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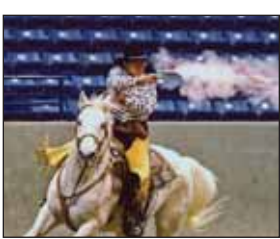
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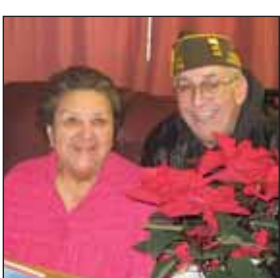
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Program aims to aid soon-to-be-released prisoners

By Nate Wisneski
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A pilot program aimed at providing assistance to soon-to-be released Native American prisoners is set to be implemented in January of next year.

The Wisconsin Indian Tribal Community Reintegration Program anticipates creating job and housing opportunities to help reduce the odds of prison re-entry and help the transition into their communities. The agreement between the Oneida Tribe, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of

Mohican Indians, and the Great Lakes Inter-tribal Council (GLITC) will be funded by the Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Re-entry grant and plans to serve 100 individuals over three years.

Oneida Business Committee Councilmember Melinda Danforth, who serves on Governor Doyle's Council for Re-Entry, echoed the project's goals.

"This project was intended to reduce recidivism of American Indian people as well as identifying prudent services

• See 7A,
Re-entry assistance



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Representatives from the Oneida Tribe, Stockbridge-Munsee, and Menominee Tribe, and the GLITC sign the Wisconsin Indian Tribal Community Re-Integration Program Agreement.



Hanging of the Greens



By Yvonne Kaquatosh
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The hanging of the greens at the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church Mission will take place on December 19th after Sunday mass.

It's a tradition that has been going on as far back as the mid 1800's. According to an excerpt from the diary of Ellen Goodnough, she described the occasion... "The church was ready for consecra-

The cedar rope measures 100 ft. around the pillars in the basement of the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church Mission. Each year 400 ft. of cedar rope is made by volunteers to decorate the church and alter for the Christmas season. Above (right) Keith Metoxen ties a cedar bundle onto the rope while his father Gerald and Uncle Ronnie Metoxen (left) trim the cedar branches for the garland.

Kali photos/Yvonne Kaquatosh

tion. The walls and ledges were outlined with green garlands, in each window was a miniature tree, and the floor was covered with cedar twigs, giving the effect of a mossy carpet and filling the church with the fragrance of Nature's incense.

And so it shall be once again, when 400 ft. of cedar rope will adorn the church as has been

done in years past.

However, in more recent years, the numbers of volunteers needed to assist with the longstanding tradition have dwindled which has left those who have faithfully carried on the tradition through the

• See 2A,
Hanging of the Greens

Stimulus grant money creating jobs in Oneida

By Dawn Walschinski
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Trainee Anthony "T" Franco cuts a piece of metal roofing, and then carries the new cedar-shake-style-shingle up a ladder to re-roof a house in Site II.

"I enjoy being a builder, a carpenter, working with my hands and helping people," said Franco who works for the Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) as part of a \$3 million federal stimulus grant that project manager Dale "Frissell" Hill named the Oneida Rental Energy Efficiency Program (OREEP).

"I outlined the way we

• See 4A,
Diversity training



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From left to right: James "B.O." Huff, Anthony "Ant" Gutierrez, Jerry Jourdan, Billy Pocan and Paul "Melch" Melchert install a metal roof on a house in Site II as part of the Oneida Rental Energy Efficiency Program (OREEP). Jourdan and Pocan are from JJ Construction.

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7 Gens hosts open house



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Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (OSGC) hosted an open house on Thursday, December 15 to educate community members on the pyrolysis gasification plant they’re building on trust land zoned light industrial use in the Village of Ashwaubenon. Left to right, OSGC CEO Kevin Cornelius talks with Pat Staszak of Energis.

From 1A/Hanging of the Greens



Kali photo/Yvonne Kaquatosh

Above (right), Kirby Metoxen brings another batch of cedar to the table as Dan Hawk looks on. At left, Jenny Webster prepares cedar bunches to bind on the rope. Eli Metoxen is working in the background. Each of the volunteers brought in food and snacks to share for the evening.

years, concerned that this too may fade as time goes by. So much so, that this year, 200 ft. of garland was purchased at a local business due to lack of volunteers to make the 400 ft. needed to properly decorate the interior of the church. The generous donation was from longstanding parishioners, Pearl McLester and Winnifred Thomas. Taking a break from the task, Jenny Webster recalled being in the basement of the church when her family would be making the cedar rope. “I was just a little

girl then,” she added. The donated greens will hang at the head of the alter, while the Oneida made cedar rope will hang along the sides of the church to compliment the stained glass windows. Preparation was scheduled to begin after mass on Sunday, December 12, however, due to the storm this past weekend,

the process began on Monday evening and is near completion this Wednesday evening, December 15. The Metoxen family volunteered their time on Tuesday evening and the McLester family worked on the project on Wednesday evening.

CORRECTION

The incorrect date was given for the upcoming General Tribal Council meeting regarding the Legislative Procedures Act and Judiciary Law. The correct date for the meeting is February 5, 2011.

Oneida signs partnership agreement with WisDOT



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Oneida Business Committee Chairman Rick Hill, right, shakes hands with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Transportation System Development Administrator Kevin Chesnik after signing a Partnership Agreement on Thursday, December 9. The document was first created in 2005 as a result of Executive Order 39, which reaffirms the government-

to-government relationship. The agreement is designed to acknowledge and support the government-to-government relationship and support American Indian sovereignty among state and federal agencies and the eleven tribes. This partnership recognizes the importance of collaborative partnership and respects the knowledge, experience, perspectives, and needs

of all partners. Tribal governments have historically struggled to meet the transportation needs related to our communities and because transportation plays a pivotal role in the economic health of our community this document seeks to embark on building and sustaining an equal partnership focused on people, economics and improving the quality of life for all people.

Holiday Hours

CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday, December 24, 2010)

MAIN CASINO – Closes at 10pm.
IMAC CASINO/BINGO/OTB – Closed.
MASON STREET CASINO – Closes at 4pm. Poker Room closed.
ONE-STOP LOCATIONS

- Hwy. 54 – Casino closes at 4pm. Convenience store closes at 8pm.
- Packerland, Travel Center & E/EE – Casinos close at 4pm. Convenience stores close at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday, December 25, 2010)

MAIN CASINO – Opens at 3pm. Table Games open at 6pm.
IMAC CASINO/BINGO/OTB – Closed. Re-opens Dec. 26 at 8am.
MASON STREET CASINO – Opens at 5pm. Poker Room closed.
ONE-STOP LOCATIONS

- ALL LOCATIONS – Closed.
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Passing On...

Denny, John E. (Jack)
December 25, 1932 – November 29, 2010

John E. (Jack) Denny, 77, passed away on Monday, Nov 29, 2010 after a two year illness. Son of Armenia (McHugh) and Dewey R. Denny. Jack was born on Christmas day, 1932, in Green Bay, WI where he lived prior to his move to Milwaukee where he worked for a short time. He later moved to Rockford, IL where he met his companion of 47 years. Jack became skilled in drafting design and horticulture resulting in designing their home and earning him awards for his landscape and horticulture from the neighborhood association. He was a life-long Green Bay Packer fan and an excellent cook and host during visits by relatives and friends. Jack was a very caring and giving person who kept in touch with those



he loved by letters, cards or phone calls. Jack was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his long time companion Larry Wherley, who supported Jack through the many challenges and illnesses he faced; three sisters, Donna Doxtator, DePere, WI, Jean Denny, Jodi (Dennis) Marosezek; his brother, Tim (Genevieve) Denny; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Special thanks to the staff at Asta Care Center. Funeral Services were held at 10 am on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Sunset Funeral Home, 8800 N. Alpine Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorial to the family or the charity of your choice. Send tributes to the family at www.sunsetfhmemgardens.com



Schuyler Butler, Teresa Frances

August 6, 1946 – November 27, 2010

Teresa Frances Schuyler Butler died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, at the home with her loving husband, Dennis L. Butler by her side.



participating in the various dances. She had a great respect for the "Drum" and took pride and joy in being able to match its rhythm and beat.

Her wish for a four-day viewing was held at the home. The traditional meal was provided by the family of her Aunt Francis, son, Larry Payne and daughter, Dawn Briner.

Teresa Frances Schuyler Butler was born Aug. 6, 1946, in Lawrence, Kan., to Leo Francis Schuyler of full blood Oneida descent and mother, Katherine Schuyler of full blood Eastern Cherokee descent. As a young child she traveled the Midwest with her parents due to the military. Even then she had that special glow about her.

With a career of 30 plus years in numerous nursing homes, she touched the hearts of many. She took great joy and pride in being able to make the elderly smile and felt joy knowing that she would see that they were treated with dignity and respect. She cherished her traditional ways and values, and enjoyed the love that she had within for her creations of Native American beadwork and crafts. She loved her horse and dogs and the life God gave her.

