Open Meetings Law, section 7.17-1. Open session materials for this meeting are available to Tribal members by going to the Members-Only section of the Tribe's official web site at: <http://oneida-nsn.gov/login.aspx>. For information about this meeting or how to obtain your Members-Only log-in and secured password, please call the Tribal Secretary Office at (920) 869-4364 or (800) 236-2214.

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REMEMBER

WHEN THE KIDS FIRST GOT ME ?

I'd fly through the air, they'd bounce me all the way from the house to the school, I would hear their shouts of joy as they played with the other kids. Sometimes we would all play together at the courts!! I miss that... Heck, Dad, all I need is a little air for 60 minutes of play each day. Please ?? I heard basketball is BIG in Indian Country.

P.S. Get ideas. Get involved. Get going at [letsmove.gov/indiancountry](http://letsmove.gov/indiancountry).



## From 7B/ OBC Minutes, Feb. 12

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) Conference, April 14-15, 2014, New Orleans, LA travel request, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Tina Danforth  
**For the record:** Tina Danforth stated NAFOA will be paying for hotel and airfare.

### Additions Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of Feb. 11, 2014

#### A. Reports

1. Chief Counsel report – Jo Anne House

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Chief Counsel report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation report – Gene Keluche, agent

Motion by Patty Hoeft to table until the Business Committee can go back into executive session today to discuss this item again, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to go into executive session at 11:42 a.m., seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tina Danforth to come out of executive session at 12:08 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to recess until 4 p.m. today, Feb. 12, 2014, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with one abstention:

**For the record:** Tina Danforth stated she will not be in attendance at 4 p.m. due to attending a funeral.

Motion by Paul Ninham to reconvene from recess at 4:08 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Paul Ninham to go back into executive session at 4:08 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Melinda J. Danforth arrived at 4:09 p.m.

Motion by David Jordan to come out of executive session at 5:20 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the creation of a single purpose commercial leasing entity for the purpose of managing the commercial properties of the Tribe and that the agent report on progress, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the addendum dated Feb. 11 for Sagestone Management, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Patty Hoeft, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth, David Jordan

**For the record:** Melinda J. Danforth stated I am abstaining because was pushing to require some benchmarks within the contract and just I'm not comfortable moving forward in that manner without those things at that point. I know we'll get it but we're approving the addendum so it should come now, not

later.  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer action to the request forbearance letter for WB and Trust, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Audit Committee - Councilman Brandon Stevens, Chairman

1. Ratify terminology of BC Resolution 1-29-93-A Tribal Theft Consequences  
Motion by David Jordan to direct the Chairman to send a letter to the Internal Audit Director that reaffirms BC Resolution 1-29-93-A Tribal Theft Consequences, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Dec. 19, 2013 meeting minutes

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Dec. 19, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. Internal Audit December report w/Attachment A

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept Internal Audit December report w/ Attachment A, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve the following audit reports and lift confidentiality requirements allowing Tribal members to view each audit:

#### a. Cage/Vault Year End Audit

#### b. Slots Year End Audit

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve Cage/Vault Year End Audit and Slots Year End Audit reports and lift confidentiality requirements allowing Tribal members to view each audit, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

#### C. Unfinished Business/ BC directives

1. Reorganization of Enterprise Division: Review Farm and Printing operations

**Sponsor:** Ed Delgado

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer reorganization of Enterprise Division: Review Farm and Printing operations to the Feb. 26 Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

#### a. Extend Internal Division Director additional duties assignment as Interim Enterprise Division Director

**Excerpt from Jan. 8, 2014:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to continue to extend the proposed Interim Enterprise Division Director assignment until the first Business Committee meeting in February when we should have a final resolve, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one opposed.

Motion by David Jordan to extend Internal Division Director additional duties assignment as Interim Enterprise Division Director for 30 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with two opposed:

Ayes: Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth

Motion by David Jordan that a plan has to be set within the 30 day period, to come up with recommendations from the Business Committee on where we are going to go, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried with one opposed:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan,

Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth  
2. Request legal review of Tribe's agreement with Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)

**Sponsor:** Patty Hoeft  
**Excerpt from Jan. 22, 2014:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request for legal review of Tribe's agreement with Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one opposed.

Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the report, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one opposed:  
Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
Opposed: Tina Danforth

#### D. New Business/Requests

1. FY2014 Employment, Compensation & Benefits – Geraldine Danforth, HR Area Manager

#### a. Environmental Health & Safety Division: Approve wage adjustment for Wetland Program Coordinator title reassignment to Wetlands Program Manager

#### b. Human Resources Department: Retro-approve Jan. 24, 2014 e-poll Workforce Development Specialist job reassignments

#### c. Gaming Division: Approve Interim job reassignment while current employee is on leave

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer items a-c to the Feb. 26 Business Committee agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens

2. Approve limited waiver sovereign immunity Wells Fargo Bank merchant processing agreement

**Sponsor:** Larry Barton

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve limited waiver sovereign immunity Wells Fargo Bank merchant processing agreement, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Identify impacts and action steps in response to Docket #12-TC-130, HVS Advertising-Marketing vs Oneida Indian Preference

**Sponsor:** Melinda J. Danforth

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer identify impacts and action steps in response to Docket #12-TC-130, HVS Advertising-Marketing vs Oneida Indian Preference to the Feb. 26 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Paul Ninham  
Abstained: Brandon Stevens

#### E. Additions

#### Adjourn

Motion by Paul Ninham to adjourn at 5:22 p.m., seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes prepared by Danelle Wilson, Executive Tribal Clerk**

**Minutes approved as presented/corrected on Feb. 26, 2014.**

**Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary**  
**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

## 2014 Pardon Hearing Schedule

Application Deadline (Fridays)	Time	Hearing Date (Thursdays)	Time	Hearing Location
Friday, April 18, 2014	4:30PM	Thursday, May 22, 2014	10:00AM	Norbert Hill Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Friday, July 18, 2014	4:30PM	Thursday, August 21, 2014	10:00AM	Norbert Hill Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Friday, October 17, 2014	4:30PM	Thursday, November 20, 2014	10:00AM	Norbert Hill Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor

After the application has been completely filled out with \$50 filing fee, return to:

N7210 Seminary Rd.

