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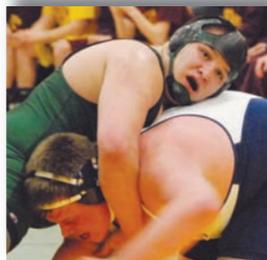
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GTC meeting to be held at ShopKo Hall

By Nate Wisneski

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A recent decision by the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) will have an April 21 special General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting off the reservation at ShopKo Hall in Ashwaubenon.

The meeting location was agreed upon during the February 8 OBC meeting after concern was expressed over availability and capacity of the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. There is no law precluding the tribe from holding GTC meetings off the

reservation.

"We now are using two separate spaces at the Radisson for one meeting. We are going to need bigger space," said Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft during the February 8 meeting. "Access to the Radisson is becoming more and more limited. There are no Saturday dates for the remainder of this year. The dates that are available are very random."

The Saturday meeting will focus on a petition

• See 2A,
GTC at ShopKo Hall



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

The Oneida Business Committee approved a plan to go forward with having a special General Tribal Council meeting on April 21 at ShopKo Hall in Ashwaubenon.

Anna John Nursing Home gets CMS five star rating

By Dawn Walschinski

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The Anna John Nursing Home (AJNH) was one of only two area nursing homes to receive a five star rating from the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). AJNH administrator Jane Smith credit's the home's staff for the high rating.

"The staff here are providing excellent care for our residents, and I think that's one of the most important goals you should have, and an independent source has a way of quantifying that," she said.

The CMS rating gives a one-to-five star rating on three aspects of the

nursing homes: health inspections, staffing, and quality measures. AJNH received two five star ratings and a four star rating on quality measures.

"We do get a number of calls ... from people who use the Nursing Home Compare ... website. They say we see you're a five star facility, and they're using the tool to place people that they love in in places that are acknowledged to provide good care," said Smith.

According to Smith, the AJNH has consistently received high ratings since the rating CMS rating system started in 2008. That kind of con-

• See 2A,
Five star rating



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Anna John Nursing Home Certified Nurse Assistant Debbie Stevens, center, calls Bingo for residents Stephen Danforth and Mae Boucher.

Obama touts American manufacturing in Wis. visit

By Scott Bauer

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — President Barack Obama tried to use his Wednesday visit to a Milwaukee padlock manufacturer to highlight an improving economy and showcase companies that are bringing jobs back to the U.S., even though the Wisconsin company's success isn't reflective of the state.

Master Lock, which Obama mentioned in his State of the Union address, is a good story

for the president — especially in Wisconsin. It's a unionized company that recently brought back 100 jobs from China, and the state's Republican governor is being targeted for recall largely because of his proposal that effectively ended collective bargaining rights for most public workers.

However, in the face of national growth, Wisconsin has lost private sector jobs in each of the past six months. Democrats have been

using that to hammer embattled Gov. Scott Walker, who promised during his 2010 campaign to create 250,000 jobs during his first term.

Obama's visit to Wisconsin was his first in more than a year and a recognition that he must win the state, which he carried by 14 points in 2008 but where Republicans captured nearly every statewide office two years later. Wednesday also marked the one-year anniversary of the first widespread

protests against Walker's union proposal.

Walker has been making the case across the country that his recall election is a bellwether of how Obama will do in Wisconsin in the fall. In a fundraising letter his campaign sent to potential donors outside Wisconsin last month, Walker said a win would deliver a "devastating blow" to Obama's re-election efforts.

Walker greeted Obama at the airport Wednesday and was with him for the

Master Lock visit. Walker's official office and his campaign said only that it was an honor to have Obama in Wisconsin.

A Wisconsin Republican Party spokesman wasn't as charitable.

"Wisconsin voters went to the polls in 2010 and resoundingly rejected the Democrats' ongoing effort to move our state backward, and they have no interest in four

• See 2A,
Obama visit

State helps Veterans find unclaimed money

By Travis Cottrell

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Wisconsin Treasurer Kurt Schuller and Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs John Scocos presented a check that represented over \$76,000 which was given to Wisconsin Veterans from the state of Wisconsin. The presentation took place at the Robert Cornelius VFW Post 7784 in Oneida.

The money presented came from unclaimed property and money that was piling up in the state budget. The state then made a special effort to help Veterans claim money they were previously unaware of.

The event also intended to raise awareness of funds in the state's Unclaimed Property Fund. A fund which 90% of Veterans have yet to take advantage of.



Kali photo/Travis Cottrell

Left to Right: Wisconsin State VFW Commander Larry Kutschma, WI Treasurer Kurt Schuller, Oneida Veterans Dept Director Kerry Metoxen, and Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs John Scocos pose for a picture with the check presented at the Oneida VFW Post.

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From 1A/GTC at ShopKo Hall

along with an update on the tribe's reorganization efforts. Parking would be free and transit would be utilized to avoid long walks for those needing assistance.

The final cost of holding the special GTC meeting is not finalized but estimates have been generated.

"The cost does increase. The space, use of their electricity, some of their equipment, access to their internet comes with a cost," said Hoeft. "The cost could be as high as \$7,000 to \$10,000. We won't know that until we actually get in and start putting together our plans."

Chairman Ed Delgado thinks now may be the time to ensure all GTC members in attendance are able to participate.

"(Every meeting there are) two or three hundred people who can't participate. They have a screen but they can't raise their hand to be recognized to speak. I agree that we probably need to move to that facility," Delgado said during the OBC meeting.

Mike Metoxen, of PMI Productions, heads the video and audio operations during GTC meetings and says his company has the ability to allow GTC members in the overflow room to speak and be heard by the OBC and GTC in the

main room.

Councilmember Vince DelaRosa supported the ShopKo Hall request, but questioned if technology could keep meetings at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

"I would like to have had a technological solution for the Radisson. I think there's technology components that we could have easily adopted there that would allow us to have two way participation at the Radisson," he said during the meeting. "But I do think the overarching concern is the fact is there are no available Saturday dates. It's a blessing that we got them being busy but on the other hand it's a curse because we need some space over there."

Not all committee members agree this is the off reservation meeting is the best path for future GTC meetings. Councilwoman Melinda Danforth has been very vocal about opposing the location and filed a petition requesting all future GTC meetings be held on the reservation.

"When we talk about sovereignty we are talking about our land, our people, and our culture. I think our leaders need to exercise our sovereignty on our land and that means holding our meetings on our lands," Danforth said. "We are

talking about our supreme governing body of the nation exercising their decision making rights, I think it needs to be on the reservation. You don't see Brown County making decisions in Outagamie county."

Danforth is also uneasy about the cost and tax implications associated with holding the meeting at ShopKo Hall.

"We're here in a time of budget crunch. We are asking people to cut back and were going to look to spend \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000 for a GTC meeting when we know technologically we can hold the meetings at the Radisson."

Holding the meeting off the reservation would mean that attendees receiving the \$100 meeting stipends will have to pay state income taxes on that payment.

"If we're talk about bringing revenue back to the reservation and we are going to be paying out state tax dollars now on the stipend, it just doesn't make sense to me," she added.

In order for the decision to be reviewed one original OBC member that supported the motion must agree to review the decision, Danforth stated that seems unlikely.

Signs let others know tribe's future development intent



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Signs have popped up around the reservation letting surrounding communities know that future tribal development will be taking place in those areas. A total of 10 signs went up on tribal trust land and it has not yet been determined if more will follow.

From 1A/Obama visit

more years of the same failed policies," said state GOP spokesman Ben Sparks.

Two years after Obama's presidential win, Republicans won majorities in both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature — which had been controlled by Democrats — and knocked off Democratic U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold. Republicans also picked up two of the state's congressional seats, giving them a five-to-three advantage.

A recent poll by the Marquette University Law School shows both Obama and Walker leading their potential challengers in Wisconsin. Obama was ahead of Republican Mitt Romney 48 percent to 40 percent, and Walker was ahead of potential Democratic candidates by either 6 or 7 percentage points.

"Based on that data, it's perfectly possible that the state renders a split

decision," said Charles Franklin, director of the poll and visiting professor of law and public policy. "Both races are likely to tighten as we get closer."

Franklin said it makes sense for Walker to tie his fate to Obama's since it would likely to help mobilize conservatives and tea party activists.

Democratic Party Chairman Mike Tate scoffed at the governor's claim that fighting off a recall would hurt Obama's chances in Wisconsin.

Recall organizers submitted an estimated 1 million signatures to recall Walker, and the state is currently verifying the names. A recall election would likely be held this spring of summer.

"It is an interesting difficulty of Democrats wanting to talk about jobs being bad in the state and blame Walker, while Obama wants to

talk about things turning around for his re-election," Franklin said.

Walker campaigned in 2010 on the promise to deliver 250,000 more jobs to Wisconsin over four years. And while jobs have declined each of the past six months, they are up by 13,500 since Walker took office.

Master Lock, founded in Milwaukee in 1921, employed more than 1,100 workers at its sprawling downtown Milwaukee complex when it announced in 1997 that it would begin importing locks from China. By 2003, the plant employed just 270 workers.

Early last year, the company's leaders said the business was operating at full capacity after bringing back jobs that had been outsourced. The plant now employs about 410 people, though it still operates factories in China and Mexico.

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From 1A/Five Star Rating

sistency is due to the longevity and quality of the staff, she stated.

"I think that they come to work every day with an attitude of caring about providing quality care. If they didn't, we wouldn't be able to get high ratings, because if they're committed to quality care, they have to be attentive to the residents, they have to be aware of changes in residents' conditions, they have to be very aware of the change in the resident

care plan, that they're following those changes, and they really have to be vested in working with this type of age group, someone who really relies on somebody else for a lot of assistance," she said. "The staff do take pride in their work, we have longevity in our staff, and I think that goes a long way in terms of their commitment to the tribe and the residents that they serve.

Smith sees the con-

struction of a new resident care facility as an opportunity to continue giving quality care.

"We look forward to having a new facility, we look forward to maintaining a five star rating in our new facility, and I think that the five star rating will help us fill up our new facility," she said.

To see the ratings for AJNH or any nursing home, go to www.medicare.gov

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Passing On...

Denny, Scott Alvin

December 4, 1985 – February 8, 2012

Scott Alvin "Beavis" Denny, age 40, of Oneida, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 surrounded by his family.



He was preceded in death by his father Allen Denny; grandparents Alex (Clara) Denny, and Emerson (Victoria) John; great grandparents William (Mary) Metoxen; and niece Autumn Denny.

He was born September 14, 1971 to Barb (John) Anderson and the late Allen Denny. He graduated from Freedom High School in 1990.

