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Flower Co. has opened their doors and business has been good.

## Hobart Board tables cemetery tax discussion

By Dawn Walschinski

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The Village of Hobart tabled a decision to place 23 acres of cemetery land back into tax exempt status at a Village Board Meeting Tuesday, March 7.

The debate concerns a determination by Tax Assessor Mike Denor that changed the tax status of parcel HB 1304 in 2008 which is owned by the Holy Apostles Cemetery Authority. Denor states that the wooded lot is not currently being used as a cemetery and therefore is taxable.

"If it was part of the cemetery, it would be exempt, but what I'm

looking here is that it really isn't, it's just a vacant, empty woods," said Denor. The land is currently taxed at a value of \$23,700.

Lay Canon for the Administration Dioceses for Fond du Lac Matthew Payne argued that Wisconsin state law allows for a cemetery authority to hold up to 80 acres of land tax free for future cemetery expansion.

"State Statute 70.11(13) legally establishes a cemetery as burial plots and land adjoining burial plots with a cemetery purpose and equipment used to care.

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Dan Hawk, center, shares a map of the Holy Apostles cemetery with members of the Village of Hobart Board of Trustees. At far right, Lay Canon for the Administration Diocese for Fond du Lac Matthew Payne looks on.

## Lady Thunderhawks Soar



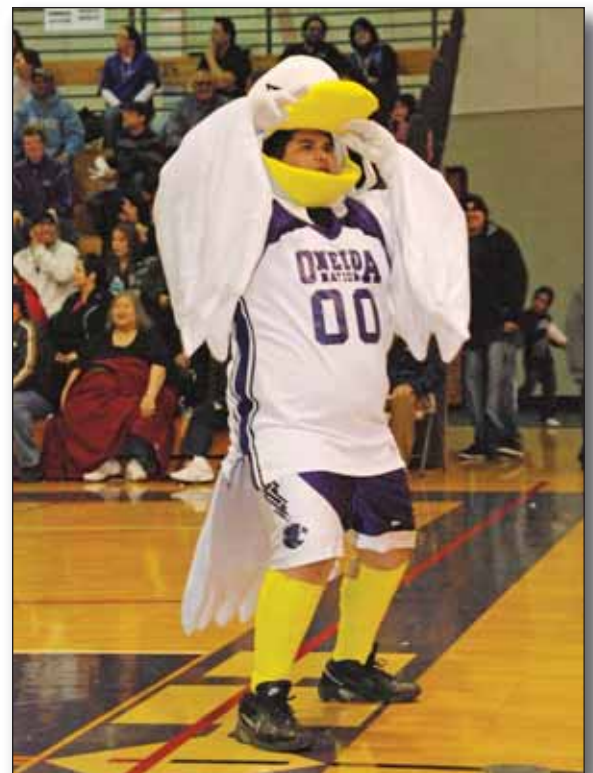
#### Boys Basketball – 11B

The Oneida Nation Thunderhawks boys basketball team came to a close.



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Left: Jessica House shoots over a Valley Christian Warrior defender during WIAA regional tournament action on Tuesday, March 8 at the Turtle School. The second-seeded T-hawks dominated the Warriors 49 – 12 and will host N.E.W. Lutheran on Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in second round action. The game set history as it was the first girl's home tournament game for the Oneida Nation. Eva Powless lead the T-hawks with 16 points while House added 13. Below: The Thunderhawk excites the Turtle School crowd.



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## Redhail working to end Domestic Violence

By Nate Wisneski

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Violence against American Indian women occurs at epidemic rates. One in three American Indian women are raped during their lifetimes, and American Indian women are nearly three times more likely to be battered in their lifetimes than Caucasian women.

Gene Redhail, Domestic Abuse Services Coordinator, is well aware of those stats and has been reforming men with his re-education program.

Redhail knew the usual tactics of treating abusive men with shame and confrontation would not be effective for Native Americans. "When I first

started, that is what I would do. Their ears would close and they would get angry. Then I started learning. I took our values and started treating our men in that manner," Redhail said. "It sets the tone for how they want to live and someone was making sense to them on who we are as native men."

Many that experience Redhail's mandatory 25-week program speak of the sensibility he brings to the table.

Greg Jacobs, 48, a Menominee tribal member, was charged with domestic violence nine years ago and self-enrolled in Redhail's program.

"I beat the judge to the punch and signed up for

Gene's program. (Gene) had a way about himself, it drew me. I started listening to what he was saying in group and it made sense," Jacobs said.

Jacobs was sober for a few years before Redhail's program but lived in fear of his temper. "I struggled with anger. Like my dad's (anger) it escalated from yelling to pushing, hitting and kicking. There were blackouts with no alcohol involved and I was scared."

Quinton Schuyler, 30, an Oneida tribal member, was court ordered to participate in Redhail's program. Schuyler was charged with domestic violence six years ago after pushing his ex-fiance into a wall. Schuyler points to Redhail's cultural

teachings as sticking points that kept drawing his interest during group sessions.

"I guess I never knew who I was until Gene started talking about what happened to our people hundreds of years ago. Finding my traditional values has brought me to be the man I am today," Schuyler said.

One of Redhail's program points is the fact that abusive behavior is learned and was not present in early Native American culture.

"I am not teaching them anything new," he said. "It's re-education and re-learning. We need to re-learn how to live as native men."

Jamie Stevens, 48, an Oneida tribal member, is

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## Keeping the beat with Kalihwiyo'se

By Nate Wisneski  
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Once a week for the last 15 years the sounds of Native American drumming and vocals can be heard from Port Washington to Door County.

The Kalihwiyo'se radio show airs Thursday nights on Wisconsin Public Radio in Green Bay on 89.3 fm and in Sister Bay on 89.7 fm. The program is hosted by Chris Powless, an Oneida tribal member, and Richie Plass, a Menominee tribal member, and plays traditional Native American music along with contemporary varieties such as rock, country, folk and even the occasional rap.

Kalihwiyo'se, Oneida for good message, has had the good fortune of consistency. The show, with the support of the Oneida Nation Arts Program, functions with the assistance of volunteer radio hosts and has had only four hosts over 15 years.

Powless, who has been with the show since the first year, says the dedication comes easy.

"It's just a lot of fun and I really enjoy it," he said. "We have some really interesting people call in."

Over Powless' tenure the show, at its core, has changed very little. It started as a one-hour show on Wednesday nights to the current two-hour format on Thursdays from 10 p.m. to midnight.



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Chris Powless introduces the next song during Kalihwiyo'se. Powless has hosted the show for 15 years.

As expected, a show with a 15-year track record does have a loyal following.

"We have our Thirsty Thursday crew from Keshena, a group from South Branch, Green Bay and all over," said Powless. "We even get letters from prisoners thanking us for taking them home for two hours every week."

The show's two-hour playlist fills up quick as requests start coming in an hour before the show starts and are turned away around 11 p.m.

The show has had two hosts that alternate weeks the last five years. "I was doing it every week and I asked Richie Plass if he wanted to do it. We have a large audience and the Menominees were calling and calling a lot," said Powless.

Though the show has changed little over 15 years Powless has a larger vision for what it can lead to.

"I'm trying to take the show in a more cultural (direction). I would like to produce a show on the Oneida Hymn Singers and talk about their history and bring them in to sing," he said.

Powless would also like to see the power of radio harnessed to benefit the tribe. Powless envisions a radio station on the reservation. "Everyone listens to the radio. We could teach the language, have history hour, and talk politics. We could keep people informed and I know they would listen," he said.

Powless, along with the programs original host Sara Begay-

Hopkins, know the importance of the program as it serves as a bridge between culture gaps in the Green Bay community.

"The show really gives Oneida visibility and a voice," said Begay-Hopkins. "We built an understanding between non-Indian people and us."

"Main objective for the program is to give everyone a cultural awareness of native people and culture," added Powless. "I want to educate people who we are, what kind of humor we have. Right now, with some of the political stuff in the area I want people to know that we may look different, but we have the same goals. We want good education for our kids and we want our children to make it in the world."

## OSGC project gets OK from city of Green Bay

By Dawn Walschinski  
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The Green Bay City Council approved a conditional use permit for garbage-to-electricity plant proposed by Oneida Seven Generations Corp. (OSGC) to be located at 1230 Hurlbut St. at a council meeting held Tuesday, March 1.

The item initially got caught up in discussion over its potential effect on a tri-county agreement concerning waste disposal and tipping fees.

"The less they have people bringing garbage in, the higher the tipping fees would have to go," said Alderman Guy Zima.

However, it was determined that the proposed gasification plant would use 39,000 tons of waste a year and wouldn't make much of a dent on the 600,000 Brown County generates.

There was also confusion over the possibility that the plant could be tax exempt.

"The Oneida Tribe never submits to any kind of a comparison to assessed value or anything else," Zima.

"They don't recognize assessments or the obligation to pay taxes on assessments," said Zima.

It was explained that the plant could be tax exempt because it will be a recycler, and that OSGC will voluntarily make a payment in lieu of taxes to the city. The property could be valued at \$2.5 million and pay-

ments to the city could be between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

"This is a non-tribal property; it would not be eligible to be put into trust. This would be taxed just as if it were owned by any private entity," said Green Bay Clerk Lauri Marenger.

OSGC Chief Executive Officer Kevin Cornelius gave a presentation to the council explaining the gasification process and potential benefits. The plant would take in approximately 25 truckloads of garbage a day. The waste would be heated between 800 to 1200 degrees which will break it down to a gas that will be used to power a generator that will create 5 megawatts of energy.

"The gasification technology is not new, it's not experimental. We've actually went around the country and looked at a lot of different systems," said Cornelius.

The gasification plant could create 40 to 50 jobs during its construction and then between 22 to 30 jobs starting at \$20 an hour, according to Cornelius.

"I'm always for putting the green in Green Bay," said Alderman Brian Danzinger.

The proposed plant now has to undergo approvals from the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

### The Oneida Election Board

is looking for individuals interested in serving as alternates for the 2011 General Election.

Applications can be obtained from the Norbert Hill Center Main Office. Any questions or to request an application, please contact Racquel Hill, Election Board Vice Chairperson at 920.869.4388 or via e-mail at rhill2@oneidanation.org or Kitty Melchert, Election Board Secretary at 920.869.4026 or via e-mail at kmelcher@oneidanation.org

Please submit applications to the Norbert Hill Center Main Office or mail to the Oneida Election Board – PO Box 413 Oneida WI 54155 or scan to the above mentioned e-mail addresses.

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## Passing On...



## In Loving Memory

### Cornelius, Ira P. September 1, 1940 – March 5, 2011

Ira P. Cornelius, 70, Oneida, died Saturday morning, March 5, 2011, at home.

The son of the late Raymond and Lydia (Summers) Cornelius was born Sept. 1, 1940.

He married the former Cheryl Williams on May 6, 1993.

Ira worked for IBM for many years and then worked at Oneida Casino as a slot tech supervisor. After retirement, he enjoyed fishing and hunting and his cabin up north.

He enjoyed serving in many positions in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He enjoyed his hours spent with his grandchildren and his dog, Beans.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; children, Linn Cornelius, Kim (Ian) Nishimoto, Laura (Todd) Larkin, Kevin (Sheri) Cornelius, Kerry (Kimberly) Cornelius, Lee Cornelius; step-daughter, Heidi (Mike) Schwiner; as well as the mother of his children,

Amelia Cornelius. Further survived by his 21 grandchildren, one great-grandson; two sisters, June (James) Begay and Donna (Jim) Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Cornelius and Lydia Denny; and one brother, Gene.

Family and friends may call at RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011. Oneida Hymn Singers will sing after 6:30 p.m. Visitation will continue after 9 a.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Freedom Road, Oneida, until time of service.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday with Branch President Andy Summers officiating.

Burial to follow in the Oneida Tribal Cemetery. Please visit [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the Cornelius Family.



### Webster, Cletus L. September 28, 1942 – February 23, 2011

Cletus L. Webster, 68, of New Franken, died Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at a local nursing home.

Cletus was born on September 28, 1942, in Green Bay, to the late Levi and Amanda Servilla "Dell" (Skenandore) Webster.

Cletus served his country in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1964. In July of 1980 he married Kathleen Craanen. Cletus worked as an engineer for the U.S. Railroad for approximately 32 years and retired in 1997.

Cletus enjoyed playing cards, watching football, gambling at various casinos, family cook outs, and always made his religion and attending church a priority. But most of all, he cherished spending time with his granddaughters, Abigail and Alayna. They will miss their "papa" very much.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen, his children, John Webster of Green Bay, Jennifer Hansen of Appleton, Joseph Webster of Green Bay, Julie (Jason) Schweiner of New Franken, Benjamin Webster of New Franken, and ten grand-

children. Cletus is further survived by six sisters, Alice Smith of Kansas, Charlotte (Mark) Walschinski of Oneida, Mary (Duane) Prescott

of Indiana, Genevieve (William) Gollnick of Oneida, Catherine Webster of Tennessee, Debra (Weston) Cornelius of Tennessee, one brother, Kenneth Webster of Milwaukee, and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Cletus was preceded in death by his parents, his son James Webster, his brothers Laverne, Thomas, Victor, Adam, Gerald, and one sister Evangeline Delgado.

Visitation was held at Ryan Funeral Home on Sunday, February 27, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Oneida Singers began at 6:30 p.m. and the VFW Memorial Service began at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services commenced at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Michael Baucom officiating.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Bornemann Nursing Home and to Lucy Schuler, a valued friend of Cletus' in his final days.



### Wallenfang, Frederick "Fred" February 23, 1959 – February 23, 2011

Frederick "Fred" Wallenfang, 52, Neenah, died peacefully on his birthday surrounded by his family. Frederick was born February 23, 1959 in Green Bay, a son of the late Wenzel and Lorena (Nicholas) Wallenfang. Fred was a veteran of the US Navy. He worked at Neenah Foundry and United Van Lines.

Fred is survived by his son Jeremy Wallenfang; daughter Sonya Wallenfang; best friend Chriss Weiland and her children Carl and Kyle; three brothers: Wenzel and Edwin Wallenfang and Gary Dean Pitman; four sisters: Ina Gail Bain, Mary Jane Pittman, Amy Wallenfang, and Carol Stevens; uncle Eldred (Becky) Nicholas, aunt Elizabeth Nicholas,

numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Fred was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and aunts, and uncles.

Visitation for Fred was held Saturday, February 26, 2011 at RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 N. Tenth St, De Pere from 9:00 AM until time of service. Funeral service followed at 11:00 AM with Pastor Earl L. Smith officiating. Veteran services followed. Burial was held in Oneida United Methodist Cemetery, Oneida. Please visit [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the Wallenfang family.

The family would like to thank St. Vincent ICU, Unity Hospice staff, and Marlee his massage therapist.



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We appreciate all the donations and time everyone gave to help prepare our dad for his journey. Carl will be greatly missed, especially that smile when walking into the Oneida Health Center or seeing him out and about, he always lit up the room just with his presence. He had such a great outlook on life even with his illness.

All the acts of kindness were a great blessing to us. Our deepest gratitude to all who stood by our Dad's side and supported him through his illness for his faith and love from his family carried him through such a courageous battle.

Sincerely, Michelle Sawyer, Jolene Parker,  
Robert Parker, William Parker and Terry Pamanet

What we have once enjoyed  
We can never lose,  
All that we have deeply becomes a part of us  
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*Anthony J. John*  
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Our thoughts are ever with you,  
Though you have passed away;  
And those who loved you dearly,  
Are thinking of you today.

### Joshua Lambert Christjohn 5/8/1987 - 10/10/2010

We would like to give thanks to all who shared their kindness, their thoughts, prayers and assistance during the time of the loss of our Josh. Special thanks to Jennifer, Cornelius Singers, Bob, Sonny, Fire Keepers, Cooks, Ryan's Funeral Home, the anonymous and the beautiful POEM and FLUTE.

We express profound gratitude to those sharing their lives that were touched by our Son, Brother, Grandson, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, and Friend: Joshua L. Christjohn, father of Lyla and Levi.

There were so many it would be too hard to recall and too overwhelming to personally address each and every one. I saw Love like I've never seen before. We were deeply moved by the number and the distance traveled, by the people that came to stand at our side as we sent Josh on his journey.

We were extremely honored that Joshua's friends expressed and reached out to include each and every one of us with their love and respect. The range of age was not without being surprisingly comfortable and with great understanding for anyone of us that knew Josh and his style, true leadership by friends.

I asked the young men that I knew were Josh's friends and those I felt were Josh's friends to walk behind Josh and in front of us and our families, as each one were Pall Bearer, and that even though they may not get to carry Josh it would be the same as they were all Josh' Pall Bearer. They honored our family with tremendous solidarity. I was told there were close to 40 young men standing tall and very respectful and waited to be the last at the gravesite. We give you Thanks, each and every one of you.

The personal request for permission to play his flute for Josh was heartfelt even after we learned the flute was broken, and yet another flute player came forward and shared his, and we were captivated with then the two flutists. We give you each our Thanks.

The many stories and experiences shared with us all will never be forgotten and will be of great help to keep moving forward knowing of Josh's experience of great friends, good family and many travels.

We are extremely thankful for that special and personal gift of kindness given by a truly rare and gifted Veteran Friend who at times may personify himself as a brother, uncle and father figure for many on his own life journey. We give Thanks to you and your family.

Josh had many extended brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, grandmothers, grandfathers, mothers and fathers throughout his entire life. We will have fond memories forever.

It is said that it takes a community to raise a child and we were blessed with an unforgettable and continuously compassionate support of close friends, close family, close extended family and friends.

For those I may have failed to mention, it is not intentional, only out of overwhelming circumstances of our great loss.

We give you Thanks, Each and Every One, from our hearts to all, near and far and dearest of sister(s).

Cathy L. Metoxen, Dan, Kris, Carissa, Jacob, Mary, Andrew, Makenzie, Jolina, Lois and for Lyla and Levi

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Oneida Tribal General Election Primary

**How will the election process be different for the 2011 General Election?**

In 2011, a Primary Election will be held. In years past there was no primary election.

**What is a primary?**

Excerpts from Oneida Tribal Election Law: **2.12-2.** There shall be a primary election for Business Committee positions whenever there are three (3) or more candidates for any officer positions or sixteen (16) or more candidates for the at-large council member positions.

- (a) The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for each officer position shall be placed on the ballot.
- (b) The fifteen (15) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the at-large council member positions shall be placed on the ballot.
- (c) Any position where a tie exists to determine the candidates to be placed on the ballot shall include all candidates where the tie exists.

**2.12-3.** The Election Board shall cancel the primary election if the Business Committee positions did not draw the requisite number of candidates for a primary by the petitioning deadline set for the primary.

**2.12-4.** In the event a candidate withdraws or is unable to run for office after being declared a winner in the primary, the Election Board shall declare the next highest primary vote recipient the primary winner. This procedure shall be repeated as necessary until the ballot is full or until there are no available candidates. If the ballot has already been printed, the procedures for notifying the Oneida public in section 2.5-11 and 2.5-12 shall be followed, including the requirement to print a notice in the Tribal newspaper if time lines allow.

**Why have a primary?**

To give members a chance to select from fewer candidates or the Business Committee positions in the General Election.

**Will there be a primary for all vacancies?**

No. The primary election is for Business Committee vacancies only.

**When will the primary be held?**

On Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the Oneida Health Center and the SEOTS Building in Milwaukee. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**If there are only two candidates running for an officer position, will a primary still be held for that position?**

No. The primary is designed to get the top two candidates for each officer position. If only two applicants run for that position, each applicant will automatically be placed on the General Election ballot as a candidate.

**If a candidate didn't advance in the primary, can I write their name on my ballot at the General Election?**

No. Write-in candidates are not allowed.

**When will the Caucus be held?**

On Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Norbert Hill Center at 1:00 p.m.

**Is the Caucus just for vacancies within the Business Committee?**

No, the Caucus will be for ALL vacancies of all boards, committees, and commissions with elected positions to be filled at the 2011 General Election.

**When can I submit application for candidacy?**

Officially this is done at the Caucus by being nominated and submitting the required application by the deadline date to the Tribal Secretary's Office.

**If I can't attend the Caucus, can I still submit my application to be a candidate?**

Yes. You will need to complete a petition and submit the required application by the deadline date.

**How long do I have to submit an application to become a candidate?**

All applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011 to the Tribal Secretary's Office.

**When is the General Election?**

On Saturday, July 16, 2011 at the Oneida Health Center and the SEOTS Building in Milwaukee. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**When can I begin campaigning?**

Whenever you wish.

Excerpt from Oneida Election Law: **2.5-9.**

Campaign Signs and Campaigning:

- (a) Placement of campaign signs:
  - (1) Campaign signs shall not be posted or erected on any Tribal property except for private property with the owner/tenant's permission.
  - (2) No campaign sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. A maximum of seven (7) such signs may be placed on a building or on a lot.
  - (3) No campaign sign shall project beyond the property line into the public right of way.
- (b) Removal of campaign signs. All campaign signs shall be removed within five (5) business days after an election.
- (c) Employees of the Tribe shall not engage in campaigning for Tribal offices during work hours. Tribal employees shall be subject to disciplinary action under the personnel policies and procedures for political campaigning during work hours.
- (d) Enforcement. The Zoning Administrator shall cause to be removed any campaign signs that are not in compliance with this law, in accordance with the Zoning and Shoreland Protection Law.
- (e) Fines. Violation of the campaign sign restrictions shall result in a fine imposed by the Election Board in an amount specified in a resolution adopted by the Business Committee.

**Can I vote by absentee ballot?**

No. Article III Section 2 of the Constitution states "All enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin who are 21 years of age or over shall be qualified voters provided they present themselves in person at the polls on the day of election."

**Will the Milwaukee voting site be open for both the primary and general election?**

Yes. Business Committee Resolution 03-13-2002-O states: "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that an approved facility; compliance with the Oneida Election Law, 2.8-0, Section B, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is hereby designated as a second polling site for Oneida triennial elections, beginning with the July, 2002, election." The SEOTS Building is located at 6820 West Wedgewood Drive, Milwaukee, WI.

Should you have further questions please contact any of the Election Board Officers: Leyne Orosco, Chairperson @ **920-362-0890** or at **lorosco@oneidanation.org** Racquel Hill, Vice Chairperson @ **920-869-4388** or at **rhill2@oneidanation.org** Kitty Melchert, Secretary @ **920-869-4026** or at **kmelcher@oneidanation.org**



## Calendar

# 2011

March 10 - 12

**Bittersweet Winds: A Traveling Exhibit on Native American Imagery**

**WHEN:** Thursday & Friday  
**TIME:** Schedule of Events (Listed Below)  
**PLACE:** UW-Fox Valley•1478 Midway Rd. Appleton, Wisconsin

*Thursday, March 10 - Noon:*  
 Student Union - Hand-Drum performance with Opie Day-Bedeau; Traditional Native American food will be served.