Norbert Hill Center – Attention: Tribal Secretary

Oneida, WI 54155

Any questions or concerns call **Kathy Metoxen (920) 869-4451** or e-mail **kmetoxe1@oneidation.org**



## Notice of Public Meeting



**Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 12:15 p.m.**  
**OBC Conference Room—2nd Floor, Norbert Hill Center**



### Topic: Back Pay Policy Amendments

**This Public Meeting is being held to consider a proposal that would:**

- Expand the back pay eligibility to employees who are involuntarily separated from employment.
- Allow employees to appeal the back pay settlement to the Court.
- Allow back pay policy to comply with the Investigative Leave Policy.

**All community members are invited to attend this meeting to learn more about this proposal and/or to submit comments concerning this proposal.**

### Public Comment Period—Open until March 20, 2014

During the Public Comment Period, all interested persons may submit written comments regarding this legislative proposal; and/or a transcript of oral comments made during the Public Meeting. Written comments may be submitted to the Tribal Secretary's Office or to the Legislative Reference Office in person or by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, e-mail or fax. In accordance with section 16.8-4 the Legislative Procedures Act, the Legislative Operating Committee shall fully consider all written comments and oral testimony/transcripts received during the Public Meeting and Public Comment Period.

To submit written comments, obtain a copy of the Public Meeting documents for this legislative proposal, or to learn more about the public meeting process, please visit or contact the Legislative Reference Office (LRO), located on the second floor of the Norbert Hill Center, Oneida WI.

Mail: **Legislative Reference Office**  
**PO Box 365**  
**Oneida, WI 54155**

Phone: **(920) 869-4375** or **(800) 236-2214**

E-Mail: **LRO Staff Attorney Michelle Mays**  
**MMays@oneidation.org**

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## Board Vacancies

To submit an application by **e-mail** send to: **TribalSecretary@oneidation.org**

To submit an application by **mail** send to:

Tribal Secretary's Office, PO Box 365 • Oneida, WI 54155

To submit an application **in person:**

Tribal Secretary's Office is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center

Any questions please contact the **Tribal Secretary's Office at 920-869-4364**

### Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee

**Two (2) vacancies**

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- a) The Veterans Affairs Committee will be made up of members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin who have served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
- b) Members shall have been inducted into, or voluntarily entered, active duty in one of the service branches of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and who did not receive a discharge from active duty with that branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America due to "less than honorable conditions."
- c) Must have been on active duty by serving one hundred eighty-one (181) days or more of continuous active duty unless discharged early, with less than one hundred eighty-one (181) days active duty, for a service connected disability.
- d) Served as a member of the Selected Reserve and who has completed at least six (6) years in the Reserves or National Guard, or who was discharged early because of a service connected disability.
- e) Shall be a citizen in good standing in the Oneida Community.
- f) Terms of office shall be for a period of three (3) years.

**Deadline: 4:30PM**

**Friday, March 28, 2014**

### Environmental Resource Board

**Two (2) vacancies**

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- a) The ERB shall consist of nine (9) enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin who are not employed within the Environmental Dept., the Conservation Dept., or other areas of the Oneida Tribe over which the ERB has direct oversight responsibility and authority.
- b) Commissioners shall be appointed by the Oneida Business Committee to serve a three (3) year term.
- c) All ERB members, within one hundred eighty (180) days of the appointment to the ERB, are required to participate in training as follows:
  1. Environmental Law-Eight (8) hours, two (2) hours of which shall be Oneida Tribal law and procedures.
  2. Grievance, Hearing, and Appeals. Six (6) hours of training in formal opinion writing and the basics of evidence.
  3. Two (2) hours of professional ethics, including issues of confidentiality.
  4. Thereafter, all ERB members shall either accumulate a minimum of eight (8) hours annually in the above training or shall review annually the lessons and materials connected with the above training.
  5. A minimum of three (3) hours training in a formalized process for conducting meetings as determined by the ERB.
  6. The ERB may, at its discretion, extend the time allowed for completion of any and all required training of a member for good cause shown.

**Deadline: 4:30pm**

**Friday, March 28, 2014**

## Oneida Gaming Commission

2669 West Mason St  
Green Bay, WI. 54303  
920-497-5850

### OGC Meeting Schedule

Scheduled OGC Meetings are open to the public  
and begin at 9:00 AM in the OGC Conference room

#### OGC Officers:

Tom Danforth, Commissioner

Mark A. Powless Sr., Chairperson

Shirley Hill, Vice-Chair

Lora Skenandore, Secretary

#### Meeting Date:

March 17, 2014



# Embrace Creativity at Arti Gras March 8-9

**Green Bay, WI** – On March 8th and 9th over 100 fine artists will be exhibiting and selling their work at Shopko Hall in Green Bay. For 24 years Arti Gras has offered a fresh and eclectic mix of artistic activities including a visual fine art fair, performing arts, hands-on art activities for children, artist demonstrations, cultural exhibits, edible arts and more. Arti Gras is a project of Mosaic Arts Inc., a non-profit organization that produces events, promotes community art activities, and raises awareness of the value of the arts to the local economy, education and quality of life through advocacy. Proceeds from the event directly benefit individual artists and arts organizations through grants and scholarships.

## Arti Gras Highlights Green Bay Packaging Art Fair

“Arti Gras connects artists to shoppers looking for quality original art in an intimate environment” explains Tina Quigley, Executive Director of Mosaic Arts, Inc. The Green Bay Packaging Art Fair will offer festival patrons a chance to view and purchase the works of over 100 fine artists and craftpersons from throughout the Midwest. Exhibited for sale will be original works representing various media including basketry, ceramics, fiber art, glass, graphic art, jewelry, metal, painting, paper art, photography, sculpture, and woodwork. Arti Gras is a juried show ensuring high quality original artwork.