Adopted by many tribes, she showed the true spirit of her heart. She loved going to the many "Pow Wows" and

She loved her northern families, both in Wisconsin and South Dakota and cherished those memories. As a dedicated and respected "Sun Dancer" she met many families and friends and they all called her "Sister".

This angel is survived by her loving and devoted husband of the home, Dennis L. Butler; three sisters, Eleanor Jefferies of Newkirk, Fay Cox of Wichita, Kan., and Sonya Sells of Hutchinson, Kan.; and one brother, Leo (Sonny) Schuyler of El Dorado, Kan.

Also she is survived by three daughters; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; numerous brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; and their families and her special friend, "Shelia".

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo Francis Schuyler and Katherine McCoy; stepdad, "Pops" McCoy; one daughter, Shannon Renee Long; and one great-granddaughter, Madyn Rain Thompson.

Our Angel of Love and Joy is gone but knowing that she is in God's arms eases some pain. She will always be loved and never forgotten and yes — her stories will be told. Good-bye my love.



Skenandore, Clyde (Bernard)
February 29, 1936 – December 12, 2010

Clyde "Bernard" Skenandore 74, Oneida, died on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at home sur-



rounded by family and friends after a short battle with cancer. He was born February 29, 1936 in Oneida to the late David and Josephine (Webster) Skenandore. Clyde attended Beauty Grove Elementary School. In 1956 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed gambling, traveling, spending time with nieces and nephews, and a home cooked meal. He was a huge Harry Potter fan.

Survivors include his siblings; Mike Hill and Kate Stevens, his sisters in law; Dorothy J. (Artley) Skenandore, Virginia (Jerry) Skenandore, as well as many nieces and

nephews, and his very special friend and caretaker Blaine Ackley.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings; Arnold, Artley, Jerry, and an infant brother and sister.

Rev. Kristina Henning, and Deacon Deborah Heckel officiated. A full military rites was conducted immediately following the service. The Oneida Hymn Singers sang at 9:30am. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the family.

Clyde's family would like to thank the Oneida Dept. of Public Works, the Oneida Police Dept., Oneida Health Center, Dr. Ravinder Vir, and Oneida Elder Services .

Caring, Giving, Simple, are the three words that sum up Clyde's life

Obituaries...

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



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It is a great honor to have received all the condolences from so many people when our father, Purcell Powless began his journey to the spirit world to join our mother, Angie. Our family could not have been comforted more by

all the spiritual support we received from many different sources. Our friends and extended family were a great comfort to us in the very last days of our Dad's life. It is very difficult to extend our appreciation to all who cooked and those who brought food to our family, our fire keepers, and Bob Brown who helped us keep our tradition in the right way. Thanks to the women who came and cleaned the house and helped store the food and make sandwiches. The young women who came and prepared our luncheon for the wake, you girls are the best! We must extend a special thank you to our aunties, Lois Powless and Marj Stevens for the continual love and support every day for the past several months. Just being there each day and the wonderful meals Aunie Lois made for us meant so much to us and especially to Dad.

We also thank Mother Kristine Henning, Deacon Debbie Heckle, and Deacon Edmund Powless for their spiritual support to Dad. Unity Hospice was phenomenal, especially Kristine who gave Dad comfort and support and whom he trusted without question. Our aunts and uncles also supported us through this time and we love and thank them for that. We are grateful to the pall bearers that helped Ralph, Jamie and Joey, they were grandsons, Shannon Powless, Sterling Nunies, James "Dunner" Powless, great grandson, Talon Skenadore, nephew Ernie "Steve" Stevens, and the honorary pall bearers were, grandson Sean Powless, nephew David Powless and good friends, Francis Skenadore and Milton Dallas. We were grateful to the Radisson for all their support and for the funeral luncheon.

The students in the Oneida Nation High School wrote about him in the last issue of the Kalihwisaks. It is very heart warming to see the lesson being taught through his memory. His memory will also live on through the generous contributions to his scholarship. More than \$2000 have been added to the Purcell Powless scholarship that the Oneida Tribe administers at our Dad's request. When Dad retired he created the fund for a scholarship in his name for post graduate students.

It is fortunate for us that our father touched so many people during his lifetime. He was well known and respected for all the wonderful things he accomplished in his 84 years on this earth. We received condolences from tribes across this nation and friends he made all around the country. To each and everyone who came and expressed their condolences, we thank you all from the center of our hearts. It will take us some time to get out our personal thank you notes and we hope we do not overlook anyone, but so many wonderful people touched our lives those few days it was truly appreciated.

Our family is feeling a great loss at this time and we will never forget the wonderful support from the circle of life created by Angie and Purcy Powless.

With heartfelt appreciation, the children of Purcell and Angeline Powless

Hughes Honored for service

By Nate Wisneski

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The Oneida Tribe's Vice-Chairwoman's mantle recently became a little more crowded.

Kathy Hughes, who is serving her third term as vice-chairwoman, was awarded the Bemidji Area Director's Award for Excellence from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Hughes represents the Bemidji area, which includes the states of Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin, on three national advisory councils. The award was presented during an October 22 awards ceremony in Bemidji, Minn.

"Receiving an award

such as this is rather humbling. Because in my mind, I am not doing anything of an exemplary nature," Hughes said. "I am simply doing what is expected of me in my position. I don't work alone and accepting this recognition is not representative of how things get done, when there are so many people involved in the work. It does make you feel good to know others value your efforts."

Hughes has worked with the Bemidji Area Office since the retirement of Deanna Beauman, the former Oneida Health Center's Administrator.

"Deanna asked for my participation to bring the

voice of an elected official into the mix," said Hughes. She is now viewed as the contact person for legislation issues regarding health care for the tribe.

Hughes, who won reelection in 2008, has served five terms on the Oneida Business Committee as Treasurer along with her current three terms as Vice-Chairwoman. She has worked for the tribe for over 30 years and advocates for Native American health issues serving on the Indian Health Service Tribal Advisory Board Bemidji Area, Department of Health and Human Services: Tribal Technical Advisory

Group for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Native Health Research Advisory Council, Tribal Consultation Advisory Council for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 Strategic Leadership Team. She has also served many years on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Board of Trustees for Bellin College of Nursing, and one term on the Advisory Panel on Medicare/Medicaid Education for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

OBC Wrap – December 8, 2010

By Nate Wisneski

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The signing of the Wisconsin Indian Tribal Community Reintegration Program agreement highlighted the December 8 Oneida Business Committee (OBC) meeting. The agreement provides assistance for soon-to-be-released Native American prisoners.

Present: Rick Hill – Chairman, Kathy Hughes – Vice-Chairwoman, Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Patti Hoeft – Secretary, Ed Delgado – Councilmember, Trish King – Councilmember, Melinda Danforth – Councilmember, Brandon Stevens – Councilmember, Tehassi Hill – Councilmember

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the November 24 and November 30 OBC meeting were approved. Also, minutes from the November 3 Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) meeting, the November 4 Community Development Planning Committee meeting and the December 3 Finance Committee meeting were approved.

Reports from the Anna John Nursing Home Commission and the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging were accepted.

Travel Requests

Kathy Hughes, Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee meeting, February 1 – 3, Atlanta, GA. The travel request was approved with all of the traveling expenses were paid by the hosting group.

General Tribal Council

The OBC approved a General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting date for February 5 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. The meeting is set to hear consideration of laws establishing new judicial and lawmaking systems. The meeting is a result of the November 20 GTC meeting in which the GTC directed the new judicial and legislative material be separated and the OBC and LOC formulate language that does not limit the GTC's petition power and allow for more timely and effective opportunity for public comments rather than the current public hearing process. The

GTC motion also limits the OBC and LOC's abilities to pass laws without GTC approval.

Follow-Up/OBC Directives

A report on the status of stimulus dollars was quickly accepted. An update from Oneida Housing Authority (OH) Director, Dale Wheelock, briefed the OBC on the current state of the admissions policy of OHA. The OHA report was accepted.

New Business/Requests

The Personnel Commission received authorization to post one vacancy due a resignation. The 2011 OBC meeting and reporting dates were approved. A request to hold a special OBC meeting for the year-end annual audit was approved.

The OBC approved a proposal to create a ten year per capita workgroup. The group, which will be compromised of tribal staff and community members, will provide regular updates to the OBC. The group was a directive from the GTC per a resolution passed in 2008 which also increased the per capita

payment from \$800 to \$1200. The motion called for the OBC to present an annual per capita plan prior to fiscal year 2012 and should be for a minimum of 10 years.

The OBC also heard a request to approve a resolution supporting the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation's waste-to-energy project. The project is currently receiving pushback from community members and officials from the Villages of Ashwaubenon and Hobart. Most of the objections stem from the location of the plant. The trust land on which the plant is being constructed is zoned industrial by the OSGC while the village of Ashwaubenon has zoned the area commercial. Some uneasiness is also being felt regarding perceived unknown health and environmental impacts though impact studies refute these claims.

The next OBC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 22 at the Norbert Hill Center has been cancelled.

From 2A/Stimulus creating jobs

could rehabilitate homes and incorporate sustainable design and green construction without spending a lot of money," said Hill. One way to stretch the grant further was to rely on trainees.