7:00PM: Student Union - Discussion of Native American music and entertainment featuring music from Richie Plasse's Wisconsin Public Radio show, "Kalihwiyo'se"

*Friday, March 11 - 8:00AM - 1:00PM:*  
 Room 1208, Viewing of Bittersweet Winds

March 10

**Come hear the facts and issues about the Oneida Nation Seven Generations Corporation's Biomass Waste to Energy Facility**

(Being built in Green Bay, WI)

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 10, 2011  
**TIME/PLACE:** 7:00PM Ashwaubenon High School Auditorium - FREE ADMISSION

Dr. Paul Connett, leading "Zero Waste" expert, will present information about the merits and disadvantages of biomass waste technologies, incineration and sustainability. Dr. Paul Connett, a graduate of Cambridge University, holds a Ph.D. from Dartmouth College. Dr. Connett, a retired Chemistry Professor from St. Lawrence University, (Canton, New York) has researched waste management issues for over 24 years and is a world leading expert on incineration and sustainability. He has given over 2000 talks in 52 countries, including presentations to the United Nations and British Parliament, with the aim of bringing clarity to the issues of waste management, incineration and sustainability. FYI: [www.biomass.ashwaubenon.com](http://www.biomass.ashwaubenon.com) or email: [incineratorfreebrowncounty@gmail.com](mailto:incineratorfreebrowncounty@gmail.com)

March 26

**Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association Oneida Chapter - Breakfast Fundraiser**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 26  
**TIME:** 7:00AM - 11:00AM  
**PLACE:** Parish Hall, Freedom Road

All you can eat. \$7 donation, children 10 and under \$4.00. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Why cook, come on over for breakfast to visit and hear some really good stories. Don't forget to wear your boots. For more information, contact Ed Skenandore at **(920) 530-5645**.

May 20-22

**Tunica-Biloxi Powwow**

**WHEN:** Fri. May 20 - Sun. May 22  
**TIME:** Various  
**PLACE:** Chief Joseph Alcide Pierite Powwow Grounds, Marksville, Louisiana

Dance competition with up to \$28,000 in prizes. For lodging or general information call 1-800-946-1946 or visit [tunicapowwow.org](http://tunicapowwow.org). Vendors must apply in advance. Contact Sharon at extension 2523 or email [avosar@pargoncasinoresort.com](mailto:avosar@pargoncasinoresort.com).

Tuesdays

**Compassionate Friends - Oneida Chapter**

**WHEN:** 3rd Tues of every month  
**TIME:** 6:30PM - 8:00PM  
**PLACE:** Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road  
 Compassionate Friends is a support group supporting family after a child dies. Questions contact:

Tuesdays

**Women's Talking Circle Group**

**WHEN:** Every Tuesday!  
**TIME:** 6:00PM - 7:30PM  
**PLACE:** Wise Women Gathering Place, 2483 Babcock Rd.

Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle 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 McLester or Emma White at Wise Women Gathering Place **920-490-0627**.

Thursdays

**Wise Youth Group**

**WHEN:** Thursdays  
**TIME:** 4:00PM - 6:00PM  
**PLACE:** Three Sisters Center  
 FMI: Jacqueline Ninham at **(920) 272-7040**, Isabel Parker at **(920) 498-2011** or Bev at **920-490-0627**.

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**.

To include events in this section please call the **Kalihwisaks** at **(920) 496-7316, 7317, 7318 or 7319**. Announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.

## 2011 Election Dates to remember...

*A look at key dates to remember regarding the new primary laws and the 2011 Tribal General Election*

### Caucus

**March 12, 2011** Business Committee Conference Room, Norbert Hill Center, 1:00pm

### Primary Election

**May 7, 2011** The primary election will narrow the list of candidates to the top two vote-getters for each officer position and the top 15 for the 5 council seats

### General Election

**July 16, 2011**, The two top vote getters of the Primary Election will appear on the ballot  
**NO** Write-in candidates will be allowed

### Campaigning

Anytime - Campaigning can begin and take place at any time



## BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

### Making a fresh start with a Flourishing Business



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Doug Schmidt outside his Flower Co. store in Howard, Wisc. His location near a Walgreens has led to a lot of foot traffic since he opened in February of this year.

**By Dawn Walschinski**  
Kalihwisaks

Doug Schmidt stood near the front of his glass-walled Flower Co. store. “See this car driving slow?” he asked. “There’s more people rubbernecking.” Schmidt’s new floral shop has benefited from a high traffic corner near a Walgreens. “People just keep walking through my door, it’s been non-stop,” he said. “I haven’t really advertised, and people are walking through my door because of that big store right next to me.”

Schmidt offers floral arrangements for weddings or other special occasions, live plants, jewelry, gifts, lawn ornaments and items for sale through consignment. “We’re the one and only flower shop in the Howard-Suamico area and in this zip code. It’s a fun, fresh place, there’s a lot of gift items, novelties. There’s one-of-a-kind arrangements, pictures,” he said. Schmidt had been out of the floral business from 2007 to this year, but training he received from Urban Home E-Hub in 2009 gave him

the confidence to open the new store. “I’m glad I took that course, because it helped me fulfill a business plan. It’s a plan I follow, it’s a little Bible I follow, to keep my day-to-day operations going,” he said. Schmidt has been doing a lot of networking with area churches, schools and banks to build business connections. “I work with a lot of community leaders, and a lot of village people. Howard, the village, comes in and buys flowers from me. It’s great,

it’s fun,” he said. Schmidt believes he’s in a recession proof business. “I never thought about the economy when I was opening this up ... because everybody’s got feelings; I love you, just because, thinking of you, birthdays, weddings, funerals,” he said. “If you don’t know what to get, get flowers.” Flower Co. is located at 2565 Riverview Drive, Suite A in Howard. Schmidt offers a discount to Oneida tribal citizens and welcomes purchase orders. His number is 920-434-9461.

### Davis-Mallett listed as one of forty under 40 in business

**By Kathy Bergstrom**  
Special to Kalihwisaks

Even as a child, Jean Davis-Mallett remembers questioning inequality.

“I wondered why certain neighborhoods had things and others didn’t,” said Davis-Mallett, who spent her childhood in Milwaukee. “That’s an issue for me.”

As community partnerships manager at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa, Davis-Mallett has a chance to address inequalities in health care in the west side and Washington Park Milwaukee neighborhoods that she targets. She wants to be a driver in improving the health of the neighborhood residents and their access to quality health care.

Colleagues say Davis-Mallett has had a quick impact in her job at Froedtert and they have high hopes for her future contributions.

Davis-Mallett earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta. She returned to Milwaukee after graduation and began an eight-year career at Harley-Davidson Motor Co., where she held various roles in communications, investor relations, rider services and market research. In the meantime, she earned a master of business administration degree from Alverno College. She left Harley in 2009 and last year earned a professional certificate in nonprofit management from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Davis-Mallett also serves on the board of directors of the YWCA



Jean Davis-Mallett

of Greater Milwaukee. Her role at Froedtert is helping the hospital address community health needs through areas such as uncompensated and charity care, community health services and training the next generation of health care professionals. She works both with Froedtert staff and other community agencies committed to health improvement.

“This was an ideal role for me and something I’m very excited about to know that I can have an impact and play a role in addressing health disparities,” she said.

In her six months on the job, Davis-Mallett has worked hard to develop relationships.

“I have hit the pavement tirelessly to introduce myself, to make myself available and accessible,” she said.

Clare Reardon, director of community affairs at Froedtert, earned her MBA alongside Davis-Mallett and later hired her at the hospital.

“She has great vision for someone of her age, for herself personally and for the community,” Reardon said.

Her ability to easily switch gears from working at a motorcycle manufacturer to a health care provider is “just a reflection of how bright she is,” Reardon said.

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**Kathy Hughes**  
Vice-Chairwoman

## Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...

Oneida Seven Generations is continuing their efforts to develop the Biomass Project, which will represent the first new business for the Tribe in several years. This business will not only be good for the environment but will give us a new revenue base to support the increasing costs of doing business. We are anxiously awaiting an announcement for the groundbreaking to occur. The Tribe is no different than any other government in this country, in that our expenses continue to rise but unlike those governments that revert

to increased taxes and fees to make up the difference, the Tribe needs to generate new revenues.

The Biomass Project has come under extra scrutiny because it is something that is new to this area and many of us know very little about the technical aspects of what will happen. It is always good to ask questions to try to get a better understanding. Holding back based solely on fear of the unknown will not create a better environment. But we are trying to get all the questions answered and going that extra measure to allay most reasonable fears. Additional meetings will be taking place to continue answering questions. And the results from the latest test being performed will also be made available and hopefully provide a better comfort level with what is taking place.

There are many challenges facing the Tribe

and the current economy is not making it any easier. The budget discussions are taking place and it is anticipated that there will be a great a difficulty in coming up with a balanced budget this year as it was last year. We continue to say no cuts but reality may have to kick in. It simply is not possible to spend money that we do not have in the bank. And yet the petitions for wage increases are still needing to be addressed and the desire for expanded services remains a desire of many depending if they are in an elder category or a needy. None of the requests are wrong but the increased costs that go with them are going to mean we have to cut somewhere in order to pay for them. Where do you want to see cut-backs? Any ideas you may have would be greatly appreciated.

If you have seen the Press Gazette lately you know the issues with

Hobart continue. The latest article seemed to indicate it is all over our differences with land going into Trust. The Tribe wants to put land into trust and Hobart wants to object. But what they fail to remember is that the Tribe has been unable to talk with Hobart about a service agreement to offset what they lose in revenue when the land goes into trust because Hobart continues to express it viewpoint that the Tribal government no longer exists. In their minds the reservation no longer exists, all this despite adjudicated decisions and State recognition through legislation.

In 2008 the Oneida Business Committee passed a resolution stating the Oneida Tribe "will not enter into service agreement negotiations with the Village of Hobart until such time as the Village Board formally recognizes the right of the Oneida Tribe to maintain its own govern-

ment and exercise jurisdiction within its Reservation, and the Village Board abandons assimilationist rhetoric and attempts to change federal Indian policy to the detriment of the Oneida Tribe." Hobart has referred to Oneida as a government ... a single purpose, race-based foreign government" and at other times as a "culture...not a government". Recently the Village Administrator has stated that she recognizes the government of the Oneida Tribe. Now, if the Village Board would make this same statement in a formal manner then I believe we could begin negotiations to resolve the service agreement issue.

On the national front work continues to maintain the progress made with the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. There are legislators trying to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Providing

health care to the American Indian/Alaska Native population is a trust responsibility of the Federal government carrying out the Treaty obligations. The reauthorization recognized that need and provided the necessary legislation to provide services that are in the best practices of today's professional health care society. We are now able to upgrade the long term care services and behavioral health needs for our communities. The national argument on health care will go where it needs to go but we cannot allow the total destruction of the IHCA at the same time. It has taken too long to get the Indian Health Service functions to where they can keep up with the 21st Century. Funding will continue to be a problem but at least with the current language we can prepare for providing services that are appropriate to the demands.

## OBC Forum...

### Waste to Energy Project

Congratulations to Oneida Seven Generations Corporation for finding a good partner who recognizes the importance and opportunities of the waste to energy project. As one of the nine Business Committee members, I wholeheartedly supported this project. As Oneida Seven Generations Corporation and the City of Green Bay move forward with this project, I felt compelled to let the Oneida community know the challenges we faced with this project. This is from my own personal perspective.

When politics were heavy both internally and externally, and public education on the waste to energy project was in full effect, I was one of the few Business Committee members who attended a public information meeting at

the Village of Ashwaubenon hosted by Oneida Seven Generations Corporation. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public about what the waste to energy project was and answer any questions. As I stood their amidst my "neighbors," the hate for the Oneida Tribe and our people was overwhelming. One gentleman told me that although he thought the project was great, he would not support it because Oneida was doing it. Two ladies approached me with fingers in my face telling me that Mother Earth would be mad at me because we were going to bring greater pollution to the people. I tried to correct the misinformation they were saying, but instead they continued to point their finger in my face and call me a Liar and said I

wasn't a real Indian because I wasn't taking care of Mother Earth. I was able to calmly tell them that I came here to respectfully discuss this project and if they couldn't show the same respect I showed them, then we were done discussing the issue. Other individuals were saying, I like the project I just don't want it in my backyard. Once it was explained that the project was on the Oneida Tribe's property and in Oneida's backyard too, they would say, well why don't you move it in the heart of the reservation? I also noticed that all of the people who were truly there to learn had left quietly and some stopped briefly to



**Melinda Danforth**  
Councilwoman

let me know that they were appalled and embarrassed at the behavior of individuals. The Town of Hobart officials were there spreading misinformation and garnering support for their anti-Indian agenda, which means opposing anything that Oneida does. I even had a person say that one of our own Business Committee members were running around spreading misinformation about the project because they didn't support it, even though a resolution supported by all of the Business Committee was passed in support of the project.

As I sat there bewildered and exhausted at the end of that long

evening, reflecting on what had just happened. I thought to myself... Back in the day when our "neighbors" proposed to put the Sludge Ponds and Land Fills on our reservation, Oneida protested heavily and our "neighbors" did it anyway. Oneida's voice sure was heard, but ignored. Our "neighbors" didn't sit down and try to negotiate anything with the Oneida Indians, and they didn't have public hearings so we knew what the potential impacts were. So they went ahead and put the sludge ponds and land fills on our rez. Babies got sick, miscarriages were on the rise and yet no one cared about those affects. Now Oneida wants to clean up the land fills and reduce the toxic gases that come from the land fills, we want to use the garbage that would go to the landfill to cre-

ate energy, ON OUR DIME, and ON OUR LAND and we are being called to the carpet to be a good "neighbor" and to hear their voices. But once again, Oneida was the good "neighbor" and found the win-win for everyone involved.

### Constitutional Amendments

This article is a status update on the 5 constitutional amendments that General Tribal Council (GTC) approved in August 2010 to be forwarded to a Secretarial Election; 1) removal of the Department of Interior Secretary; 2) lower the voting age from 21 years-old to 18 years-old; 3) change the Tribe's official name from the "Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin" to the "Oneida Nation," and 4) formally embed a tribal court into our constitution.

• See 8A,  
OBC Forum

### Oneida OHA Regulations

For the past few years, Oneida Tribal members have asked: (1) Why does Oneida Housing Authority renters have to pay a rent of 30% of their adjusted income while OHA home owners pay a far lesser rate? and (2) Why are Oneida families being turned away from OHA because they are too poor or because the only income they have is student financial aid monies? I can now provide answers and solutions.

We can no longer turn away Oneida families who are too poor or because the family's only source of income is student financial aid. Federal housing authorities told us yesterday (March 7th) that our current policy of turning away our poorest and our students is wrong and that can't do it any longer. I encourage Oneidas who have been

turned away by OHA in the past to re-apply. In regards to those Oneidas who want to know why OHA renters have to pay rent at a much higher rate than non-renters, the answer is, the 30% rate is the highest rate that is allowable. Tribes can rent at a lesser rate. The rate is a Business Committee decision. There are BC members who would support a lesser rental rate. I am one of them and will get on this issue promptly. It's unfortunate that this issue has taken so long. When I last inquired about possibly charging OHA renters at a lesser rate, the Tribal General Manager vehemently said that to do so would jeopardize our OHA funding. The General Manager was wrong.



**Ed Delgado**  
Councilman

### Wage Petition Update

The approval of the 2011 Tribal budget had a plan for a 1.5% wage increase for 2012. Fifteen years of bad investments at \$500 million in losses have left us with one primary source of revenue to fund our programs to our people and that's Gaming. Employees generate the money and employees deliver the services through programs that our people depend on. It is time to take care of employees who have not had raises for four years. Yet, leadership, at the Business Committee and management level, continues to plan risky investment ventures while we pay for bad/costly decisions. Protect and Prosper! It's time for a meaningful

employee wage increase.

Currently, Tribal departments are developing the 2012 budget. The 1.5% Plan will most likely result with the highest executive managers receiving raises of between \$1500 and \$2300 in 2012. At the same time, the average Oneida wage earner will receive an increase of about \$550 for the year. That plan is not fair.

In February, Tribal elder Yvonne Metivier submitted a petition to increase employee wages by .75 cents per hour for all employees earning \$60,000 and below. She says it's been years since Tribal employees have received a raise. She's right. To date, the Oneida Business Committee has not discussed any alternative. One this is for sure, without discussion, without compromise, without leadership, Yvonne's petition will

be approved, and maybe that's a good thing.

### Judiciary Qualifications

As the Tribe explores qualifications for judges in the proposed judiciary, the following is the undergraduate majors of current and most recent United States Supreme Court Justices. I know some would say, we are Oneidas, what do we care about the educational backgrounds of a non-Oneida court. There is nothing wrong with that kind of thinking. I kind of think that way at times, especially when reviewing some of the anti-Indian decisions made in those non-Indian courts. But on the other hand, I support education and I support a judicial body with a wide variety of educational backgrounds. Anyway, here's the list:

- Justice Harry Blackmun - Math
- Justice William Brennan Jr. - Economics
- Justice Stephen Breyer

- Economics Justice Sandra Day O'Connor - History, Economics
  - Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg - Government
  - Justice Elena Kagan - History
  - Justice Anthony M. Kennedy - Economics
  - Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist - Political science
  - Chief Justice John Roberts - History
  - Justice Antonin Scalia - History
  - Justice Sonia Sotomayor - History
  - Justice David Souter - Philosophy
  - Justice John Paul Stevens - English Literature
  - Justice Clarence Thomas - English literature
- The Tribal Council is the ultimate decision maker when it comes to the qualifications for the judges that will sit on the Oneida Tribe's judicial bench.
- Thanks for reading.

## OBC Meeting Results



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

SSponsor: **T r i s h King**  
Motion by Trish King to accept the Jan. 19 Legislative Operating Committee minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeff. Motion carried unanimously

### Amendments to the Personnel Polices and Procedures on Trade Back for Cash of Personal/ Vacation Time resolution

Motion by Patty Hoeff to move the proposed resolution Amendments to the Personnel Policies and Procedures on Trade Back for Cash of Personal/Vacation Time resolution to the next available General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

**Anna John Nursing Home Board Bylaws**  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to approve the Anna John Nursing Home Board Bylaws, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously

**Indian Preference in Hiring**  
Sponsor: Trish King  
Motion by Ed Delgado to forward the alternate resolution for personnel polices and procedures amendments to strengthen Indian Preference in Hiring to the General Tribal Council for consideration, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously

**Finance Committee Feb. 4 Finance Committee minutes**  
Sponsor: Tina Danforth  
Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to approve the Feb. 4 Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously

**Community Development Planning Committee Jan. 6 CDPC minutes**  
Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to approve the Jan. 6 Community Development Planning Committee minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve Councilman Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. setting up a meeting with the EPA and the community regarding the biomass project, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

**NAHASDA Admissions and Training**  
Occupancy  
Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.  
Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the NAHASDA training for the Business Committee and any other interested parties, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Travel Request

**1. Retro-approve Tribal TANF Reauthorization summit Feb. 14-15, Mesa, AZ**  
Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to retro-approve Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes to attend Tribal TANF Reauthorization summit Feb. 14-15, Mesa, AZ, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeff, Trish King, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Kathy Hughes  
**Native American Bank Board meeting Feb. 16, Denver, CO**  
Sponsor: Tina Danforth  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Treasurer Tina Danforth to attend the Native American Bank Board meeting Feb. 16, Denver, CO, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Patty Hoeff  
**Retro-approve meeting with Dept. of Interior Feb. 11, Washington D.C.**  
Sponsor: Rick Hill/Brandon Stevens  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to retro-approve Chairman Rick Hill and Councilman Brandon Stevens to attend the Department of Interior meeting Feb. 11, Washington D.C., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**NIGA conference April 3-6, Phoenix, AZ**  
Sponsor: Brandon Stevens/Rick Hill  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to approve Chairman Rick Hill and Councilman Brandon Stevens to attend the NIGA conference April 3-6, Phoenix, AZ, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**General Tribal Council Petitioner Madelyn Genskow: Various GTC meeting rules, Oneida Seven Generation Corp. relationship to Tribe and increase grass-fed beef herd**  
Sponsor: Patty Hoeff  
Excerpt from Jan. 12: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Secretary's request to accept the petition and pursue the process for scheduling a date for a General Tribal Council meeting with the analysis due at the Feb. 9 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer to the Feb. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeff. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ed Delgado for the Feb. 23 Business Committee meeting that we consider community meetings prior to a GTC meeting on some of these issues, seconded by Patty Hoeff. Motion withdrawn.

**Follow-ups/BC directives**  
**Parent Policy Leave Emergency Amendments**  
Excerpt from Sept. 22, 2010: Motion by Patty Hoeff to approve to accept the recommendation to allow the Parent Policy Leave Emergency Amendments to expire and to direct the executive managers to require detailed documentation of how the Parent Policy Leave is

implemented and to report those findings to the Business Committee in 90 days, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from Jan. 26: Motion by Patty Hoeff to defer the Parent Policy Leave Emergency Amendments to the Feb. 9 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the Parent Policy Leave Emergency Amendments, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**Oneida Powwow Committee**  
Sponsor: Lloyd Powless  
Excerpt from Jan. 26: Motion by Patty Hoeff that the Powwow Committee Chairman bring back to the next Business Committee meeting the request regarding the second vacancy and the process on how to deal with that vacancy, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ed Delgado to terminate the appointment of Lisa Hurst's membership on the Powwow Committee and authorize the vacancy to be posted, seconded by Patty Hoeff. Motion carried unanimously

**ORCCC report**  
Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud  
Excerpt from Jan. 26: Motion by Tina Danforth that a report brought back on Feb. 9 giving us the detail to address the redesign and re-engineering issues that were in the report submitted to us and that the guaranteed maximum pricing be considered, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Resident Centered Care Community report, seconded by Patty Hoeff. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeff to direct the General Manager present the Business Committee with an operation plan for the new Oneida Resident Centered Care Community due in 90 days, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business/Requests Request to use vendor list to solicit vendor and approve vendor letter**  
Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Chairman Rick Hill excused at 11:30 a.m.  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to approve to use the vendor list to solicit vendor and approve the vendor letter, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Quality of Life Charter and Quality of Life purpose**  
Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to defer the Quality of Life Charter and Quality of Life to the Feb. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Board, Committee and Commission vacancies for 2011**  
Sponsor: Patty Hoeff  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to defer the 2011 Board, Committee and Commission vacancies to the Feb. 23 Business Committee meetings for separation of corporations to boards, committees and commissions, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Repost one Oneida Library Board vacancy**  
Sponsor: Patty Hoeff  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to re-post one Library Board

vacancy, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Contract for OGC Legal Counsel William Cornelius**  
Sponsor: Melinda Danforth/Shirley Hill  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Attorney contract for Oneida Gaming Commission Legal Counsel William Cornelius to not exceed \$8000 per month Jan.-Sept., seconded by Patty Hoeff. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeff, Trish King, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

**Contract for George Joseph**  
Sponsor: Melinda Danforth/Shirley Hill  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the contract for George Joseph Feb.-Sept., seconded by Patty Hoeff. Motion carried unanimously.