## Artist Demonstrations

“Artist demonstrations at Arti Gras provide a close-up view of artists and their work during the creative process” says Quigley. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the artists, purchase their work, and see how it is created. Artist demonstrations will take place throughout the weekend including ceramics by Angela Bougie, wood turning by Kelly Bresnahan, papier-mâché by Naomi Moes-Jenkins, mixed media by Sienna, caricature and portrait drawing by Bernie Tennis, and spinning and weaving by the Traveling Treadlers.

## Performing Arts

Outstanding performances will be featured during the event.

Musicians and vocalists will present exciting classical music selections as well as powerful jazz pieces.

## Associated Bank Children’s Area

Children will be able to get hands-on art experience through participation in a variety of creative projects including collages, paper flowers, pinwheels, pottery, easel painting, and face painting. They will also have an opportunity to express themselves through interactive music and dance performances.

## Cultural Corner

The Cultural Corner at Arti Gras features information booths and special exhibits by community arts and cultural organizations. Visitors will learn valuable information about the many cultural opportunities in the Green Bay area provided by a number of visual and performing arts organizations, as well as social and multi-cultural groups.

## Edible Arts

The event boasts a selection of edible items such as gourmet sandwiches, delicious wraps, homemade soups, specialty coffee drinks, kettle corn and roasted nuts.

## Art Raffle

The Art Raffle will feature a fabulous collection of fine art donated by Arti Gras exhibitors as

well as concert tickets, dinner gift certificates, overnight stays, and more. Proceeds from the raffle will directly support student scholarships and grants to individual artists and arts organizations.

## The Specifics

- Saturday, March 8, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday, March 9, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

## Admission:

Adults \$5.00 – Children 12 & under FREE

## Parking:

Free in the Lambeau Field parking lot

For further information including artist listing and entertainment schedule: Contact Mosaic Arts Inc. at (920) 435-5220, or [info@mosaicartsinc.org](mailto:info@mosaicartsinc.org) or visit our website at:

<http://www.mosaicartsinc.org/artigras>

# Tiny houses help address nation’s homeless problem

By Carrie Antlfinger  
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ While tiny houses have been attractive for those wanting to downsize or simplify their lives for financial or environmental reasons, there’s another population benefiting from the small-dwelling movement: the homeless. There’s a growing effort across the nation from advocates and religious groups to build these compact buildings because they are cheaper than a traditional large-scale shelter, help the recipients socially because they are built in communal settings and are environmentally friendly due to their size. “You’re out of the elements, you’ve got your own bed, you’ve got your own place to call your own,” said Harold “Hap” Morgan, who is without a permanent home in Madison. “It gives you a little bit of self-pride: This is my own house.” He’s in line for a 99-square-foot house built through the nonprofit

Occupy Madison Build, or OM Build, run by former organizers with the Occupy movement. The group hopes to create a cluster of tiny houses like those in Olympia, Wash., and Eugene and Portland, Ore.

Many have been built with donated materials and volunteer labor, sometimes from the people who will live in them. Most require residents to behave appropriately, avoid drugs and alcohol and help maintain the properties.

Still, sometimes neighbors have not been receptive. Linda Brown, who can see the proposed site for Madison's tiny houses from her living room window, said she worries about noise and what her neighbors would be like.

“There have been people who have always been associated with people who are homeless that are unsavory types of people,” she said.

Organizer Brenda Konkel hopes to allay neighbors’ concerns by the time the City Council votes in May on the group's application to rezone the site of a for-

mer auto body shop to place the houses there. Plans include gardens, a chicken coop and possibly bee hives and showers and bathrooms in the main building.

“I think a lot of them we can work through. I think there is some ways we can be a real asset to the neighborhood,” she said.

The group has already built one house that’s occupied by a couple and parked on the street. A volunteer moves it every 24 or 48 hours as required by city ordinances.

The house, which cost about \$5,000, fits a double bed with overhead storage, a small table and a small room with a compostable toilet. There's no plumbing or electricity, but the home is insulated and has a propane heater to get the residents through the harsh Wisconsin winters.

Organizers want to eventually add solar panels.

Morgan, who has struggled with a spinal cord surgery, alcohol addiction and unemployment, lives in a trailer

provided by OM Build. He hopes to work as a cook again.

“My goal is to go back to that and get my own place, but it’s really nice to have this to fall back on,” he said.

The tiny house effort in Eugene, Ore., sprung up after the city shut down an Occupy encampment that turned into a tent city for the homeless. Andrew Heben and others worked with the city, which provided them with land for the project.

Opportunity Village Eugene opened in September with little resistance, said Heben, 26, who is on the board of directors. Most of the nine huts, which are 60 square feet, and 21 bungalows, which are 64 square feet and 80 square feet, are already built.

Thirty people are living in them now, and he expects 40 to 45 residents ultimately. The houses don’t have electricity, water, bathrooms, showers or kitchens, but separate shared buildings do.

They’ve done it all for less than \$100,000, which is about half the

median home price in Eugene, all from private donors with no taxpayer money. He said the story has changed from how tent cities were a problem in America to how the community is banding together.

“It’s an American success story. ... Now we see in different cities people coming up with citizen driven solutions,” Heben said.

Ministries in Texas and New York also are developing communities with clusters of small houses. Mobile Loaves and Fishes plans 135 small homes and 100 recreational vehicles on 27 acres near Austin, Texas.

The Christian ministry that started 15 years ago bringing food and clothing to the homeless hopes to raise \$7 million to build the homes, streets, utilities, sewers, a farming operation, medical facility and sanctuary, President and CEO Alan Graham said. Residents would pay rent that ranges from \$90 a month for a 150-square-foot home to \$375 for 400 square feet.

“The goal is to reach

everybody where they are economically,” Graham said.

He expects a staff of 15 will run the village, with residents having the option to get paid to help with upkeep.

Community Faith Partnership near Ithaca, N.Y., has built six of up to 18 planned 320-square-foot houses as transitional living for homeless men, said Jim Crawford, the group's executive director.