"We bring in people with no construction experience what-so-ever and train them. Basically, everybody you see is our young tribal members," he said. "In the seven months that they have worked for me, they've all learned how to plan a sustainable design project."

The trainees replace asphalt roofs with metal roofs and vinyl siding with manufactured wood siding and Hill takes them along to buy the materials so they can see the whole process.

"The skill that it takes, it pays a good wage if you have that skill," he said.

Metal roofs are favored over asphalt shingles due to their

longevity and recyclability.

"When you get an asphalt shingle, there's no use for an asphalt shingle," said Hill. "It's going to the dump; nobody wants it, that's why I hate them."

OREEP is thinking sustainability as well when replacing vinyl siding with manufactured wood siding from Tomahawk, Wisc.

"The world is kind of going away from vinyl because it's a toxic product. It sits in landfills for 100,000 years, it's not renewable," said Hill. (Manufactured wood siding) has a cradle-to-cradle lifecycle, so when that reached the end of its lifecycle, it can be recycled into something else."

Hill stated that part of sustainable design is to make housing sites more of a community. His crew is doing that by replacing concrete stoops with porches.

"We build big porch-

es for families to gather, and you can see your neighbors," he said.

While Hill tries to have eight trainees, he's lost a few as they acquire skills and move on.

"Three of my original guys have gone on to get jobs making twice what they made for me in the training program. That have a skill now because they only know sustainable design," said Hill.

Franco, a student at ITT Tech, has plans for the future as well.

"I'll be able to move up, that's my focus; be able to provide a little bit more to the community, maybe have my own company," he said. "I always dreamed of working for the tribe and doing this, and it's like a dream come true. I get to use my hands and put the stuff in my mind to use and learn how it's all put together."

The Oneida Nation Museum needs your help!

In honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, the Oneida Nation Museum is creating an exhibition of Oneida's role in the war. We are looking for Civil War related items to include in our exhibition. Specifically, we are looking for photographs of Civil War Veterans, letters, newspaper clippings, objects used by the soldiers, etc. If anyone has any of the above items or anything else that may add to the exhibition, please contact Sara Summers-Luedtke at (920) 869-6531 or ssumme2@oneidana-tion.org.

Upcoming Events

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2010

December 17

Deadline to Order Cornbread
WHEN: Friday, December 17
TIME: 3:30pm
PLACE: Oneida Cannery, Norbert Hill Center Lower Level, N7210 Seminary Road
The Oneida Cannery is taking cornbread orders. Deadline is December 17. Please call **920-869-4379** or **920-869-4179** or email vcorneli@oneidana-tion.org or jbettters@oneidana-tion.org.

December 17

Oneida V.F.W. Fish Fry
WHEN: Friday, December 17
TIME: starts at 11:00 am
PLACE: Oneida V.F.W. Post #7784
Perch - \$10, served with potato salad, french fries, cole slaw, dessert and rye bread with raw onion and coffee. Soda \$.50. Carry-out available by calling Mike Hill at **(920) 246-6722**.

Dec. 17-Dec. 19

14th WPS Garden of Lights
WHEN: Nov. 26 – Dec. 19
TIME: Fri.'s & Sat.'s: 5:00PM – 9:00PM
Sundays: 5:00PM – 8:00PM
PLACE: Green Bay Botanical Garden
Adults \$7, w/wagon ride \$11; Children 5-12 \$4, w/wagon ride \$7. Age 4 and under free. Free shuttle from NWTC Parking Lot G. www.gbbg.org

December 18

A Heritage Hill Christmas
WHEN: December 18
TIME: Saturday: 12:00PM – 4:00PM
PLACE: Heritage Hill State Historical Park 2640 S. Webster Ave.
Celebrate the season in a breathtaking setting by trying historical dancing, crafts, and holiday baking on the farm. Relive Christmases Past as you listen to Christmas stories, learn about a yule log and visit with St. Nick. Adults \$8, \$7 for seniors (over 62); and \$6 for children (5-17). Children 4 and under free. \$1 off admission with a canned food item. FMI about **A Heritage Hill Christmas** or general park news call 920-448-5150 or visit www.heritagehillgb.org

December 31

Count Down to Hoyan
WHEN: Friday, December 31
TIME: 8:00pm - 1:00am
PLACE: Oneida Civic Center, Site I, 2913 Artley Street,
Iroquois singing and dancing, food, games, prizes, fun! Come celebrate the new year in a new way. No alcohol or drugs allowed. *Partially funded by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.*

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: Julie Denny or Jean Williquette at **920-469-4135**.

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**.

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Oak Ridge Land Lease Update: Myths vs. Facts

By Ernest L. Stevens III
Executive Communications
Spc - GM Administration

It is important that the community understands the history, present state, and potential future of this lease so we can have a collective set of goals on what is best for us going forward.

In '89, the space in question was a barren field of dirt, sparsely covered patches of grass, and a horizon of blue sky. It was on the west side of Green Bay, surrounded by heavily wooded areas and rural land plots. Green Bay itself was still growing westward, with only a handful of businesses in the direct area, which included a business office (now Mason Street Casino) and a dry night club, among other diverse small businesses.

Now, this area is a haven of small and large businesses that have created a hotspot of economic opportunity and growth, making West Mason and Packerland the busiest intersection in the city. It is right next to the Mason Street/Hwy 41 interchange, one of the most important arterial access points in the Northeastern Wisconsin region. This is due largely to the sub-lease with Wal-Mart, a common cornerstone staple in thousands of communities of all sizes across the globe (4,304 stores nationally, 8,416 internationally; Wal-mart Annual Report 2010).

Not only is it a Wal-Mart, but it is a Wal-Mart Supercenter, which includes a more expansive selection of goods, notably a whole grocery section. The same goes for Festival Foods, which in many ways has grown as aggressively as Wal-Mart has since that time, and is in close ranks when it comes to grocery goods and so forth. Conjoined at the hip of Wal-Mart is the wholesale goods based Sam's Club, where you can find anything from bulk food, big screen TV's, and fine watches, at wholesale prices. And of course we cannot forget one of the busiest gas stations in town and definitely the busiest one-stop location, the Oneida West Wind One-Stop and Smoke Shop. All four of these businesses have contributed to and gained from each other, which is also the reciprocal factor that has made so many other businesses in the immediate area so successful as well.

The land lease holder is OAKRIDGE PLAZA (ORP). They are the ones responsible for bringing in the infrastructure and for finding the stores that sub-lease from them. The Oneida Tribe had tried for years to get a business to locate in the business park on Mason Street. But the Tribe never did. Once the Tribe found the developer, OAKRIDGE PLAZA (ORP), and the GTC and BC negotiated the land lease; the OAKRIDGE PLAZA team brought in Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Festival Foods, and the other sub-lessees. They've found a lot of success, and yes, the

Tribe has succeeded as well because of their success.

The Deal

Back in '89, the business committee consisted of Purcell Powless, Chairman, Richard Hill, Vice-Chairman, Kathy Hughes, Treasurer, Amelia Cornelius, Secretary, and council members Larry Barton, David King, Loretta Metoxen, Lloyd Powless, and Ernie Stevens, Sr. A huge strategic purchase came with the 37 acres where the aforementioned stores are now located. Fain, Inc.(now called OAKRIDGE PLAZA, LLC), a leasing company, had approached the tribe about leasing the property to put up the Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, and Festival Foods. They also agreed to finance the infrastructure, including water and sewage, electrical, and roads. The Business Committee, seeing this as an economic opportunity, presented it to the GTC, who then approved the lease through two separate resolutions. On May 16, 1989, the first resolution was adopted for the westernmost 27 acres, where Wal-Mart and Sam's would be placed. This Master Ground Lease was entered into on April 6, 1989. The second resolution, passed by GTC on July 18, 1989, would make the easternmost 10.57 acres a home for Festival Foods. The Master Ground Lease would be entered into on the same date. The Tribe and Fain, Inc., who would later be known as Oak Ridge Plaza, LLC, then split into ORP West, LLC and ORP East, LLC, amended the leases to modify the descriptions of the property and to amend the names of the Lessees. In 1989, the Business Committee, following the GTC resolution entered into the leases, the signatories being Vice-Chairman Richard Hill and Secretary Amelia Cornelius. The amendments did not change the leased premises or the lease payments, which was and still is \$181,123, plus another 5% of their audited net income. "ORP West, LLC and ORP East, LLC are good lessees," says Sheila Huff, Leasing Specialist at the Division of Land Management, "They pay their annual dues on time every year, and have always been appreciative of the business that the Oneida community brings."

Should the Tribe renegotiate? Simply the Tribe feels in the long run that it will benefit greatly from this deal. "Basically, back then all leases were the 25/25 years, but since then the Tribe has entered into leases with different options depending on the property," says Amelia Cornelius, who served as Tribal Secretary in 1989. "Based upon the information and economic condition of the Tribe back when the leases were made, they were good leases. Now the land has building, water, sewer and streets and the

Tribe has the income from the land. When the leases expire, everything will be owned by the Tribe and not ORP East or ORP West, and all lease income will go to the Tribe. It was and still is a good investment." If the tribe changes that mentality, they still have the option to engage ORP West and ORP East, but until then, the lease stands.