**Contract for Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogan PC Attorney at Law**  
Sponsor: Melinda Danforth/Shirley Hill  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to approve the contract for Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson and Hogan PC Attorney at Law with the change to the contract for item no. 3 which shall now read, The Firm shall provide services in the following areas: "In a single employment regulatory matter.", seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeff, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Trish King  
**Sponsor seat at ACLU Bill of Rights Celebration honoring Barbara Munson**  
Sponsor: Brandon Stevens  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the request for participation in the Bill of Rights ACLU celebration honoring Barb Munson and to approve the sponsoring of one table for 10 at a cost of \$2000 and for the Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Staff to identify the funds, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Additions**  
**Endorsement of Ernie Stevens, Jr. as N.I.G.A. Chairman resolution**  
Sponsor: Melinda Danforth  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to adopt resolution 02-09-11-B Endorsement of Ernie Stevens, Jr. as N.I.G.A. Chairman, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeff, Trish King  
Abstained: Brandon Stevens  
**Travel request for New York - Oneida meeting Feb. 17, Detroit, MI**  
Sponsor: Rick Hill  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to approve travel for Chairman Rick Hill, Councilman Brandon Stevens, Councilman Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. and Councilwoman Melinda Danforth to attend the New York - Oneida meeting Feb. 17, Detroit, MI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeff, Trish King  
Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Brandon Stevens  
**Meeting with President Obama Feb. 9, Marquette, MI**  
Sponsor: Rick Hill  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Chairman Rick Hill to attend the Marquette meeting with President Obama Feb. 9, seconded by Patty Hoeff. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes to be approved**

### Recognition

**Years of Service**  
**25 Years** - Christine Brunette, Arthur Charles, Lois Domencich, Renee Hill, Florence Petri, Linda Powless, Doreen Reed, Elaine Skenandore-Cornelius

**30 Years** - Priscilla Leverance, Deborah Reiter-Mehojah, Marjorie Stevens

### Approve the agenda

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the agenda with the additions of 1: executive session bond issue from Lary Barton, 2: add a NIGA resolution from Councilwoman Melinda Danforth and add a travel request from Chairman Rick Hill, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

### Oaths of Office

Administered by Patty Hoeff  
**Oneida Personnel Commission** - Arlie Doxtator - present  
**Oneida Seven Generations Corporation** - Shannon Hill - present

### 1. January 26 Business Committee minutes

Motion by Trish King to approve the Jan. 26 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

### Board, Committee and Commission quarterly reports

#### Oneida Land Commission

Sponsor: Amelia Cornelius  
Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Land Commission quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Oneida Land Claims Commission

Sponsor: Amelia Cornelius  
Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Land Claims Commission quarterly report, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Oneida School Board

Sponsor: Carolyn Miller  
Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Oneida School Board quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee

Sponsor: Chris Cornelius  
Excerpt from Jan. 26: Motion by Patty Hoeff to defer the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Nation Veterans quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeff to direct the General Manager to bring back a report to the Business Committee in 60 days describing the relationship between the advisory boards and the entities that they provide advice to, to assure us that proper administrative support is being provided, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously

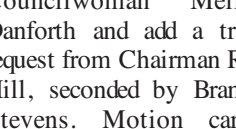
#### Oneida Arts Board (Not submitted)

Sponsor: Kelly Skenandore  
Motion by Patty Hoeff to defer to the Feb. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Standing Committees

**Legislative Operating Committee**  
Jan. 19 LOC minutes

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**Sat., March 12 - Election Caucus, 1:00pm, OBC Conference Room, Norbert Hill Center**

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## From 7A/Feb. 9 OBC Minutes

### Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of Feb. 8, 2011

#### Executive Managers reports

#### Chief of Staff bi-monthly report

Motion by Trish King to accept the Chief of Staff bi-monthly report, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried unanimously.

#### New York Land Claims settlement/negotiations update

Motion by Trish King to accept the New York Land Claims settlement update, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Oneida Economic Development Authority

Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Economic Development Authority update as information, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Chief Counsel report

Motion by Trish King to approve the letter to the Village of Hobart regarding the building permits, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trish King to accept the Attorney Brief report, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried unanimously.

#### New Business/Requests Approve Initiative One contract

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Trish King to defer the Initiative One contract back to the General Manager to bring back on Feb. 23, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried with one opposed:

Ayes: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoef, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Ed Delgado

#### Contract with Integrated Community Solutions re: tenant, Linda Koehler

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Trish King to approve with the limited waiver for the contract with Integrated Community Solutions, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trish King to direct the General Manager to work with the Chief Legal Counsel to streamline and improve the process for working with ICS applications, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Oneida Gaming Commission audit concerns

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Patty Hoef to accept the Oneida Gaming Commission audit concern report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Pardon regarding Sheila Shawanokasic

Sponsor: Patty Hoef

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 02-09-11-C granting a pardon regarding Sheila Shawanokasic, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Pardon regarding Thomas Lee Doxtater

Sponsor: Patty Hoef

Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the pardon request regarding Thomas Lee Doxtater to the Feb. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried unanimously.

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth/Shirley Hill

Motion by Ed Delgado to authorize an exception to the severance policy in light of the very specific circumstances surrounding this particular individual, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Approve severance request from employee

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth/Shirley Hill

Motion by Ed Delgado to have this issue brought back to examine where the problems occurred and why wasn't handled properly, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Additions Authorization to issue bonds not to exceed \$30.5 million for construction of the Oneida Resident Community Care Center and other related matters

Sponsor: Larry Barton

Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt the resolution 02-09-11-A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Related Matters, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the indenture for the Oneida bonding offering at \$30,075,000 with the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Deposit Account Control Agreement with the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Feb. 23, 2011.

Patricia Hoef, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#### Adjourn

Motion by Patty Hoef to adjourn at 12:09 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Feb. 23, 2011.

Patricia Hoef, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

### Oneida Business Committee Special Meeting February 14, 2011 Business Committee Conference Room 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Rick Hill, Chairman, Tina Danforth, Treasurer, Patty Hoef, Secretary, Ed Delgado, Council Member, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Council Member, Trish King, Council Member, Brandon Stevens, Council Member, Melinda Danforth, Council Member

**Excused:** Kathy Hughes, Vice-Chair

**Others Present:** Bill Gollnick, Dottie Krull, Jim Bittorf, Larry Barton, Terry Cornelius, Francis Skenandore, Francine Skenandore

#### Call to Order

Motion by Patty Hoef to approve the agenda, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

ly. *Chairman Hill recessed the meeting at 3:47 p.m. and will reconvene at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in for members of the Land Claims Commission to attend.*

### Oneida Business Committee Special Meeting Reconvened 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011

*Chairman Hill reconvened the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011.*

**Present:** Rick Hill, Chairman, Tina Danforth, Treasurer, Patty Hoef, Secretary, Ed Delgado, Council Member, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Council Member, Trish King, Council Member, Brandon Stevens, Council Member, Melinda Danforth, Council Member

**Excused:** Kathy Hughes, Vice-Chair

**Others Present:** Bill Gollnick, Dottie Krull,

Joanne House, Larry Barton, Francis Skenandore, Amelia Cornelius, Reginald Doxtater, John Powless, III, Rita Summers, Jennifer Stevens

Motion by Patty Hoef to move out of executive session at 10:09 a.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

### Executive Session New Business

**Power Plant Entertainment New York, LLC agreement**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick

Motion by Patty Hoef to approve the amended and restated Financial Services Agreement and the amended and restated development agreement with Powerplant Entertainment New York, LLC, including reauthorization of the waivers of sovereign immunity contained in those documents, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### Ben Barnes Group, L.P. consulting agreement

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Ben Barnes Group, L.P. consulting agreement as a sole source vendor, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

For the record: Tina Danforth said funding for this contract comes from the Land Claims ownership report/fund line.

### Adjourn

Motion by Tina Danforth to adjourn at 10:16 a.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

### Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Feb. 23, 2011.

Patricia Hoef, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## From 6A/OBC Forum

Many people have been asking about the Constitutional Amendments and whether or not the Constitution has been officially changed to reflect the amendments that the GTC supported in August 2010. The short answer is: NO.

The reason that the changes are not official is because our (Oneida) Constitution now requires that the 5 amendments must now go to a Secretarial

Election process that is done by the U.S. Department of Interior. However, the request for Secretarial Election has gone to the U.S. Department of Interior and we are awaiting their response as to whether or not they will call the Secretarial Election on behalf of Oneida. So until the Secretarial Election occurs, our official name continues to be the Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI and you still have to be 21 years

or older to vote at General Tribal Council meetings.

At the end of March, I will be hosting a series of community meetings to talk with the Oneida community about the Secretarial Election process. The Secretarial Election process is very complex and it is absolutely important for each of us to know what the next steps are and what we can expect going forward.

As always, if you have

any questions or concerns about the proposed constitutional amendments or the Secretarial Election process, please feel free to contact me by phone at 920-869-4461 or via email at mdanf@oneidantion.org, or Lisa Summers - Legislative Assistant, by phone at 920-869-4478 or via email at lsummer2@oneidanation.org.

**Yaw^ko, Melinda J. Danforth, Councilwoman**

## OBC Forum...

**Wehnisli,**

Several tribal members have contacted me to request information about the cost of our GTC meetings, as well as to raise other concerns with attendance and space. This article is in response to those concerns.

Thus far in FY'11, three GTC meetings have been held. Each meeting resulted in the following costs, which include stipends and meeting logistics such as security, printing and postage, sound-systems, room set-up, etc.

#### November 20, 2010 GTC Meeting

- Printing: \$8934
- Mailing/Postage: \$8073
- Gaming Security: \$1638
- Room Rental (Radisson): \$925
- Transit: \$508
- Election Board Stipends: \$800
- GTC Stipends Paid Out: \$142,000
- PM Production (AV): \$3700
- Oneida Police: \$1636
- Total: \$168,214

#### January 3, 2011 GTC Meeting

- Printing: \$2753
- Mailing/Postage: \$3706
- Gaming Security: \$1404
- Room Rental (Radisson): \$512
- Transit: \$295
- Election Board Stipends: \$700
- GTC Stipends Paid Out: \$131,700
- PM Production (AV): \$3700
- Oneida Police: \$1399
- Total: \$146,019

#### February 5, 2011 GTC Meeting

- Printing: \$15,502

- Mailing/Postage: \$12,685
- Gaming Security: \$1818
- Room Rental (Radisson): \$727
- Transit: \$447
- Election Board Stipends: \$700
- GTC Stipends Paid Out: \$141,400
- PM Production (AV): \$3700
- Oneida Police: \$1599
- Total: \$178,278

#### Total spent on GTC Meetings in FY11 so far: \$492,601

These costs do not include the hundreds of staff-hours to review, research and develop the information, coordinate all the logistics, hold informational/community and public hearings, transcribe the meetings afterward, and begin taking action on any GTC directives or decisions.

Last September the GTC approved the annual budget that included a budget for GTC meetings. This budget included projections to hold the Annual and Semi-Annual meetings, the Annual Budget meeting, two special meetings requested by the Business Committee and three meetings to address GTC petitions.

However, it appears that we may have underestimated the total number of meetings we would need to hold. GTC action from the three meetings so far has resulted in having to bring two legislative issues back for reconsideration within a specific timeframe. In addition to these deferred items which we are required to bring back, we have also

received three new petitions (one has seven resolutions) in recent weeks and we still have to address one petition from 2010. Legal, financial, legislative and operational impact statements for each resolution and petition are currently being developed for all the petitions. Until the member's only website is available, you can request this information directly from the Tribal Secretary's Office.

The amount of meetings is only one logistic concern that has arisen - the need for additional space is also becoming a serious issue. In order to address this problem immediately, we may need to ask that only enrolled members age 21+ be allowed to attend, at least until a larger location is found. Also, the room generally used at the Radisson is booked out for every Saturday until late September, so these upcoming meetings will most likely take place on a Monday evening or on a Saturday at the Turtle School gymnasium. The schedule for these meetings is intended to be reviewed at the March 9TH regular OBC meeting.

#### Possible Improvements

Two additional improvements are being considered for improving some of the logistics of the GTC meeting. One is the use of handheld voting machines for

these meetings, and another is using Tribal ID cards for signing in and out. Both of these proposals are undergoing extensive review as part of the OBC's underlying fiscal responsibility to the Tribe, because it is important that we keep the cost - in terms of efficiency and financial expenditures - in line with any benefits we would enjoy.

#### The Exiting Process

Finally, we are hearing considerable complaints regarding the attendance during a meeting, and the exiting process being followed. These complaints are being reviewed to see where or how the current policy should be amended. However, it is up to all of us as GTC members to ensure the elders are treated with respect and helped out of the meeting as well as being responsible to fully attend these meetings.

So considering the costs and logistics to hold these meetings, we will have to try to keep the number of remaining meetings to four or five for this fiscal year. This means we will also have to try to put as many items on one agenda as possible. As you can see, we have our work cut out for us and I am asking for your attention, your patience, your participation, and your assistance to help with getting these issues addressed and decided on so that our we are being responsible in keeping the costs down as well as making good decisions.

**Yaw^ko**

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## 2011 General Election

Caucus

Scheduled for:

Saturday • March 12, 2011

1:00PM

## Business Committee Conference Room

Norbert Hill Center

Note: Those Individuals Nominated at Caucus

MUST be present to accept Nomination



## Support Returning Service members with a Tax Refund Donation

(MADISON) — "There'd be absolutely no way that I could keep my house and provide for my family without this," says Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Chas Dodge of Manitowoc about the veterans' benefits and services provided by the Veterans Trust Fund (VTF).

Sgt. Dodge served for four years in the U.S. Army and for one year in the Wisconsin National Guard. He was laid off from his civilian job and unable to collect unemployment benefits. In order to provide for his young family, Dodge used the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs' Veteran Education (VetEd) program to enroll in the information technology network security and business management programs at Silver Lake College. Now in his third year of college, he says about the need for support of the VTF, "I hope that other people coming home will have the same opportunity."

The VetEd reimbursement grant for education

is made possible by the VTF, which is the state's primary means of supporting veterans by providing valuable services and benefits for veterans and the immediate families of service members who have died in the line of duty or as a result of service-connected disability. The fund also supports retraining grants, claims assistance, subsistence aid, and state Veterans Cemeteries.

Wisconsinites can show their support for the service of Wisconsin veterans by giving a donation to the VTF.

Donating is simply completed by entering an amount to give next to the symbol on line 38d of the long form, 28d of the short form, and 64d of the nonresident/part-year resident form. Donations can also be made by mailing a check to:

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30 W. Mifflin St., P.O. Box 7843  
Madison, WI 53707-7843

## From 1A/Domestic Violence... In past, no longer present

clear that his abusive behavior was learned and was quick to not blame his past drug and alcohol use.

"I have a long history of abuse. I didn't learn it from one place. I thought it was the norm and I came to believe I was better than women, children and the elderly," Stevens said.

Stevens also learned from society to believe his race was inferior and that lead to his discrimination towards other races. "I didn't know where I stood. I just know that I felt less and I wasn't proud of being an Oneida," he said.

Many of the successful men who participate in the program admit more work is needed and desired.

Tkaanuk Green, 26, an Oneida tribal member, was quick to realize that 25 weeks would not be enough to make the changes he desired to. "After the (initial 25 week) program I was scared and didn't know what was going to happen," Green said. He continued every week for three years before finally taking a break.

Green was charged with domestic violence and admits to beating, kicking and spitting on his girlfriend. He came away from the group with a new understanding of his relationship.

"We can get what we want without the violence. Now I get support and we parent together. I can be honest with her

and be vulnerable," he said.

Most of the men in the program admit change has to be desired for success. Ralph Tucker, 49, a Menominee tribal member, wanted modification to his behavior but didn't know where to go. He would binge drink, which lead to verbal and physical abuse.

"I wanted to change really bad," he said. "You don't change right away, you learn from other men."

Along with the desire Tucker also recognizes the importance of re-centering himself with Redhail's program. "What keeps me out of prison are these programs and support we have. We have to find some sort of balance," he said.

Raymond Beans, 59, a Yupik Eskimo, was taught his culture's values and traditions but chose an alternate lifestyle. He re-discovered his spirituality in Redhail's program.

"When I was growing up I was told and taught native values but I never really followed them. I was selfish and had 37 years of drinking behind me," he said.

He was arrested six years ago for sexual assault and sentenced to six years in prison. He met Redhail during his prison term and started his re-connection with the values his parents taught him.

"His teachings were what I was being taught

growing up. I really started looking forward to his visits while I was in prison," Beans said.

He began to see a change in his attitude in his life while working with Gene.

"It was self-pity at first. Poor me, I was in prison, I was blaming everyone except me and I wasn't taking ownership," he said. "After a while, I started taking accountability for what I did and the choices I made."

Many of the men who successfully complete Redhail's program swell with the newfound respect they have for themselves. They also are able to have positive relationships with the ones they hurt the most.

"I put my kids and family through a lot of pain. I kept my kids and wife in fear," said Stevens. "I was a broken man and I didn't want to step out of my house anymore because of all of the shame. I just wanted it to end."

Gene gave me direction. I've been told I am a warrior because I can now practice honesty, love, compassion and trust. I now know what my responsibilities are as a man."

"I've hurt a lot of people in the past with my anger," added Jacobs. "I want some of that honor and trust back. I am still friends with my ex-wife and we have a communication level I thought would never be able to have with a female. Gene

has taught me this."

Redhail's program provided Schuyler with the confidence to offer a genuine apology to his victims and help mend their relationships.

"We can actually have a civil conversation now. Society teaches us that men are men and shouldn't take anything from a woman. It's a whole new life for me," he said. "I am a better father to my children and being a better friend to my children's mothers."

Redhail has even reached out to some of the men to help lead groups and go into prison to show change is possible. Green will accompany Redhail on prison visits and Jacobs and Stevens will lead group when he is out of town.

"I see some of my friends from high school and I want to show them that they can change too. We grew up in the same conditions and I'm really sick of having men think they have to be violent," Green said.

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ONEIDA Challenge

The Oneida Communications Department, in cooperation with Oneida Enterprises and programs issues a challenge to all enrolled Oneida and Oneida employees to "Explore Oneida." Grand prize for adult category is valued at \$1500 and grand prize in student category is valued at \$1000.

This challenge is created to educate and promote a stronger sense of the Oneida culture and economy within the Oneida Community and to increase our reservation economy.

### The Challenge:

Participants are challenged to complete the "Explore Oneida Challenge" form completely and correctly. The challenge form is comprised of a # questions about the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

### Eligibility:

All enrolled Oneida and employees of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, with an employee identification number are eligible to participate. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.

### How to enter:

Participants may take the entry form from the Kalihwisaks or go online to [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org) and print off the form entitled, Explore Oneida Challenge. No online entries are available.

All entries must be received in the Oneida Communications Office no later than 4:30 pm or post marked by Friday, June 24. No exceptions. Each participant may qualify only once. Entries in excess of one by the same participant will be disqualified, the first

entry reviewed will be the official entry. Only complete correct entries are eligible for the prize drawings.

Oneida Communications will not be responsible for mail or entries that are lost, stolen, late, incomplete, damaged, altered or with postage due.

### Rules:

Participants must complete the entire entry and provide all necessary contact and verification information voluntarily.

Participants are subject to publicity via news releases and photographs in public and social media, through Oneida Communications Department.

By participating in the Explore Oneida Challenge, participants agree to be bound by these official rules and the decision of the Oneida Communications Department shall be final in all respects.

- Adult participants must be 18 years and older on or before July 4, 2011.
- Student participants must be under the age of 18 on or before July 4, 2011.
- All participants must be able to read and complete their own entry forms.

All participants must be enrolled or employed on the day of drawing, July 4, 2011.

### How the winners will be selected:

The winners will be selected by a random drawing of all qualified entries placed in one of two drawing bins.

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Department staff will review all entries and reserve all correct entries for deposit into the drawing bin. Incorrect or incomplete entries will be saved in the Oneida Communications Department for 14 days. All entries will be destroyed after 14 days.

The categories are student and adult. Each category will yield one grand prize winner and four subsequent prize winners for a total of 5 in each category. The grand prize winner in each category will be selected first, followed by four consolation winners. A total of 10 prizes will be randomly selected.

### When winners will be selected:

The drawing will take place before the Semi Annual General Tribal Council meeting on July 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Winners need not be present to win. If the winner(s) are not present, Oneida Communications will

notify them by phone or certified mail. Winners will be announced in the Kalihwisaks. Winners have 90 days to claim their prizes.

### Condition of Entry:

By participating in the Explore Oneida Challenge the participant agrees to release the Oneida Tribe of Indians and its agents, from any and all actions, claims, injury, loss or damage arising in any manner, directly or indirectly from participation in this challenge, and or acceptance or use of the prizes.

### Participating Oneida Businesses

Oneida Casino  
Oneida Retail  
Thornberry Creek at Oneida  
Oneida Nation Museum  
Tsyuhelkwa  
Oneida Nation Farms and Orchard  
Bay Bank  
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center  
Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

EXPLORE ONEIDA Challenge

### Prize Structure • Student Prizes

#### Grand Prize – Value \$800

- \$250 – Oneida Gift Card
- \$200 – (4) \$50 Grow Certificates from Bay Bank
- \$200 – Visa Gift Card from Bay Bank
- \$ 50 – Oneida Travel Case with blanket and other prizes inside

#### 1st Prize – \$250 Value

- \$100 – Oneida Gift Card
- \$100 – (2) \$50 Grow Certificates from Bay Bank
- \$ 50 – Oneida Travel Case with blanket and other prizes inside

#### 2nd Prize – \$200 Value

- \$100 – (2) \$50 Grow Certificates from Bay Bank
- \$ 50 – Oneida Gift Card
- \$ 50 – Oneida Travel Case with blanket and other prizes inside

#### 3rd Prize – \$175 Value

- \$100 – (2) \$50 Grow Certificates from Bay Bank
- \$ 25 – Oneida Gift Card
- \$ 50 – Oneida Travel Case with blanket and other prizes inside

## From Page 1A/Cemetery Tax, To be addressed again at April 12 meeting

for it all. According to this law, all are exempt from taxation," said Payne.