The men will pay rent on a sliding scale that looks at their situation and whether they receive government aid.

The heart of the operation will be a community center where people who aren’t social can learn to relate to others in a safe environment, Crawford said.

“We are bringing people into tangible housing but we are bringing them also into much less tangible human framework of social relations and that is the more difficult work,” he said. “That is the more sophisticated work.”

10th Annual

PANCAKE EVENT



Oneida Parish Hall

Saturday, March 22, 2014

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.


All You Can Eat....PANCAKES!!

(Includes porkies and beverage)

\$6.00 per Person


\$5.00 for Seniors

Children 4 & under FREE



***FUN! For the whole family, Enter the pancake eating contest and win prizes, raffles, bake sale goods, & more.***

MARCH OF DIMES FUNDRAISER





Notice of

Public Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 12:15 p.m.

OBC Conference Room—2nd Floor, Norbert Hill Center





Topic: Rules of Evidence

This Public Meeting is being held to consider a proposal that would:

- ◆ Establish the Rules of Evidence that will apply in proceedings held in the trial courts of the Oneida Judiciary .
- ◆ Enable Court proceedings to operate fairly, eliminate unjustifiable expense and delay by obtaining the truth and securing a just determination.
- ◆ Govern whether, when, how, and for what purpose, proof of a legal case may be placed before the Court.

All community members are invited to attend this meeting to learn more about this proposal and/or to submit comments concerning this proposal.

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Mail: Legislative Reference Office  
PO Box 365  
Oneida, WI 54155

Phone: (920) 869-4375 or (800) 236-2214

E-Mail: [LROStaffAttorneyMichelleMays@oneidanation.org](mailto:LROStaffAttorneyMichelleMays@oneidanation.org)

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# Assistance for Propane Customers

## Propane cost assistance now available

Due to the shortage of propane in Wisconsin and the higher cost associated with it, the Oneida Tribe may provide assistance to your household. Households will be asked to first apply for WHEAP (Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program), and if not eligible for WHEAP then the application will be processed through the KWWF (Keep

Wisconsin Warm Fund). Both of these programs have income-based eligibility criteria so be prepared to provide household income verification for the previous 90 days. If the household is not eligible for WHEAP or KWWF due to being over-income, then the application will be processed under the Community Support Services Fund. Households are first required to complete an application which is available online at: [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org)

website. Select Resources, select Center for Self-Sufficiency, select Community Support Services Fund and in the very center of the page is blue lettering to select "download application". Applications are also available at our office, or you can call our office at **920-490-3939** and request an application be mailed to you. Print the application, complete it, and submit it with the following information:

- Copy of Tribal I.D.
- Copy of current propane bill
- Copy of current electric bill (if electricity was used as backup during the propane shortage or propane outage)

Applications may take up to ten (10) business days to process, so please be patient as we try to work through applications in the order they are received. Any payment determined available to the household will be paid directly to the propane provider or electric utility.

## Letters and opinions

### Spend time with elders

I just wanted to write a letter to say what a rewarding job I have being a companion to the elders. I have so much fun with the ladies I have met through this program. Each of them have their own personalities. I play bingo with them,

play cards and numerous other games, do laundry and some other small household chores. I also take them shopping and go out to lunch with them. The joy I get from doing this outweighs any benefit they might get from me. I encourage people to get involved in the program if you need

something to make you feel better about yourself and make a difference in somebody else's life you will find it in this program. Also, another program I found myself in is activities. I never thought I would enjoy it so much, not only making things, but making new friends and the camaraderie is great. Exercise is another great program, as you get older you get stiffer and the exercise loosens you up and you feel like you're ready for the day ahead. I commend the two ladies that manage these programs; they do a very good job.

*Fran Brigham*

### The Chairman's Go-It-Alone Policy

The Business Committee must consider whether or not there is strife on the council, and how that could potentially impact future growth in the tribe. Will those

issues carry over into other areas, and potentially crowd out issues pertaining to business, thus dampening development? Now, it is important to keep in mind – we don't expect the council and the Chairman to agree on every single point. In fact, quite the discourse and conversation, and to conduct themselves in the most professional way possible, regardless if they represent us at the BC level, the GTC level, to the state or to the national level. Hopefully, we will have an entirely new Business Committee and Chairman and they will set a good example for others who represent the tribe.

The stakes against Mr. Delgado violating his duties in office are very high. From the very beginning (within 48 hours) he countered the GTC's motion of December 15, 2013. Now the stakes are even higher. We are fighting to hold Mr. Delgado accountable to the rule of law and battle his plans to keep Seven Generations running. Mr. Delgado does not believe in the separation of powers between the Business Committee, the General Tribal Council and the Tribal Constitution. It is now up to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to enforce the Constitution and the rule of law. The tribal attorney and the Business Committee just sit on their hands, while Mr. Delgado does whatever he wants to do.

*Frank Cornelius*

## Call for Artists

The 8th annual Woodland Indian Art Show and Market (WIASM) is scheduled for June 8, 9, 10, 11, 2014 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313. We are excited to announce the Radisson as the site because this is where the art market started eight years ago. It is slowly growing and is scheduled this year at the same time and location of the annual conference of the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW). We expect to have a unique group of visitors added to those who annually come to appreciate and purchase Woodland Indian Art from their favorite artists.

Woodland Indian Art includes artists from tribes in the Great Lakes Area and north-

ern United States and Canada. Each tribe has its own unique cultural identity that often comes through in their artwork. The Woodland Indian Art Show and Market plans to raise awareness and appreciation of this distinctive cultural identity as each artist tells their story through their art. Another unique element of this year's Market is the addition of four cultural art classes taught by award winning artists accepted into this year's show. Participants will be able to work on an art form such as pottery, baskets, painting, carving, etc. and leave with their own completed piece by the end of each day. Woodland Artists, friends and visitors - check our webpage [www.woodlandindianart.com](http://www.woodlandindianart.com) for applications, deadlines and a list of events.