Myth Vs Fact

The following information consists of myths about the lease, and the facts that expunge them:

Myth: The Tribe leases the land to Wal-Mart.

Fact: The Tribe and OAKRIDGE PLAZA, LLC (ORP West/ORP East) have a lease for the 37.57 acres. ORP West and ORP East sublease the property to the indi-

vidual businesses.

Myth: The leases end 25 years after the Tribe entered into the leases.

Fact: The lease with ORP West is a 25 year lease, but will be subject to an automatic renewal of the existing agreement in 2014. Basically, the Tribe WILL NOT have the option to re-negotiate a higher lease fee at that particular time. However, if both entities decide to come to the

table at any given time before or after, they can re-negotiate the lease at that time. This lease would expire on April 5, 2039. The lease with ORP East is a flat 50 year lease. This lease will expire on July 17, 2039. Each lease can be ended by mutual agreement or if the ORP West or ORP East defaults. Again, the Tribe with the agreement of ORP West or ORP East can renegotiate a new lease at any time.



Arial photos of the Oak Ridge Lease properties taken in 1960, 1992 and 2008 show the continuous development of the land along West Mason Street. Currently, there is a Wal-Mart Supercenter, Festival Foods and Oneida West Wind One-Stop and Oneida Smoke Shop. The lease is scheduled to end in 2039.



Kathy Hughes
Vice-Chairwoman

Holiday Greetings,

The holidays come and go much too quickly and each year that goes by we find ourselves wishing we had done more in the past year to prepare for the future. I too wish I could have done more in the past year to prepare for the future, but I am

Vice-Chairwoman’s Corner...

able to say I have been a part of accomplishing some things that will be of benefit in the New Year. We finally have a new health care act after many years of lobbying in Washington DC for a reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Act. And it is a permanent authorization so we will not have to worry about being cut off. Of course, funding will remain and issue. But even without additional funding there is now a recognized need for long term care and behavioral health. Some tribes across the

country have very sub-standard health care and must travel great distances to get medical attention. Many reservations I have been to do not have some of the very basic services for their elders and children. Many reservations have a vast land base and therefore reaching their needy citizens is overwhelming at times.

Oneida can be grateful we have opportunities and services that are centrally located. Oneida has also been working with the State to enhance our services through Medicaid, a program that is funded through the State. Reaching agreements that allow Oneida to maintain control over the services being provided

while increasing the flow of funding without adding to the States burden has been our focus and we think we have done that. We still have a long journey ahead of us to continue to improve and broaden our services in health care and education, but more over, I believe we are a lucky and fortunate nation.

For the Christmas season, I wish each and every one of you and your family a happy and healthy holiday filled with love and sharing. For the New Year, I wish you all a year filled with promise, good health and prosperity in all things you seek.

Oneida Business Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 12
Norbert Hill Center, 9:00am
The December 22 meeting has been canceled

Guest Editorial...

Take any concerns about gasification project to public meeting
By The Associated Press

Green Bay Press-Gazette. Dec. 3, 2010.
An Oneida Seven Generations Corp. renewable energy project has faced resistance from a few of its neighbors, including some who oppose the proposed gasification plant based on misinformation. Among the misconceptions are that Schneider National disapproves of the \$23 million project, and that dangerous emissions will spew from the waste-to-energy facility, located across from Schneider's headquarters on Packerland Drive in Ashwaubenon. “We support the Oneida Seven Generations proposal for their currently proposed location, and that support is contingent upon them getting all the appropriate permits,” Steve Parent, director of corporate facilities at Schneider National, told a member of the Green Bay Press-Gazette editorial board in a phone interview Tuesday. Construction of the 70,000-square-foot biomass facility is on hold while Seven Generations awaits approval of an environmental impact assessment from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, which the corporation expects to go through, possibly within 30 days. Corporation officials had secured all the required paperwork to build at the 8.8-acre site when they broke ground on the project last month in the 3100 block of Packerland Drive, but they then agreed to move the operation 700 feet back after Schneider National raised concerns, said Kevin Cornelius, CEO of Seven Generations. That move required the corporation to resubmit its site plans to the federal agency. A schematic drawing that project officials

shared with the newspaper showed that the facility - a 32-foot tall building with no smokestacks - is surrounded on three sides by berms and a wooded area in the back. Project officials said the facility likely would not be visible to passersby. They said the operation would emit no toxic fumes, strong odors or noise. “There are no emissions that come from the gasification process,” Cornelius said, explaining that the operation is a closed-loop system with a set of valves that allows garbage through, and keeps air from entering by using light suction. “You can’t have fire with no oxygen,” he added. Garbage trucks will unload inside the rear of the building and anything that appears toxic will be put back on the truck, according to project officials. The garbage will undergo two shredding processes, and recyclables will be removed; the remaining waste becomes tar and ash, which also will be repurposed, they said. The entire operation is enclosed. The village of Ashwaubenon is opposed to the site, which is on federal trust land and zoned light industrial by the Oneida Tribe of Indians. Village leaders are concerned about the project causing property values to fall – something Seven Generations denies would happen because of the facility's state-of-the-art design and construction. Seven Generations could have done a better job of informing the public, and Cornelius admits as much. He said his corporation plans to hold a Dec. 16 open house at the Ashwaubenon Village Hall to answer questions about the project. We urge everyone with a stake in this issue to attend. The gasification project appears likely to happen. The best way to prepare for it is to be well informed.

OBC Forum...

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W a t o w a n á o ' k h a l e ?
hoyan!
There are plenty of legislative issues that are keeping us busy at the end of this year. However, with this being my last article in 2010, I would much rather take this opportunity to extend thanks and appreciation to everyone for their kindness and generosity to give back to the community and help those in need. Over the last several weeks, I have been deeply touched to see so many Tribal members and employees coming together to volunteer, donate, raise funds, and to create opportunities for others to do the same. All of these are acts of **kanolukhwásla** (compassion, caring, identity, joy of being) for the purpose of making life better for families and friends. Although there are standard events that happen every year at this time, it seems more and more people are stepping up the efforts to help one another out and to have

some fun while doing it - and through these efforts, new holiday traditions are created. T h e economy may still be hanging low, but our little community sure knows how to come together when there is a need. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have been a part of these efforts: event coordinators, those who so generously donated money or needed items or time and labor to these events, and also the people who came out and made sure these community events were entertaining, and full of fun and laughter. Although I don’t have room in a simple article to list all of the persons and groups that have so generously made a difference this season, I want to recognize a few folks that have coordinated some incredible efforts: our veterans and Oneida police officers have been a steadfast



Trish King
Councilwoman

source of community support; O n e i d a Giving Tree coordinator Michelle Rutues and her army of volunteers h a v e worked, and continue to work, tirelessly to make sure that every Oneida child - regardless of their home life or financial situation - will receive Christmas/holiday presents; Matt Ninham, Michelle Hill and Sonny Martin gathered several folks to make blankets for Anna John Nursing Home residents; and the special group who helped to make the Bradstock Winter Music Festival a great success: The entertainers who volunteered their talents, all the people who donated toys and gift baskets and fully-decorated Christmas trees, and the coordinators and volunteers who made the event so memorable and entertaining. I also would like to recognize all of the people who

organized craft fairs, community Christmas benefits, church fundraisers, and food, toy and clothing drives, keeping the spirit of giving alive. Yaw^ko to all for your generosity and willingness to get involved. This is truly a good time for the Oneida community, and these actions are a testament to the strength of our spirit, to the goodness within each and every one of us. I hope that over the upcoming year we don’t lose this spirit; that we continue these efforts to come together even after the Christmas lights have been taken down, and the stockings have been put away. Author Henry David Thoreau once said, “Goodness is the only investment that never fails,” and I believe he is right. I hope that all of the love and generosity that has been shared this season will live on within us, now and for every holiday season. Happy Holidays, and may your New Year be filled with great blessings and joy.

Letters & Opinions...