Holy Apostles member Dan Hawk interjected that there are human remains on the 23 acres, but their exact locations can't be revealed due to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

"If it can be established and proven and substantiated that there are graves, we're not in the

business of taxing real estate in which bones are buried," said Village President Rich Heidel.

"I believe the only way that you can look at that documentation is in court," said Hawk.

However, Payne argues that the issue of human remains distracts from the Diocese's argument.

"You don't need that documentation. You have two mutually exclusive points of law, which would require you to

*...We have asked the assessor over and over again, what change was there that justified the assessing of taxes on this property."*

— Matthew Payne

Lay Canon for the Administration Diocese for Fond du Lac

have your lawyer review it, that clearly established in our opinion that the property should have never been levied for general taxes," said Payne. "This land was tax exempt from the

beginning, for years and years and years, and the law says clearly if it's tax exempt in year one, it continues to be tax exempt in year two unless its' use, occupancy or ownership changes

in a way to make it taxable. We have asked the assessor over and over again, what change was there that justified the assessing of taxes on this property."

Hobart's share of the \$475.20 tax bill is \$45. However, because the total amount is under \$500, Hobart would have to refund the total

amount for the 2010 taxes. The Fond du Lac Dioceses is also requesting a refund of \$556.90 for 2009 and \$1,247.60 for 2008.

The issue will come up again at the April 12 village meeting, Green said.

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### Challenge Questions for Students:

1. How many gas pumps are at the Travel Center One Stop location? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the name of the restaurant located in the Travel Center One Stop? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What animal is mounted on the wall by the ATM machine in the Travel Center? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many coolers of soda are available at the E/EE One Stop locations? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What sodas are available on the soda machine at the Packerland One Stop? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What restaurant is located in the Westwind One Stop? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is written on the glass sign hanging in the fireplace area in the lobby? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What are the food themes at the Standing Stone Buffet? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many soups are available at the Standing Stone Buffet each day? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the 1st cuisine station when you walk in at the Standing Stone Buffet? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How many floors are in Tower One at the Radisson? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the first word on the plaque on the stone in front of the Radisson? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the opening exhibit at the museum? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What are the hours of the museum? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Which war is featured in one of the museums newest exhibits? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What branch of the military has the most tribal members listed at the museum? \_\_\_\_\_
17. When was the museum constructed? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What is hanging from the longhouse ceiling in the hands on exhibit? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What is one of the wampum belts in the museum? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What is featured in the largest painting in the museum? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What hangs in Pine Tree Grill of Thornberry Creek at Oneida from front to back? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What animal is seated at both sides of the doors at Thornberry Creek at Oneida? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What type of oven is the pizza cooked in at Thornberry Creek at Oneida? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Name the 9 Business Committee members and their positions? \_\_\_\_\_
25. How many mini-murals make up the turtle in the BC conference room? \_\_\_\_\_
26. How many portraits of former chairpersons adorn the BC conference room? \_\_\_\_\_
27. What color are the chairs in the BC conference room? \_\_\_\_\_
28. How many monuments are in the Oneida Nation Walk of Legends? \_\_\_\_\_
29. What animal can be found at the Oneida Nation Gate? \_\_\_\_\_
30. What is the last sentence on the Johnny "Blood" McNally monument above the Oneida Nation Walk of Legends? \_\_\_\_\_
31. What years are highlighted in the "Talent" monument? \_\_\_\_\_
32. What number sits atop the Tony Canadeo monument? \_\_\_\_\_
33. How many granite panels make up the Oneida Nation Veterans Memorial? \_\_\_\_\_
34. What statue is at the memorial? \_\_\_\_\_
35. How many log homes are on Salt Pork Avenue, around the corner from the Veterans Memorial? \_\_\_\_\_

### Challenge Questions for Adults:

1. How many Oneida One Stops are there and what are there locations? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many gas pumps are at the Travel Center One Stop location? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What brand of coffee is available at Oneida One Stops? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What animal is mounted by the ATM machine in the Travel Center? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What newspapers are available at the E/EE one Stop? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many classic sandwiches are available at the Westwind One Stop restaurant? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many types of breads are available at the Westwind One Stop restaurant? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What brand of coffee is sold in the gift shop at the Radisson? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the name of the outdoor deck by Purcell's Lounge? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the favorite burger at Pine Tree Grill at the Radisson? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are 4 of the cuisines at the Standing Stone Buffet? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many soups are available at the Standing Stone Buffet each day? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is on the glass sign in the Fireside bar in the Radisson lobby? \_\_\_\_\_
14. How many rooms can the Iroquois Ballroom divide into? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What dolls decorate the Three Clans ballroom exterior? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What year did the Oneida Nation (ON) Museum open? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Which war is featured in the ON Museum's newest exhibit? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What speaker is highlighted in the ON Museum's language exhibit? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What seamstress' items are shown in the lace exhibit at the ON Museum? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What is hanging from "hands on" exhibit of the longhouse in the ON Museum? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Where is the ON Museum located? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What game can you learn to play at the ON Museum? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What tribal business is closest to the ON Museum and Anna John Nursing Home? \_\_\_\_\_
24. What coffee is featured at Thornberry Creek at Oneida? \_\_\_\_\_
25. What is the most expensive appetizer at Thornberry Creek at Oneida? \_\_\_\_\_
26. How many yards is the entire championship course from the blue tees? \_\_\_\_\_
27. What type of oven is the pizza cooked in at Thornberry Creek at Oneida? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Name the 9 Business Committee members and their positions? \_\_\_\_\_
29. How many portraits of former chairpersons adorn the BC conference room? \_\_\_\_\_
30. What is the mural depicted in the Business Committee Conference Room at the Norbert Hill Center? \_\_\_\_\_
31. When are regularly scheduled Business Committee meetings held? \_\_\_\_\_
32. How many monuments are in the Oneida Nation Walk of Legends? \_\_\_\_\_
33. How many steps does it take to get to the top of the Oneida Nation Gate? \_\_\_\_\_
34. What is inscribed in the Pride Monument about the Oneida Nation? \_\_\_\_\_
35. What number sits on the Vince Lombardi monument? \_\_\_\_\_
36. What business hosts the Don Hutson monument? \_\_\_\_\_
37. What years are highlighted on the "Tradition" monument? \_\_\_\_\_
38. What number sits atop the Fuzzy Thurston monument? \_\_\_\_\_
39. Which granite panel of the memorial covers the longest amount of time? \_\_\_\_\_
40. How many flag poles are present at the new VFW in Oneida? \_\_\_\_\_
41. How many granite panels make up the Oneida Nation Veterans Memorial? \_\_\_\_\_
42. What statue is at the memorial? \_\_\_\_\_
43. How many log homes are on Salt Pork Avenue, around the corner from the Veterans Memorial? \_\_\_\_\_
44. Name three products sold at Tsyuhekwa in the cooler. \_\_\_\_\_
45. What is the price of Oneida dehydrated corn at Tsyuhekwa? \_\_\_\_\_
46. Name two products carried at Tsyuhekwa made in the Oneida Cannery. \_\_\_\_\_
47. What is the Oneida Apple Orchard floor made of? \_\_\_\_\_
48. Name three products produced by the Tribe sold at the Oneida Apple Orchard. \_\_\_\_\_
49. What does OCIFS stand for? \_\_\_\_\_
50. What was your favorite thing to visit during this challenge? \_\_\_\_\_

## Letters & Opinions...

### Sacred Ground Is In Our Keeping

To the General:

Hobart is taxing our family, friends and veterans who lie in Holy Apostles Cemetery. I would be ashamed of myself if I did nothing to stop it. There are some whose ignorance does not comprehend the seriousness of this situation. My dad, Lee Mc Lester II, his parents, five veteran brothers whom I grew up with, a matriarch from the DoDo Club, those too numerous to list are among those being taxed. Am I angry? You darn right I am.

Holy Apostles is charged with the upkeep and protection of those graves which are in our cemetery or, "in our keeping". This has always been a labor born

out of love and yes it does cost money to maintain the cemetery. My husband Dan Hawk and I know that taxing our dead violates law and morality. We are fighting back the best way we know how by using our own judicial system.

We know that our Oneida Appeals Commission can rule on concurrent laws, we also know that our land falls under Federal jurisdiction – let us not forget that this is a Native American cemetery! And, we will not stand by and watch our cemetery be taxed in violation of the United States Constitution under the 14th Amendment.

Ignorance may be bliss for some people, even though they have the intelligence to understand this issue. So with

that in mind I respectfully ask you to get out of or way when it comes to protecting those who rest in our cemetery, negative comments fuel my resolve. My roots go deep in this Sacred Ground and no one and I mean no one will stop us from trying to protect it.

Like some of the negative writers in the Kali I have to think about an old cliché; "We can choose our friends but not our relatives". Perhaps God sends us those people to test our Christian values?

Peace,  
Judy Cornelius - Hawk

### Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

On January 12, 2011 the Kalihwisaks reported

on PTSD, however, they failed to mention the most prominent case in the news today. The case of Oneida Tribal member Deke Suri has made wide spread news reports including the Kalihwisaks.

It is sad that the paper did not do an investigative report. If they had, they could have reported that Deke Suri served in the war in Iraq. He experienced a road side bomb. Because of this he developed PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and depression.

On December 21,

2010, being faced with the break up of his marriage, Deke attempted to take his own life. Also, he stated that he did not want his children to have to deal with his funeral. He gave his children two pills each. His mind was so confused that he thought he had given them three pills.

Than God he was able to realize that this was wrong and he called 911 to ask for help for the children. Now because of his actions he has lost all contact with his children.

Many Oneida Veterans have attended Deke's

court hearings to support Deke. They know about the trauma of war.

If you have any family or friends who have PTSD and are going through stressful times, be sure they get help. Do a Google search on PTSD Veterans. One web site is [www.ptsdmanual.com](http://www.ptsdmanual.com) or contact the Veterans Office. The veteran with PTSD should see someone who specializes in PTSD. Please keep Deke and his family in your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Madelyn Genskow

## How can I help?

### By Carole Liggins

Special to the Kalihwisaks

Late last year when it was bitterly cold, a young man from Lac du Flambeau came to the NHC seeking help. The previous night, his car had broken down and so he was stranded here. Not knowing anyone from our community, he decided to hitchhike home but because it was so cold he sought refuge and he spent the night in the Main Casino. After telling Casino Security of his problem, they said he could stay at the Casino as long as he did not fall asleep. At some point the next morning he was able to contact a family member in Lac du Flambeau who would be able to come down and get him the following day.

So here he was, stuck in Oneida - no family, no money, no friends, very tired and very hungry. He had contacted a church, shelters and other places and was given the "we can't help, but have you tried \_\_\_\_\_ here's their number" speech.

In an attempt to get

him some help, I contacted Community Support and the Finance Committee. Community Support has gas cards, food vouchers, emergency housing funds, etc for just this sort of situation but . . . those benefits are only available to enrolled Oneida members. Sorry. The Finance Committee does not consider these types of requests. Sorry.

I was at a loss on how to get help for this young man when God (the Creator) put in my mind to call a gentleman in the community who is known for helping others. The call was placed, the situation relayed and the response was "Tell him, I'll be there in five minutes. Tell him to look for a silver truck."

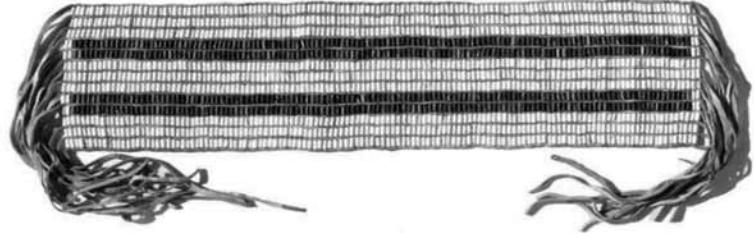
My point in all of this is the Oneida Tribe, as a government, does not or maybe can not help out other Indian persons. But we as an Indian Community can. There are others in our community like the man I called who are willing to help out other Natives

with money for gas or food, a place to spend the night or any number of things. However, we do not always know who you are or how to contact you. Pre Leverage, Community Economic Support Director, has graciously stated that she will keep the contact list of community members willing to assist other Natives who need some help when visiting us or just passing through.

You can contact Pre at the Social Services Building by calling **920/490-3700** to give her your name and contact information (example: home phone cell number, e-mail address). Those needing assistance can be referred to Social Services who will then give out the volunteer information. While the Oneida Tribe may not be able to provide assistance, the Tribe can help by being a contact resource referral. Please consider being part of our community resources to help others.

Yaw'ko

## GTC Members Needed!



As directed by General Tribal Council, the Legislative Operating Committee is developing a volunteer work group to establish specific recommendations for the proposed Judiciary law. The purpose of the work group is to:

- Develop specific recommendations for judge qualifications and disciplinary panels.
- Develop a timeline for implementation of the new system.

Any interested Tribal member (age 21+) is invited to participate.

### Meetings:

Every Thursday during March  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Executive Conference Room  
Norbert Hill Center (2nd floor)  
Oneida, WI

For more information, please visit [www.oneidation.org](http://www.oneidation.org) and click on the link for the Judiciary law.

### Kalihwiyo

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Thursdays

10:00PM to midnight

### Community Information Sessions

- **Monday, March 28th, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.**  
Parish Hall (Lunch on Your Own)
- **Tuesday, March 29th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
Norbert Hill Center (BC Conference Room, Light Snacks Provided)
- **Wednesday, March 30th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00p**  
3 Sisters Building (Ron John Community Room, Light Snacks Provided)

**Topic:** Secretarial Election Process to Vote on Oneida's Proposed Constitutional Amendments

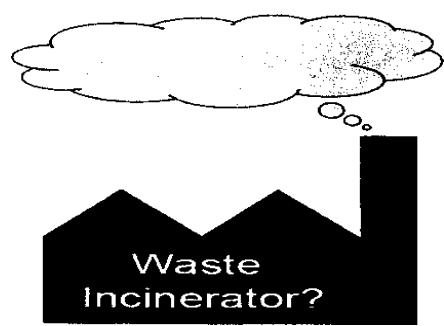
#### Purpose:

1. Receive an Overview of Secretarial Election Process
2. Learn Who Votes on the Constitutional Amendments and Why it is Important to Register for the Vote.
3. Ask Questions About the Process

#### Proposed Constitutional Amendments

- Remove Secretary of the Interior from oversight & approval role
- Lower the voting & General Tribal Council participation age from 21 to 18 years-old
- Change the Tribe's official name to "Oneida Nation"
- Formal addition of a Judiciary
- Eliminate the "first Monday" meeting requirement for annual & semi-annual GTC meetings in January & July

**Note:** Questions about the Secretarial Election process can be submitted via email to [constitution@oneidation.org](mailto:constitution@oneidation.org), or by calling Councilwoman Danforth's office at 1-800-236-2214 ext. 4478 or 920-869-4478.



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## Welcome Pow-wow Promotes Cultural Identity

*Powwow kicks off opening of new Conference Center at Menominee Casino Resort*

**By Katrina Wychesit**  
Entertainment and Promotions Coordinator

Keshena, WI – In commemoration of the unveiling of the Menominee Casino Resort Conference Center in Keshena, Wisconsin; a Welcome Pow-wow was held free of charge on Saturday, February 26th, 2011. Dancers, drummers, singers and spectators united in the remarkable Five Clans Ballroom to showcase the significance of the rich culture and traditions of Wisconsin's first people.

Jim Reiter, Menominee Casino Resort General Manager, expressed his sincere appreciation



Photo courtesy of Roberta Tourtillott

Two Menominee participants give it their best in the fancy dance team dancing competition. The powwow was held at the new conference center at the Menominee Casino Resort recently.

towards the success of the celebration. "It is incredibly gratifying to witness the fun and excitement our 1st Annual Welcome Pow-wow delivered to all of our guests in attendance.

Not only are we commemorating our newest addition to the resort; today we honor our veterans and promote the preservation of our language and cultural identity."

With over 140 registered dancers, 17 registered veterans and 11 drum groups; the state-of-the-art Conference Center was the ideal venue to promote and maintain the strength of

cultural preservation. The colorful display of regalia captivated audiences from wall to wall and coast to coast. Indiancountrytv.com assisted by providing live stream video to the world on the internet for those who were unable to attend.

The Head Dancers, Jerome and Rosanne Sanapaw led the way during two distinctive Grand Entry sessions at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The highly recognized Host Drum was the Smokeytown Singers of Zoar, Wisconsin. In addition, the following drum groups were in attendance: Badger Singers, Picture Rock, Lake Delton Singers, Bear Heart, Strait Across, Iroquois Nation, Southern Sky, Young Fire Keepers, Chief Hill and Wolf River. The dancers originated from eleven separate nations including: Menominee, Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Oneida, Ojibwe, Stockbridge, Sioux, Blackfeet, Dine, Chippewa and Cherokee.

Throughout the course of the one-day celebration, those in attendance enjoyed listening to the high pitched vocals of the singers as they led the audience through two Grand Entries, exhibition songs, intertribals, honor songs and specials.

The Master of Ceremonies, Joey Besaw and Joey Awonohopay entertained the audience throughout the course of the pow-wow with storytelling and comical jokes. Gary Besaw maintained order as he did an exceptional job as the Arena Director. "This powwow was a traditional way to welcome guests and relatives to our convention center. Not only is it a beautiful representation of our Menominee Woodland artistry and environment, it also displayed a critical component of our way of life, our Menominee hospitality. We thank all who attended and honored us by participating," said Mr. Besaw.

The food venue satis-

fied the dynamic group as they lined up to experience the fresh made-to-order Native American cuisine in the Bear room. Each dish was inspired by a wide range of intriguing food items such as Pow-wow Burgers, Indian Tacos, Fry Bread and Cream of Wild Rice Soup. In addition, over 6 local exhibitors showcased jewelry, clothing, purses and Native American crafts. The prices were affordable and their supply was diverse.

As the pow-wow concluded for the evening, guests expressed their appreciation towards the Menominee Casino Resort for a job well done. "The Welcome Pow-wow at the new conference center, was just that, welcoming! My family and I had a great time. The facility is amazing and the pow-wow was a great way to share it and celebrate its beauty with all. Good job Menominee Casino Resort. You did us PROUD!" said Menominee Hawpetoss on behalf of her and her family.

The Menominee Casino Resort, formerly known as the Menominee Casino-Bingo-Hotel, underwent a significant transformation; both in the physical and brand sense. 13,000 square feet encompasses the Convention Center with a banquet hall large enough to host weddings and functions for up to 600 guests. The banquet hall also has the ability to be configured into separate rooms for smaller events and functions. Also located in the Convention Center are five (5) large breakout rooms that can host meetings from 1-50 people. For small outdoor gatherings, the Convention Center offers a stone terrace near the meetings rooms and our beautifully landscaped courtyard area right next to the pool and the hotel. For more information or to book your event, please contact Rachel Peters at 1-800-343-7778, ext. 5692.



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## Alaska court says tribes share custody power

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — The Alaska Supreme Court has ruled that tribes share jurisdiction with the state in most child custody issues.

Friday's ruling is the second victory for tribal sovereignty advocates in recent months, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported.

The case involved the village of Tanana, which sued the state for refusing to recognize tribal authority to issue adoptions. It was joined by five other villages and tribal organizations.

The state took a position that it had, in almost all cases, "exclusive jurisdiction over child custody proceedings involving Alaska Native children," according to an advisory opinion issued in 2004 by the

attorney general at the time, Gregg Renkes.

In 2007, a Superior Court ruling rejected that argument.

Friday's decision upholds the lower court ruling. The high court said federally recognized Alaska Native tribes "are not necessarily precluded from exercising inherent sovereign jurisdiction" to initiate child custody proceedings, and their judgments should be "entitled to full faith and credit" by the state.

Gov. Sean Parnell's office wasn't prepared to comment on the ruling, said spokeswoman Sharon Leighow.

Heather Kendall-Miller, an attorney with the Native American Rights Fund in Anchorage, said the decision follows one in October by the U.S.

Supreme Court.

It refused to review a court ruling that upheld the Kaltag Tribal Council's ability to control tribal adoptions. In that case, the state had refused to issue a new birth certificate that included the names of the parents in a tribe-approved adoption.

"It was a nice one-two punch for us," Kendall-Miller said.

She said the disagreement about tribal jurisdiction created difficulties when children in disputed custody cases need health care, enroll for school or apply for social services. The Alaska court's ruling should spur more cooperation between tribes and state officials, she said.

The Alaska Supreme Court ruling doesn't resolve all questions sur-

rounding tribal jurisdiction, including whether it extends to parents who aren't tribal members but adopt Native children, or if it applies to families that have limited or no contact with tribes.

Kendall-Miller said the judgment was expressed in "very clear terms" and gives the state solid direction on how to proceed. Alaska Department of Law spokesman Bill McAllister said the ruling doesn't address specific child-custody issues, which could leave room for interpretation.

Information from: Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, <http://www.newsminer.com>

## Veterans conference to offer reintegration support

(Rhineland, WI) Northern Highland Area Health Education Center (NH AHEC) and Nicolet Area Technical College are sponsoring a regional conference on community support for successful veteran reintegration on Wednesday, April 6 at Holiday Acres Resort in Rhineland.

Military veterans of past eras have variously been hailed as heroes or stigmatized, depending upon the prevailing public attitude. Most veterans understand that such feelings "come with the turf" and adjust to the realities. But beyond that, many of today's veterans are facing serious personal issues as they transition to civilian life even as they lack the necessary direction and resources for managing their readjustment challenges.

Challenges of isolation, job loss or stifled careers, together with emotional and physical impacts of multiple tours, place many at risk.

"Successful transitions home require an understanding of the challenges veterans face," said Mark Scully, director of Northern Highland AHEC, and a Vietnam-era Navy veteran. The Project Hand-Over-Hand Conference offers insights into the physical and emotional needs of

veterans and their families. It provides business owners and community leaders resources to support veterans in the workplace. And it will give veterans the chance to explore health science careers, a growth industry in rural Wisconsin.

Keynote speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Cynthia Rasmussen, will address some of these challenges. She will describe behaviors that can indicate Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), or Military Sexual Trauma (MST). In the afternoon she will lead a discussion for health care providers (physical and mental), social workers, law enforcement, and religious leaders on the clinical symptoms of PTSD, TBI, and MST, and treatment.

"Adjusting to life back home has its own challenges," Scully said. "Challenges that can be as life threatening as combat duty, and can impact generations."

Veterans and a family member can attend at no cost as honored guests. Non-veteran registration fee is \$30, student \$20 w/ID, and includes materials, meals, and Continuing Education Units.

## UNR athlete honored for tribal, school achievement

By TERRY DEMPSEY Daily Sparks Tribune

RENO, Nev. (AP) — In basketball, success is usually celebrated with the ceremonial cutting down of the net to mark a championship.