## Milwaukee Child Support Case Transfers Have Begun

Currently cases are being transferred from Milwaukee County. In the upcoming months you will receive two notices. The 1st notice is a courtesy letter from this agency informing both parties that your case has been identified for possible transfer. The 2nd will be the official transfer notice from Milwaukee County. This letter will include instructions on how to object to the transfer if you so choose. If you do not object to the transfer, no action is required by either party and the case will transfer. Please be patient as the transfer process can take up to four months to complete once the process begins. If both parties agree to transfer their child support case to Oneida please contact this agency for the appropriate forms which will expedite the transfer and alleviate the need for the official transfer process. The custody, placement and visitation orders of your case will also be included in the transfer as the Oneida Family Court has the authority to hear those matters.

### What are the benefits of transferring your case to the Oneida Child Support Agency?

- Customer service is a top priority which means we hope to be more accessible to our clients. Case Managers carry a smaller case load which allows for more case management on your case.
- If your case has a cash order for support, arrears will not accrue interest.
- A non-cash order may be an option in lieu of child support if both parties agree to the terms.
- Child Support obligations will be reviewed every 2 years vs. the State's 33 month review process.
- This Agency does not charge the \$65 R&D fee or the \$25 CP fee as charged by the state.

A Child Support Case Manager is located at our satellite office in Milwaukee at the Oneida SEOTS office which gives local access to your case manager. Once the transfer process is complete, any future court hearings heard in the Oneida Family Court can be done via telephone appearance with prior approval by the court.




## Kalihwisaks

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## Monday, March 31, 2014

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**A Question & Answer Event will be held at the SEOTS Office in the near future.**



# Latí'shanalo·loks

## They gather the Names



**Julie Denny**  
Estate Claims Assistant  
Oneida Enrollment Department

**Shekolih Swakweku**  
(Greetings to all)

I hope everyone is counting down the days till spring which officially arrives on March 21st. This indeed has been a very cold and snowy season.

**Oneida Tribal Cemetery**  
As reported in February, the Cemetery Working group continues to meet in addressing the Cemetery concerns and maintenance. At this time I'd like to thank the Cemetery Working Group for all your diligent work. A lot of planning, manpower, time, money and effort have gone into taking corrective actions. This project was initially brought forth by concerned community members and it has been given the utmost priority, attention and support from the Business Committee, Trust/Enrollment Committee, Development Division, Environmental and Land

Management departments.

**Cemetery Progress to date:**  
The drain tile around the perimeter of the wooded area was completed in December 2013. The installation of additional drain tile has begun, starting from the western most side of the cemetery. Monitoring Wells were recently installed in strategic locations and data collection will begin in early March. The monitoring wells will provide important feedback on how deep the ground water is from the surface grade

**Cemetery Maintenance**  
The Cemetery Working Group along with sup-

port from the OBC and Trust/Enrollment Committee made the decision to outsource the cemetery maintenance to a vendor for this fiscal year. During the past 18 months the Enrollment Office has received a variety of ground maintenance complaints. The vendor selected will be able to dedicate and devote time specifically for the cemetery maintenance needs. The vendor's performance will be evaluated and the results will be used to determine future continuation of their service. The Cemetery Working group intends to use this time to explore other options within the tribal organization. As we approach the hiring and selection

process, be assured Indian Preference will be adhered to in making our final selection.

**Cemetery Community Meeting**  
We appreciate the community's participation at these meetings. Our next Cemetery Community Meeting is March 19, 2014 at Norbert Hill Center in BCCR (2nd floor) beginning at 5pm. Light refreshments will be served. We encourage the membership to attend. During these



meetings, we document all questions being asked and then funnel those questions to the proper department to respond accordingly. Please take the time to review the FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions with responses) and if that prompts additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

*If you have any concerns or questions on Oneida Cemetery, Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus (OLIPP) or Children's Burial, please stop in at: Oneida Enrollment Department 201 Elm St., Oneida WI or, call me at 920-869-6212 After business hours: 920-606-9433 or email me at: [jdenny@oneidanation.org](mailto:jdenny@oneidanation.org)*

## Cemetery – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### from December 18, 2013 Community Meeting

- How can community members help during the entire process?**  
*The community may assist by coming to Cemetery Community Meetings and accurately disseminating information given at the meeting.*
- Heard there is thought of requiring “vaults”?**  
*At the December 18, 2013 Community Meeting-Community members were requested to forward their ideas to Cheryl Skolaski and she would share your ideas with LOC. Community notices will be posted on tribal websites and in the Kalihwisaks to identify deadlines for any additional ideas needing to be submitted in order to be considered in any Cemetery Law, policy or procedural change.*
- Heard there have been blanket burials (2-3), what is the impact of chemicals from such burials to the “Where the Water Birds Nest and the ground water”?**  
*Based on research there are no documented records of blanket burials having been done in the cemetery. There is information available about blanket burials and if you wish to receive a copy of that information please contact Julie Denny..*
- Are there Federal Laws that need to be complied with?**  
*NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Relocation Act)*
- Will there be an alternative cemetery site?**  
*At this time, no. The corrective measures being taken should not require an alternative site be identified. However, if at any time the data from the monitoring wells indicate these efforts are not working, the Technical Team will formulate a new strategy for corrective actions.*
- Can the 3 ugly Cemetery signs be removed, other cemeteries don't have these?**  
*The Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee approved for the cemetery signs to be put in the Oneida Cemetery to inform visitors rules exist and identify prohibited items that should not be left in the cemetery. We feel the signs help visitors understand some items are not allowed and may be subject to removal.*
- At the time of excavating, can any water in the grave be removed prior to burial?**  
*We will make every effort to request any water be removed prior to burials.*
- Identify who contacts are: BC liaison and BC Chair role?**  
*Greg Matson remains the OBC liaison. He is tasked with sharing information with OBC, including the OBC Chair.*
- Who is responsible for the work being done and performing any follow-up work?**  
*Ultimately, the Technical Team is in the position of proposing engineering solutions based on the most scientific, realistic and reliable resources it can gather and endorse. All proposed solutions will be validated (negatively or positively) by the data collected by the various monitoring wells. If the problems are not fixed, it will be the Technical Team's responsibility to continue to pursue the corrective measures necessary to fulfill the expectations of the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee.*
- What information was received that supported lifting the moratorium?**  
*The decision to lift the moratorium was based on the information provided by the Technical Team.*
- Fears that in 3-5-7 years remedies don't continue to work, what is the next plan?**