Season of change
Sekoli,
This holiday season I implore my tribe to stop and think what changes can one individually make to help change another’s life. As we grow older, we are able to reflect more and more; what could we have changed? I was watching an interview of urban youth who 70% of the kids in the room were in actual legal trouble all by the early age of 15-years-old. The one common factor they all shared was sexual abuse. Myself, I am a third generation victim. I declared I would never allow this wickedness into my home and was successful, thankfully. However, the other statistic set in. I am still serving my 10th year of 13 years in prison today. If you were to poll your friends and family, I believe you would be shocked at the very same common factor those troubled youth shared. Dear Oneida, this season filled with the joys of family is a time to grow a bond that will not only strengthen family, but strengthen our tribe. A season of change all begins with you just as it did with me. I chose not to continue to be the victim and made sure to

never become the abuser. In a life filled with pain, I found strength within our traditional teachings and basic way of life to understand the season of change is now. *Happy Holidays, Hoyan, Thomas(Huff) Pease*

Thanks GTC
I would like to thank the people who voted to keep the power with the General Tribal Council on November 20, 2010. They had the intelligence to see through the smoke screen whereby the Business Committee is trying to centralize all the power for themselves. They seem to want to have control over all the other tribal members. To change our tribal constitution and give all of our power to a central government is a very serious action. An action that I believe would have been disastrous for generations to come. It would be just like Russia, China and Iraq under Saddam Hussein. It is evident by the results of the recent election that the tribal members can do something to stop them and prevent a dictatorship. Some of our elected representatives appear to be very arrogant, trying

to impose their will or capricious whims only to benefit themselves and their friends. They appoint themselves as judge and jury when it comes to spending our monies. They have given money to the lobbyists, invested in out-of-state hotels, given our money to know failed businesses, given themselves “finders fees” in the thousands of dollars. Only the top profits, just like Bernie Madoff, Fanny May, Freddie Mac, General Motors and Enron.

Most of the Business Committee have extended their power far beyond the scope of their authority. The inability of our elected leaders to plan prudently as to future requirements and failures of our economy is quite evident by the amount of money they foolishly spend. If our representatives have any pride, they would reduce their own salaries. They would not each have a secretary, • See 7A, Letters

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Board Vacancies

Environmental Resource Board: One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- Shall be appointed for three year term
- Each member shall participate in all required training within 180 days of appointment
- No ERB member may be employed within the Environmental Health and Safety Department of the Oneida Tribe of Indian of Wisconsin

- Resumes will be required for appointments.
- Applicants must agree to firm commitments for attending training, Board and General Tribal Council meetings, functions and other events established by the SEOTS Advisory Board or the Oneida Tribe.

Deadline: 4:30, December 20, 2010

Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee: One (1) Vacancies

Qualifications:

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

Deadline: 4:30, January 17, 2011

Oneida Personnel Commission : One (1) Vacancy

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- The entire combined membership may not consist of more than two members from any one division of the Oneida Tribe, nor less than seven community members
- Shall serve a full term of 5 years.
- Be free of any and all direct conflicts of interest or appearances of conflict as defined under various laws and policies of the Tribe, including but not limited to the oath of office, the OPPP, the Ethics Code, the Judicial Code and the Oneida Rules of Civil Procedure.
- A member may not be an employee of the Human Resources Department, any advocacy group (department), or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe, e.g. Personnel Relations Officers and

of a service connected disability.

- Shall be a citizen in good standing in the Oneida Community.
- Terms of office shall be for a period of 3 years.

Deadline: 4:30, January 17, 2011

Oneida Election Board: One (1) Vacancy term ending July 2012

Qualifications:

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

Deadline: 4:30, January 17, 2011

Oneida Police Commission: One (1) Vacancies

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- The entire combined membership may not consist of more than two members from any one division of the Oneida Tribe, nor less than seven community members
- Shall serve a full term of 5 years.
- Be free of any and all direct conflicts of interest or appearances of conflict as defined under various laws and policies of the Tribe, including but not limited to the oath of office, the OPPP, the Ethics Code, the Judicial Code and the Oneida Rules of Civil Procedure.
- A member may not be an employee of the Human Resources Department, any advocacy group (department), or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe, e.g. Personnel Relations Officers and

Paralegals.

- Commissioners shall be available for meetings, training, interviews, prescreening, reassignments, grievance hearings and other duties as needed.
- Membership may not be such that nepotism is created by the following relationships: father, mother, husband, wife brother, sister, daughter, son, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-children, step-parents, or significant other.

Deadline: 4:30, January 17, 2011

Oneida Police Commission: One (1) Vacancies

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- Must be at least 25 years of age.
- Must submit to a complete background investigation and shall not be found to have convicted of the following:

** Shall not have been convicted of a felony in the state of Wisconsin or convicted of any crime in another state that would be considered a felony had the offense and adjudications occurred in the state of Wisconsin.*

** Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor due to a plea arrangement for a felony arrest.*

** Shall not have been convicted of any ordinance violation that could bring discredit to the Oneida Police Commission.*

** Shall not be considered exonerated by a pardon granted by the state of Wisconsin or the Oneida Tribe for any conviction listed above for the purpose of serving on the Oneida Police Commission.*

- Shall submit to drug testing prior to appointment and on an annual basis.
- Shall not be an employee of the Oneida Police Department
- Must be a person of known good standing in the community.
- Shall serve a full term of 5 years unless appointed to fill a vacancy created by resignation or removal, then shall be remainder of term.

Deadline: 4:30, January 17, 2011

Applications and vacancy information can be obtained from the Tribal Secretary's office at the Norbert Hill Center or online at www.oneidana-tion.org. For more information about vacancies, please contact Delilah McKinney in the Tribal Secretary's office at 920-869-4421.

From 6A/Letters

chief-of-staff, general manager and others do their work. We elected them to work, as set forth in our constitution.

The Business Committee is trying to set into new legislation procedures that would prevent all tribal members from being heard in front of the General Tribal Council, as it is in our tribal constitution. They want to impose a process of scheduled hearings in front of the Business Committee where they would be able to deny you further recourse. They want to be the final judge over you, much like Saddam Hussein.

Right now the General Tribal Council is YOU! It is the janitor, the bus driver, the housewife, the student and anyone who is ¼ Oneida age 21 or older. It is only the nine members of the Business Committee who are trying to modify or change our constitution to run the tribe and have total control over all of the other tribal members.

Right now, some of our employees are afraid to express their view because of retaliation and/or fear of oppression or even loss of job. That is not freedom of speech or democracy. Do you want to live like that? Do you really want to change our tribal consti-

tution? Do you want our children to suffer the consequences?

The Health Center is in a state of turmoil. Why can't our elected leaders do something?

F.L. Cornelius

Searching for sister

I 'm requesting a big helping hand. I lost all contact with my younger sister, and the last I know is that she got married and is living in Oneida, Wisc.

We were taken from our parents by the court system and placed in foster-homes. We were separated as children, and put in different homes. As time went on we lost all contact. Now we are adults. I live way over here in California and doing time in prison, but I'm striving to better myself and get back on the right path as a Native American.

I pray my sister sees this letter and writes to me. This will be a good Christmas. Also, if anyone would like to write to a Native American Brother, please do and I will answer you.

Thank you for reading this.

*Sincerely,
Dion Rendon
C#89115
PO Box 7500-B-3-299
Crescent City, CA
95532*

From 1A/Re-entry

available to help bolster re-entry success rates and provide opportunities for participants to become productive residents in their community," she said during a signing ceremony on Wednesday, December 8 at the Norbert Hill Center.

Ada Deer, a Menominee tribal member and former Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior, believes the plan will have a positive impact on tribal communities.

"This is a happy day for all of us involved, as you will see, this will be a happy day for the tribes. There are problems our people face and very little attention is paid to our people in prison," she said. "Many Wisconsin tribal communities believe that the people must be restored to health so future generations have a place to go for culture, language and other Indian interaction."

According to Deer, Native Americans make up about three percent of the nearly 23,000 Wisconsin inmate population.

Laurie Boivin, Chairwoman of the Menominee Tribe, stressed the importance of the agreement due to its affect on nearly every community member.

"We have family members that get into trouble and end up being incarcerated and no matter how hard they try, sometimes they do have those relapses. We need to accept them back into the communities and help them get back on the right path," she said.

Kimberly Vele, President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, pointed out the role of tribal leadership to extend a helping hand to people in need.

"We are working with people in our community that somehow, someway for some reason, different and unique to each of us, have taken a different path, and maybe it's not the healthiest path, and so its up to us as leaders in our communities to support those efforts to bring those people back within the fold of health and wellness," she said. "The people that probably deserve it the least need it the most."

The agreement partners the tribes with GLITC's Wisconsin Tribal Justice Committee, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. It is a two-year agreement with an automatic one-year renewal and will be administered through GLITC.

GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Location & Date

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center,
Three Clans Ballroom,Green Bay
Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, 6 p.m.