But on a recent Saturday at the University of Nevada, Reno's Lawlor Events Center, success on and off the court was celebrated through a traditional Native American gifting ceremony seldom, if ever, seen in a college basketball arena.

Tahnee Robinson, a senior guard on the UNR women's basketball team, received a Pendleton blanket from the Pyramid Lake Veteran's and Warriors Association in honor of her community service with Native Americans in northern Nevada.

"It's a tradition," said Michelle McCauley, university intertribal higher education coordinator. "If someone is given one, then it means that they've done something very special. It's a very high honor."

The ceremony was a part of a celebration of local Native Americans in conjunction with the Feb. 26 Wolf Pack women's game against the New Mexico State University Aggies.

Finding camaraderie can be difficult for Native American students at UNR. There are only 173 self-identified Native American students out of 16,681 students at the school, according to McCauley.

McCauley she hopes that events such as the ceremony held Saturday can help invigorate Native American students and forge links with local Native American communities.

"It is a challenge finding community because many of the students don't know anything about their songs, traditions, or languages," McCauley said. "I've heard the term of 'walking in two worlds' and that's what Native Americans at UNR have to deal with: adaptation."

The pre-game ceremony featured a performance of the "Shoshone

Flag Song" by Gale Hanson of Bishop, Calif. The Pyramid Lake Veteran's and Warriors Association, also known as "Namu Tookwasa," performed an honor guard presentation.

"'Namu Tookwasu' means people of the black shirts," McCauley said. "It's what the Paiutes called the cavalry when they first came to the area with the settlers."

Native American Student Organization President Chelsea O'Daye also performed the "The Star Spangled Banner" prior to the start of the basketball game.

During halftime, a Native American hoop dancer performed on the court and the group Echo Sky performed pow-wow music.

For each game attendee, Wolf Pack head coach Jane Albright donated \$1 to Nike N7, a program that provides funding to get American Indian and Aboriginal communities in North America involved in sports.

Nike produces special N7 products and the proceeds from sales fund grants and sports programs in Native American communities, according to the Nike N7 website.

The first 500 children to come to the marketing table received a Nike N7 T-shirt and the team wore apparel from the Nike N7 collection during the game, Albright said.

Nevada is the only NCAA Division I-A women's team that has a partnership with N7, she added.

Robinson was given the Pendleton blanket on the court before the game, but a more formal ceremony was held afterwards.

Albright said the event to honor Native Americans started because of a relationship the UNR basketball team has forged with the local Native American community through Robinson.

Robinson is a Shoshone tribe member from Fort Washakie, Wyo., and is one of the few Native Americans

competing in NCAA basketball.

"Our team is very diverse, and we're interested in the progress of all of our players," Albright said. "We learn from all of their unique experiences what they have had to offer."

Robinson, a general studies major, transferred to UNR from Sheridan College in Wyoming in 2009 and was named Western Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year and first team all-WAC last season, according to the Nevada Athletics website. She also is a current semifinalist for the Sullivan Award for the 2010-2011 season.

Robinson has reached out to younger Native Americans, talking about her experiences playing in college basketball and about her experiences with alcohol addiction, which affects the American Indian population at disproportionate rates, Albright said.

"The fact that she is a Division I athlete and that you have to stay in shape to compete at that level has been very important to her," Albright said. "She no longer drinks and tries to share her experiences with that."

Information from: Sparks Tribune, <http://www.dailysparkstribune.com>

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**"Guardian ad Litem Training"**

*Presented by a Team of Oneida Service Providers*

**A Three Day Presentation and Training Session**

**When:** **Monday, March 14, 2011, 8:30AM – 4:30PM**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 8:30AM – 4:30PM**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 8:30AM – 4:30PM**

**Where:** Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 4, 3759 W. Mason, Oneida WI 54155

**Who:** Community members interested in serving in the capacity of a special guardian appointed by the court to represent the best interests of an infant or child in particular litigations and specified timeframe. Preference will be given to new students.

Attendance at the full training is required for certification to serve as a Guardian ad Litem in the Oneida Tribal Judicial System. A background check will be done for all applicants.

**Cost:** **No Charge. Pre-registration is required.**  
**Lunch on your own. Snacks will be provided for breaks.**  
**Deadline to Register: March 9, 2011.**

Registration is limited to 16 participants. You will receive an email confirmation. If the training is full, you will have the option to be on stand-by status.

*For further information, please contact the Oneida Tribal Judicial System at 497-5800*

**REGISTRATION FORM** – Complete and mail to:  
**Oneida Tribal Judicial System P.O. Box 19, Oneida WI 54155 or drop off at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 1**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your email to Kalihwisaks @oneidation.org kalihwisaks.com**

## South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

Serving Milwaukee and the counties of southeastern Wisconsin

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

### Activities Calendar

for the month of **April 2011**

- 1 Friday:**  
**Senior Movie Day, \$4** Movie to the Ridge Cinema, Time – Call SEOTS 3294101  
**Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up By 4:00pm**
- 4 Monday:**  
**Oneida Singers, 6:30pm** Bird Room
- 5 Tuesday:**  
**Senior Activity - 11:00am-2:00pm,** Dancercise, Luncheon \$3.00 Donation, Bingo, Bird Room; **Oneida Language Class 6:30pm, Bird Room**
- 6 Wednesday:**  
**Reading Circle Book Club 4:00-6:00pm,** Bird Room; **Baby and Me Class 5:00-7:00pm,** Wolf Room; **Med Pick-up in Oneida**
- 7 Thursday**  
**Craft Class – 6:00-8:00pm;** Loom Beadwork \$10 Fee Includes Supplies Come and finish up your existing Projects! It's a time for relaxation, fun and great conversation! Wolf Room
- 8 Friday**  
**Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up**
- 11 Monday:**  
**Oneida Singers, 6:30PM,** Bird Room
- 12 Tuesday:**  
**Senior Activity Day 11AM-2PM,** Foot Care with Bridget, Luncheon \$3.00 Donation, Bingo, Bird Room; **Oneida Language, 6:30PM,** Bird Rm.; **Board Meeting, 6:00PM,** Turtle Rm.; **Bay Bank Presentation, 6:00pm** Learn about home and small business loans, Turtle Room
- 13 Wednesday**  
**Reading Circle Book Club, 4:00-6:00PM,** Bird Room. **Baby and Me Class, 5:00PM-7:00PM,** Wolf Room; **Cultural Heritage with Randy Cornelius, 6:00PM,** Topic: Rights of Passage & Sweat Lodge ; **Med Pick-up in Oneida**
- 14 Thursday**  
**Craft Class, 6:00PM-8:00PM,** Loom Beadwork \$10 Fee Includes Supplies **Come and finish up your existing Projects!** It's a time for relaxation, fun and great conversation! Wolf Room
- 15 Friday**  
**Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM**
- 18 Monday**  
**Youth Event: How to make a Youtube video, 6:00pm,** Turtle Room  
**Oneida Singers, 6:30PM,** Bird Room
- 19 Tuesday**  
**Senior Activity Day 11AM-2PM,** Tai Chi with Jim, Potluck  
**Community Meeting, 6:00pm,** We will gather input regarding the NEW SEOTS building  
**Oneida Language Class, 6:30PM,** Bird Rm.
- 20 Wednesday**  
**Baby and Me Class, 5:00PM-7:00PM,** Wolf Room; **Van Trip to Oneida, 8:00PM,** Med Pick-up
- 21 Thursday:**  
**Craft Class, 6:00PM – Loom Beading \$10** Fee Includes Supplies, **Come finish up your existing Projects!** It's a time for relaxation, fun and great conversation! Wolf Room.
- 22 Friday:**  
**Closed ½ Day at 12pm** Good Friday Observance; **Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up By 11am**
- 25 Monday:**  
**Bingo Trip 7am Departure, 6:30PM,** Bird Room; **Oneida Singers, 6:30PM,** Bird Room;
- 26 Tuesday:**  
**Senior Activity Day 11AM-2PM,** Cultural Day! Brown Bag, Bingo, Bird Room.  
**SEOTS Board Meeting, 6:00PM**
- 27 Wednesday**  
**Reading Circle Book Club, 4:00PM-6:00PM,** Bird Rm.  
**Med Pick-up in Oneida**
- 28 Thursday:**  
**Craft Class, 6:00PM – Loom Beading \$10** Fee Includes Supplies, **Come finish up your existing Projects!** It's a time for relaxation, fun and great conversation! Wolf Room.

### SEOTS Mission...

Our mission is to strengthen our cultural connection and provide services and programs that enhance the well being of **Onáyoṭe?á·ka** in southeastern Wisconsin.

## Milwaukee Event Seeks Oneida Stories

For many decades Milwaukee has been the home to hundreds of Oneida families. As the nearest major city to the reservation, Milwaukee has attracted Tribal members seeking big city opportunities. With the transition to city life also come the challenges of urban populations. In a nutshell, everything is bigger in the big city, not only the opportunities, but also the crime, living costs, etc. Sometimes being an Indian in the concrete forest is not so easy. But, despite the barrage of ethnicities, automobiles, and tall buildings, the Oneida community has always sought places to share their culture, their history, and

their laughter. On Saturday, May 21, 2011, Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services will be hosting an event at UW-Milwaukee's Greene Hall (3347 North Downer Avenue, Milwaukee) to recognize the Oneida Indian experience in Milwaukee. Oneida Tribal members will share their experiences of culture and community in the big city. We will also have a welcome in the Oneida language by students of Dr. Mark R. Powless plus an exhibition of Longhouse dancing and singing. Corn soup and Indian tacos will be available as well as some great door prizes. In preparation of the event, SEOTS is seeking individuals to submit their personal stories of Oneida culture and community in the Milwaukee area. Please submit stories in writing (500 words or less) to the SEOTS office (6820 West Wedgewood Drive, Milwaukee). Individuals who feel more comfortable sharing their stories verbally may set up an appointment at the office (414-329-4101). All submissions must be received by Monday, April 11, 2011. Of particular interest are stories from the 1970's or earlier. Perhaps you or a family member can share a first hand account of the A.I.M. takeover of the Coast

Guard Station in Milwaukee. Other possibilities include the early days of the Consolidated Tribes of American Indians, community gatherings at All Saints Cathedral or other churches with Oneida ties, United Indians of Milwaukee, the Iroquois baseball team, area Powwows, etc. We are also looking forward to stories of cultural activities at homes or family gatherings. Any inquiries can be directed to the SEOTS office. We look forward to hearing from you and will share more information as it becomes available.



Do you have questions about your health care benefits?

**We Can Help!**

Medical Benefits Coordinators from the Oneida Community Health Center will be at SEOTS!

Thursday and Friday, March 24th and 25th, 2011

MARCH 24TH  
9:30AM TO 4:00PM  
MARCH 25TH  
9:30AM TO 2:00PM  
SEOTS  
6820 W. WEDGEWOOD DR. MILWAUKEE, WI

- Senior Care Prescription coverage (applications)
- Medical Assistance –Badger Care Plus (applications)
- Wisconsin Well Women's Information
- General questions regarding Oneida Community Health Center Services

Any questions please contact Oneida Community Health Center and ask to speak to a Medical Benefits Coordinators

**TEL: (920)869-2711**



### Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have knowledge, skills, or abilities that you can share with others? Are you able to contribute a few hours to your community? Contact the SEOTS office to find out about volunteer opportunities through the office: 414-329-4101.

*Rock the Night Away*  
*Family Fun Night*

Presented by: The Indian Community School Family Resource Center and SEOTS

**Spaghetti Dinner & Rock Hop**

HULA HOOP CONTEST TWIST CONTEST

Friday, April 1st, 2011

Meal served from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$6.00 adults  
 \$4.00 children (3-12)  
 Children under 3 are FREE  
 Meal includes spaghetti, bread, salad, & beverage

**Rock Hop in Indian Community School Gym from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

COSTUME CONTEST LIVE D.J.



### Work Out, Low Fat for Elders

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

Here are the details of the program:

**Who?** Any Native American Elder (age 45 or better)

**When?** Every Wednesday, 10AM-1PM

**What?**

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

**Where?** 1711 S. 11th Street, Milwaukee (kitchen located on 2nd floor)

For more information, contact Jennifer Casey: 414-383-9526, Ext. 303

### Important Community Information Sessions

#### MILWAUKEE, WI

Thursday, March 31st, 2:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 31st, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 Milwaukee SEOTS Office  
 (6811 West Morgan Ave.)  
 (Light Snacks Provided)

#### CHICAGO, IL

Thursday, March 24th, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 24th, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 American Indian Center  
 (1630 West Wilson Ave.)  
 (Snacks Provided)

**Topic:** Secretarial Election Process to Vote on Oneida's Proposed Constitutional Amendments

#### Purpose:

1. Receive an Overview of Secretarial Election Process
2. Learn Who Votes on the Constitutional Amendments and Why it is Important to Register for the Vote.
3. Ask Questions About the Process

#### Proposed Constitutional Amendments

- Remove Secretary of the Interior from oversight & approval role
- Lower the voting & General Tribal Council participation age from 21 to 18 years-old
- Change the Tribe's official name to "Oneida Nation"
- Formal addition of a Judiciary
- Eliminate the "first Monday" meeting requirement for annual & semi-annual GTC meetings in January & July

**Note:** Questions about the federal Secretarial Election process can be submitted via email to constitution@oneidanation.org, or by the Oneida Business Committee at 1-800-236-2214 ext. 4478 or 920-869-4478.  
 (Please RSVP the Oneida Business Committee at 1-800-236-2214 ext. 4478)

#### Are you looking for employment?

Spotted Eagle, Inc. can help you! Spotted Eagle, Inc. provides trained professionals that serve the needs of Native Americans who are seeking entry into the workforce. Contact Michael Alexander, or Ed Werstein at 414-342-0706.

Are you interested in singing with the Oneida Singers, or contacting them for an event? Call John House at 414-443-0301

SEOTS is now on Facebook

## Ticket Sales Skyrocket at Menominee Casino Resort for Charlie Daniels Band

The highly recognized Charlie Daniels Band is set perform live at the Menominee Casino Resort at 8:00 pm on May 21st, 2011. The band is just one of several national acts to perform in the classy Five Clans Ballroom. Ticket sales began on Monday, March 7th at 10:00 am. Reserved seating prices range from \$40.00 - \$45.00 in advance and \$45.00 - \$50.00 the day of the show.

The touring legend has generated over 20 million in record sales subsequent to 50 years of record making. The Charlie Daniels Band is known for classic hits such as "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," "Uneasy Rider," "Long Haired Country Boy," and "Still in Saigon." For additional information or to obtain your concert tickets, please contact the Menominee Casino Resort Box Office at 800-343-7778 ext. 4024 between the hours of 8:00 am - 11:30 pm.

The Menominee Casino Resort, formerly known as the Menominee Casino-Bingo-Hotel,



underwent a significant transformation; both in the physical and brand sense. 13,000 square feet encompasses the Convention Center with a banquet hall large enough to host weddings and functions for up to 600 guests. The banquet hall also has the ability to be configured into separate rooms for smaller events and functions. Also located in the Convention Center are five (5) large breakout rooms that can host meetings from 1-50 people. For small outdoor gatherings, the Convention Center offers a stone terrace near the meetings rooms and our beautifully landscaped courtyard area right next to the pool and the hotel.

For more information or to book your event, please contact Rachel Peters at 800-343-7778, ext. 5692.

## From Trade Cloth to Treaty Obligation

### Cloth in Early Oneida Clothing of the 18th Century

The Oneida people are among the Haudenosaunee a.k.a. Iroquois Confederacy who made first contact with Europeans in the early 1500's. They began trade relations with the French, Portuguese, Dutch and other European nations. As the Native and European nations intermingled, they had influences on each other in their culture, music, and way of dressing.

The Oneida people, and others, began adapting European clothing and created unique styles. The Oneida people adapted the European night shirt as their own. Oneida men wore it as a regular day shirt. This European shirt also inspired the Oneida women's old style dress.

The Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP) will host the "Early Haudenosaunee Clothing" lecture/demo program with Michael Galban, on Friday, Mar. 11th and 12th, in the ONAP cottage, 1270 Packerland Dr. Green

Bay, WI. He is the Public Historian at the Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor, NY. Seating is limited to 30 per presentation. This program is presented with funds from the Wisconsin Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Iroquois Museum, of Howes Cove, NY, has more information about early Haudenosaunee clothing on their website.

"Cloth was introduced to the Haudenosaunee by European traders and quickly became an important trade item. At first, Haudenosaunee used the cloth to make their own styles of clothing. By the 1700s, calico and flannel cloth became popular for men's and women's outfits. Finished items from Europe like military coats and linen shirts, glass beads and silver jewelry were also introduced. For the first time, Native clothing began to feature sleeves!" Iroquois Museum, Howes Cave, NY, Haudenosaunee Clothing, (retrieved from <http://bit.ly/iroqmu>).

The cloth was so

favored by the Haudenosaunee that it became an important part of the Treaty of Canandaigua.

The "Early Haudenosaunee Clothing" presentation will discuss types of cloth the Iroquois preferred and how it became interwoven into the culture of Native American people.

Presentations of the

"Early Haudenosaunee Clothing" Lecture/Demo program with Michael Galban will be Fri. Mar. 11th at 7:00pm; and Sat. Mar. 12th at 1:00pm in the ONAP cottage.

To reserve your seat, call ONAP at (920) 490-3832, or email [sbenton@oneidanation.org](mailto:sbenton@oneidanation.org) and indicate how many seats you wish to reserve.



Photo by Brenden Jamison

A sample of traditional Iroquois dress which was influenced by trade cloth.

**Travis Tritt**  
Monday, May 9  
8pm • \$30

SEE CONCIERGE FOR DETAILS.

**\$10 PROMO PLAY SPECIAL OFFER**

Tickets available at Oneida Main Casino Concierge, Oneida Mason Street Casino Concierge, or purchase online at [OneidaCasino.net](http://OneidaCasino.net). Limit 8 tickets per person, per show. No refunds.

**ONEIDA CASINO**  
FUN IS OUR GAME!

**CONCERTS**

- COMBAT USA**  
Friday, April 22 • 8pm  
\$40, \$65, \$90, \$110  
ONLINE SALES ONLY! - No walkups
- LOUNGE** **FREE**
- MAVIS STAPLES**  
March 13 - 15 • 7:30pm
- RAY PRICE**  
March 20 - 23 • 7:30pm
- TEJAS BROTHERS**  
March 27 - 29 • 7:30pm
- BOBBY BARE**  
April 3 - 5 • 7:30pm
- BETTYE LA VETTE**  
April 10 - 12 • 7:30pm
- WEBB WILDER**  
April 17 - 19 • 7:30pm
- BILL KIRCHEN**  
April 17 - 19 • 9:00pm

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No cameras or audio/video equipment allowed in Concerts or Casino Lounge. All acts subject to change. Must be 21 to enter gaming floor.

## Tribal TANF Program Acknowledgement

The Tribal TANF program staff of Barbara Metoxen, Economic Support Program Manager, Justine Huff, Tracy Metoxen, Alice Severson, Linda Summers, Economic Support Specialists and Michelle Doxtator, Intake Coordinator at the Center for Self Sufficiency took on a huge task this past fall. The Economic Support Program Manager applied for TANF American Recovery Act funding through the Administration for Children & Families Office in Washington D.C. The approved application brought a one time additional \$94,414 to the TANF program. It

was decided that due to the economic recession this one time funding would be used to help TANF eligible families with school clothing. These ladies worked together as a team processing 482 applications from August 16 thru September 30, 2010, serving 996 children, each enrolled, school age child received a \$100 gift card for school clothes. Many families expressed their appreciation of having this help available to them. Good job TANF program staff! Thank you all for your hard work and dedication in taking on this task to help the families & children of the community.

## Close cropping is an easy way to gain garden space

By Dean Fosdick

Associated Press – Gardeners react no differently than anyone else when times are tough: They tighten spending and try to squeeze more from their budgets. Some turn to close cropping – crowding plants as a cheap and easy way to maximize yields from minimal space.

Placing garden plants shoulder-to-shoulder is not a new idea. Native Americans are credited with introducing the “Three Sisters” concept, in which corn, beans and squash were planted alongside one another. The nitrogen-rich climbing beans used the corn stalks for structure, while the ground-hugging squash smothered weeds and reduced soil evaporation. The result: three interdependent and eminently edible crops produced from the same ground.

If done right, massing plants in their growing beds is also an efficient way for urban gardeners

to make the most of patios or decks, balconies or fire escapes.

“Many gardeners find themselves in a situation of wanting to grow either more produce in the same amount of space, or grow similar amounts in a reduced area,” said Ben Sturtevant, a marketing specialist with Johnny’s Selected Seeds in Winslow, Maine. “This leads to finding ways to change methods or use new methods of production.”

Traditional single-row spacing varies, but smaller crops like radishes, leaf lettuces and beets usually are assigned about a foot between the rows, Sturtevant said. Larger plants, including beans, cabbage and broccoli, generally are given 2 to 3 feet.

Garden beds can be compressed, however, if managed properly. That includes letting enough air flow around the plants to prevent mildew, Sturtevant said.

It also means using rich soil, said Derek Fell,

author of more than 100 garden publications. “If you have a lot of nutrition in the soil, then a lot of plants won’t mind being crowded,” he said.

Rather than planting in single rows, plant in square or diamond patterns, Fell suggested. “That’s used extensively in places like Britain where you have space limitations. You can get an amazing amount of production from tight planting.”

Here are some space-saving variations:

– Grow vertical. “Cucumbers, some squashes, melons and tomatoes can be trellised very nicely,” Sturtevant said.

– Succession planting. Get a new crop into the ground as soon as the cool-season crop has been harvested. Replace lettuce, radishes and peas with something like beans, beets and turnips.

– Inter-planting. Grow vegetables having different maturity dates side by side. A typical pairing might be radishes, which

are fast maturing, with carrots, which take longer. Space also can be gained by planting a massed row of leaf lettuce between two rows of tomatoes. The lettuce can be eaten before the tomatoes grow tall enough to shade them out.

– Use containers. “A sure way to grow in a limited amount of space,” Sturtevant said. “Specific (plant) varieties are now being developed for this specialized environment.”

– Select “bush” or dwarf plants, which don’t take as much space or compete as vigorously for soil ingredients.

“Shop around for ‘kit gardens,’ or comparable plant varieties that are made into salads, pizza fixings or herbal teas and seasonings,” said Linda Chalker-Scott, an urban horticulturist with Washington State University’s Puyallup Research and Extension Center. “They’re also a neat way to introduce gardening to the entire family, especially children.”

Check out our facebook page for photos from games, events, powwows and gatherings.



www.facebook.com/kalihwisaks

## ONEIDA

Spring Turkey Permits on sale NOW!!