Friends may have called at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour, on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 4 PM to 8 PM with the Oneida Hymn Singers at 6:30 PM and prayer service at 7:00 PM. Visitation continued on Monday, February 13, 2012 at the Oneida Methodist Church, Oneida, from 9:30 AM until services at 11 AM with Pastor Earl Smith officiating. Burial took place in the church cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.muehlboettcher.com

Scott enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking, landscaping, watching football, NASCAR, and being outdoors. He was known to clown around and had a wonderful sense of humor. He was a loving son, dad, brother, and uncle.

Scott is survived by his mother, Barb (Scott) Anderson, De Pere; daughter Kyla Denny, Ashwaubenon; brother, Kurt (Heidi) Denny, Oneida; 3 sisters: Alex (Sherri Masey) Denny, Texas; Heather (Kory) Wesaw, Oneida; and Linn (Jason Johnson) Denny, Oneida; special friend Kim Gardner, Oneida. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Special thanks to Dr. Flood and the Diabetic Team at Oneida Health Center and also to Unity Hospice for their care, and to Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home in Seymour.

King, Sr., Edwin D.

February 7, 1922 – February 8, 2012

Mr. Edwin D. King, Sr., 90, W1799 Culbertson Rd, Seymour, WI, died at his home on February 8, 2012 surrounded by his family. He was born February 7, 1922 to the late Albert and Sarah (Baird) King.



He also survived by 30 grandchildren; 55 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; and five step great grandchildren; sister Alberta King-O'Shaggy; sister-in-law Lois Powless; and many nieces and nephews.

He married Lillian Moore on June 22, 1946. Edwin was very involved with youth and recreation. He formed Little League baseball teams and he also formed the Oneida Warriors basketball team which won many tournaments and also travelled throughout the United States. He also played dirtball with the Veteran's league in Green Bay.

He is preceded in death by his sisters: Alice, Jenette, and Helen; one brother Ray; brother-in-law John Powless; great grandson Jaiman King-Martin; father and mother-in-law Simon and Irene Metoxen Moore; and sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Dwayne Danforth.

He worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad for 30 years and retired in 1980.

Funeral services were held at 11:00AM on Friday, February 10, 2012 at the Oneida United Methodist Church, Oneida. Pastor Earl L. Smith officiated with burial in the Church Cemetery with Military Honors.

Edwin was a veteran of the US Air Force and was stationed in Iceland in World War II. He served from November 1942 until May 1945 when he was honorably discharged with metals for: Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct, and a Victory metal. He was a heavy machine gunner and also a charter member of the Oneida VFW Robert Cornelius Post 7784.

Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, De Pere, WI assisted the family with arrangements. Please visit www.ryanfh.com (<http://www.ryanfh.com>) to send online condolences to the King family.

He is survived by his wife Lillian; children: Ronald (Diane), Marilyn, Pamela Webster (Orlin), Edwin, Jr (Diane), Bruce (Sherri), Mike (Ingrid), and Albert (Tina). He is

The King family sends a thank you to Southern Care Hospice for all their care to Edwin and his family. Also, to his children, grandchildren, and the community as a whole for being there with us and the support shown to us.

Smith, Lillie 'Lil'

December 24, 1929 – February 14, 2012

Lillie "Lil" Smith, 82, of Green Bay passed away peacefully on Valentine's Day and joined her husband Robert of 54 years in heaven. She is the daughter of the late Isaac Peters and Jane Webster. On April 24, 1951 she married Robert Smith. Lil liked spending time with family, especially her kids, grandkids and great grandkids. She was very fun loving person and liked to joke with everyone. Lil loved God and playing cards. She was a huge Packer fan, and was a member of Meadowbrook Church.



survives. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, her siblings; Louise (Patrick) Metoxen, John (Agnes) Peters, Marie (Baeton) King, and her nephew Baeton King Jr.

Lil is survived by her children; Diana Brunette, Robert Jr. (Theresa) Smith, Gary Smith and his special friend Corina, Darlene (Rick) Longcore, and Kenny (Susan) Smith. She is further survived by 21 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, and 3 on the way, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Her long-time friend Sue Oral also

Friends may call at the RYAN FUNERAL HOME 305 N. Tenth Street De Pere from 4 – 8pm Thursday, with the Oneida Hymn Singer at 6:30pm and a prayer service at 7pm. Visitation will continue after 10am Friday at Meadowbrook Church 701 Hillcrest Heights, Howard until time of service at 11am with Pastor Chuck Welch officiating. Burial will follow immediately after service in the Oneida Assembly of God Cemetery, followed by a lunch at the Parish Hall.

Please go to www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the family.

The family would like to thank Dr. Neu for all of his care and concern.

Krenzke, Klinton Kane

July 10, 1984 – February 9, 2012

Klinton "Kane" Krenzke, (Lakuhshio "He has a Good Face"), 27, died unexpectedly Thursday, February 9, 2012. He was born July 10, 1984 a son to Corina Williams.



He is survived by his aunts and one uncle: Pam Richardson, Laura (Randy) Lane, Tina Bos, Carla (Wayne) Carle, Paula (Don) Wilson, Jody Williams; his cousins: Amanda Kabe, Anthony (Nicole) Lane, Andrea (Larry) Simons, Michelle Lee, Renee Bos, Brandon, Wyatt, Brooke, and Tijana; and numerous great aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends.

Kane got his GED from NWTTC. He enjoyed playing with his boys most, listening to music, going to family gatherings, and playing sports. Kane was an awesome cook and loved to cook for any reason. He was a loving son, brother, dad, and uncle.

Kane was preceded in death by his grandfather Chester Williams, Jr; and his uncles Jamie Williams and Rodney Richardson.

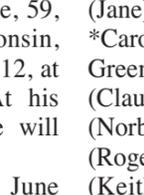
Kane is survived by his mother Corina (Keith Mrozinski) Williams; his sons: Hayden, Talon, Devin, Rylan, and Landyn; siblings: Kerri (Axel Davids) Krenzke and her children Derron, Chassten, and Christian, Konrad Krenzke and his child Sadie, and Nicole (significant other Rubiel) Nicholas; grandmother Vivian A. Williams; five

The Krenzke family will be having a memorial gathering to remember Kane's life at a future time. RYAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY is assisting the Krenzke family. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the family.

Van Dyke, Mark F.

June 22, 1952 – February 2, 2012

Mark F. Van Dyke, 59, of Antigo, Wisconsin, died February 2, 2012, at Bellin Hospital. At his request, no service will be held.



Mark was born June 22, 1952 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, to Clarence and Clara Van Dyke. He enjoyed farming, playing cribbage, and sheephead with his friends and family.

He is survived by his daughter Servilla (Doe Thomas) Van Dyke, Green Bay; son, Kilabrew (Jean) Van Dyke, Green Bay, and seven grandchildren Kirsten, Micgwire, Marissa, Lostosles, Shantel, Lonuhkwat, and Christian; brothers Roy (Joy), Seymour; Arnold

He was preceded in death by his father Clarence, mother Clara, and sister Mary Van Dyke. Arrangements are with RYAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, De Pere.

Thank you to Dr. Lynch and Caregivers at Bellin Cancer Center.

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Thank You...

The family of Robert "Little Man" Webster would like to express a heart-felt appreciation for all the people who prayed and helped us through a very difficult time.



Thank you to the Fire-keepers, the Oneida Singers and drummers who sang some real good songs for Littlemans' journey home; also for all the food and firewood donations.

The family sends an extra special Thank you to Sandy Schuyler for he unconditional love and support. We are forever grateful for all you have done.



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Oneida Vehicle Registration – Who Can Register

At the Oneida Motor Vehicle Department, or Licensing Department, we receive many questions regarding who can and cannot register a vehicle through our department. In this article, we'll answer some of the more frequently asked questions. But, before we dive into that, let's start with a brief history. The Oneida Nation License Department was started in 1996. From 1996 to 1997 policies and procedures and ordinances were created for the backbone of the new department. Also, during this time a reciprocal agreement with between the State of Wisconsin and the Oneida Nation was signed giving the Oneida Nation the authority to register and maintain our own motor vehicles within the reservation boundaries. In 1998 a system was created for enrolled Oneida Members, who reside on the Oneida Nation Reservation, to register their motor vehicles exclusively with the Oneida Nation. By doing this, we are exercising our sovereignty.

Why do I have to live on the reservation to register my vehicle with Oneida?

That goes back to the sovereign immunity. Oneida has jurisdiction over the enrolled members residing within our reservation boundaries only. In regard to registering vehicles, we do not have jurisdiction over enrolled members living off the reservation. In

some ways it would be like someone who lives in Wisconsin, but goes to Michigan wanting to register their vehicle there. It can't be done, because both states are under different governmental policies, and Michigan wouldn't have the authority to do this. Although not encouraged, Oneida members living on the reservation can still register their vehicles with the State, if they so choose.

Why do I have to provide proof of residency?

Believe it or not, from time to time, we get individuals who do not live on the reservation attempting to register their vehicle. We need to make sure that all members we are registering are indeed living on the reservation to ensure we have the authority to issue them tribal plates.

If I live off the reservation, can I use one of my relations or a friend's address who lives on the reservation?

No. That is fraud. You must live on the reservation. We realize people have their reasons for wanting to register their vehicle with Oneida, but we have laws we need to follow to keep our sovereignty intact. If someone actually resides outside the bounds of the reservation, but gives us a different address, once it's discovered, your vehicle's registration will be revoked, and your plates could be flagged as invalid. Then you're risking a citation. Not to mention the extra cost to

register your vehicle with the State. Ask yourself if it is worth it?

What is an acceptable proof of residency?

The License Department accepts all the following as proof of residency. Official Government documentation, direct deposit receipts, utility bills, bank statements, credit card statements, college material letters, child support documentation, traffic citations, insurance documentation, and rental/mortgage documentation.

What types of vehicles does Oneida register?

We register automobiles, sport utility vehicles, vans, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, motor homes, and collector vehicles. All vehicles owned by the Oneida Nation are also licensed with our department. The License Department also offers assistance for most issues dealing with the Department of Transportation. For example we can do vehicle title transfers, apply liens to a title, take liens off a title, and make name changes to a title. When coming in for assistance if we don't know the answer we will get you answer from the WI DOT before leaving our office.

What are some of the benefits of registering my vehicle with Oneida?

Lower registration fees, tax exemption, and showing your pride as an Oneida!

Can a non-Oneida native living on the

Oneida reservation register a vehicle?

No, only enrolled Oneida members can register. We can have a non-enrolled member registered as long as there is a co-owner of the vehicle who is an enrolled Oneida member. We do not have jurisdiction over non-Indians or non-Oneida Indians living within our reservation boundaries.

What happens if you have Oneida Nation Plates and you move outside of the reservation boundaries?

You would have three days to register your vehicle with your new jurisdiction.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Oneida is currently collaborating with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and with their assistance we are now able to verify addresses through a driver license or Post Office records. The DOT and Oneida will be working together to make our database more efficient and hopefully better serve our customer base. A follow up article will be published to explain this project in further detail.