AGENDA

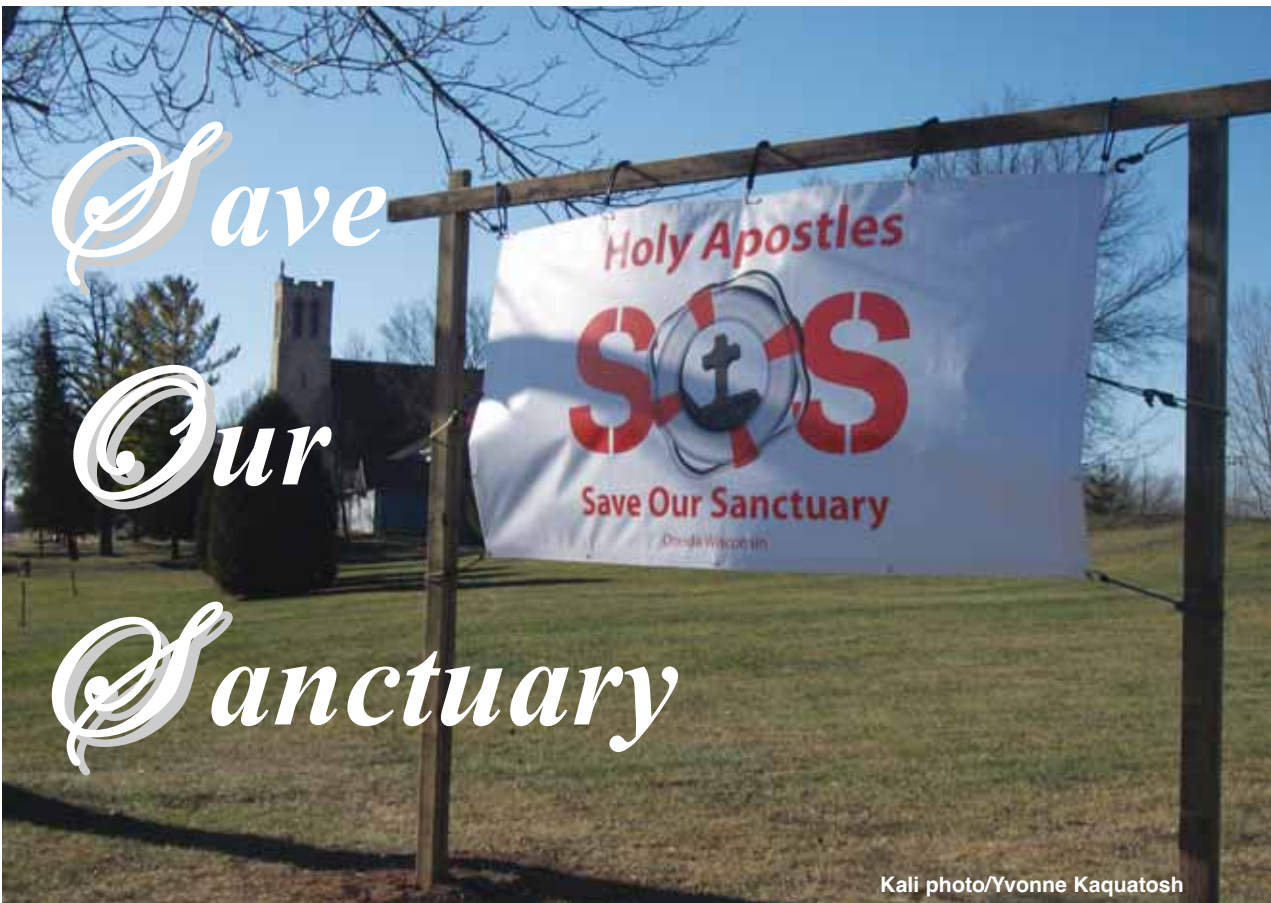
1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Call the Meeting to Order
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. GTC minutes to be approved
 - a. July 5, 2010 Semi-Annual meeting
 - b. Nov. 20, 2010 special meeting regarding Judiciary and Legislative Procedures Act
6. Tribal Treasurer's FY2010 Annual Report
7. 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit Report, McGladrey & Pullen external auditors
8. New Business
 - a. Set 2011 dates for Tri-Annual Primary and Election
 - b. Personnel Policies and Procedures amendment to Vacation and Personal Day Accumulation
 - c. Personnel Policies and Procedures amendment to strengthen Indian Preference in Hiring
9. Petition
 - a. Petitioner Madelyn Genskow: Require GTC approval of lease policies for home sites, agriculture land and all other types of land
10. Oneida Annual Report and presentations
11. Adjournment

The Pardon Application Deadline is January 17, 2011 for the February 17, 2011 Pardon Hearing

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

To receive a pardon application or information regarding the pardon process, please contact Delilah McKinney in the Tribal Secretary's Office at **920-869-4421**.

The Mission of the Church Restoration Committee (CRC) is organizing, planning, managing and raising funds that shall benefit the maintenance, historic preservation and restoration of the facilities and property of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Oneida, Wisconsin, a congregation of the Diocese of Fond du Lac.



Kali photo/Yvonne Kaquatosh



Kali photo/Yvonne Kaquatosh

The Holy Apostles Episcopal Church Mission was built from stone cut and hauled by Oneidas from a nearby quarry in the early 1900's.

Core group on mission to save landmark in Oneida

By Yvonne Kaquatosh
Kalihwisaks

2929 Freedom Road in Oneida, Wisconsin, a place of worship for many generations of Oneida, is where the present structure of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church Mission is proudly located. The landmark, which was re-built in 1922 after fire damage has never undergone any major restoration other than minor patchwork here and there through the years.

The church was struck by lightning in 1919 and it took all of three years to build.

Fast forward to 2010 – 88 years later – and you see a much different structure – a structure that has become weathered by the elements with

the passage of time.

A ‘Save Our Sanctuary’ initiative is underway by a core group of individuals to restore the Stone Church, which is the oldest consecrated Episcopal Church in the state of Wisconsin.

An independent contractor who specializes in church restoration, RJ Jacques, Inc., was brought in to provide a breakdown of repairs that are necessary to maintain the landmark for future generations of the Oneida community.

Once the evaluation was complete, the core group saw that the restoration of the landmark is more complex than they all have anticipated.

It is an extensive undertaking which will require several years to complete in its' entirety..."

– Core group member

The outside structure is in dire need of restoration. The walls within are showing wear as well. With limited funds available at their disposal, efforts to involve the parishioners and the community at large are under-

way.

It is an extensive undertaking which will require several years to complete in its' entirety to restore the landmark to its' once pristine elegance.

The landmark which has been graced with strong leaders such as Cornelius Hill and Daniel Bread as well as prominent bishops like John Henry Hobart is literally a monument in its' own right.

The church has one of the largest Native American congregations in

the United States.

In addition to the extensive restoration of the structure, there are a couple of landscaping upgrades planned as well which will include: A walkway leading up the hill where loved ones are laid to rest and will extend up to the Oneida Law Enforcement building, as well as including a fire pit area exclusively for utilization when loved ones are called to the spirit world.

The newly formed core group known as CRC (Church Restoration Committee) is asking for help from anyone who is interested in joining the cause. The committee meets every Thursday evening at 5pm at the church.

The group wanted to

emphasize the fact that this effort is designed to restore and maintain the church for the next seven generations.

This will be an ongoing series to highlight the rich history behind the landmark. Look for updates on this ongoing effort in future issues of the Kalihwisaks.

Upcoming Events

Episcopal Children's Choir Christmas Presentation

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010

6:00PM – 7:00PM

Location:

Lee Mc Lester Elder Complex, Oneida-Pod A Kids will be singing Christmas songs in Oneida and English. Refreshments served after presentation.

Holy Apostles Christmas Children's Mass

Friday, Dec. 24, 2010

4:00PM – 5:00PM

Location:

Holy Apostles Church Oneida (Big Historic Stone Church)

Holy Apostles Christmas Midnight Mass

Friday, Dec. 24, 2010

10:00PM – Midnight

Location:

Holy Apostles Church Oneida (Big Historic Stone Church)
Oneida singing from 10:00PM – 10:30PM. Mass starts at 10:30PM. Approximately 400 feet of cedar ropes are displayed!

Hoyan Doughnuts and Refreshments

January 1, 2011

(New Year's Day)

8:00AM – Noon

Location: Parish Hall, Oneida

Traditional celebration. Free will offering to benefit Holy Apostles Church restoration.



Kali photo/Yvonne Kaquatosh



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Clockwise, Top: Current look of the interior of the Holy Apostles church, Dec. 14, 2010; Top right: A shell of the church before reconstruction began; Bottom right: The interior of Church is showing signs of wear. Inset photo (right): Interior damage at the head of the altar. Above: Interior of the Holy Apostles Church in the early 70's.



Kali photos/Yvonne Kaquatosh

Skenandore shines as Senior Lady Class I Competitor

Oneida citizen enjoys challenge of Cowboy Mounting Shooting Sport

By Carmencita Mejia
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — The Cowboy Mounting Shooting Association is a flourishing equestrian sport across the nation. Sharon Skenandore, a citizen of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, is in her third year as a member of the Idaho Regulators out of Rupert. She is a Senior Lady Class 1 competitor in the CMSA.

“I was looking for something new to do with my horses when I read an article in the Western Horseman about Cowboy Mounting Shooting, and I got involved a year later,” she said.

“There are six levels in this sport – Men, Ladies, seniors, Calvary, Rifle, and Wranglers.



Submitted photo

Sharon Skenandore at the CMSA Hart World Championship Oct. 19-24 at Tri-State Arena in Amarillo, Texas.

“This is what makes the sport so family oriented,” Skenandore said.

Each timed event features a Wild West shooting exhibition where contestants sit astride a horse or mule that is acquainted with shooting, turning, and going fast.

The CMSA includes a range of competition lev-

els from novice to an experienced professional who can ride the fastest through a challenging course made up of pole bending, barrel racing, and reining while using two .45 caliber single action revolvers each loaded with five rounds of black powder blanks that shoot only 20 feet at 10 balloon targets. The

fastest time with least amount of missed targets wins.