Season Dates:  
**April 2 – May 29**  
Last day to purchase a Spring Turkey Permit is Friday, April 1, 2011.  
Permits will go on sale  
**March 10<sup>th</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Questions, please contact Oneida Conservation at  
**(920) 869-1450**

\$5.00 = 2 Turkey Tags (1 Tom/Jake **and** 1 Hen)  
Must possess a valid 2010-11 Oneida Sportsman License.

After you harvest **and** register the first set of tags, you have the option to purchase a second set of tags!

\$5.00 = Second set of Turkey Tags (1 Tom/Jake **and** 1 Hen)

Second set of tags will be sold at the Oneida Conservation Office during regular business hours.

## Conservationist to speak at UW-Green Bay

GREEN BAY – Conservationist Liz Titus Putnam, the founder of the Student Conservation Association, will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, in Phoenix Room B of the University Union on the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay campus, 2420 Nicolet Drive.

Putnam, who was awarded a 2010 Presidential Citizens Medal, founded the Student Conservation

Association, the country’s first and now largest youth volunteer and environmental conservation organization.

The Student Conservation Association gives college students and high school students hands-on service opportunities in all types of fields including invasive species eradication, wildfire management and education, environmental education, and trail restoration and maintenance.

Putnam’s talk, titled “Environmental Conservation and Youth Civic Engagement,” focuses on the significance of building the next generation of conservation leaders. She will also give a guest lecture in two classes during her visit.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Office of Student Life at (920) 465-2720 or visit www.uwgb.edu/stulife.

## Recycle Like You Have Never Recycled Before



Oneida Tribe is now offering single stream recycling for their waste and recycle customers. Now you can put Glass, Cans, Paper, Newspaper, Cardboard, Paperboard and Plastic Containers all in the same recycle bin.

**Glass:** Jars and Bottles

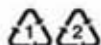
**Cans:** Tin and aluminum cans, empty aluminum cans and empty paint cans

**Cardboard:** Empty and flattened

**Mixed Paper:** Newspapers, magazines, mail (junk and personal), phone books, computer paper, flyers and wrapping paper.

**Paperboard/Food Boxes:** Shoe boxes, food boxes such as cereal, canned soda, cracker, etc (not food soiled) and product boxes.

**Plastic:** Recycle #1 and #2 plastic containers ONLY (mostly beverage and detergent containers). Look on the bottom of the container for the following symbol:



If one recycle container isn’t enough, just add another. Any container will do!



For Questions:

Environmental, Health and Safety Division  
Amy Spears, Environmental Specialist-Pollution Prevention  
(920) 869-4549  
aspears@oneidanation.org

Visit our website for more information:  
www.oneidanation.org/environment



## Hunter’s Safety Course

To register for one of the following classes, contact the Oneida Conservation Department at (920) 869-1450.

**Class Requirements:**

- \$10.00 fee per student
- Must be 10 years old

**Class Location:**

Oneida Community Education Center  
2632 Packerland Dr. • Green Bay, WI

**Dates / Time:**

- March 21, 23, 28, 30 ... 6PM–8PM
- April 4, 6, 11 and 12 ... 6PM–8PM

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1973, **MUST** pass this course in order to purchase an Oneida Sportsman License.

## Language 101

with Randy Corneilus

Thursdays from 12pm-1pm at the Norbert Hill Center executive conference room (2nd floor)



N7210 Seminary Rd. Just off Hwy 54 in Oneida





## Pre-college opportunity for High School students at UW-Madison, July 3-22, 2011

The College Access Program (CAP) is a three-week summer enrichment residential program for first-generation college students or students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The program is open to 9th, 10th and 11th graders who have completed their high school academic year. This year's program runs from July 3-22nd at UW-Madison.

Application deadline April 15, 2011. Program application and info: <http://www.education.wisc.edu/cap/>

During the 3-week pre-college program you will:

- Discover the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Get a head start on your preparation for college
- Practice problem-solving skills you will need to succeed academically in college
- Work with college

instructors on projects that will help develop your writing skills

- Learn how math and science are used to solve real-world problems
- Experience living in University Housing

### What Will Workshop Sessions Cover?

Morning sessions explore problem-solving strategies used in science and mathematics. Although topics change from year to year, previous sessions have examined issues such as stereotypes, world hunger, mathematics in art, DNA testing, water quality and the environment, and emotion in the brain.

Afternoon sessions focus on developing college-level writing skills. You will learn strategies for research, analysis and presentation that are essential to writing effective academic papers.

You will use these strategies throughout the program to produce formal and informal essays.

During the weekends and evenings you will have an opportunity to take advantage of the recreational and cultural activities on and off campus. In addition, you can use this time to find out about college applications, financial aid, academic requirements for college, and services available to university students.

### Who Can Participate?

The College Access Program is designed to promote and encourage academic development in high school students. The program is open to students of limited/low income status regardless of race. Students must be completing their freshman, sophomore or junior year in high school

when applying. Students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA and course work which will prepare them for college.

### How Much Does It Cost?

The fee for the 2011 College Access Program is \$500. This fee covers instruction, advising, room/board and supplies. Department of Public Instruction (DPI) scholarships are available to qualified Wisconsin residents. Limited scholarships are available to nonresidents.

For a scholarship application, please contact your counselor, Title VII Indian Education Coordinator or the College Access Program. Travel to and from the University, and all incidental expenses while on campus, will be the responsibility of the student.

### How Should I Apply?

- You must submit:
- 1) a completed program application and
  - 2) a current copy of your high school transcripts.

### The application deadline is April 15, 2011.

Send your application or contact for further information

## Pulaski School District Explores Elementary Foreign Language

The Pulaski Community School District Board of Education heard a presentation from the district's Early World Language Task Force at their meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. The task force was authorized by the Board in the fall of 2010. The task force is comprised of parents, representatives from business and industry, educators and students.

The task force met approximately five times and journeyed to eight school districts that teach elementary foreign languages. The task force was chaired by Darlene Godfrey, the district's Director of Learning Services, and Jenny Gracyalny, principal at Hillcrest Elementary School. According to Gracyalny, "We saw great things happening in the schools that we visited. Children as young as five years old were acquiring foreign language skills that are being taught in high school in our district." Godfrey said "In our world today it is important for our children to have the opportunity to acquire a second, if not a third and fourth language. Other countries teach not only their native language but English. In fact, many people from other countries are fluent in multiple languages."

The district's Board of Education will continue to study the inclusion of an elementary school foreign language program. Currently the district's plans were presented for the inclusion of Spanish language instruction in kindergarten through grade two for the upcoming school year. According to Dr. Mel Lightner, District Superintendent "Even in these tight fiscal times it is very important to reprioritize things that are done in school districts. I'm excited about the possibility that our young children would be learning another language next year." The Board will be getting updates and more specific information in the months to come in order for them to make a decision on whether to teach Spanish in kindergarten, first and second grade in the 2011-12 school year. Additionally, the school district Early World Language Taskforce plans to continuing their work in the 2011-12 school year, researching and planning for the possibility of offering a Mandarin Chinese Immersion Program at one of their five elementary schools for the 2012-13 school year.

More information on the study can be found on the Pulaski Community School's website <http://connect.pulaski.k12.wi.us> under News & Announcements.

## Thinking of Going To College This Fall? Let the Higher Education Department help!

We will be offering a financial aid planning workshop on Saturday March 19, 2010 from 10-12 at the Community Education Center, located at 2632 S Packerland Drive, Green Bay, WI

54313. We will go over the basic financial aid process, the Oneida Higher Education Grant process, and help students complete the 2011/12 FAFSA (Free

Application for Federal Student Aid) So please bring all 2010 tax and income information with you.

Please call us at (920) 869-4471 with any questions.

## Candidates advised to finish GED this year


The GED (General Educational Development Testing Service) will be introducing a new series of exams on January 1, 2012. GED candidates who have begun testing under the

current series are being urged to try to pass all five tests by December 31, 2011, otherwise, they will be required to re-take the entire new exam series.

If you or someone you

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**Purpose:**  
 The Oneida Tribe of Indians (Tribe) is proposing to construct an approximately 18,000 square foot addition to the existing casino located at 2020 Airport Road. The expansion will include a sports bar, food court, poker room, smoke shop, combined with other renovations. The project will be funded by the Tribe. The intent is to improve the economy of the Tribe and increase short and long term employment opportunities.

No federal involvement or action has been identified for this project.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by the Oneida Tribe (Tribe) in 1992 for the construction of a gaming facility at 2020 Airport Road. A finding of no significant impact (FONSI) was made by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in March 1993. This addendum to the proposed expansion of the existing casino is in compliance with the Oneida Environmental Policy Act (2-13-93B) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA and addendum contain project information, affected environment, project alternatives, consequences, and consultation.

**Location:** The proposed expansion is planned to connect on the east end of the existing casino located at 2020 Airport Drive, on the Oneida Reservation, located in Township 23 North, Range 20 East, Section 6, Brown County, WI.

**Alternatives: Preferred Alternative:** The preferred alternative is for the Tribe to construct an addition of approximately 18,000 square feet on the east side of the existing. It will include a sports bar, food court, poker room, smoke shop, and other renovations. The addition will be located on what is currently a flat paved valet parking area; approximately 24 parking spaces will be removed. The valet parking will be moved to the south side of the building. No additional parking areas will be added with this proposal. Construction will occur on previously disturbed areas. The area of impervious surface is not expected to increase. Construction is planned for Summer 2012.

The applicant expects 20-25 short term jobs during the construction activities and 25-30 full time jobs resulting from the expanded services.

**No Action Alternative:** To not construct the proposed expansion to the existing Oneida Main Casino location. This will not assist in the goal of expanding gaming operations and improving the economy of the Oneida Nation.

Comments were requested from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding possible impacts to threatened and endangered species, Oneida Cultural Heritage Department for possible impacts to culturally significant areas, and the Environmental Protection Agency for possible permitting needs regarding in-stream development

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A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared regarding this proposed action in compliance with the Oneida Environmental Policy (2-13-93B) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The draft EA contains project information, affected environment, project alternatives, and consultation letters.

Comments were requested from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding possible impacts to threatened and endangered species, Oneida Cultural Heritage Department for possible impacts to historic properties, the Army Corps of Engineers for wetland concerns, the United States Environmental Protection Agency for permitting, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Air Management for diesel emissions. Recommendations from the above contacts will be followed, but no significant resource impacts are anticipated.

**Need for Project:** The Oneida community has requested improved fishing opportunities on the Oneida Reservation. Some funding has been provided for restoration of a fishery through compensation for the ecological damages caused by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) contamination of the Fox River and Bay of Green Bay. The former 59.83 acre Binkowski sand and gravel mine was chosen as the potential lake site. The site was mined for sand in the past and provides an opportunity for additional mining. Once the surface material has been removed, the site will be developed for a warm-water lake fishery and recreation area.

**Alternatives:** The *PREFERRED* alternative will be to remove approximately 1.75 million cubic yards of sand, silt, and clay from the site. The Mining Plan details suggest removal strategies and recommend the appropriate equipment for the operation. A plan for stockpiling is being developed to minimize material handling. Once a sufficient amount of surface material has been removed, the area will be developed as a warm-water fishing lake and recreation area. A local construction firm has received a 5-year contract for mining, dredging, and shaping of the site.

The NO-ACTION alternative does not move the tribe forward with the goal of providing recreational fishing opportunities. No further mining or reclamation of the site would pose a safety hazard and potential for illegal dumping.

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# Thunderhawk

## ONHS Leaders Attend Conference

**By Thunderhawk Times Staff**

Thunderhawk Times  
ONHS Instructors Carol Johnson and Amy Amschler took a group of ONHS student leaders to the 7th Annual Northeast Wisconsin High School Diversity Leadership Conference.

The conference, sponsored by the Green Bay Area Schools, was held on the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay campus.

The conference theme was "Choices and Attitudes for a Purposeful Life."

The guest presenter was Manuel Scott whose life story was featured in the film Freedom Writers. Scott's speech was about the remarkable transformation that changed his life. Scott has spoken to almost a million people.

Some of the sectional offerings included African Dance; "Memento Mori," a series of large-scale photographs by Madison-based photographer Paul Baker Prindle at the Lawton Gallery, UW-Green Bay; Lummi/Rhythm Sticks, presented by Green Bay West High School students; Oral Tradition/Storytelling – presented by Kay Huxford and Jackie Ninham; and "The Hidden Homeless," presented by Eileen Littig.

The ONHS group left school at about 7:15 a.m. and returned about 3:00 p.m. Students attending the conference were Eva Powless, Ululani Nunies, Mason Powless, Kanai Nunies, Noelle Metoxen, David White, Jordan Bain, and Jaaleesa Caldwell.

## Meet Kylene Welch

**By Billie John**  
Thunderhawk Times



**Kylene Welch**

Q: What is your favorite color[s]?

A: Orange  
Q: When is your birthday?

A: September 23rd  
Q: How old are you?

A: 15  
Q: Who is your favorite singer?

A: Lil Wayne & Nicki Minaj

Q: Do you have any brothers/sisters?

A: Yes  
Q: How many brothers/sisters?

A: 10  
Q: What is your favorite season?

A: Summer  
Q: What are your hobbies?

ies?

A: Volley ball

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Tiger

Q: What is your favorite class in school?

A: Computer Apps.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Juno

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Volley ball

Q: Who is your hero in your family?

A: Grandpa

Q: What is your favorite television show?

A: Teen Mom & Jersey Shore

Q: How is life going?

A: Great!

Q: What college would you like to go to?

A: Marquette.

## Reality Day at Seymour

**By Thunderhawk Times Staff**

Thunderhawk Times

"It was pretty cool," said Damon Danforth.

What he was referring to was Reality Day held at Seymour High School on Tuesday, March 8. The day was set aside for students to see what working and paying bills is like in the "real" world.

Each student was assigned a career. "We didn't get to choose," Damon said, "We drew one and whatever that was, that was your career and you had to see what you could do

with it."

Students were also assigned a family. Then, they had to go to different places.

"We walked around and bought things – important things – that we needed," said Damon.

Those places were insurance, licenses, buying a house, car, day care, and so on.

"I was a librarian," Damon said. "I had two kids. I had to pay for me and for them—insurance, car, house, hygiene, supplies; we even had to pay for day care to our own mom. I

bought a 2011 Toyota Camry."

"I was a cashier," said Terrill Guitierrez. "It was pretty hard making it on a cashier's pay. Then, I went to this thing called "SOS" that helps you get money back and helps you lower what you bought or get more money. Like instead of buying name brands, you could get something lower. It was a good experience, so that if you do get a job like that you know what it is like."

Students also had to go to "Fate." There "you had to roll dice or pick a

card," said Terrill. "Fate could be good or bad."

There were also incidental, unplanned expenses.

"There was a cop there and if you didn't keep walking, he would give you a ticket for loitering," Terrill said. "So you had to pay that. Then there was this lady who carried around medical bills and she would hand you a medical bill. If you didn't have insurance, she could give you a medical bill for whatever she wanted."

## Lady T-Hawks Are Phenomenal

**By Joelle Thomas**

Thunderhawk Times

The girls' basketball team has been phenomenal this year. Thanks to our coach, Jamie Better. We never would have been able to do what we have accomplished this year without Jamie.

This journey has been fun, although there were some rough times. We got through the rough times because as a team, we got closer. We are like

a family. Because of our closeness, our current record is 15-6.

There are nine girls on the team. The three seniors are Jasmin Webster, Eva Powless, and Ululanie Nunies. We have only one Junior, Kanani Nunies. There are two sophomores, Noelle Metoxen and Jessica House. Last, but not least, are three freshmen, Natasha Stevens, Lakota Martinez, and me, Joelle

Thomas.

Our plans are long term. We all believe we can make it to state. We have our friends, family, and other supporters in the community.

Our athletic director, Lisa Rauschenbach, also helped us a lot. We plan to get new team gear. We want to thank Lisa, that we are able to do that. The team just wants to say: THANKS JAMIE AND LISA.

## Where was Gary?

**By Joelle Thomas**

Thunderhawk Times

Gary Lancelle is the Computer Applications teacher at the Oneida Nation High School. He hasn't been to work lately because, during Christmas break, Gary had a heart attack and he had to have open heart surgery.

So, he's been off the past couple of months.

He came back on Thursday, March 3. Everyone missed him dearly, students and staff.

About being back, Gary said, "It's great to be back amongst the living. I missed everyone and I appreciate the fact that they missed me."

In our next issue, we will have an in-depth interview with Gary regarding his experience.

## SPRING...It's Around the corner

**By Shanna Jourdan**

Thunderhawk Times

Regular March temperatures can get up to the forties and fifties or even better.

The best thing about spring is Spring Break. This year, Spring Break goes from Monday, March 21 through Friday, March 25.

On spring break, the kids can do what ever they want to do and enjoy the time off. What I like to do on spring break is, sleep in late, go to the park with my family and enjoy the sun shine. It's nice to see the nice green grass, the baby blue sky,

and seeing flowers popping up from the ground.

If it's warm enough, another cool thing is to enjoy the sun, maybe sit out in the sun to catch a little tan, have a cookout with the family, or just lay out underneath a big shadowy tree and relax and enjoy the quietness of spring.

When spring starts, it's all wet outside from all the snow, but after that it's going to feel gorgeous. You can't help but to be outside.

So, what I'm saying is, don't stay in side all day... Go outside and play!

## Paintball!

**By Jade Doxtater**

Thunderhawk Times

My name is Jade Doxtater and one of my favorite hobbies is to play paintball.

Paintball is a sport in which players compete, in teams or individually, to eliminate opponents by hitting them with capsules containing food coloring and gelatin (referred to as paintballs). The capsules are propelled from a device called a paintball marker.

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The game is regularly played at a sporting level with organized competition involving worldwide leagues, tournaments, professional teams, and players.



## Why Shop Anywhere Else?

**By Thunderhawk Times staff**

Thunderhawk Times

A tip of the hat goes to local appliance store, Van Vreedes.

According to ONHS instructor, Laura Studee, they have been very helpful with the annual prom since 2009.

"So, for two years in a row now," said Studee, "Van Vreedes has been amazing to us by giving us cardboard to use for prom."

The cardboard is used for various props and decorations, depending on the prom's theme.

"Yaw^ko to Van Vreedes for your donation of cardboard to ONHS for our prom," Studee said. "It's nice for our school to be supported by a local business like this."

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## Biodiesel Project Continues

**By Jason Skenadore and ONHS staff member David Santee**

Thunderhawk Times

My biodiesel project is about using different oils, such as vegetable oils, see if we can produce biodiesel. The goal is to replace petroleum-based diesel as a fuel.

We are trying to make at least twenty-five gallons of biodiesel fuel as part of the Indian Education Energy Challenge.

I picked this project first semester and have been working on it a lot for the last month. We

make little batches every day. We have taken them to NWTC to test them and they have all turned out good—meaning they all meet AMSE standards.

Testing involves four criteria: 1. PH Levels using an electronic PH meter, 2. Water Content using a pressure test, 3. Residual Catalyst by titration, and 4. Unreacted Fat Chains by checking for soap – titration.

ONHS was chosen along with four other Native American High Schools to build the plans we submitted for this project. This means

that ONHS is one of only five high schools who qualified as finalists.

We were given \$3500 to build a working biodiesel plan. We will be given a diesel generator to test our fuel in. Our plan calls for the biodiesel plant to be built on a trailer so we can demonstrate the process to the community.

We are currently purchasing parts for the processing plant and hope to begin assembly after spring break.

Our plan is to recycle oil and grease from local restaurants.

Jason's comments: I hope to go somewhere with this project. I hope one day that we can get everyone together to make enough biodiesel to help everyone out by replacing the fuel we are burning now. Go green. Here in Oneida, we could really make this work and do better for the environment.

(I want to give a shout out to my parents for inspiring me to work on something like this and lots of love to my brother, Joe, for making me best man at his wedding.)

## Court-ordered notification in \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement to begin

*Hundreds of Thousands of Native Americans must act soon to participate in the Settlement*

Washington, D.C. ~ January 25, 2011 – The Court-ordered process of notifying individual Indians of their right to participate in the historic \$3.4 billion class action Settlement, *Cobell v. Salazar*, is underway. The Settlement resolves claims related to Individual Indian Money (or IIM) accounts and land held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of individual Indians.

Class Members all over the country are receiving detailed information about their legal rights and options via U.S. Mail. Information will also be provided through an extensive media campaign, which includes Native America print media, television and

radio ads, and online advertising. On December 21, 2010, U.S. Senior District Judge Thomas F. Hogan granted preliminary approval of the Settlement, setting in motion a process through which hundreds of thousands of individual Indians who have or had government-managed IIM accounts or trust lands may receive some of the \$3.4 billion Settlement Fund.

The judge's approval came after Congress passed and the President signed legislation approving the Settlement. Current estimates project that most Class Members will receive about \$1,800, with some Class Members receiving much more depending on the level of activity in their IIM accounts.

The \$3.4 billion Settlement was reached between the Departments of the Interior and Treasury and the individual Indian plaintiffs in

December 2009. The Settlement resolves the government's failure to provide an historical accounting for IIM accounts and also resolves claims that the government mismanaged funds and other trust assets, including royalties owed to individual Indians for oil, gas, grazing, and other leases of individual Indian lands, mostly in the West.

The Settlement provides a \$1.5 billion fund to compensate an estimated 500,000 affected individual Indian trust beneficiaries who have or had IIM accounts or own trust land. The Settlement creates two groups of Class Members eligible to receive money from the fund—the Historical Accounting Class and the Trust Administration Class.

The Historical Accounting Class comprises individual Indians who were alive on September 30, 2009, who had an open IIM account anytime

between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and whose account had at least one cash transaction.

The Trust Administration Class comprises individual Indians alive on September 30, 2009, who had an IIM Account at any time from 1985 through September 30, 2009, recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems, as well as individual Indians who, as of September 30, 2009, had a recorded or demonstrable interest in land held in trust or restricted status. The estates of deceased Class Members will also receive a Settlement distribution if the deceased beneficiary's account was open as of September 30, 2009, or their land interest was open in probate as of that date. Other eligibility conditions and requirements for each Class are

detailed in the Settlement Agreement. Under the Settlement Agreement, \$1.9 billion will fund a Department of the Interior program to buy fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers to benefit tribal communities and aid in land consolidation. Depending on the level of participation in the land consolidation program, up to \$60 million will be set aside to provide scholarships for higher education for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

Information about the Settlement and legal rights is available to all American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The website [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) and toll-free number 1-800-961-6109 are available to provide more information about the Settlement and the legal rights of Class Members. Individuals who are unsure whether they are included in the Settlement should visit

the website or call the toll-free number for more information.