Oneida Licensing strives to help our customers as much as we can and if there are any other questions, please feel free to call 920-496-5326, or email TCORNELI@oneidanation.org or mail to P.O. Box 365 Oneida WI 54155 Attn: Licensing.



Calendar

2012

February 21

Pancake & Porkie Supper

WHEN: Tuesday, February 21, 2012
TIME: 4:00PM – 6:00PM
PLACE: Parish Hall, Freedom Rd.
Hosted By: Holy Apostles Episcopal Church. Adults: \$5, Children 10 & Under: \$3. **Shrove Tuesday - Fat Tuesday - Mardi Gras - Pancake Day:** The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, marks the end of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent.

February 25

WIVA Breakfast Fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2012
TIME: 7:00AM – 11:00AM
PLACE: Parish Hall, Freedom Rd.
Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association-Oneida Chapter Breakfast Fundraiser on February 25th, 7:00 am – 11:00 am, All you can eat, \$7.00 Adults Children 10 and under \$4.00.
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February 25

Financial Aid Workshop

WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2012
TIME: 10:00AM – 12:00PM
PLACE: Community Education Center 2632 S. Packerland Dr.
Oneida Higher Education will go over the basic financial aid process, the Oneida Higher Education Grant process, Completing the 2012/13 FAFSA. Please bring all 2011 tax and income information with you (1040's W-2, annual child support payment information, etc.).
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March 5

A Satirical Look the Oneida Nation, Part 3

WHEN: Monday, March 5, 2012
TIME: 5:00PM – 7:00PM
PLACE: Norbert Hill Center Auditorium
New World Communications a division of New World Resource Futures presents: A satirical look at the rebuilding, reorganizing, redesigning, reconstructing, realigning and rethinking of the Oneida Nation
FMI, please contact: New World Resource Futures via P.O Box 71, Oneida, Wisconsin 54155

Tuesdays

Women's Support Group

WHEN: Every Tuesday
TIME: 5:30PM – 7:30PM
PLACE: Wise Women Gathering Place 2483 Babcock Rd.
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. FMI contact Julia or Sam at Wise Women Gathering Place 920-490-0627.

Fridays

VFW Post 7784 Fish Fry Dinner

WHEN: Fridays (Begins Feb. 17)
PLACE: VFW Post 7784, Robert Cornelius Post, Oneida, WI
Begins on February 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Ending on April 6th, 2012.
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Soda.....\$1.00
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Fridays

Women's Support Group

WHEN: Fridays
TIME: 12:30PM – 2:30PM
PLACE: Three Sisters Center
For more information contact Isabel Parker or Georgia Burr at (920) 592-8682 or (920) 412-0396.

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.

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Reflecting on the Oneida Office in Milwaukee

By **Madelyn Genskow**
Former SEOTS Board Chairwoman

I want to thank Mark Powless director of the South East Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) office for recognizing the 20th anniversary of the start of the SEOTS office. The date of the first meeting was January 30, 1992. The board that was elected was chair Alberta Metoxen, vice chair myself Madelyn Genskow, Secretary Fred Muscavitch, Treasurer Roy Huff, and board members Kim Reyes, Jim Cooper, James Zakhar, and Ester Olszewski.

Alberta worked full time and found that the position of chair was too time consuming and resigned. On March 31, 1992 the board appointed me to take over the position of chair. Later at a General Membership meeting, William Wheelock was elected vice chair. By October of 1992 Fred Muscavitch and Jim Cooper had resigned. Michael Debraska had become secretary and Mark Denning had come on board. At one point

James Zakhar resigned and Priscilla Zakhar took his place.

The first Oneida office we opened was on Mitchell Street on June 19, 1992. Our rent was \$185 a month. Our first budget was close to \$21,000. We negotiated that our part time office secretary would be an employee of the Oneida Tribe. Our first office secretary was Donna Cornelius. Later Donna moved on to a job in Oneida. Our first full time office secretary was Gail Griger Webber. I served as the office supervisor without pay.

We worked hard to bring as many services to the people as we could. We received a \$25 stipend per meeting and \$25 for trips to Oneida on business. We did not get mileage.

On June 30, 1993 the Oneida Business Committee officially recognized the Milwaukee office as a program of the Oneida Tribe. By fiscal year 1994 the General Tribal Council in Oneida approved our budget of \$181,731. It provided a staff of four plus services. Several of the peo-

ple who worked to open the Milwaukee office have passed on. They are Jim Cooper, William Wheelock, James Zakhar, and Ester Olszewski. The memory of their service to the people should not be forgotten.

I'm so happy to see the SEOTS program doing well. The delivery of medication is the high point of the service. My dream has always been that the SEOTS program would have a fantastic learning center to help Oneida students similar to the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program in Oneida.

I wish SEOTS would bring back a free Oneida children's Christmas party. In 1992 and 1993 with our limited budget we put on a party for 200 Oneida children from infant to 12 years old.

Also, I wish they would bring back a free Oneida elder Christmas party in Milwaukee. There are a number of elders in Milwaukee who are too ill to make the trip to Oneida.

The Oneida Business Committee who were in office at the time that the Oneida office in Milwaukee gained recognition were Chairman Richard Hill, Vice Chair Deborah Doxtator, Treasurer Loretta V. Metoxen, Secretary Amelia Cornelius, and Councilmembers Lloyd E. Powless, Russell Metoxen, Shirley Hill, Mark N. Powless and Julie Barton.

God bless the SEOTS program.



Photo courtesy of Madelyn Genskow

The first general membership meeting of the Oneida Indian Council of Southeastern Wisconsin held at St. John's Church on May 28, 1992. From left to right: James Zakhar, Roy Huff - Treasurer, Madelyn Cornelius Genskow - Chairperson, Esther Olszewski, Fred Muscavitch - Secretary, Jim Cooper, and Kim Reyes.



1993 board photo. Front row from left to right: Treasurer Roy Huff, Chair Madelyn Genskow, Vice Chair William Wheelock. Back Row: Ester Olszewski, James Zakhar, Mark Denning, Micheal Debraska and Secretary Kim Reyes.

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9:00 am to 3:00 pm
OR
Wednesday, Feb. 29th
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location
Oneida Nation Community Education Center
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Treasurer's Report

By **Cristina Danforth**
Tribal Treasurer



Sheku,
The winter months for my office are always challenging with the start of the next year's budget cycle and trying to stay on track with current and future projects. This winter has been pleasant weather wise and has allowed progress at the new Anna John Resident Care Center to move forward quickly and remain on schedule. Recently I had the opportunity of touring the facility and am very pleased with all the amenities it will provide for our elders. The walls are insulated inside and out to reduce drafts. That combined with the radiant floor heating around the perimeter of each room should provide a comfortable living environment. The

planned gardens will be a nice place to relax and the computer center will give our elders the opportunity to learn or maintain their computer skills. The building is expected to be completed in November of this year and once the furnishings and interior equipment are installed, the center itself will open in early 2013. That opening will mark completion of a project that has been years in the making.

The sense of pride regarding the new Anna John Resident Care Center is bittersweet with the budget cycle of FY 2013 at hand. Unfortunately our deficit has grown and it will be necessary for each department to make sub-

stantial cuts without reducing services to our membership. Despite the hopes that our economy would strengthen and the reorganization of our Tribe would have been implemented to address some of these concerns, we are now faced with having to make the tough choices for the coming year. I understand this concept may be hard for some people to realize as we have had the luxury of increasing revenue each and every year since the start of gaming but now that our gaming revenues have stabilized and our reserve funds are being replenished, we struggle sometimes just to make ends meet due to our employment and cost of operations. Imagine your wages remaining consistent but your food, electric bill, gas, cable, and other bills increase. At one point you realize there just is not enough money to go around and some luxuries need to be replaced with something less expensive. That is where we were last year. This year, we need to cut

further. This is a quick scenario to illustrate the point we are at and the tough decisions we are faced with.

Our hope was that some of this would be addressed during the restructuring process but that has proved to be slow moving since we have differing views on what is expected. What I have heard around the community is we are not as efficient as the membership expects and some areas get more benefits than others. To shed some light on these issues, we have enlisted the help of some community members. What they have told us is we should streamline our organization to increase productivity, effectiveness and efficiency by moving like areas and services together. While that may sound easy, it is a daunting task as there is resistance to change and rightfully so. No one knows what the future holds or how our decisions today will affect our organization tomorrow. Still, it was a GTC mandate that we must abide by and accomplish and we will provide an update at the next GTC meeting which will be held at Shopko Hall on April 21, 2012.

The decision to move our meetings to Shopko Hall was based on space. We hope the added space will address the GTC action of requiring everyone to remain in the meeting space and encourage more involvement from those who attend. The Secretary's office is diligently working on making sure all the details are worked out before the first meeting so it will be a positive experience for us all. I hope to see you there.

Oneida Nation School Board

Due to scheduling conflicts, the March School Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5:00pm in the Oneida Nation Elementary School Library.

Meetings are open to the public

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If you have any questions please contact the **Tribal Secretary's Office at 920-869-4364**

Oneida Personnel Commission

*Three (3) Vacancies
(2 full terms and 1 filling remainder of term until Feb. 2016)*

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- Shall not be a conflict of interest between the private interest and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe.
- Membership may not be directly related or married to another member of the commission.

Deadline: 4:30 pm, Friday, Feb. 24, 2012

Oneida Environmental Resource Board

Four (4) Vacancies

Qualifications:

- The ERB shall consist of nine (9) enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe 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. Commissioners shall be appointed by the Oneida Business Committee to serve a (3) year term.

Mission:

- To protect, conserve and enhance all natural resources to assure the preservation of the quality of life for the next seven generations.

Deadline: 4:30 pm, Friday, Feb. 24, 2012

Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation

Two (2) 2yr Vacancies

Qualifications:

- One member will have financial expertise which will include current or past employment experience in the banking industry.
- One member will have experience with golf course management through current or past employment.
- One member will have business and management experience which includes experience in the hospitality industry.
- One member will be a Tribal manager with experience and knowledge of marketing, advertising, public relations, and experience with Oneida Nation policies, procedures and current programs.
- One member will have experience in general business and management procedures from current or past employment.

Deadline: 4:30 pm, Feb. 24, 2012

Election Board

*Two (2) Vacancies
(1 filling remainder of term ending July 2012 and the other filling remainder of term ending July 2014)*

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
- Must be 21 years of age or older.

Deadline: 4:30pm, Feb. 17, 2012

Arts Board

Three (3) Vacancies

Qualifications:

- Any vacancies which cause non-tribal members to make up the majority of the Board shall be filled within three (3) months. If such vacancies are filled within three (3) months, a sufficient number of non-tribal members shall be re-designated as alternates until tribal members again make up a majority of the board.
- When non-tribal board members are to be re-designated as alternates, all such non-tribal members shall first be invited to volunteer to serve as an alternate. If there are not sufficient volunteers, then the members that have the shortest time on the board shall be selected first.