“There is a additional five second penalty for each balloon missed, it helps to be accurate,” said Skenandore.

Competitors are required to dress in either traditional western style; long sleeve western shirt, five-pocket blue jeans

covered by chinks or chaps, western boots, and a cowboy hat or the late 1800’s old time style; shirts without collars, high waisted pants with buttons, and an old style cowboy hat.

Skenandore has trained two Appaloosa horses, 20 year-old Sparky and 16 year-old Buddy.

She has traveled hundreds of miles to qualify for the World Championship invitational event. The following events she attended and prevailed: April 30-May 2 Farm City Showdown & Columbia Basin Spring Shoot-Out, Hermiston, Oregon – 6th place; July 30 & 31 Idaho State Shoot, Burley – 2nd place; August 5-8 U.S. Western Championship, Nampa – 5th place. August 19 & 20 Montana State Championship, Three Forks, Montana – 3rd place; August 21 & 22 Montana North Mountain Regional, Three Forks, Montana - 2nd place; September 18 Gooding Fall Shoot, Gooding – 1st place; and October 19 – 24 World Championship, Amarillo, TX – Stage 1 – 3rd place, Stage 3, 3D – 1st place.

Each hosted event collects an entry fee anywhere from \$155 on up. Prizes can include belt buckles, cash, horse tack, blankets, and gift certificates. A 2010 CMSA High point’s race will award saddles and a horse trailer to winners who have traveled thousands of miles to shoot-outs this year.

The clubs in Idaho are

the High Lonesome 45’s in Stites; Idaho Regulators in Rupert; Northwest Mounted Shooters in Post Falls; Rocky Mountain Renegades in Athol; and Snake River Rangers in Boise. Clubs sponsor clinics to assist new shooters in the basics of safe riding and firearm handling.

Skenandore said, “In 1945, my father moved our family to the Fort Hall Indian reservation. I have lived here most of my life. I graduated from Idaho State University and worked for the Bannock County Courthouse for 10 years, the Indian Health Service for five years, and the Idaho National Engineering Laboratories for 15 years before being laid off due to work force restructuring.” She is currently working on her fifth year at the Tribal Health and Human Services in Fort Hall.

Skenandore is the proud mother of four children and loving grandmother to 11 grandchildren who are all doing well.

She is currently a member of the Backcountry Horseman of America. She said, “I rode with the Silver Sage Women’s Riding group, served as Secretary and President. Also rode with the Chapperals. Both groups are located in Pocatello.”

For more information visit the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association website at www.cowboymounted-shooting.com.

Legal Notice

If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA,

You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys’ fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

Track A – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

Track B – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys’ fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

For More Information: 1-888-233-5506 www.IndianFarmClass.com

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Contact Mark Becker for Oneida Tribal Member discounted prices!

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Upcoming Events

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Experience health by joining Oneida Adventures in an evening for adults to explore; snow shoe, wooded hikes, creative camp cooking, orienteering, solving team puzzles, pool/spring kayak/canoe, MORE! Every other Monday evenings from 4:30–6:00PM Begins January 3rd. **FREE for ALL Oneida Tribal members, Employees or Fitness**

Contact: Cindy Young – 490-3863

Oneida Adventures Girls Group

Youth Ages 12–16

Meets every 4th Thursday of the month –

Started September 9th

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 2nd Thursday of the month –

Started September 9th

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

About us...

It all started as a dream of pioneering an adventurous and experiential way of viewing life. Starting with a bag of equipment and a will to see a vision grow... and grow it did, into what it is called today, Oneida Adventures.

“Our staff understands that people learn best through experience”

Mark Steinbach

As director of Oneida Adventures, Mark brings his expertise in the fields of: kayaking, outdoor education, climbing, and the list goes on! Mark finds great joy in helping people see the outdoor playground/classroom we have all around us.



Kip Miller

From climbing a mountain, to kayaking through Alaskan floating glaciers, Kip brings fun and adventure to every program. Kip loves to see people reach their goals and push beyond their limits.

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Oneida Adventures provides all equipment/fees. Participants provide winter appropriate clothing. As a group of 8, we will snowshoe with extended backpacks into the woods to our cabin destination. One room, wood stove heated, and bunks. **For more information, call Kip Miller at (920) 490-3810 or email at kmiller@oneidanation.org**

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Come be a part of a Womens's Snowshoe retreat up north in the Porcupine Mountains!!

Hike one mile through the pristine Porcupine Mountains on snowshoes to a warm cabin get-away!

February 2, 3 & 4, 2011

\$150 Tribal / Employee • \$200 General

Oneida Adventures will provide extended packs, snowshoes, sleeping bags, cabin meals, guide/cook, cabin fees, and safety gear. Participants provide winter appropriate clothing, own lunch on travel and own car pool. As a group of 8, we will snowshoe with extended backpacks into the woods to our cabin destination. One room, wood stove heated, and bunks.

Please register with Oneida Adventures by calling Cindy Young at (920) 490-3863 or email at cyoung@oneidanation.org

~ Oneida Adventures



Come join in the fun and sign up for an Intro to Kayaking Class today! Classes will be offered on Wednesdays & Thursdays in the Oneida Family Fitness Center Pool, 2640 West Point Rd, Green Bay, WI.

2011 Indoor Kayak Classes

3 week Class Sessions

Thursday nights: Class times: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- January 6th, 13th, and 20th
- February 3rd, 10th, and 17th

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, sculling draw, stern draw, high and low braces
- *Essential equipment
- *Learn how to exit a kayak
- *Safety, T- rescues, and self-rescues 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 Cindy Young at (920)490-3863

msteinba@oneidanation.org or cyoung@oneidanation.org



Registration forms can be downloaded from <http://bit.ly/mocreg> and faxed or emailed to ONAP, attention Gabrielle.

For more information contact Gabrielle at ONAP, (920) 490-3834

Oneida Singing Preserves Language and Culture



Kali photos/Yvonne Kaquatosh

The sharing of sweet melodies to kick-off the introduction of Hymn Singing for the youth was held on Saturday, December 4 and once again on Saturday, December 11 at the Arts Program Cottage.

Singing is one way to learn more about native culture and language. Some Cherokee youth are doing just that in the Cherokee National Youth Choir. This youth choir is one of the few Native American choirs that goes on concert tours, and sings in their native language.

The Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP) is starting the "Music for Oneida Children" (MOC) choir with similar goal in mind. The

MOC is an emerging professional children's music group. It started in 2010 with a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board. The first year was extremely successful.

Beth Bashara, director of ONAP said, "Singing together is wonderful way to learn more about your culture, make friends, and contribute to the community. We hope that in 30 years, this group will have had hundred of Oneida children coming together, learning and celebrating their

cultural music, while also sharing Oneida's rich musical traditions around the world."

The next series of MOC classes begins on Saturday, January 8, with two ensembles. One ensemble will sing the Oneida social dance songs, and the other one will sing hymns, spirituals, and some popular tunes.

In Oneida social dance songs, children will learn "earth dances" using the water drum and cow horn rattles. The instructor,

Kalana Brooks, started learning Iroquois singing at the age of 7. She has made many visits to Canada to continue to learn songs. She has taught at the Oneida tribal schools for 15 years and is active in the traditional Longhouse community.

Children will also learn about Oneida hymns and carols. The instructor, Eden Denny, is a graduate of the Berkley College of Music in Boston, MA. She worked with the Music Lesson Network, helping to place music teachers in community centers and give affordable lessons to the less fortunate. Eden is grateful to be back in Oneida with

her native people.

"Building a strong community starts with the children. So, when we have Oneida children attending 7 different school districts and multiple schools, it is important to provide opportunities for the children to come together." Bashara said.

The children make new friends, learn Oneida culture and language, and have a lot of fun. In a few years, MOC will be a professional children's choir singing traditional songs, hymns, pop tunes, and new original music inspired by Oneida culture and language. They may even become as popular as the Cherokee National Youth Choir.



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Wayne Dehne shot this eight-point buck in Florence County on November 21, 2010.



Submitted photo
Darrio Little shot this five-point buck in Gresham, Wisc.



Submitted photo
This 138 lb. nine-pointer was shot opening morning by Austin Summers southeast of County Hwy. U & Trout Creek.

Christmas baskets filled with care



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski
Mary Gaetz (left) and Joyce Skenandore (right) put the finishing touches on a basket set to be given to Oneida elderly this Christmas season. The 12-member basket guild, twashe>nutslu=n\$he>, is in its second year and plans to distribute 30 hand-made baskets during the elder Christmas party at the mealsite on Riverdale Drive. The baskets are filled with items donated by the basket guild. The group meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Oneida Nation Art Program.

Veterans help make nursing home bright



Photo courtesy of Cletus Ninham
Members of the Oneida Veterans of Foreign War Post #7784 gave poinsettias to residents of the Anna John Nursing Home on Thursday, December 9. Dave Faris presents Alice Torres with a poinsettia.