Class Members who receive a formal notice in the mail about the Settlement and who are currently receiving IIM account statements do not have to do anything to receive payment. Individuals who believe they should be part of the Settlement but do not receive a notice in the mail or are not receiving IIM account statements need to fill out a Claim Form as soon as possible, available at the Indian Trust website or by calling the toll-free number.

Individuals wishing to keep their right to sue the federal government over mismanagement claims covered by the Settlement must exclude themselves from the Settlement by **April 20, 2011**. Class Members can also submit written comments or objections about any Settlement terms that concern them by **April 20, 2011**.

## Twahwahtsi·láya (Dwah wah jee leye) - we all are family

By C. Alexandra Lei-Nako

Twahwahtsi·láya project

Come and learn more about Twahwahtsi·láya while enjoying good food, music, and fun. We are having a Community Dinner April 4, 2011 at Parish Hall. Learn about our successes, challenges, and help create our dreams.

The Twahwahtsi·láya project is made up of three distinct yet overlapping programs: Sashakoti?nikuhlahslu·níhe? (saw-saw-go-dee-nee-goo-lah-sloo-nee-heh), Oneida Community Volunteers who are available for community interventions; Yethiya?tanunhá a program for youth not in school or about to leave school; Twahwahtsi·láya this portion is being developed and includes two purposes, one to give the community a voice and the other to bring forward family titles and strength family ties (we

all are family). The vision of Twahwahtsi·láya is The Re-vitalization of Tsi?niyukwaliho·tá (Geet ne yoo gwa le ho da) all of us our ways. The mission is to renew family titles and ties.

To fully implement Sashakoti?nikuhlahslu·níhe we need to secure the final background checks and have them on file for the volunteers. We also need to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the Oneida Police Department along with procedures that include the use of the orange card. Then develop a card for area schools along with appropriate procedures and agreements.

Yethiya?tanunhá (yea tee ya da noon hah) which translates 'we are watching over them' has been operating since November 8, 2010 and currently is supporting five youth. We are in the process of hiring two stu-

dent interns to work 20 hours a week who we hope to secure by March 31, 2011. The interns will be there to assist the youth and volunteers throughout the day. Thank you, to Shirely Barber, Bev Skenandore, JoAnn Ninham, Michelle Jordan, Lyle Metoxen, Mark Ninham, Greg Matson, Vicki Matson, Richard Brzezinski, Laurie Becker, Sue Reiter, Linda Gerlickowski, Belinda Brennan, Denis Gullickson, Bill Vervoort (OLB, Oneida Living in Balance) and Lynn Adrian for all their hard work in getting Yethiya?tanunhá started and maintained while we work to secure required staff and funding. Thank you to the guidance counselors and school staff for making this possible and for assisting us in finding ways for youth to receive credits. Thank you, to Renee De la Cruz, Cheryl Warrington, Nikki Kornetzke, Faye

Le Mense, and Danielle Tubby for being those special liaisons with the area schools.

The dinner on April 4 will be the beginning of Twahwahtsi·láya; giving you a voice, and looking for those aunts and uncles who are willing to be available for their nieces and nephews. We send out a very special thank you to Ron Hill who will be our speaker for the evening and who has assisted in bringing this project forward over the last several years.

Please join us on April 4, 2011 to learn more and let us hear what you have to say.

We look forward to receiving your knowledge, and support. Please feel free to bring a dish to add to the feast. For further information or to comment you can contact me Alex Lei-Nako at 920-490-3774 or Ron Hill at 920-496-5385.

## Meyer Theater to host Superstars of Rock & Roll

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

George Kurowski has always had a comfort level performing. His most recent project will test his comfort level.



Kurowski

Kurowski will star in the debut of Superstars of Rock and Roll Heaven, a two-hour show featuring light shows, video montages and impersonations of legendary rock and country artists done by Kurowski.

"People can expect a real neat show. It is designed to give the audience a visual content link between the artist," said Kurowski.

Kurowski owned a singing telegram business in northeast Wisconsin and honed his performance skills.

"I did about 5000 costumed singing

telegrams," he said. "I would roast people and invade their work-place to deliver a personalized singing costume telegram."

He released his debut album called *Shallow Waters* in 2009. The show will be Thursday, March 24 at the Meyer Theater in Green Bay. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. and discounts are available for tribal members by calling (920) 764-0700 or emailing gakblktcb@yahoo.com.

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### Community Dinner

# Twahwahtsi·láya

(Dwah wah jeeleye) all of us are family

Speaker  
**Ron Hill**

Sashakoti?nikuhlahslu·níhe?  
(saw-saw-go-dee-nee-goo-lah-sloo-nee-heh)  
Yethiya?tanunha'  
(yea- tee-ya, da-noon-hah)

**Monday**  
**April 4, 2011**  
**5:30pm - 8:30pm**  
Parish Hall - County Hwy E

White Corn Chili  
Please feel free to bring a dish to add to the feast

For our youth and families

Oneida Community Members, Oneida Farms,  
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# oneida Food Safety Class

According to the Oneida Food Service Code and in order to provide the safest food products to the community, people who wish to sell food at any Tribal sponsored event (PowWow, Carnival, etc.) or in Tribal buildings are required to complete a

## FREE Food Safety Class

### 2011 CLASS SCHEDULE

CERTIFICATION		RECERTIFICATION	
April 13	5-9 P.M.	April 20	12-1 P.M.
May 11	5-9 P.M.	May 18	5-6 P.M.
June 8	5-9 P.M.	June 15	12-1 P.M.
July 1	9-12 P.M. - NHC	June 29	5-6 P.M.
Aug. 10	5-9 P.M.	July 1	12-1 P.M. - NHC
Sept. 14	5-9 P.M.	Aug. 17	5-6 P.M.
Oct. 12	5-9 P.M.	Sept. 21	12-1 P.M.
Nov. 9	5-9 P.M.	Oct. 19	5-6 P.M.
		Nov. 16	5-6 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Little Bear Development Center,  
N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155

**SIGN UP:** Call the Environmental, Health & Safety Division at  
**(920) 869-4558**

If there are not at least 3 people signed up and present within 15 minutes of the class start time, the class will be canceled.

## Celebrate National Nutrition Month & "Eat Right with Color"

**Submitted by Susan Higgs, RD, CD**

During 2011 National Nutrition Month®, the American Dietetic Association is encouraging us to add color and healthy choices to our meals with this year's theme: "Eat Right with Color."

No matter what time of year it is; all seasons offer a variety of colorful and delicious foods, you just need to get creative. Choosing your meals and snacks from a variety of seasonal foods and colors will mean you are eating essential nutrients for optimal health and disease prevention.

Like an artist starting off with a blank canvas, you can transform a plain meal to a more colorful and exciting meal with

just a few strokes of color. Your family will see, feel and taste the difference... a little color can make! See the ADA Press Release for some great ideas.

ADA Press Release: "Adding a splash of colorful seasonal foods to your plate makes for more than just a festive meal. A rainbow of foods creates a palette of nutrients, each with a different bundle of potential benefits for a healthful eating plan," says registered dietitian and ADA Spokesperson Karen Ansel.

"Food variety supplies different nutrients, so to maximize the nutritional value of your meal, include healthful choices in a variety of colors." ADA Spokesperson,

Karen Ansel offers ways to brighten up your plate in every season with this quick color guide.

Green produce indicates antioxidant potential and may help promote healthy vision and reduce cancer risks.

- Fruits: avocado, apples, grapes, honeydew, kiwi and lime

- Vegetables: artichoke, asparagus, broccoli, green beans, green peppers and leafy greens such as spinach

Orange and deep yellow fruits and vegetables contain nutrients that promote healthy vision and immunity, and reduce the risk of some cancers.

- Fruits: apricot, cantaloupe, grapefruit, mango, papaya, peach and pineapple

- Vegetables: carrots, yellow pepper, yellow corn and sweet potatoes

Purple and blue options may have antioxidant and anti-aging benefits and may help with memory, urinary tract health and reduced cancer risks.

- Fruits: blackberries, blueberries, plums, raisins

- Vegetables: eggplant, purple cabbage, purple-fleshed potato

Red indicates produce that may help maintain a healthy heart, vision, immunity and may reduce cancer risks.

- Fruits: cherries, cranberries, pomegranate, red/pink grape fruit, red grapes and watermelon

- Vegetables: beets, red onions, red peppers, red potatoes, rhubarb and tomatoes

White, tan and brown foods sometimes contain nutrients that may promote heart health and reduce cancer risks.

- Fruits: banana, brown pear, dates and white peaches

- Vegetables: cauliflower, mushrooms, onions, parsnips, turnips, white-fleshed potato and white corn

- Whole-grains: 100% whole wheat breads, buns and rolls, whole-grain cereals, brown or wild rice, whole wheat or multi-grain pastas, and soft corn or whole wheat tortillas.

Ansel recommends choosing a variety of colors when shopping for seasonal fruits and vegetables. "And for additional options in the color palette, choose frozen or

dried fruits and vegetables available throughout the year," she says.

"Instead of grilled chicken and mashed potatoes, consider painting a more colorful plate, such as grilled chicken topped with salsa, mashed sweet potato, asparagus and spinach salad with orange slices. A colorful meal is not only visually appealing, but it also contains a variety of nutrients and is quite flavorful," Ansel says.

For more information on how to "Eat Right with Color," visit ADA's National Nutrition Month website for a variety of helpful tips, fun games, promotional tools and nutrition education resources.

## Smoke Signals: Sending a Message

**Jessica A. Rickert, D.D.S.**

Mark Twain said, "Quitting smoking is easy. I've done it a thousand times."

Promising yourself you'll quit using tobacco is easy. Never touching tobacco again is difficult, because nicotine is so very addictive, causing extreme dependence on this drug. All forms of tobacco are harmful to the user, very harsh to nearby human beings.

CHEW, dip, SNUFF, smokeless tobacco, SPIT TOBACCO, and chewing tobacco are names for the same tobacco product, a product which contains 28 known cancer-causing agents. These poisons increase the user's chances of having a heart attack, stroke or cancers. There is NO safe form of tobacco.

As a dentist and Potawatomi tribal member, I am so saddened to see the effects of tobacco on my patients' oral health. I cry each time I diagnose oral or throat cancer. When the referral to an oral surgeon results in surgery, radiation and/or chemotherapy, it is devastating for the patient, the family and for me. Sometimes the disfigurement from oral cancers is so profound, that the patient refuses to leave home, becoming essentially a hermit. When they are only 23 years old, my heart breaks for them.

Among other ill effects, tobacco constricts the blood vessels, resulting in white patches in living tissue. This leads to gum disease and possible tooth loss. After extractions, dry sockets often afflict the tobacco-users with increased pain and healing time. There is also increased tooth decay due to the massive amounts of sugar added to tobacco. Tobacco users often complain of an uncomfortably dry mouth, resulting in bad breath and failure of fillings. Diminished taste and smell is another complaint from my tobacco-using patients. Maybe the tobacco-users don't notice, but everyone else notices their ugly, stained teeth, tongue and even lips.

It's just gross. Yuck! If you are a tobacco user, and you notice these signs of possible cancer, go to your dentist or doctor right away. The earlier a cancer is diagnosed,

the more likely the tobacco-user will live.

- Any sore or tenderness which does not heal
- Numbness or pain anywhere in the mouth or throat

- Development of a lump, or a leathery, wrinkled or bumpy patch inside your mouth.

- Instead of the healthy pink color on the lips or inside the mouth, are there any changes in color, such as white patches, red spots or graying of the tissues? Any blue or black places?

- Difficulty chewing, swallowing, speaking or moving the tongue?

- Any tooth movement or changes in the way your teeth fit together?

I encourage you to never start using any tobacco product. I encourage you to stop using any tobacco product, and I applaud your efforts. Go to any tribal health clinic, and ask for help. Here are some other helpful possibilities to increase your chances of successfully stop the use of tobacco products:

- Phone 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- Visit [www.smoke-free.gov](http://www.smoke-free.gov)

- The U.S. Surgeons General's Office can send you the "You Can Quit Smoking Kit"

- The National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research
- The American Lung Association

- The American Dental Association's website <http://www.ada.org/3013.aspx>

- The Center for Disease Control at 1-800-232-4636

- The National Cancer Institute at 1-800-422-6237

- The American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345

If you don't quit for yourself, then seriously consider the extreme health risks you are putting on your family and those around you. Second-hand smoke is dangerous to everyone, but especially kids and pregnant women. Truly, you do not wish to harm your loved ones, do you? Even "chew" is dangerous; children have ended up in the emergency room of hospitals, because they picked up some careless person's chew, put it into their mouth and swallowed it! Don't let this happen in your household. Yes, you stop using

tobacco products. Your medical doctor can write a prescription which can lessen the cravings; there is gum, and patches to help. Remove all tobacco products from your home, workplace and car. Seek tobacco-free environments. Exercise daily. Use sugarless mints with Xylitol often. A good source is [www.drjohns.com](http://www.drjohns.com) For a discount, use the code P I P 8 S 5 B 4 7. When you crave tobacco, use the 4-D's:


- (1.) DELAY – the craving will pass in 5 – 10 minutes

- (2.) DRINK 4 – 8 ounces of water, slowly

- (3.) DO something else –distract yourself with activity. A brisk walk is good. So is prayer.

- (4.) DEEP breathing – 5 deep breaths, in through the nose as deeply as possible. Hold as you slowly count to 5. Then "blow" out a candle, emptying the lungs as much as possible.

I do encourage you not to use any tobacco products. I encourage you to stop using any tobacco products, and I applaud your efforts.



Do you have questions about your health care benefits?

*We Can Help!*

*Medical Benefits Coordinators from the Oneida Community Health Center will be at SEOTS!*


Thursday and Friday, March 24th and 25th, 2011

MARCH 24TH  
9:30AM TO 4:00PM  
MARCH 25TH  
9:30AM TO 2:00PM  
SEOTS  
6820 W. WEDGEWOOD DR. MILWAUKEE, WI

- Senior Care Prescription coverage (applications)
- Medical Assistance –Badger Care Plus (applications)
- Wisconsin Well Women's Information
- General questions regarding Oneida Community Health Center Services

**Any questions please contact Oneida Community Health Center and ask to speak to a Medical Benefits Coordinators**

**TEL: (920)869-2711**



## Utility Assistance NOTICE

**Utility companies will begin soon to send out preliminary disconnect notices.**

If you have not been able to make payments during this heating season, please contact your utility provider (WPS, WE Energies, etc) to make payment arrangements. If you have been making payments but the balance of your bill is difficult to manage, contact the utility provider to discuss making payment arrangements for that balance.

**If you haven't done so already, you can contact the County or Tribal Energy Assistance Program – see below for contact information – to schedule an Energy Assistance appointment.**

**If you are determined eligible for utility assistance, you may also be eligible for Weatherization.** The Weatherization program's goal is to decrease energy consumption by assisting with insulation, sealing air leaks, upgrades to heating systems, and energy saving products. Information provided during your Energy Assistance appointment determines the need for referral to the Weatherization Program.

If you reside within the *Oneida Reservation*, contact the **Center for Self-Sufficiency** at **920-490-3710** to schedule an appointment ...

If you reside in *Brown County* but outside of the Oneida Reservation boundaries you can contact **Integrated Community Solutions** at **920-498-3737** or go to their office at **2605 S. Oneida St, Suite 106** in *Green Bay* ... and

If you reside in *Outagamie County* but outside of the Oneida Reservation boundaries you can contact **Heating Assistance of Outagamie County** at **800-506-5596** or go to their office at **530 W. Wisconsin Ave.** in *Appleton*.

**If your household gross income is less than the amount shown on the following chart, you may be eligible for a benefit or services.**

Household Size	3 Mo. Household Income
1	\$6,142
2	\$8,032
3	\$9,921
4	\$11,811
5	\$13,701
6	\$15,591
7	\$15,945
8	\$16,300

# Family Fitness Highlights

Oneida Family Fitness Summer Hours:  
M-T-W-TH-F: 5:30AM-8:30PM  
Saturday: 8:00AM - 1:30PM  
For more information call 920-490-3730

## PACE: A Class for Everyone

Take a few moments out of your busy week to stretch tight muscles and rejuvenate your body. I welcome you to participate in our next P.A.C.E group exercise class.

People of all ages will benefit from taking this class. Originally designed for people with arthritis, the P.A.C.E class focuses on improving range of motion and joint mobility through a wide range of upper and

lower body movements. Here is a sample of exercises.

- Knee extensions
- Arm circles
- Shoulder shrugs
- Bicep curls

Participants can choose from 1-3 lbs weights or use their own body for resistance. P.A.C.E class is offered on Friday mornings at 10:15 in studio B.

*Come and join the fun!*



## Oneida Family Fitness is Open on Saturdays

By **Amanda Riesenberg**

Come on in to see us! Oneida Family Fitness is open on Saturdays through May 21st from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. We offer a variety of opportunities for you and your family to not only spend time together, but spend time being active together. We offer a basketball skills program in our gym from 8:00 – 9:00 am. This program is open to children ages 5 - 12. From there we move into our morning aerobics class; the class type changes every Saturday

and is held from 9:15 – 10:00 am. The gymnasium is open from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm for your family to shoot hoops, bump the volleyball back and forth, play tag games, kickball or any other activity that your family likes playing together. Our cardio and weight equipment is available to youth as early as 10 years of age who also receive a youth orientation.

Please come on down and check us out. We are always excited to see new and returning members alike. If you are not a member, we have day

passes available for affordable fees as well. Want to become a member? Stop by our front desk for more information. Our staff will be able to assist you in receiving a tour of the facility and helping you with our membership registration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give us a call at 920-490-3730 or look us up on the web at [www.oneidanation.org/fitness](http://www.oneidanation.org/fitness).

*We look forward to meeting each and every one of you!*

## March Madness



at

### March 14—26

### Shoot and Win!

Join or Renew your membership March 14—26 and shoot to win!

(Valid on annual & monthly memberships; Feb-March Renewals)

#### New Members

- 1 Free Throw = 50% off Joiner Fee
- 2 Free Throws = No Joiner Fee

#### Renew Members

- 1 Free Throw = \$5 off renewal
- 2 Free Throws = \$10 off renewal

## Oneida Family Fitness

Offers valid March 14—26, 2011 only

Visit or Call Oneida Family Fitness for details!  
2640 WestPoint Rd, Green Bay, WI 54304 (920) 490-3730  
Website: [www.oneidanation.org/fitness](http://www.oneidanation.org/fitness)

## ONEIDA FAMILY FITNESS

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

### Skills, Drills and More!

This program is designed to condition and teach Oneida youth the fundamentals of basketball in a non-competitive fun environment. These Saturday sessions will focus on skills, drills and more. No registration or Fees are required for this program. This program is for youth ages 5 and older (children under the age of 9 must have a parent present while in the facility)

Dates: Saturdays: January 8—March 12  
Location: Oneida Family Fitness Gymnasium  
Times: 8:00am – 9:00am



## Need Help

## Reaching Your Fitness Goals?

## Start with a Free Fitness Assessment

\* Free Assessments are for current Oneida Family Fitness Members!

Have a Full Fitness Assessment or a Partial Assessment

### Body Composition Report

### BMI

### Arm Strength

### Flexibility



### Walking and Biking Aerobic Assessments

Contact Oneida Family Fitness for an appointment:  
490-3730

### Just Move It

Dates and Locations

- 4-30: **March of Dimes** - 9:00am, Ashwaubenon
- 5-18: **National Employee Health & Fitness Day** - 6:00pm, Oneida Family Fitness in House & Work Sites
- 6-11: **Bellin Run/Walk** Team Oneida Walk/Run
- 7-20: **JMI - Summer Walk**, 6:00pm Duck Creek Trail
- 8-20: **Environmental Community Clean Up**, 10:00am Parish Hall and Hwy 54

Questions?  
Call 920-490-3730  
[www.oneidanation.org/fitness](http://www.oneidanation.org/fitness)

### Oneida Family Fitness Staff

- Michelle Mielke.....Fitness Center Director
- Ryan Waterstreet.....Assistant Director
- Amy Griesbach.....Office Manager
- Ryan Engel.....Fitness Specialist Supervisor
- Stefanie Reinke.....Fitness Specialist Supervisor
- Jason Manders.....Fitness Specialist
- Jessica Schultz.....Fitness Specialist
- Todd Shelto.....Fitness Specialist
- Amanda Riesenberg.....Fitness Specialist
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- Tek Skenandore.....Fitness Assistant
- Hudson Denny.....Fitness Specialist/Promotions
- Kevin Schoenebeck.....Martial Arts Coordinator
- Adam Brown.....Martial Arts Instructor
- Maureen Cisler.....Administrative Assistant
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- Teresa Roth.....Aquatics Supervisor
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- Nicole Herlache.....Lifeguard
- Orrie Kreuzscher.....Lifeguard

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



*It is our mission to provide lifelong learning to the lives of the people who choose to participate in our programs. The Oneida Adventure Experience combine adventure-based educational programs that utilize activities that are challenging and fun, to help stimulate individual growth and team building skills. Our staff understands that people learn best through experience.*

## Survival Skills

**Get Out...  
Explore!**

## & Overnight Camping

Who's This For? **Parents with their children or any interested individual (Adults and Ages 12-up)**

Dates/Times? **3 Week Session... April 5, 12, 19 • 5 PM – 7 PM**

**Survival Overnight... April 30 • 10 AM – 10 PM**

Class Location: **2640 West Point Rd., Green Bay, WI 54304**

Cost? **\$40.00 for Tribal Members/Employees/Fitness Members**  
**\$60.00 for Non-Members (cost for overnight trip included)**



Often times our life experience and education will determine how we respond to a survival situation. In a wilderness setting this holds true and you can enjoy the outdoors even more if you have the confidence to stretch your comfort zone. Wilderness survival skills are essential when exploring the great outdoors and the skills taught in this class will help you develop the confidence you need to get out and explore.

Modern and Primitive techniques will be taught during the course. Three main rules of survival will be focused on during the sessions: (fire, shelter & water)

Participants will learn several ways to start a fire (Flint and steel, bow drills along with artificial and natural fire starters.) Building a shelter is a great skill to learn. Several examples of shelters will be shared during the course and you will have a chance to sleep in your own during the overnight. The survival overnight will be a hands on learning experience using the new survival skills you've developed during the course. This class could be a great activity for a parent and child or any interested individual. A survival game and quiz will be used to help bring out a real survival situation.