- If the remedies don't continue to work, it will be the Technical Team's responsibility to continue to pursue the corrective measures necessary to fulfill the expectations of the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee.*
- What guarantee is there to address the concerns by spring 2014?**  
*In general, we are unable to guarantee the results of our efforts at this time. We are and will continue to make every effort to address any concerns brought forward.*
  - How long will it take to know results of monitoring wells?**  
*Data collection begins as soon as the monitoring wells have been installed. Over time, as the data is collected, we will have better analytical results which will help us in determining how successful the work on this Project has been. Long Term Results roughly begin after (1) to (2) years of data have been collected and basically improves the longer the data accumulates, which could go on indefinitely or as long as data collection is desired or is necessary.*
  - Will the cemetery require additional monitoring wells to be installed besides those identified today?**  
*Yes, as needed.*
  - Where will the future funding come from to pay for future work that has yet to be completed?**  
*Once the budget for Phase II of the Project has been identified and confirmed by the Cemetery Working Group, the budget will then be submitted to the CFO/Finance Dept. for assessment and approval. The CFO has indicated that a funding source has been identified.*
  - What are the costs for Phase II? (comments 43 & 58)**  
*The Technical Team is working on the budget for phase II and plans to have it prepared by the end of January 2014.*
  - Where will the water being discharged go?**  
*Naturally flows northwest and eventually filters into Silver Creek.*
  - Has any research been done on how the discharge water will impact surrounding areas and homes?**  
*There should be no impact on any existing homes.*
  - Did the establishment of the “Where the Water Bird's Nest” create more problems for the cemetery? (comments: 41 & 55)**  
*It's hard to be certain the effect the pond has. However, theoretically it would seem the higher the pond water is the higher the ground water would be surrounding the pond. Therefore, as a precaution one of the first and immediate steps was to lower the pond level. The wetland pond level will continue to be monitored to prevent any future potential impacts to the cemetery.*
  - Will the water run-off from the Cemetery road be corrected w/French drain tile installed? (comments: 42 & 82)**  
*Yes, drain tile installed during Phase I and Phase II, as well as additional grading will address the Cemetery Road run-off. No plots will be affected.*
  - When the grading is done will it affect any plots?**  
*No plots will be affected.*
  - Where is the communication and cultural components?**  
*In response to the cultural component concern; the Cemetery Working Group has made contact with cultural advisors and will be working with them to ensure any cultural practices or ways are recog-*

- nized. In regards to the communication concern, there was an initial letter mailed to families letting them know the strategies of the Cemetery Working Group to address the cemetery concerns. In addition, there have and will be articles in the Kalihwisaks and as well as community meetings through the remainder of 2014.*
- Would like the original perspective on establishment of cemetery shared.**  
*At the December 18, 2013 Community Meeting, Mark A. Powless gave an oral presentation on the origins of the cemetery.*
  - How can we get the roadway access changed to the sweatlodge and the site of “Where the Water Birds Nest”? (comments: 26 & 63)**  
*The Cemetery Working Group's primary focus is to develop short & long term remedies for cemetery concerns. Concerns about access to the sweatlodge & the Wetland Pond maybe addressed in future CIP (Capital Improvement Process).*
  - Has it been considered of taking the cemetery road out?**  
*No.*
  - Due to the recent GTC action regarding 7 Gens an OBC member commented the cemetery project would be pushed aside. Is this true?**  
*The Cemetery Working Group is not able to respond to this question. We suggest that this be discussed with the OBC member in question.*
  - Will there be a Q/A document at the next meeting so we aren't asking the same questions over and over?**  
*Yes*
  - Will hunting back by “Where the Water birds Nest” present problems?**  
*The Cemetery Working Group is not able to respond to this question. We suggest that this be discussed with Natural Resources Director of the Oneida Conservation Department.*
  - Can people attend the working group sessions?**  
*The working group sessions are closed to the public, however, you can voice any concerns you have by contacting Julie Denny at (920) 869-6212 or (920) 606-3944 and Julie can bring your concerns to the group for resolution. You can also bring your concerns to the Community Meetings that will be held through the remainder of 2014.*
  - What is the impact of the casino dumping to the birds as there is huge pile of tarp and plastic?**  
*This inquiry requires clarification and needs to be more specific in order to be answered correctly.*
  - Is the French Drain Tile going to work?**  
*Since the cemetery was established It has been recommended that drain tile be installed to alleviate water issues. The technical team has confidence in the tile system however monitoring wells and future graves will determine the effectiveness of the tile.*
  - Why isn't DPW at meeting tonight?**  
*The Cemetery Working Group will determine the appropriate staff that need to be present for the Community Meetings.*

**The next meeting is:**  
**Wednesday • March 19, 2014**  
**5:00PM • Norbert Hill Center**  
**BC Conference Room • 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*For Questions please contact Julie Denny at (920) 869-6212 or (920) 606-3944*





**ONEIDA RECREATION BASEBALL**  
**REGISTRATION NIGHTS**

Thursday, March 6, 2014  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Civic Center

Monday, March 31, 2014  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Cliff Webster Building  
(Cty H)

Sign up for 6-Week Program  
(Ages as of April 30th)