Deadline: March 9, 2012

Oneida Business Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 22, 9:00am
Wednesday, March 14, 9:00am
Wednesday, March 28, 9:00am
Wednesday, April 11, 9:00am

Norbert Hill Center

SEOTS COMMUNITY MEETING

Attention Oneida Tribal Members

Please join us for a briefing by
SEOTS Liaison
Councilman Vince DelaRosa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012
10:00 A.M.

SEOTS Office
6811 West Morgan Ave
Milwaukee, WI



Wisconsin in Brief

Wis. Dems delay new wetland permit protocols

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Democrats in the state Senate have used a procedural maneuver to delay a vote on a Republican bill that would ease regulations on wetland development.

After more than an hour of debate on the Senate floor Tuesday, Sen. Chris Larson (D), objected to a final reading of the bill. That move blocked a vote until the next time the Senate convenes.

The legislation makes a number of changes to the DNR's wetland-filling permit process. Chief among them is a new requirement that developers submit a mitigation plan to the agency.

Conservationists fear mitigation will become the favored approach for developers who would no longer have to avoid or minimize damage. Republicans counter the bill provides a reasonable balance between the environment and business.

Thousands of mittens donated in Wis. and Mich.

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Tourism officials in Wisconsin and Michigan parlayed their dust-up over mittens into the collection of at least 3,100 pairs of mittens and other winter items.

The states' tourism departments got into a good-natured battle in December over whose state has the better claim to looking like a mitten. About a week later, the states announced the Great Lakes Mitten Campaign.

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism says the items were donated through state travel centers and some chambers of commerce and were then given to more than 50 charities.

Some people also made some mittens by hand and donated them and some businesses donated funds.

Michigan officials asked people to donate mittens directly to their favorite charities, so they weren't able to keep track of how many were collected there.

Wisconsin to use part of settlement for budget

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Wisconsin will use about \$26 million of its \$140 million share of a national mortgage settlement to help plug a state budget hole.

Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen's office made the decision in consultation with Gov. Scott Walker.

The rest of Wisconsin's share will go toward helping homeowners who were affected by foreclosure abuses between 2008 and 2011.

Walker said at a news conference Thursday that just like communities and individuals affected by the foreclosure crisis, the state has also been harmed and the payment will go toward offsetting that.

But Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in a story published Friday (<http://tiny.cc/r18r1>) that none of the money should go toward the state budget.

A new projection shows the state faces a \$143 million budget shortfall.

Menominee Indian Tribe announces election of 2012-2013 Legislative Officers

Keshena, WI - The Menominee Tribal Legislative Reorganizational meeting was held at the Menominee Casino Convention Center, Keshena, Wis. on Thursday February 9, 2012.

The Reorganizational meeting is an annual event that marks the beginning of the new Legislative year for the Menominee Tribal Government. At this meeting, the Officer positions of Chairman, Vice-Chair and Secretary are elected by the Tribal Legislature.

The day's event commenced with a Flag song performed by Smokey Town Singers as the Presentation of Colors was made by the Veterans of the Menominee Nation. The Honorable Menominee Tribal Chief Justice, Stephan Grochowski, called the meeting to order just after 10:00am. Proceeding, the Legislative roll call, Wade Waupekenay Jr., 5th grade student at Keshena Primary School, gave the welcome address in the Menominee Language. Respected Tribal Historic Preservation Director,



Submitted photo

Menominee Tribal Legislative body: Seated, (l to r): Myrna Warrington, Vice-Chairwoman; Craig Corn, Chairman; and Orman "Chief" Waukau, Secretary. Back row, (l to r): Legislators, Gary Besaw, Bruce Pecore, Lisa Waukau, Joan Delabreau, Randolph "Randy" Reiter and Rebecca Alegria.

David "Nahwahquaw" Grignon delivered the Menominee prayer. Newly elected Legislators Gary Besaw, Joan Delabreau, Randolph "Randy" Reiter and Chief of Police, Bryan "Sid" Lepscier, were officially sworn-in to their respective offices by Tribal Chief Justice, Stephan Grochowski.

The Menominee Tribal Legislature then proceeded with the election of

the Chairman, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Craig Corn was elected to the seat of Tribal Chairman; incumbent, Myrna Warrington was elected as Vice-Chairwoman and Orman "Chief" Waukau was elected as Tribal Secretary.

Each Legislative Officer will serve throughout the 2012-2013 Legislative term. With the Menominee youth in the background, Tribal

Chairman, Craig Corn delivered a riveting acceptance speech to all in attendance. The ceremony concluded with a Flag Song by the Smokey Town Singers as the Veterans of the Menominee Nation Retired the Colors. Those in attendance shared greetings and well wishes to all Legislators and Chief of Police.

Wisconsin senators unveil new mining bill

By Todd Richmond
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. - Senate Republicans on Monday unveiled a softer version of a bill to help an iron mine open in far northwestern Wisconsin, allowing challenges and creating a new tax that would help local governments pay for damage the mine might cause.

The new bill puts legislators under the gun. Assembly Republicans passed their own bill last month; now the two houses must find common ground on an incredibly complex, sensitive issue before the legislative session ends in mid-March. Complicating the dynamics even further, four GOP senators face recall efforts against them, forcing them to tread lightly.

"We know we have a fairly aggressive timeline to meet with the potential closing of the spring session," said Sen. Neal Kedzie, R-Elkhorn, chairman of the Senate mining committee that developed the bill. "It's going to take a Herculean effort from members of the committee to put their noses to their grindstone."

A company called Gogebic Taconite wants to dig a huge open-pit mine in the Penokee Hills just south of Lake Superior. The company has promised the project would create hundreds of jobs that will last for generations, a prospect that appeals to Republicans hungry to deliver on campaign job-creation promises.

Conservationists, though, fear the mine would pollute one of the most pristine regions in the state. The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, whose reservation lies just north of the mine site, is particularly concerned runoff from the mine could contaminate their beloved wild rice beds.

Gogebic Taconite officials have put their plans on hold, though, saying they want legislators to guarantee a stopping point in the state's complex, open-ended mining permit process. Republicans have been scrambling for most of the last year to come up with a bill that would streamline the process for the company.

Assembly Republicans passed a bill during the last week in January that would require the Department of Natural Resources to approve or deny an application within a year. If the agency doesn't make a decision by then, the application would automatically be approved.

The measure does away with contested case hearings, semi-judicial proceedings to challenge DNR decisions during the process, a key tool for environmentalists. The legislation also blocks citizen lawsuits alleging permit violations and caps application fees at \$200 million.

The bill also splits revenue from a state tax on ore sales between local governments and the state 60-40. Currently, 100 percent of the revenue goes to local gov-

ernments to help them repair damage mining equipment might cause to public infrastructure such as roads.

Senate Republicans have been moving more slowly. The GOP holds only a one-vote majority in that chamber, and four Republican senators face recall drives over their support for Republican Gov. Scott Walker's contentious law stripping public workers of their union rights. Forcing them to support a divisive mining bill might hand Democrats even more ammunition on the campaign trail.

Their bill steps back from some of the more contentious provisions in the Assembly legislation.

The Senate measure restores contested case hearings, according to a memo from the Wisconsin Legislative Council, a group of attorneys that advises lawmakers. It retains the year approval timeline but allows the DNR and the applicant to extend the deadline as many times as they wish by mutual agreement. And in a nod to local officials upset with the Assembly bill's revenue split, it creates a new tax on mineral sales and divides it 70-30 between the locals and the state.

A spokesman for Assembly Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald, R-Horicon, had no immediate comment. Gogebic Taconite President Bill Williams said he hadn't seen the bill early Monday evening and had no immediate comment. Democratic leaders in the

Assembly and Senate didn't immediately return messages.

Amber Meyer Smith, government relations director for environmental advocacy group Clean Wisconsin, said in a statement both bills are terrible.

"Unfortunately, the environmental rollbacks contained in the Senate bill are practically identical to those in the Assembly bill," she said. "We urge the Senate to stand with the majority of Wisconsin residents who oppose weakening environmental protections for mining by starting over."

The mining committee already has scheduled a public hearing for Friday at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in southwestern Wisconsin, some 300 miles from the mine site just south of Lake Superior.

Assembly Republicans took waves of criticism for scheduling a hearing on their bill in a Milwaukee suburb hundreds of miles from the site. They ultimately decided to hold a second hearing up north.

Kedzie said he still wants to hold a northern hearing as early as next week in Ashland. He said he wants to gather input from across the state. The Platteville area has a rich history of mining, the school turns out mining engineers, and offers a large venue, he said.

"This," he said, "is a starting point for the discussion."

Oneida Youth Singers

Spring Session Parents Meeting

When: Thursday March 1, 2012
Time: 5:30PM – 7:00PM
Place: Social Services Chapel

Come enjoy a night of pizza and lemonade, while you and your children meet this year's teachers: Kalana Brooks, Yako Brooks and Jerah Doxtator.

Also enjoy our other special guest speakers, teaching everyone about the history of Iroquois music and Oneida Hymn singing.

Classes Start the week of Thursday, March 22, 2012

- Music from our Culture (MOC) will be held Thursdays 4:00pm – 5:30pm and Saturdays 11:00am–12:30pm

For an application or more information about our parents meeting, please contact:

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SD snack maker expects big growth with Whole Foods

By Kristi Eaton

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. ~ A South Dakota company created to provide a healthy snack for American Indians expects its sales to grow by a third this year after seeing its product picked up by national grocery chain Whole Foods Markets.

The development also could lead to more hiring at Native American Natural Foods in Kyle, adding valuable jobs on the Pine Ridge Reservation, which encompasses some of the poorest counties in the United States.

Native American Natural Foods produces Tanka Bars, which are made with bison meat and cranberries. The high-protein, 70-calorie snack bars are based on the traditional Lakota food called wasna.

The company sold 1 million units of Tanka products, which include bars and packages of smaller bites, last year and expects that to increase by a third this year with sales at Whole Foods, co-owner Mark Tilsen said. The products are sold at 3,500 stores nationwide and online, including 67 Whole Foods stores in the Northeast and South.

Whole Foods began selling the bars late last year, and its stores in other regions are expected to add them before the end of this year, Tilsen said.

"It's wonderful when

you see a company - start it from scratch - see it grow from consumer direct and then distribution and then products go out to retailers. And then we see it get to chains," co-owner Karlene Hunter said. "Whole Foods was just sort of icing on the cake and exemplifies all the work the company has been doing and fruits of the labor."

With the increased sales, the company hopes to hire four or five more full-time employees by the end of the year, Tilsen said. Native American Natural Foods started with four employees in 2005 and has grown to 16 full-time and several part-time workers.