*Instruction will be provided on the following priorities:*

- Fire:** *A fire is an essential survival skill to have; learn some fire building basics along with some natural fire starting materials. Use flint and steel or a bow drill to start a fire*
- Shelter:** *Learn how to build a survival shelter using the surrounding resources.*
- Water:** *Treating and collecting water are essential skills to have in any outdoor adventure activity. It can be a critical survival skill.*

**Adults and ages 12 and up are invited to register.**

**Space is limited so be sure you register in advance.**

**Class portions will be offered at: Oneida Adventures • 2640 West Point Road • Green Bay, WI 54304**

**Contact's: Kip Miller (920) 490-3810 • kmiller@oneidanation.org**  
**Mark Steinbach (920) 490-3846 • msteinba@oneidanation.org**

Oneida Experiential and Adventure  
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**Camp 1** Climbing Skills Camp—July 5-8, 2011—Outdoor Ropes Course, 2640 West Point Rd.  
Tues—Fri 1:00-4:00PM.  
\*Explore climbing skills and techniques on the outdoor ropes course  
\*Learn about climbing safety, responsibility, knots, and equipment used for climbing.  
\*Tree climbing using arborist techniques! Come spend some time suspended in a hammock 20 ft in the air! Discover the mysteries within the trees.

**Camp 2** Adventure Camp—July 18-22, 2011 - Norbert Hill Pond  
M-F, 1:00-4:00p.m.  
\*Build a water raft with logs/rope and let's see if it floats!  
\*Add to this adventure with mountain biking!  
\*Plan/participate in survival skills training and an adventure competition!

**Camp 3** Paddling Camp—Aug 15-19, 2011—Norbert Hill Pond  
M-Th 1:00-4:00p.m., Fri 10-4  
\*Learn about canoeing and kayaking skills in the great environment of the Norbert Hill pond!  
\*Have fun with water games and safety rescues  
\*Paddle a local river/lake on the last day with the extended hours and utilize these new paddling skills!

Classes may be changed due to weather issues.  
(Call 490-3846 or 490-3810 for registration information)

## Upcoming Events

### Oneida Adventures Girls Group

Youth Ages 12-16  
Meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month –  
Started September 9<sup>th</sup>

**Activities Include:**

GPS, Survival skills, fire respect/starting, snowshoe/cross country skiing, snow shelters, camp cooking, ropes course, kayaking, snorkeling, canoeing/camping.

### Oneida Adventures Boys Group

Youth Ages 12-16  
Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month –  
Started September 9<sup>th</sup>

**Activities Include:**

GPS, Survival skills, fire respect/starting, snowshoe/cross country skiing, snow shelters, camp cooking, ropes course, kayaking, snorkeling, canoeing/camping.

**Contact:**

**Cindy Young – 490-3863**  
**Kip Miller – 490-3810**  
**Mark Steinbach – 490-3846**

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We will paddle to Sand Island where nature has carved sea caves consisting of delicate chambers and honeycombed arches into its cliffs. Walk through virgin forests of white pine and hemlock along the wood plank pathways to explore the Apostle's only brown stone lighthouse dating back to 1881. An option of day trips for exploring nearby Islands, mainland sea caves/waterways are possible.

\*Cost includes kayak instruction, & pre-trip planning night (required attendance for training), camp fee, guide, kayak, paddling gear, and camp meals. Additional gear may be available.  
\*Cost: \$375 \*Trip Dates: Aug 5th-8th, 2011  
\*Cost: \$200 (Oneida Tribal members, Oneida Employees, Oneida Fitness Center Members)

Contact Oneida Adventures for registration/questions: Mark- (920) 490-3846  
Evening Tours/Classes: Looking for an evening tour, other trips, or kayak classes? Classes on strokes, rescues, roll, and navigation are also available!



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## COMMUNITY FUND

Question and Answer Sheet

- Q: What is the Community Fund?**  
A: It is a vendor generated fund that is part of a contract agreement for products and services currently utilized by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI.
- Q: Where did the Community Fund come from?**  
A: It evolved from the older vendor agreement. The Community Fund was created after an internal audit and Standard Operating Procedures were completed.
- Q: What is the process to request funding or products?**  
A: Information packets can be obtained from the Finance Office. Once received requests are placed on the next meeting of the Finance Committee who review Community Fund requests once each month.
- Q: Who can apply to the Community Fund?**  
A: All enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin are eligible.
- Q: Can departments within the Oneida Tribal organization utilize this fund?**  
A: Tribal departments can request products for employee /community events. They are excluded from the fund request portion as all tribal department funding is covered under the budget process.
- Q: How are requests reviewed and who reviews them?**  
A: The Treasurer, CFO and Finance Committee drafted Standard Operating Procedures for equitable distribution of funding and products. The Finance Committee that is chaired by the Treasurer reviews all requests.
- Q: What types of requests are covered under the Community Fund?**  
A: There are three categories covered under the Community Fund; 1) Tribal and Public School System Events, 2) Oneida Community Events 3) Fund raising activities for Oneida Community causes. Excluded from this fund are travel requests as well as requests for personal expenses.
- Q: Are there funding limits for requests to the Community Fund?**  
A: Yes. Requests from individuals are limited to \$500 per individual/event per year and requests from groups/organizations are limited to \$1,500 per group/event per year.
- Q: Will I receive a 1099 if I receive a donation from the Community Fund?**  
A: No. Donations from the Community Fund are considered gifts and therefore exempt from being classified as taxable income.

## ~ Oneida Adventures



You don't need a kayak or gear to join Oneida classes/tours! Take a class so YOU are ready for Oneida summer kayak tours—all gear and guide provided! Wednesdays in the Oneida Family Fitness Center Pool, 2640 West Point Rd, Green Bay, WI.

## YOU can kayak!

**2011 Indoor Kayak Classes**  
**3 week Class Sessions**  
**Wednesday nights: Class times: 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
• March 2nd, 9th, and 16th  
• April 6th, 13th, and 20th

**\$30 for Tribal members, Oneida fitness club members, or Oneida employees**

**Pool kayak class covers:**

- \*Forward, reverse, sweep, draw strokes
- \*Essential equipment or using Oneida Adventures tour guides
- \*Learn how to exit a kayak
- \*Safety will be reviewed

Adults and ages 12 and up invited to register. Space is limited so be sure you register in advance.  
Contact Mark Steinbach at(920) 490-3846 or Kip Miller at(920)490-3810  
msteinba@oneidanation.org or kmiller@oneidanation.org



## Thunderhawks fall at Valley Christian



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Eddie Santiago (4) floats a shot over defenders against Valley Christian. The Oneida Nation Thunderhawks fell to Valley Christian Warriors 45 - 73 in WIAA Regional action on Tuesday, March 1. The loss ends the T-hawks season with a record of 7 - 15. Eddie Santiago paced the Thunderhawks with 15 points while Jo Jo Santiago and Devonte Pointer added 10.

## Doyen catches first muskie



Photo courtesy of Daniel Doyen

Daniel Doyen of Green Bay caught and released this 42 inch Muskie on Lake Noquebay in Crivitz, Wisc. on February 26 with the help of his brother Moses Doyen and friends. Daniel stated "This is the first Muskie I had ever caught and I'm hooked".

### 25th Annual Bill Danforth All-Native Bowling Singles Tournament

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 16

**TIME:** Registration, 12:30-1:30PM

**START TIME:** 2:00PM

**PLACE:** Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley  
(Behind LEGENDS on Waube Lane)  
2929 Allied Street  
Green Bay, WI

#### Men & Women Divisions:

Average is based on 2009-10 league average unless current average is 10 or more pins higher. \$30.00 ENTRY FEE per person (NO Personal Checks)

100% payout based on # of bowlers.

Reservations call (920) 497-5499. Maximum of 5 bowlers per lane. You MUST bring documentation of bowling average. If you don't have proof you will receive the following average: 165 - Women 195 - Men. **Bowlers MUST be at least 18 years old.** Tribal ID may be requested for verification.

## Fighting Sioux foes say keeping name will hurt UND

By Trevor Born  
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) ~ Opponents of a proposed state law that would force the University of North Dakota to keep its Fighting Sioux nickname say retaining the tradition isn't worth the potential damage keeping the mascot could have on its athletics program.

UND is preparing to retire the nickname and a logo depicting an American Indian warrior in August under the terms of a settlement with the NCAA, which

considers such mascots hostile and abusive.

The North Dakota Senate's Education Committee spent more than five hours Monday reviewing a proposed law that says the university must keep the Fighting Sioux name and logo. It also instructs Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem to consider suing the NCAA if it penalizes UND for doing so.

The committee plans to vote on the measure Wednesday or early next week, said chairman Sen. Layton Frenberg, R-Underwood. Gov. Jack Dalrymple has declined to say whether he will sign the measure if it is ultimately approved.

If UND keeps its name and logo, it would be barred from hosting post-season events. Sen. Mac Schneider, a Grand Forks Democrat who played center on UND's national championship football team in 2001, said the restriction "unquestionably decreases the chances of winning a championship."

"The thought of politicians taking away competitive advantage that our student athletes have earned makes my stomach turn," Schneider said.

Brian Faison, UND's athletic director, said Minnesota will likely leave the WCHA soon, when the Big Ten conference begins offering hockey. Without that conference connection, keeping the nickname could mean ending the schools' storied hockey rivalry, Faison said.

The bill's supporters downplayed what Jody Hodgson, general manager of the Ralph Engelstad Arena, called "these doomsday scenarios." UND plays its hockey games in "The Ralph," which is festooned with thousands of Fighting Sioux logos and other images.

Jon Backes, president of the state Board of

Higher Education, said he doubted the NCAA would bend.

"To speculate that the NCAA would change its rule on imagery because the state of North Dakota is unhappy with its policy I think is absolute folly," Backes said.

The NCAA rules require colleges with American Indian nicknames or logos to change them or face sanctions, unless the schools receive permission from the affected Indian tribes to use the name.

UND sued the NCAA over the issue, and the two sides reached a settlement in which the school agreed to get rid of the name and logo unless it obtained permission from the Standing Rock and Spirit Lake Sioux tribes.

Spirit Lake tribal members endorsed the nickname and logo in a 2009 referendum, but the Standing Rock Sioux tribal council, which has said it opposes the nickname, hasn't held a vote. Backes said the bill's directive that Stenehjem consider an antitrust lawsuit against the NCAA is meaningless, because the state gave up any antitrust claims against the association in its 2007 settlement.

Some also questioned if a legal battle may hurt the school's transition to Division I, which it is set to make next year when it joins the Big Sky Conference.

Big Sky commissioner Doug Fullerton said in an interview on Monday that conference officials haven't questioned UND's membership status because of the legislation. But "there's no question that this kind of ongoing controversy will hurt them,"

Fullerton said the Big Sky expects teams that win its conference titles to advance in national tournaments, which is less likely if the team cannot host a postseason game.

## ARCHERY TRY-OUTS

### US Indigenous Games 2011

**Date:** March 12th, 2011

**Time:** 10:00 am—1:00 pm

**Location:** Gander Mountain—2323 Woodman Dr—Green Bay WI 54303

**What to bring:** bows, arrows and release

Age Groups: U14, U16, U19

Your age on December 31st, 2011, determines the age category you will compete in at the 2011 Games.



Archery  
Try-Outs



#### ARCHERY TRY-OUT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 10TH, 2011

Drop off this Archery tryout registration form at the Oneida Fitness Center for Lori Hill or Scott Murray by March 10th, 2011. Or Email to [lhill4@oneidation.org](mailto:lhill4@oneidation.org). OR Fax to 920.490.3814. We, as parents, agree to and understand that attending the activities provided on this day is a privilege. By signing this registration form, we support no tolerance for violence, drugs, alcohol and disrespect of staff as well as peers.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on your birthday in 2011: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name & Contact Phone during clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Hold Harmless Agreement: I and my heirs hereby release the Oneida Nation and all it's employees, officers, departments, Enterprises and agents from any liability for damages to or loss of personal property, sickness, and injury from whatever source, legal entanglement, imprisonment, death, loss of money, etc. for which the Oneida Tribe is not culpable, which might occur while participating in the above mentioned activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact Shad Webster at 920.869.1540

## BradStock Crew, family and friends contribute generously to Cancer Benefit

A Cancer Benefit was held for 6 year-old Victoria Kaquatosh on Saturday March 5th 2011 at "The Shelter", 142 S. Main St., Shawano WI. BradStock crew, Family & Friends of Oneida, Wisconsin, and on behalf of BradStock Music Festival, raised \$475 in donations in two days to contribute to the cause. Numerous other items were donated from various individuals and businesses for the benefit as well and were raffled off throughout the day. Music was played throughout the day by the

Wolf River Band. The group donated their time for the cause. Members include: Darrell O'Katchicum, James 'Pokey' Reiter, Audie Murphy and Wade Fernandez. The Country Sound band also performed. DJ's for the event were Mike Delabruue and Yoham. "I can't begin to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who gave their time and resources to help make the Cancer Benefit for Victoria Kaquatosh on March 5, 2011 a success," said Julie

Kaquatosh, a key organizer for the benefit along with her husband Jon. "Thank you to the local businesses and individuals who donated items and services in this tough economy, to be raffled," she added. They include: Marcia Laughlin Hunters Haus Menominee Casino, Bingo and Resort Luigi's Yvonne Kaquatosh (Kalihwisaks) Oneida Tourism Linda Halverson (Party Lite) Wolf River Band

Yoham and Mike Delabruue The Shelter (Carla Kassube) Menominee Tribal School (Penny Drive) Lois Waukau Margo Reiter Barbie Dixon (Finishing Touches) Lillian Fischer Duquaine Wade Fernandez Launching Pad Mountain Bay Lanes Menominee Chamber of Commerce Carol Goska

Barbara and Mark Bader Chute Inn Restaurant Janet Tlachac (Vibrant Impressions) Native Healing Body Essentials Off the Wall American Car Care Lakeshore Lanes Perkins Kuhn Lonesome Pine Farm Yesterday's Diner North Star Casino (Candi Miller) Brenda Bierman Jessica and Jennifer

Monroe Rose Mary Peters The Hammock Shop Shannon Chapman Antlers Supper Club Laura Duchesne Camay and Joe Lyons of (River Mart Express) Bradstock Crew (Oneida) If I forgot anyone, I apologize, you will never be forgotten and will always remain in our hearts. Thank You! Julie and Jon Kaquatosh

## Playing Under the Sea to learn about healthy lifestyles



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Oneida Family Fitness' Fitness Specialist Jason Manders leads a small class in a Drums Alive session during the Under the Sea Adventure Family Fun Night 2011. The community focused event, held at the Turtle School on Wednesday, March 2, offered games, inflatable play-yard and bounces, food, prizes and music. The event promoted a healthy lifestyle and was sponsored by Oneida Comprehensive Health and the Diabetes Grant.



Contributed photos Pictured above from left to right are: Lydia Wilson (Victoria's mom), Julie Kaquatosh, Victoria Kaquatosh, Heather Skenandore, Melody Skenandore, Rita Reiter, Warren Reiter, Brad Skenandore, & Jon Kaquatosh. At right, Victoria and her mom Lydia display the check.



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## 26th Anniversary of Landmark Supreme Court Ruling



**By Dawn Walschinski**  
Kalihwisaks

Long time Land Claims Commissioner and Oneida Historian Loretta Metoxen led a discussion on the history of the Oneida land claim in New York state and the future of the claim at a potluck celebrating the 26 anniversary of a landmark Supreme Court ruling that found the state of New York liable for wrongful possession of Oneida's land (see ruling syllabus at bottom of page) on Friday, March 4.

*We have not been paid a red penny or single dime of those damages to date, so it's been 26 years since the Supreme Court."*

— Loretta Metoxen

New York began illegally obtaining Indian lands in violation of the Nonintercourse Act of 1793 which limits the sale of Indian lands to the Federal Government. As a result, Oneida lost most of its land and a majority of its citizens moved to northeast Wisconsin while another population settled in Ontario, Canada.

While the Supreme Court ruling was a positive one for Oneida, efforts to negotiate a settlement with New York have not come to fruition.

"We have not been paid a red penny or single dime of those damages to date, so it's been 26 years since the Supreme Court," said Metoxen.

In 1991, the three Oneida communities signed an agreement, but "Basically, we fell apart because the government of the New York Oneidas decided that they wanted to use this three way agreement to influence the governor to grant them the right to a casino if the New York Oneidas would back off the claim and frustrate the purposes of the claim," she said.

Changes in the make up of the Supreme Court judges could end in a reversal of the 1985 ruling unless a settlement can be negotiated.

"I think there's hope, but the hope is in the negotiations, and people have to press for it," said Metoxen.

"It was the first major land claims case that was taken through the federal court system, because tribes had previously been preempted from taking their court cases, their cases, their land claims cases into federal court. They had to no standing until the Oneidas brought the first case in 1970 to federal court," explained Metoxen.

The land base had been established in the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua which reserved land for the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, Article II of the document states:

"The United States acknowledge the lands reserved to the Oneida, Onondaga and Cayuga Nations, in their respective treaties with the state of New York, and called their reservations, to be their property; and the United States will never claim the same, nor disturb them or either of the Six Nations, nor their Indian friends residing thereon and united with them, in the free use and enjoyment thereof: but the said reservations shall remain theirs, until they choose to sell the same to the people of the United States, who have the right to purchase."

However, the state of

Kali photos/Dawn Walschinski

Top: From left to right: DJ Danforth, Michelle Danforth, Laura Manthe, Anita Barber and Chaz Wheelock listen to Oneida Historian Loretta Metoxen on the 26th anniversary of the 1985 Supreme Court ruling that found that the state of New York liable for wrongful possession of Oneida's land.

Left: Loretta Metoxen discussed the history of the Oneida Land Claim and the future of the land claim.

Bottom left: The Treaty of Canandaigua signed in 1794 which set the boundaries of the Iroquois reservations



470 U.S. 226  
105 S.Ct. 1245  
84 L.Ed.2d 169

**COUNTY OF ONEIDA, NEW YORK, et al.,  
Petitioners**

v.

**ONEIDA INDIAN NATION OF NEW YORK  
STATE, etc., et al. NEW YORK,  
Petitioner**

v.

**ONEIDA INDIAN NATION OF NEW YORK  
STATE, etc., et al.**

Nos. 83-1065, 83-1240.

Argued Oct. 1, 1984.

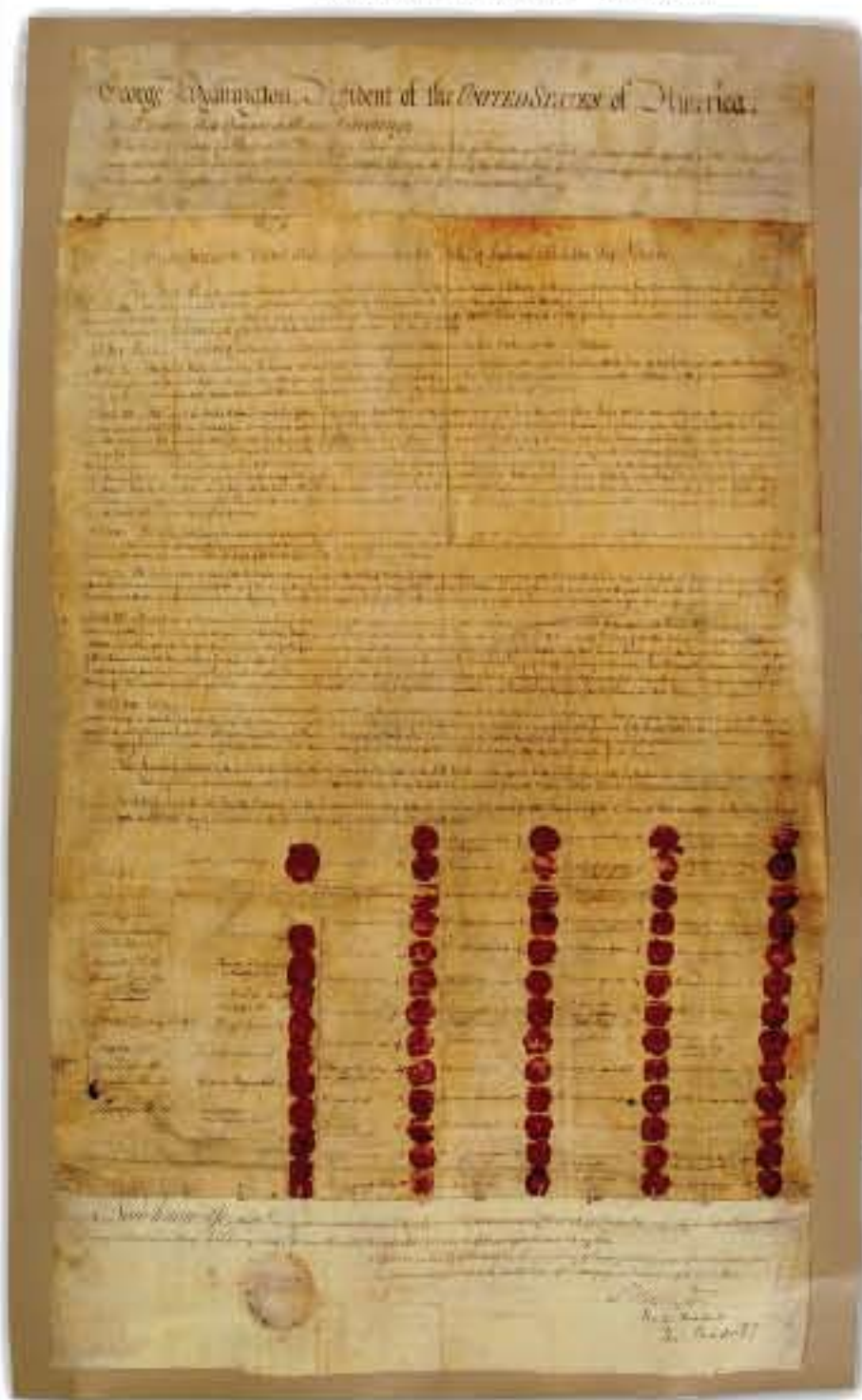
Decided March 4, 1985.

Rehearing Denied April 22, 1985.

See 471 U.S. 1062, 105 S.Ct. 2173.

### Syllabus

Respondent Indian Tribes (hereafter respondents) brought an action in Federal District Court against petitioner counties (hereafter petitioners), alleging that respondents' ancestors conveyed tribal land to New York State under a 1795 agreement that violated the Nonintercourse Act of 1793—which provided that no person or entity could purchase Indian land without the Federal Government's approval—and that thus the transaction was void. Respondents sought damages representing the fair rental value, for a specified 2-year period, of that part of the land presently occupied by petitioners. The District Court found petitioners liable for wrongful possession of the land in violation of the 1793 Act, awarded respondents damages, and held that New York, a third-party defendant brought into the case by petitioners' cross-claim, must indemnify petitioners for the damages owed to respondents. The Court of Appeals affirmed the liability and indemnification rulings, but remanded for further proceedings on the amount of damages.



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