May 28th - June 30th  
Mondays & Wednesdays

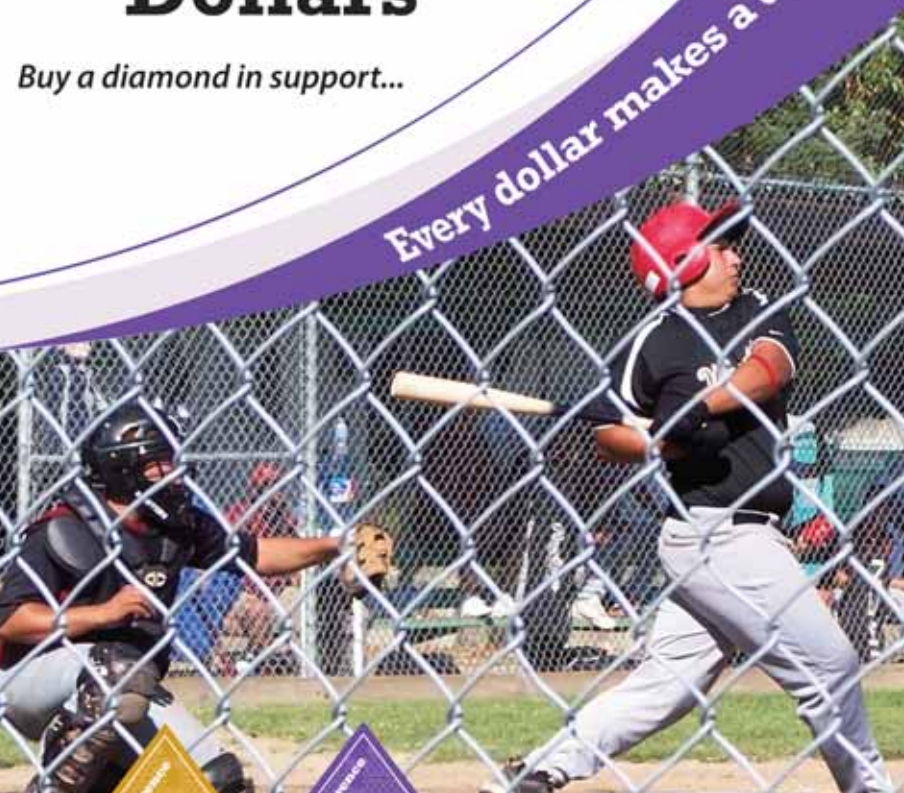
- T-ball - 5-6 years old
- Pee-Wee - 7-9 years old

May 27th - June 24th  
Tuesdays & Thursdays

- Little League - 10-12 yrs
- Pony (13 yrs old)  
Nights TBD

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### ONEIDA NATION THUNDERHAWKS BASKETBALL

## Thunderhawks season comes to end



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Oneida Thunderhawks' Brandon Blackowl drives to the hoop for two points during the Thunderhawks 57-49 loss to Hilbert on Tuesday, February 25 at the Turtle School. The Thunderhawks couldn't hold onto a six point halftime lead as the Hilbert Wolves used a full-court press to outscore Oneida 19-2 in the third quarter. The loss ends the Thawks season. Jessi Nicholson lead the T-hawks with 12 points.



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## 2014 Oneida Men's Modified Fastpitch Softball League

Wednesday Nights

Starting May 7

Oneida Big Diamond, Site I  
**Sign Your Team Up Now!**

First Six (6) Teams

Returning Managers have until  
Friday, Feb 21 to reserve your spot.  
Entry fee must be paid - \$250 Entry  
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**Payroll Deduction Opportunity**  
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Sign up for Payroll deduction for a  
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Payroll deduction opportunity runs through  
**Monday – March 31st, 2014**

Employees can use payroll deduction for purchases towards a 2014 season golf pass or play passes. Pay over a 15 week period! Employees must complete a form in the golf shop at Thornberry Creek at Oneida. Contact Mark Becker, [mbecker@golfthornberry.com](mailto:mbecker@golfthornberry.com) to sign up and/or for more information.

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# Upcoming Events for March – May 2014

## March 8

### Green Bay Garden Blitz Mentorship Training

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 8  
**TIME:** 10:00AM – 12:00PM

**WHERE:** UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue St., Green Bay

Are you a veteran gardener interested in helping members of your community learn to grow their own food? Join us for the Green Bay Garden Blitz Mentorship Training. Please RSVP by March 5 by calling Abby Puckhaber at **920-391-4660** or emailing **gbgardenblitz@gmail.com**. For more information, visit **www.facebook.com/gbgardenblitz**.

## March 8 – 9

### Winter Powwow

**WHEN:** Sat. March 8 – Sun. March 9  
**TIME:** Sat. 11:00AM – 10:00PM  
SUN. 11:00AM – 6:00PM

**WHERE:** Wisconsin State Fair Park, Wisconsin Products Pavilion, 640 S. 84th St.

Grand entry times are at 1 pm and 7 pm on Saturday and 1 pm on Sunday. Those attending the Prayer Ceremony at 10 am. Sunday morning are admitted free. Admission for the general public is \$8; admission for elders 60 and over is \$6, and children 12 and under are free. For more information call **(414) 604-1000**

## March 14

### Healing Service

**WHEN:** Friday, March 14

**TIME:** 6:30PM

**WHERE:** 522 Orlando Dr. (Hwy. EE) De Pere, WI

Evangelist / Pastor John Dessart and the Rivers of Life Ministries Team will hold a Healing Service. Everyone welcome. For more information call, **(920) 265-0708**.

## March 16

### Firefly Acres Horse Farm 1st Annual Bowling Fundraiser

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 16

**TIME:** 2:00PM – 4:00PM

**WHERE:** Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, 2929 Allied Street, Green Bay \$10 at the door for 2hrs of bowling, door prizes. Call Lisa at **920-609-5637**. Funds will go towards building a barn with an indoor riding arena.

## March 18 -20

### Health Care Coverage Fair

**WHEN:** Tue. March 18 – Thur. March 20

**TIME:** Tues. & Thurs. – 9AM-6PM:

WED. 9:00AM – 4:00PM

**WHERE:** Gerald L. Ignance Indian Health Center Inc., 1711 S. 11th Street, Milwaukee

We can assist you with your health care options. You must be signed up for insurance by March 31. Call **414-383-9526** for more information.