Theo Weening, global meat coordinator at Whole Foods, said the company became interested three or four years ago in offering Tanka Bars as part of its growing selection of buffalo products.

Weening said he likes the story behind the bar and the positive effect the company is having on the Pine Ridge community.

"I'd like to expand on it," he said.

Unlike the term organic, which is federally regulated, there's no official definition of natural food. However, Whole Foods has its own standards, and it took about two years for Native American Natural Foods to meet all the requirements, including having its plant certified, Tilsen said.

The payoff comes with

access to a much broader market.

"Native American communities only represent two percent of the country," Tilsen said. "As we try to become a national natural brand, Whole Foods is the leader."

Michael Watson is the type of customer Native American Natural Foods hopes to attract with

sales at Whole Foods.

He's not Native American, and he's never been to an American Indian reservation. Yet the 20-year-old University of Florida junior became hooked on Tanka Bars after his aunt gave him a box for Christmas. Since then, many of his fraternity brothers have become fans too and ordered their

own supply online.

"It feels like a much more natural type of food," Watson said. "But what I like most is (that) it's a very American product."

His aunt, Ellen Harvey, 56, of Freehold, N.J., said she bought two boxes of bars to distribute as gifts to her family after learning about them from story about the Pine

Ridge Reservation on ABC's "20/20."

"They're producing a quality product based on their heritage and putting people to work for everyone's benefit. I know buffalo is a good lean meat with a lot of nutrition in it," Harvey said. "I wanted to do my bit to help."

Descendants of ex-slaves seek OK tribe

By Jarrel Wade

Tulsa World

TULSA, Okla. ~ The descendants of former slaves of Muscogee (Creek) Nation members have petitioned the U.S. government to be recognized as their own tribe - a move that could set a legal precedent for thousands of Indian freedmen descendants around the country.

The petition meets the requirements set by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and should be accepted, the freedmen group's leader told the Tulsa World.

If accepted, the petition could make the Creek freedmen descendants the first such group to become their own separate tribe.

The group's leaders are now waiting for BIA officials to confirm that they have accepted the petition and have begun reviewing it.

Ron Graham, the 47-year-old president of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedman Band, was raised as a Creek Indian until he was 15.

But he and other Creek

freedmen descendants were kicked out of the Creek Nation in 1979 by a vote of the nation's members.

Graham's father, Theodore "Blue" Graham, practiced the traditions of his Indian heritage, including his participation in stomp dances, in his hometown of Okmulgee, which is also the headquarters of the Creek Nation, Graham said.

"That's why this is so dear to me," he said. "I was born and raised in the Creek Nation right there in Okmulgee. ... We just want to be federally recognized, because that's who we are."

Edwin Marshall, Creek Nation chief of staff, said the tribe has no comment because the freedmen descendants now have no affiliation with the Creek Nation.

Marshall said the tribe properly conducted a referendum to remove the freedmen descendants from the Creek Nation rolls and that the descendants are starting a new entity.

Freedmen were the former slaves of Indians and were guaranteed full rights and privileges to the tribes to which they had belonged in the U.S. Treaty of 1866.

"We're Creek Indians. We are also of African descent. It's hard for people to believe, but ... we're both, though, That's how it is," Graham said.

The descendants have since become a central part of tribal sovereignty issues, as several tribes, including the Cherokee Nation, have also voted to expel freedmen descendants from their ranks.

Tribal leaders often attribute a resentment of the treaty to the U.S. government's repeated violation of it while forcing tribes to adhere to it.

The votes to expel freedmen descendants are the result of tribes' seeking to allow enrollment only of Indians with traceable bloodlines to the tribe.

However, Graham and other Creek freedmen descendants can show bloodlines tracing back to non-freedmen Indians,

unlike other groups of freedmen.

Additionally, the criteria for becoming a federally recognized tribe doesn't require proof of Indian blood, Graham said. The standards just require proof that the tribe's members have ancestors on the original Indian rolls, which the Creek freedmen descendants have, he said.

They were just designated freedmen descendants along the way because they also had African lineage, Graham said.

Based on those and other arguments, Graham said the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band should be federally recognized.

"This is precedent. They haven't dealt with anyone in our position right now," he said. "We're not sure what to expect. If they go by facts and documents, we believe we will be federally recognized. ... It will be shocking to me if they do deny us. But I strongly believe that we have our documents well in hand."

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Native American to share stories in One Man Show

Local Wisconsin Public Radio host Richie Plass is performing the show "An Indian...One Block East of Broadway" at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay, Thursday February 23rd at 6:30pm. This one man show is filled with humor, music, videos and education as Plass gives his perspective

and tells stories about personal experiences. This show will address the advancement of two cultures, Native American and Non-Native American as it relates to education, politics, culture, history and entertainment. "My main inspiration for this show is education. Native American

humor has many faces. I am always trying to address the stereotypes, stories and/or image concerns relating to our history and even modern awareness. Also, because, "Broadway" has a storied past, not only for Native Americans and Green Bay, I am trying to address my story as it relates to showing how a positive spin,

through humor, videos and music can help further cultural understanding," said Plass. Tickets are \$8 for Neville members and \$10 for non-members and can be purchased at the Neville Public Museum by calling 448-4460. Richie Plass, a Menominee/Stockbridge-Munsee from Northern,

Wisconsin, has led an effort to educate the public about mascots and logos, collecting a vast number of posters, shirts and other material depicting Native Americans in erroneous ways. He is the author of "Growing up Indian on This Turtle Island," has acted in a major motion picture starring Faye Dunaway, has played as

a musician with the Native American Music Award-nominated Wolf River Band for more than 25 years and is host for Kalihwiyo's Thursday nights on 89.3FM WPNE, playing traditional and contemporary Native American music. **For more information contact Richie Plass at 920-615-6558.**

An Indian... One Block East of Broadway

Thurs. February 23 6:30 p.m.

\$8/Member, \$10/ Non-member

Tickets available Feb. 1
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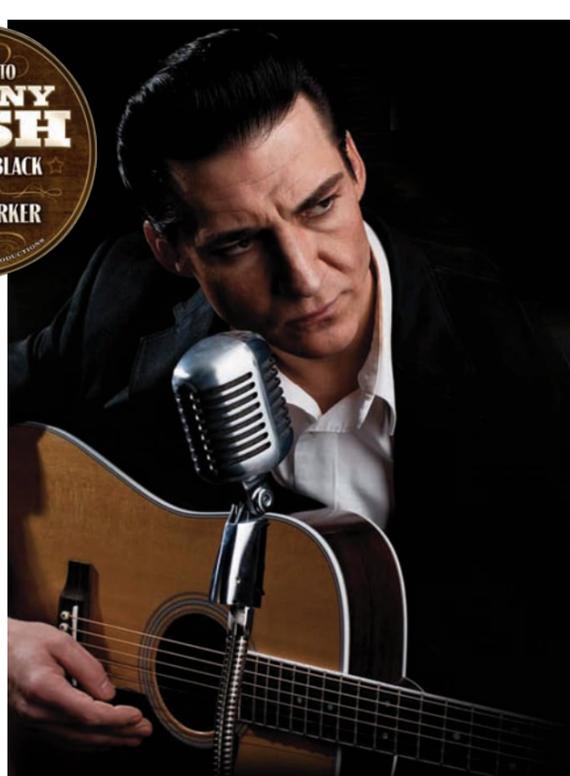
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Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus Updates

• Submitted by Susan White • Trust Director •

Every Oneida adult is encouraged to process the OLIPP Beneficiary Form before the inevitable

The Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus has been in place for over 2 years. The Trust Committee, Trust Department and the Enrollment Department have gained a lot of experience working with the plan. The process for claiming the benefits continues to evolve. Originally, we knew there would be issues with claims even though there were many meetings and articles to explain the project. This article is to encourage you to complete one form and to tell you about some of the benefit claim scenarios – good and bad.

Missing an Oneida Beneficiary Form is the main cause for delaying the death benefit. If you have not already, please complete and file a form this week. The forms are located at www.oneidationation.org/enrollment under the "Customer Services and Forms" section. You may call us at 1-800-236-2214 to request a form be mailed to you. If you already completed a form and filed it at Enrollments –

YAWA?KO (thank you)!

All enrolled Oneidas are automatically covered by the insurance. That part is easy. After you are "gone," the Enrollment Department and the Insurance Company cannot follow your wishes without a completed Beneficiary Form on file. No form means the Insurance Company will pay the person(s) in this naming sequence: widow/widower, children, grandchildren, parents, brothers and sisters, estate. Many times, Oneidas have extended families and a lot of family research needs to occur when there is no beneficiary form on file.

In the case of a member whose minor children are to be paid, the money will be put into trust for the children and cannot be used for the funeral expenses. Adult children are to each receive a portion of the proceeds. However, if some or all of the children do not allow a portion of their proceeds to pay for the funeral expenses, the funeral costs fall on the

individual(s) who sign the paperwork with the funeral home. Some family members are at odds with each other and this causes problems in getting the funds to pay for the member's funeral. After the death certificates are received and the insurance company completes their research, each child or sibling will be contacted to complete paperwork. After the final paperwork is received by the insurance company, payment will be sent to the individuals. Remember, without the beneficiary form on file, the payment could take months.

When a completed beneficiary form is on file with the Enrollment Department, we can get the documentation to the insurance company so payments can be made within two weeks of the



Oneida Trust Committee
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"They take care of the money."

date of death of the member. Receipt of the death certificates begins the claim process. We need two certified death certificates. One stays on file at the Enrollment Department and the other is forwarded to the insurance company.

When research needs to be done to identify who in the naming sequence will receive the proceeds, it slows down the payment. Here is a worst case scenario for not having a Beneficiary Form on file. The death

certificates for an Elder were received on 8/24/2011. The deceased did not have a spouse, children, or grandchildren. The parents & siblings were deceased. He had 17 nieces & nephews. While nieces & nephews are not in the naming sequence; Wisconsin law recognizes nieces & nephews as part of the estate. The insurance company required their signatures on affidavit letters and assignment of proceeds to pay the funeral expenses. Only some beneficiaries assigned their benefit proceeds to the funeral home. All of the remaining payments, but one, were mailed to the beneficiaries on 10/11/2011.

Here is a Best Case

Scenario for timeliness. The death certificates were received for a tribal member on 12/5/2011. She had a Beneficiary Designation form on file with Enrollments. She had no minor children and the beneficiary is an adult. The benefit was paid on 12/14/2011. That's eight business days.

We can keep you posted on best and worst scenarios for claims processing, if you like. Meanwhile, let all Oneida adults get the OLIPP Beneficiary Form on file with the Enrollment Department. Please do so before the event happens. If you need a form, please go to the website listed above or call us at 1-800-236-2214.

Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus Continues to Evolve

The Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus (OLIPP) has been in place for two years. This article is to remind you about OLIPP and how it works. It is also to inform others who may not be aware of it benefit.

OLIPP was created by the Oneida Trust Committee. It is a \$15,000 life insurance product for each tribal member. The plan was approved by the General Tribal Council by GTC Resolution 01-17-09B. One does not need to sign up for OLIPP, but the Trust Committee stresses the importance of completing an OLIPP Beneficiary Form.

First and foremost, final expenses were part of the design of OLIPP. In addition to final expenses, the beneficiary could pay off debt, start an education fund or donate to a charity. The beneficiary could save it for an emergency, use it for the bereavement process and more if they chose. We continue to improve the benefit and make the claims process more efficient. OLIPP meets the gap between a funeral benefit and a financial benefit. While OLIPP can provide the

financial resource for final expenses, there are more options available to the beneficiary(s). OLIPP goes beyond the dollar and cents. It provides the beneficiary the opportunity to decide how the money should be spent. It puts the beneficiary in charge to make decisions and have responsibility, without the influence from the tribe. If assistance is needed, the Tribe is available. OLIPP provides the beneficiary with control.

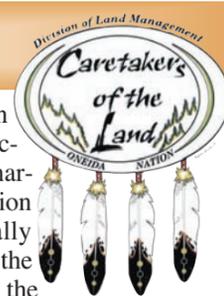
The Trust Committee was consistent with the message about OLIPP. During all of the community meetings, we stated that the beneficiary directs the use of the funds. The same PowerPoint slide was used for community meetings and General Tribal Council meetings stating: "burial expenses, pay off debt, education fund, bereavement, etc." The Trust Committee consistently told the membership that OLIPP was their benefit.

In a second edition of the OLIPP brochure, we add the bolded line: "It is the intent of this policy for the beneficiaries to use the life insurance to

pay for the outstanding funeral expenses of the deceased member." This was in response to the Business Committee's concern that people need to be aware that the former burial benefit of \$5,000 was no longer available. The statement let the membership know that the members are responsible for final expenses.

Our biggest issue is not about the intent of OLIPP. It is about the mechanics of the beneficiary process. In other words, the membership needs to name proper and responsible beneficiary(s). Please read the following article about good and bad scenarios due to having a Beneficiary Form on file. Having the form on file impacts the timeliness of the life insurance benefit payment.

Caretakers Corner



Tribal Property

Classes Scheduled

Where: Division of Land Management Office
470 Airport Drive Oneida, WI
When: Thursday Afternoons, beginning March 1, 2012
Cost: None = 45 hour class schedule
* Tribal employees may be paid for dependant on the program

Contact: Call Lisa Metoxen at (920) 869-1690 x1801. Registration forms available at Land Management front desk. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The instructors are Attorney Rebecca Webster and Real Estate Services Area Manager Mary Jo Nash. The classes started in 1996 to train all of the Land Management staff on the basics of tribal law. After the first course, staff from other tribal programs and boards found the discussion and information helpful in their positions. Participants have attended from the community including Casino, Appeals, Commission, Compliance Division, Business Development Unit, Tribal School, Land Commission, GLIS, Environmental Department and Personnel Department. So far, 112 attendees have received a Land Commission Certificate for completing this annual course.

The class size is small in order to facilitate discussions. A limit of 12-15 participants is usually accepted. The discussions focus on various federal eras of Indian policy and law, and how the Oneida Tribe was specifically

impacted. In addition to lectures, lively sharing of information is generally received from the participants as the class moves through the traditional early years of the government, the Allotment Era, Indian Reorganization Era, and the present Self-Determination Era.

The class focuses on tribal laws and authority of different branches of the Oneida government, with an emphasis on Oneida tribal land transactions. Invited speakers from tribal programs such as the Appeals Commission, Environmental Department, and Tribal History enhance the discussion of how the Tribe as a whole carries on its business.

A tour is given of selected reservation properties, and then continues with an in-depth discussion of how and why properties are purchased within the Oneida Reservation boundaries. The overlap between tribal law and state law is evident in the area of acquiring land. This area is also where there are frequent jurisdictional and political disputes between the Oneida Tribe and surrounding state governments.

We invite you to think about joining us on March 1, 2012, 1:15-4:15 pm at the Division of Land Management Conference Room for our first class. March is right around the corner!!

Application deadline is Monday, February 27, 2012

Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Meeting

• Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Time: 6:00PM — 8:00PM
Location: Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 4
3759 West Mason St. • Oneida, WI

All Oneida enrolled Sportsmen are encouraged to attend the meeting to discuss the Hunting, Fishing, & Trapping Laws for the 2012 season.

For more information, contact the Oneida Conservation Department at (920) 869-1450 or the Environmental Resource Board at (920) 496-5360



Oneida Museum closed for exhibit renovation

The Oneida Nation Museum is currently closed to the public, but don't worry, we will be open again soon. We close for a short time every winter to change out some of our exhibits. Even though we are a small museum with limited space we have a number of different exhibits at any given time. Every year we change out some of them and improve or update others. This year we have two major exhibits that we will be unveiling at our reopening February 24.

The first exhibit is about Oneida Agriculture. This exhibit will explore Oneida's use of the land for subsistence from the time of creation to the present. The viewer will learn about the Three Sisters to the Oneida, the impacts of modern farming and our community approach to present-day agriculture. The second will be a traveling exhibit that has been around the world featuring Haudenosaunee artist, Sam Thomas from Canada. The exhibit is called Power of Place – Strength of Being and it

explores World Indigenous and Western bead techniques, textiles, and various objects. It includes both contemporary and traditional art with historic examples and their cultural context.

Our smaller displays will include Oneida's contributions to the War of 1812 and a comparison of Haudenosaunee government and the United States Government.

All of the exhibits will be on display for the rest of the year. Sam Thomas will be at our opening event. He will also be in

the area this summer, conducting beadwork workshops at the Oneida Nation Museum and Bearpaw Keepsakes. The dates and times of these classes have not been set and we hope to get that information out in the near future. Until that time everyone is invited to our Grand Reopening February 24, from 11am-6pm. Come check out our exciting new exhibits and support your local museum.

Any questions/concerns please contact the museum at (920) 869-6538.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 27, 2012

NWTC District Board of Trustees

Green Bay, Wisconsin – Northeast Wisconsin Technical College is currently accepting applications for three open positions on the NWTC District Board of Trustees. Open positions include the following: **Employer Representative**, **Employee Representative**, and **School District Administrator Representative**.

Each of the three appointments will be for three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2012.

Applicants must submit at least two letters of reference supporting their nomination and must attend a public

hearing of the District Board Appointment Committee on March 22, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., in the NWTC District Board Room of the NWTC Green Bay Campus. At the public hearing, applicants will be interviewed by the Appointment Committee.

Application materials are available by calling Mary Jo Tilot, NWTC Executive Assistant to the President, (920) 498-5409, maryjo.tilot@nwtc.edu; by visiting the NWTC District Office, 2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay or by visiting the website at: <http://www.nwtc.edu/atnwtc/people/district-board/Pages/home.aspx>

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When you said you wanted to help the youth on the reservation, I said, "Let's do it together." Then came a time when you told me that you have a mental health problem, like depression and anxiety. Now I know that anyone can experience mental health problems, even Native People. We thought we knew everything, yet I really didn't understand what a difference my support can make in your recovery. Well, I am here for you. I will be here for you. And—as always—we will recover together.

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 920-490-3860
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1812- Remembering the Forgotten War

Green Bay, WI ~ 1812 marches into the Neville this February for its 200 year anniversary. Featuring artifacts, interactives and graphics, this exhibit recollects one of America's forgotten wars and shares stories of the Menominee, British, French, Ho-Chunk and American people who fought in this conflict. 1812 is on display from February 25, 2012 – May 6, 2012.

1812 is often thought of as a sequel to the American Revolution—our second war for inde-

pendence. Though smaller, the War of 1812 greatly impacted the United States, particularly the region of the old Northwest—including present-day Wisconsin.

Evocative objects from the Neville's collection—banners, medals, weapons and personal artifacts—provide powerful connections to the past. In addition, the exhibit includes plenty of hands-on experiences that bring this compelling part of our history to life.

An 1812 teacher work-

shop is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. at the Neville. Education packets are also available at www.nevillepublicmuseum.org for teachers interested in taking students to the exhibit. Cost of admission for both guided and self-guided tours of this exhibit for school groups is \$2 a person.

For more information, contact Matt Welter at 920-448-7851 or welter_mt@co.brown.wi.us

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entry into the drawing. Show games will be based on versions of The Newlywed Game, Let's Make a Deal, Card Sharks, The Gong Show, Name That Tune, Love Connection and many more.

All tickets, with the exception of tickets for America's Greatest Game Shows, can be obtained by calling 1-800-343-7778, Ext. 4024

or by visiting the Menominee Casino Resort website at www.menomineecasinoresort.com. In addition, you may purchase your tickets on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/menomineecasinoresort. Thank you for choosing the Menominee Casino Resort – "Where Winning Comes Naturally!"

Oneida Higher Education's
Financial Aid Workshop

Saturday, February 25, 2012
 10 am-12 pm

Community Education Center
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 Green Bay, WI 54313

We will go over:

- ✓ The basic financial aid process
- ✓ The Oneida Higher Education Grant process
- ✓ Complete the 2012/13 FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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- Be attending an accredited post secondary institution.
- Be in good standing based on the guidelines of the Higher Education Grant Program.

For application materials and to learn more about the internship program, visit our website starting February 17, 2012 at www.oneidanation.org/highered – or call/email – Mitch Metoxen, 920-869-4370 or 1-800-236-2214, ext. 4370, mmetoxe3@oneidanation.org, for further information.

Oneida Higher Education

1-800-236-2214
 920-869-4333

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**RE: Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
 vs Various Individuals**

A diligent attempt was made to notify the following individuals of claim(s) filed by the Oneida Tribe for judgment against them, on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Oneida Tribal Judicial System Office at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite # 1.

Lance P. Hill, 11-TC-121; Donna J. Metoxen, 11-TC-108; Tina D. Metoxen, 11-TC-113; Jamie M. Sablich, 11-TC-128; James B. Smith, 11-TC-055, Kyla R. Wallenfang, 11-TC-118.

For specific questions about this claim, settlement, or payment arrangements, please contact Cheryl DeJardin, at Skenandoah Complex in Central Accounting Department at (920) 490-3562.

If you have questions on the process, feel free to contact the Clerk or Administrator, Oneida Tribal Judicial System at (920) 496-5300.