### The Kanehelatuksla

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 18

**TIME:** 11:00AM – 12:00PM

**WHERE:** Oneida Community Library Come learn about the Kanehelatuksla, mostly known as the Thanksgiving Address.

## March 31

### Meet the Artist: Rosemary Rickard Hill

**WHEN:** Monday, March 31

**TIME:** 4:00PM – 5:30PM

**WHERE:** Oneida Nation Museum, W892 County Road EE Meet renowned international bead artist Rosemary Rickard Hill. Call **920-869-6539** for more information.

## April 11

### Bead Work Exhibition

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 11

**TIME:** 3:30PM – 5:00pm

**WHERE:** Oneida Nation Museum, W892 County Road EE The Oneida Nation Museum will host a Bead Work Exhibition featuring Rosemary Rickard Hill and Oneida community members. FMI: **oneidana-tion.org/museum**

## May 16-18

### Tunica-Biloxi Powwow

**WHEN:** Fri., May 16 – Sun., May 18

**WHERE:** Chief Joseph Pierite Powwow Grounds, Marksville, LA

Dance competition up to \$35,000 in prizes. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children 5 and under. Call 1-800-946-1946 or visit **tunicapowwow.org** for more information.

## ONGOING - TUESDAYS

### Wise Women's Support Group

**WHEN:** Every Tuesday

**TIME:** 5:30PM – 7:30PM

**PLACE:** Wise Women Gathering Place, 2483 Babcock Rd. Green Bay, WI

Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Support Group. Come and enjoy a cup of hot tea in the presence of women of all ages sharing and caring. Talking circles and fun activities. Held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month during the summer. Contact Julia McLester **920-490-0627** for more information. Open to all women.

## Second TUESDAY monthly

### OEI Lunch & Learn

**WHEN:** 2nd Tuesday of each month

**TIME:** 12:00PM – 1:00PM

**PLACE:** Oneida Early Intervention, Cottage 1260 • 1260 Packerland, Green Bay WI

Join us every 2nd Tuesday of each month for our parent education series focusing on parenting, education, and child development. Registration is required, open to the first 12 participants. Box lunch included. A new topic will be announced each month. Contact Ana Balbuena **920-490-3893** to register or for more information.

## WEDNESDAYS

### Oneida Methodist Church Taco Sale Fundraiser

**WHEN:** Wednesdays

**TIME:** 11:00AM – 6:00PM

**PLACE:** Oneida United Methodist Church, Freedom Rd, De Pere Tacos \$6, Corn Soup \$3, Corn Soup & Frybread \$5, Chili \$3, Frybread \$2, Blanket Burger \$4, Blanket Dog \$3

Delivery & Take Out available Call **920-869-2927**.

## THURSDAYS

### Wise Men's Support Group

**WHEN:** Every Thursday

**TIME:** 5:30PM – 7:30PM

**PLACE:** Wise Women Gathering Place, 2483 Babcock Rd. Green Bay, WI

We welcome all men to come and share the issues that are affecting their lives. This is a talking circle and support group for men seeking a healthy life style.

Our focus is on helping each other become a more productive member of our community. Come join us. FMI, contact: **Rick Laes** at **920.432.6028** or **Gary Keshena** at **920.362.0206**. Open to all men.

### It Starts with You...

**WHEN:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month\*

**TIME:** 6:00PM

**PLACE:** Oneida Library, Site I 201 Elm St., Oneida, WI

Oneida kids and families need you! If you have ever thought about being a Foster Parent for Oneida kids, please attend an informational meeting: August 1; September 5; October 3; November 7; December 5.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact **Jen Kruse @ 920-490-3717**.

## FRIDAYS

### Wise Youth Group

**WHEN:** Fridays

**TIME:** 3:30PM – 5:30PM

**PLACE:** Three Sisters Center

For more information call Isabel Parker at **920- 498-2011** or Bev Scow at **920-490-0627**.

### Women's Support Group

**WHEN:** Fridays

**TIME:** 12:00PM – 2:30PM

**PLACE:** Three Sisters Center

For more information contact **Isabel Parker** at **(920) 412-0396** or **Georgia Burr** at **(920) 362-2490**.

## \$5 TUESDAY MEAL DEAL FOR EVERYBODY 11AM-8PM

MONDAYS



Win up to \$1,500 if you've earned 25 or more points

TUESDAYS



Earn 5 points get \$10 in Free Play

## WEDNESDAY 2 MEALS FOR \$9 AT THE GROOVE 11AM-9PM

WEDNESDAYS



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THURSDAYS



**EARN 5 POINTS AND GET \$10 IN FREE PLAY.**  
One per Thursday. Must show ID.  
8am - Midnight

## \$13 FRIDAY CRAB LEG BUFFET 4PM-10PM

FRIDAYS



**WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$28,800.**  
We'll multiply your dice roll by \$100x.  
Noon - 10pm

## \$11 SATURDAY GREAT AMERICAN STEAK OUT 4PM-10PM

SATURDAYS



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## TABLE GAMES CASH DRAWINGS

Play table games March 1- 15 and get entries into the cash drawings totaling \$1,225. Winners will be drawn on March 15 at 10:30pm. Must be present to win.



Mon., Wed., & Fri.  
Sales 4pm  
Early Birds 5:30pm  
Regular 6pm

Sunday Session,  
Sales at noon  
Warm-ups 1pm  
Early Birds 1:30pm  
Regular 2pm

## – SUNDAYS BINGO –

Super Saver Sundays

## – MONDAYS BINGO – VALUE NIGHT

March Madness Drawings

## – WEDNESDAYS BINGO –

3/26 - We Match Wednesdays

## FRIDAYS – HALF PRICE/ CLUB BINGO

3/28 - March Birthday Promotion

## SATURDAY SESSION

March 29, \$10 Entry Packs, sales at 4pm  
12 regular games pay \$250  
3 specials pay \$1,000, 1 special pays \$2,500

**POKER EVERY SATURDAY**



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