Legal Notice

Setting Time and Notice to Creditors:
 Request for information. The following estates are being prepared for probate by the United States Department of the Interior and/or the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Division of Land Management.
All creditor claims must be filed on or before March 5, 2012

Marlene Silas
 DOB 9/14/1938
 DOD - 8/11/2011
Karen Sommers
 DOB 2/13/1958
 DOD 11/20/2011
Janice Metoxen
 DOB 4/26/1964
 DOD 4/26/1990

Send all creditors' claims and/or information relating to the decedent to the following:
 Tina L. Figueroa,
 Land Title and Trust Specialist,
 Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
 Division of Land Management
 P.O.Box 365
 Oneida WI 54155
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 January 30, 2012

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This position will perform a variety of clerical and accounting functions for patient billing, including RX claims, verification of invoice information, maintenance of third party billing records, and resolution of a variety of problems. Follow up on submitted claims and patient billing; resubmit claims or resolve problems. May handle cash items and accounts receivable posting. Continuation of this position is contingent upon funding allocations.

Duties & Responsibilities:

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5. Follow up on unpaid claims, initiate tracers; resubmit claims as necessary.
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13. Process and maintain personal payment information in system, generate a receipt for transactions, to include credit card payments and payroll deductions.
14. Answer phone calls from patients and external companies regarding account information on patients.
15. File and organize billing paperwork, documents and batches. Box up batches and prepare for Records Department.
16. Process reimbursements and refunds as needed /

- required. Transfer monies deposited into the wrong accounts.
17. Perform a variety of general clerical duties, including telephone reception, mail distribution, patient registration and other routine functions.
 18. Contribute to a team effort and accomplish related results as required.
 19. Adhere to all Tribal Personnel Policies and Procedures, Tribal Standard Operating Procedures, and Area and Program Strategic Plans and Policies.
 20. The above duties and responsibilities are not an all inclusive list but rather a general representation of the duties and responsibilities associated with this position. The duties and responsibilities will be subject to change based on organizational needs and/or deemed necessary by the supervisor.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Applicants please clearly state how you meet these qualifications on the application/resume.**
- High School Diploma, HSED Diploma or GED Certification. Applicants age 50 and older are exempt from this requirement.
 - One (1) year experience in Commercial Billing, Medicare, Medicaid, IHS or working in a Hospital Business office and/or equivalent combination of education and experience.
 - Must be able to type forty (40) wpm. *(Must pass a typing test administered by the Human Resources Department.)*
 - Good spelling skills. *(Must pass a spelling test administered by the Human Resources Department.)*
 - Good math and 10-key calculator skills are required. *(Must pass a math and calculator test which will be administered by the Human Resource Department.)*

Send resume to:
Human Resource Department
 ATTN: Katrina Snyder or Teresa Schuman
 P.O. Box 365
 Oneida, WI 54155
 e-mail: ksnyder@oneidanation.org
tschuman@oneidanation.org
<http://www.oneidanation.org/humanresources/employment.aspx>

Must provide a copy of diploma, license, degree or certification upon employment.

Staff Accountant

Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation, a locally owned hospitality company, is seeking an experienced accounting professional to join our team. The person will participate in the daily operations of the Accounting functions; complete the daily income reporting, accounts payable, accounts receivable & cash handling of the assigned business entities of OAH. The person must be detail oriented, well organized, and able to work autonomously and communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

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College degree in Accounting or related area of study plus three or more years experience of progressive experience in a hospitality or golf course related accounting office or operations. A combination of education and experience will be considered in lieu of degree.

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Kai-elle Arie Metoxen
 Kai-elle Arie Metoxen was born at 4:39 am on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Green Bay, WI. She weighed 7lbs 4oz. and was 20 inches long. Kai-elle's parents are Justine Neosh and Brett Metoxen. Maternal grandparents are Laurel McKinzie & Leonard Neosh. Paternal grandparents are Elaine Parker & Wayne Metoxen. Kai-elle is welcomed by her big sister Amani Sky.

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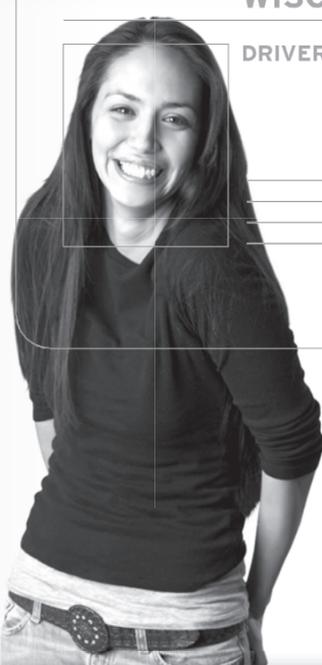
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ONEIDA NATION LADY THUNDERHAWKS Big 3rd quarter leads to win



Kali photo/Travis Cottrell

Oneida guard Jessica House looks to score in the paint against a pair of Stockbridge defenders.

The Oneida Lady Thunderhawks took on Stockbridge in a home game that was played on Friday, February 10, 2012. The Lady T-Hawks played a sluggish first half and found themselves trailing by one point at the half. However, Oneida looked rejuvenated in the second half and used a productive third quarter to build a large lead. Oneida won by a final score of 40-20. Jessica House led all scorers with 24 points.

ONEIDA NATION THUNDERHAWKS Grab early lead, cruise to victory



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Thunderhawks forward Mike Mills scores from the post despite being surrounded by defenders.

The Oneida Thunderhawks tipped-off against Oshkosh Wildwood Christian in a home game played on Monday, February 13, 2012. The T-Hawks grabbed an early lead and never looked back, pulling away in the second half. Oneida won 71-41. Mike Mills led with 19 points and Kommanche Jordan added 17 points.

EMHS says thanks for the support

The Oneida Emergency Management Homeland Security (EMHS) agency staff would like to recognize and say a special thank you to the following departments, Oneida Diabetes Prevention Program, the Oneida Bingo & Casino and the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation for the support they provided several EMHS staff and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers as they participated in community event(s) that promote health and wellness. Through their support, they gave the Oneida Team and CERT

volunteers the opportunity to participate in the Fox Cities Marathon and in the 2011 National Tough Mudder event hardcore 10-12 mile obstacle courses designed by British Special Forces which tested our all-around strength, stamina, mental grit, and camaraderie at Devil's Head Ski Resort in Merrimac, WI.

It is a goal of the EMHS agency and staff to stay fit and participate regularly in community events that promote health and wellness for Oneida public safety members.

We also want to thank all of our CERT members

that volunteered throughout the year, at training, events, GTC meetings and other community events and to those who participated in supporting events with the EMHS staff.

EMHS is always looking for continued community involvement in our programs from members of the community. If you are interested in becoming a CERT member or find out what community events EMHS is participating in in 2012 please call 920-869-6650/6651 or email manton@oneidanation.org

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EMHS Agency Mission Statement:
To prepare the Oneida Nation in Advance for any immediate or potential situation that threatens community life, property, environment and/or assets of the Oneida Nation.



Tough Mudders

Photos courtesy of Martin Antone
Photos taken at the Tough Mudder and at the Fox Cities Marathon events.

ND higher ed. board to sue to drop Fighting Sioux

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) ~ North Dakota's Board of Higher Education will file a lawsuit challenging a state law requiring the University of North Dakota's athletics teams to be called the Fighting Sioux.

The board voted to file a lawsuit Monday after a meeting by telephone

with the state attorney general.

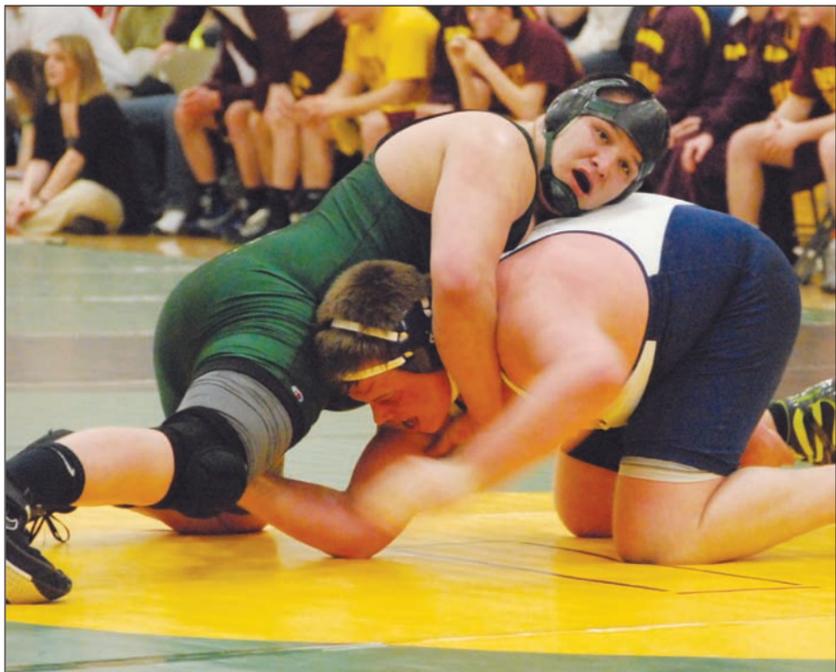
Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem says he's confident the law violates the state constitution and he believes the board will win in court.

The university has been seeking to drop the nickname because it fears penalties from the NCAA, which considers

it offensive to Native Americans.

But the nickname has strong support among state residents who filed referendum petitions last week to put the question to voters. If state officials determine enough signatures are valid, the issue could appear on the June 12 primary ballot.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING White Wing grapples in sectional



Kali photo/Travis Cottrell

George White Wing who wrestles for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Chargers, attempts to score a point during the WIAA State Wrestling Sectionals held at Freedom High School on February 14, 2012.

White Wing, in green, defeated Brandon Elrick of Little Chute at the sectional by a score of 4-1 in overtime.

However, the Chargers team fell to Luxembour-Casco, ending the team's season.

White Wing will now look to compete in the Division 2 Individual Sectional which is held at Waupaca on Saturday, February 18. White Wing is Ho-Chunk and Oneida.

Need help figuring out what to do with your tax refund check?

Many of us use our tax refund checks as a bonus check to buy ourselves items we want or to take our families on vacation. We spend most of the year struggling with bills; debt and stress we justify our tax refunds should go towards treating ourselves to something nice.

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The Oneida Housing Authority has been holding budgeting classes FREE of charge since November 2011. Budgeting classes are offered to anyone living in an Oneida Housing Authority unit and to anyone that qualifies for housing. The Oneida Housing Authority staffs are here to assist in helping families get to the resources needed to make things easier and to improve the overall quality of life for our tenants. We take pleasure in working with those who are willing to help make their situations better. Classes are held at the Oneida Housing Authority office:

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ONEIDA NATION THUNDERHAWKS Basketball Schedule

- 2/16/2012 - Wisconsin Career Acad./Milwaukee - Boys 4:30pm
- 2/17/2012 - LacCourte Oreilles - Girls 5:00pm, Boys 6:30pm
- 2/18/2012 - LacCourte Oreilles - Girls 9:00am, Boys 10:30am
- 2/27/2012 - Menominee - Girls 6:00pm

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Why an Ombudsman for Oneida?

By Dianne McLester-Heim, Oneida Ombudsman 920-490-3713

ular basis.”

Written documentation was provided by the original motioner following the adoption of this motion that has provided greater insight to the intent and expectations for the establishment of an Ombudsman. This documentation states that “there is a perceived lack of trust in the community for those who hold office and those who are in ‘senior management.’” It goes on to identify concerns that community feels a sense of powerlessness, that they do not have a voice, and that they are not heard. For these reasons the original motioner stated that the Ombudsman should be there to help community members and employees start using their voices in a constructive way to hold themselves and management accountable. Also to help them work towards improved communication.

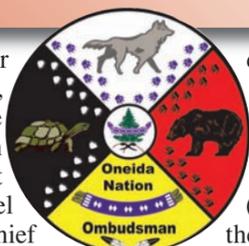
While the adopted motion states the Ombudsman is reporting to the Assistant General Manager, the original motioner stated that “in order for the community to feel level with the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) and

Senior Management, the Ombudsman needs to be at the same level as the CFO, Chief of Staff,” thus reporting out to the OBC but actually responsible to General Tribal Council. By designing the position of the Ombudsman to function outside the standard lines of authority, the Ombudsman is able to maintain independence, neutrality and address matters at any level. It also enables the Ombudsman to bring matters that are not being addressed my management to the OBC level and the awareness of the community ~ General Tribal Council without restriction. The original motioner went on to state that their vision for the Ombudsman is to expand out to addressing governmental and enterprise issues as well.

Attached to this document was an outline for ‘Best Practices for Establishing an Organizational Ombuds Office’. This outline relates to the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics as printed,

defined, and adopted by the International Ombudsman Association (IOA). For these reasons, the current Oneida Office of the Ombudsman has been established as that of an Organizational Ombudsman with identified roles, responsibilities, and authority based on an identified Standard of Practice and Code of Ethics. Worked into all of this is an identification that the Office of the Ombudsman is ultimately responsible to the community ~ General Tribal Council, while reporting out through the Oneida Business Committee.

So what does the Oneida Ombudsman do??? The next article will look at what the current Oneida Ombudsman does and does not do. The article will identify what authority has been identified for the Ombudsman and provide some realistic limitations due to the fact that there are many functions within the Oneida Tribe and one Ombudsman for the Oneida Tribe.



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The Oneida Comprehensive Health Division’s goal is to improve the quality of

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Physical Therapy departments to register for their appointments.

We know that change is often difficult and because these are new processes for these departments, we ask your patience as we implement this new process. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we improve our services for you—our customer!

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In the News with... Cultural Heritage

Onáyote'a·ka People of The Standing Stone - Oneida Number System & Iroquoian Cosmology

The Iroquois Confederacy consists of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora Nations which is also known as the Six Nations. They are presently located in the northeastern part of the United States, the Providence of Ontario and northeastern Wisconsin.

The Iroquois Creation story is told a little differently in each of the Six Iroquois Nations. I have attempted to examine and look at the Onéida/Mohawk Creation Stories and review how it can be told through our number system.

Although I am Oneida I chose to include the Mohawk as they are our Elder Brothers and they have delved into their Creation story before they came to this world.

We have very similar languages and also the Mohawks are our closest relatives in the Six Nations. The two stories attached are small versions of our entire Creation Stories.

The Creation Story of the Onáyote'a·ka is the first story to be told. They explain our world view and our outlook on life. Along with race, language and culture this world view makes our people different from other people in the world. Our Creation Stories tell us where we came

from and that we have always been here on Turtle Island. We can take pride in knowing that our Elders have passed these stories on.

In trying to reclaim our identity as Indigenous peoples it is very important to start from the beginning of time which is of our creation story. As the story and importance of each number unfolds the correlations give us a sense of strength and familiarity of our identity as well as our place in the world.

Raymond John states, "The numbers refer to our spirit side onto our hukwehuwe' physical life."

The linguistic breakdown of the Oneida language reinforces the Creation story concepts that have been passed down thru the century's to our people such as **ya't**- root word relates to the physical life form, **oyá'ta'** means body.

The continued use of our traditional Indigenous knowledge is an absolute must in order for us to continue on the path that the Creator has lain down for the Onáyote'a·ka people.

We must continue to carry the knowledge forward to survive in today's world as Indigenous People's. **Ta'ne**

úska (1)

The pregnant Sky woman came from the sky beings and starts the

beginning of life here on Mother Earth.

Another way to look at the number one is the couple or group comes together with one mind to make a decision about the future.

Téken (2)

Two pertains to Sky woman's daughter who had twins. She had twins which were to be called the Left handed twin and the Right handed twin. The root word for twins is **-kha-**, **tehník(ha)** in Oneida

(Tom Porter.) Also pertains to two separate beings, spirit side or physical side, two Oneida beings - te- dual, **ká'** -beings (Raymond John.)

áhsá (3)

Three is the root word meaning "in the middle", or "in the center." Sky woman is placed in the middle of the Turtles back when she falls from the Skyworld. Three can also remind us of the three-sisters which are our life sustainers, corn, beans and squash. It can also refer to a councilor mediator between two other peoples, in the middle of, the three clans of the Oneida's Turtle, Bear & Wolf. . Three times the Creator breathed into each of the things he created and then they came to life with a purpose.

Kayé (4)

When life was given to the four races (it's now proper or correct)

There were four, the

white, the yellow the black, and the red. This is where our word for four comes from. The root word means you did it well, you're done. **Tkaye'lí**. Or you're making a beautiful anything for example you bead moccasins and you finish. And you look at it and you say, "**tkaye'lí**," it's correct, the root word is **-yeli**. That means it's correct, it refers to these humans and all life because we were the last to be created, of all Creation. Now everything is done. So he said **tkaye'lí**. Now they have life. So that's where four comes from. It's proper; it's complete, its' living. It comes from the work **tkaye'lí**. Follow it? That's four. So that refers to the humans beings. All of life in its totality is now complete. (Tom Porter)

We can also think in terms of the Four Directions, the colors of which depend on who is speaking of them. Four means "it's complete", or "whole" The Four Directions makes everything whole, like the 4 corners of a house, the 4 grandparents of a family, the "four corners." (**Katsi Cook**)

Ka'ye:-equal... sides from left or right fingers, also in curing Midwinter Ceremony the women clapping showing their ability to create, **ka'ye**: the completion of a life-giver! (Ray John)

Wisk (5)

In the Mohawk language, for number five, we say **wisk**. It comes from the root word in **Shawiskara**. The root word is five, **wisk**, **Shawiskara**. It was shortened. We are told not to shorten things, the Elders say we were going to get lost if we keep on shortening things. And we've been doing it since the beginning of time, as this proves. This it the beginning of the word, and five is already **wisk** instead of **Shawiskara**. (Tom Porter.)

One (an individual) standing on the turtle's back, or one standing in the four directions (of the earth, the universe, or anything that has four directions - one plus four is five. (Tom Porter)

wisk-wi-new life, s(e)-translocative of new life, **k(i)** spirit of new life! (Raymond John.)

Yá'yahk- (6)

crosses over/go across Refers to the Sky woman when she came from the other world to this world, and she crossed over there to get here. So whenever we say six, were referring to the original woman that crossed over from **Kaluhya'ke** (**Karonhiá'ke**) to the earth planet, (Tom Porter.)

ya:yahk-this is the female vowels of life-givers, **ya**:- crossing over, **ya'**- physical life form, **ha**-life path, **k(e)** benefactor of new family member, (Ray John.)

Tsya'ták (7)

Seven stands in-between the earth and sky, signifying spirituality, the point is the end of the arrow, the point of the flint, that we put our human intention into and throw forward into time, like a prayer, a ceremony **Tsiá'ta** and the root word of that one is, **oiá'ta**. **Oiá'ta** is a body. **Saiá'ta** is your body. **Kaiaton'ni** means a doll. **Akoiá'ta** her body, **onkwaiá** our body. And so seven is **tsiá'ta**, referring to layers of generations, of existence. (Tom Porter.)

And so the seventh son of a seventh son usually is a powerful medicine. The seventh daughter is a very powerful, medicine to heal people. Just by touching, if you're a seventh son, usually you can touch a sick person and they get better. It's the same among all races of people. They're always pretty much of one mind even though they don't know each other. And those people were very much evident in Mohawk country until not too long ago. There was a man

but he ruined his medicine because he used alcohol and he womanized later. And all that depletes your strength and your power, any unnatural kind of stuff, alcohol or womanizing stuff like that. It takes away that power. (Tom Porter.)

Seven layers of skin thickness is what is needed to be a Chief.

Tsya:tak-seven generations that we should always consider, (Ray John.)

t s y a : t a k - t(e) dual, s(e) translocative, ya: extending your physical side of life or generations, ta-earth, k(e)-benefactor or one who is supported.

Téklú? (8)

Harmony and balance (2 fours) Justice,

Téklú'ha -te-dual benefactor, lu-sky force, ha-pathway, it also means both sides of the 2 worlds matched (Ray John.) When you look at something like a ball and cut it in half it's the same on both sides.

Wá'teluh? (9)

Completion of cycles, so patience is necessary to see something to completion. I have always thought that the Arabic number 9 looked like a fetus - cycles of gestation, pregnancy, reproduction of families and culture (Katsi Cook.)

wa-personal prefix, **t(e)**-duals of spirit & physical being, **lu**-male (skyforces) **h(a)**-pathway of being.

Oyelí (10)

Full circle, 10 fingers, 10 toes,

ho'ye:li' -ho-protective cover of the being, ye-the life-giver, li'-our purposes, (Ray John.) The manifestation of intention and attention. We must move beyond fears to bring our ideas and hopes to become physically present. Ten is full of energy. It's the responsibility of the Haudenosaunee (Six Nations) to carry that great energy. (Raymond John.)



Oneida's Clan System



Roles & Responsibilities

March 14, 2012

Oneida Community Education Center
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12PM
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Meetings & Protocol

March 21, 2012

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9AM & 12PM
Presented by Reggie Doxtater
Facilitated by Dr. Carol Cornelius

Oneida's Clan System is a two part series. Day 1 will teach: the creation of clans, the role of each clan, the responsibilities of each clan and how chiefs were selected for each clan. Day 2 will teach how the clans worked individually and together to come to a consensus on issues affecting the tribe.

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Oneida Language Classes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Oneida Cultural Heritage 9:00am-10:00am		Oneida Cultural Heritage 9:00am-10:00am	
Language House Monday-Friday 12:10pm-12:50pm	Language House Monday-Friday 12:10pm-12:50pm		Language House Monday-Friday 12:10pm-12:50pm	Language House Monday-Friday 12:10pm-12:50pm
	Oneida Community Library 6:00pm-7:00pm	Norbert Hill Center BC Conf. Room 12:00pm-1:00p.m		