Oneida featured by EPA

The success of Oneida's Clean Sweep event was highlighted through a nationally distributed publication sent out by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The event was the result of a combined effort between several Environmental, Health and Safety Division Programs and staff.

The Oneida Tribal Environmental Response Program (TERP) used Section 128(a) Response Program funding to host an Oneida Household Clean Sweep event on September 17, 2010. The TERP partnered and received additional support from the Oneida Recycling Program,

Brown County, and the Oneida Environmental, Health and Safety Division staff. The TERP developed a "Handbook of Household Hazardous Chemicals and Non-Toxic Solutions" that was provided to all members and promoted the event through its education and outreach efforts. Brown County and tribal staff collected, categorized the waste, and recycled or disposed of the waste properly. The event attracted approximately 240 enrolled Oneida Tribal members and collected:

- Scrap Metal/Appliances: 8,300 pounds
- Electronics: 17,437

pounds

- Household Hazardous Waste: 13,017 pounds
- Used Tires: 4,000 pounds
- Lamps/PCB Ballasts/CFLs: 345 pieces
- Mercury Thermometers: 12 pieces

The numbers from this effort will be used by TERP to gauge the effectiveness of the outreach and education campaign, by the Healthy Homes Program to increase awareness about and reduce household chemical hazards, by the Recycling Program to measure recycling rates, and by the Water Quality Program to increase awareness about mercury in the environment.



Submitted photo
Items collected during the Clean Sweep event sit on a table ready for pick-up. The event was featured for EPA's Region 5.

Community prepares blankets for elderly



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski
Community members and staff of the Oneida Police Department gathered at the Oneida Police Department to put together 30 blankets that are to be donated to residents of the Anna John Nursing Home. The group got together on Saturday, December 4. The group spent most of the day sprawled on the floor of rooms throughout the building while cutting and tying the blankets together.

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Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Poster/Creative Writing Contest, Call for Entries

(Green Bay) Area school children are invited to participate in the 16th Annual Community Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday by entering a poster/creative writing contest and attending the celebration on January 15, 2011.

The contest is open to all school-age children (K-12) living in or attending school in Brown County or attending an Oneida Nation school. Students may submit a poster, essay, or poem that shares the event's theme: Keeping the Dream Alive 365.

Three awards will be given in each of the following grade entry lev-

els: kindergarten through third grade, fourth through sixth grade, seventh through ninth grade, and tenth through twelfth grade. First prize in each category is a Kindle 3G; second prize, a Kindle Wireless Reader; and third prize, a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card.

Winners will be announced at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. community celebration on Saturday, January 15, 2011, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Green Bay campus. Winners must be present to collect awards.

Contest entry deadline is **January 6, 2011**. For a contest entry form and

official rules, go to www.browncomlk.org. For more information, contact Juliet Cole at colej@uwgb.edu or **(920) 465-5094**.

About the 16th Annual Community Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

This vibrant, multicultural celebration is free and open to people of all ages. Attendees will enjoy musical and dance performances as well as the inspiring words of Dr. King. A light lunch will be served at a reception immediately following the program.

The celebration is being organized by representatives from Family

and Childcare Resources of N.E.W., Green Bay Public Schools, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, St. Norbert College, United Hmong Community Center, University of Wisconsin Green Bay, and community volunteers. Major supporters of this event include Procter & Gamble, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, University of Wisconsin Green Bay, and U.S. Bank.

For more information about the event, call **(920) 498-6997** or **(920) 465-2029**.

Scholarships... & Internships...

Roberta J. Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship Fund

Oneida Elder Services is delighted to announce the availability of the "Roberta J Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship". This scholarship is in honor of Roberta Kinzhuma's dedication and hard work that she put forth towards obtaining her Bachelors Degree.

The Roberta J. Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship Fund is for women going back to school to further their education and for their continued efforts in academic achievement. The scholarship funds are generated from fund raising activities of the Oneida Elder Services.

Oneida Women are encouraged to apply for the "Roberta J. Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship". A \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded directly to an individual meeting the following criteria:

1. Must be returning to school (Freshmen are not eligible)
2. Must be a single mother
3. An enrolled member of Oneida Indians of Wisconsin
4. Must have a 3.0 or B cumulative grade point average

5. Seeking a degree or certificate in an accredited college and/or technical school

Please submit application along with short essay regarding yourself, a copy of your last semester's grades/transcripts, and a copy of your tribal ID.

Applications can be picked up at the following locations:

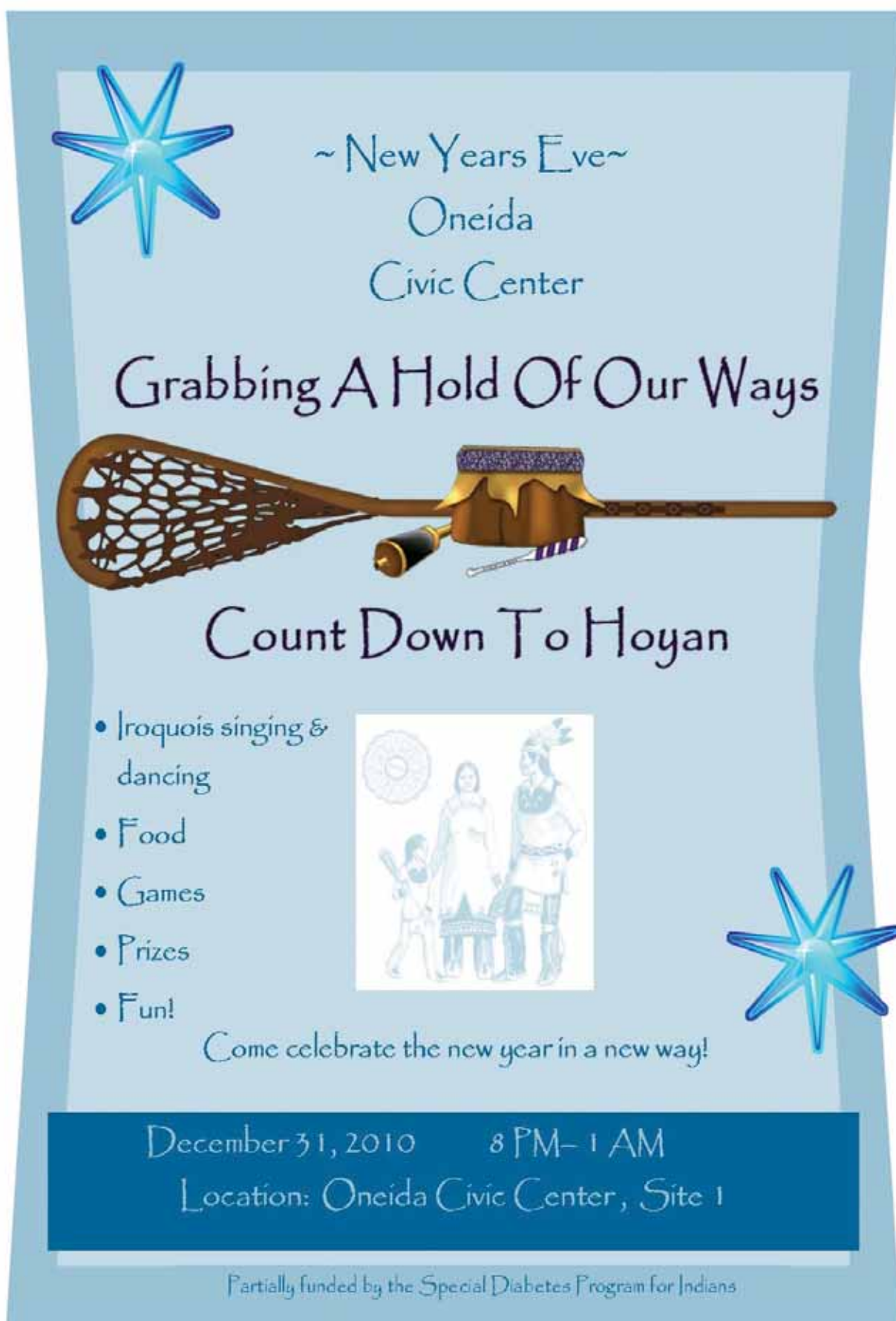
Oneida Elder Services
2907 S Overland Rd
Oneida WI 54155

Oneida Higher Education
N7210 Seminary Rd
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Applications are due January 21st

Winner will be notified via telephone on February 1st. Winner will be presented scholarship award at the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (ONCOA) regular monthly meeting in February.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Director of Oneida Elder Services at **920-869-2448**.



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Sex offender notice

The Oneida Police Department and the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department has been informed by the Department of Corrections that Bobby D. Ninham will be released from prison on December 21, 2010. Mr. Ninham was convicted of Second Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and will be residing on CTH E (Freedom Road) in the Town of Oneida.

Questions concerning Mr. Ninham's release can be directed to Chief Rich Van Boxtel from the Oneida Police Department at (920) 869-2239, Sergeant Gary Shortess from the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department at (920) 832-5627, or Tom Smith from the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry at (920) 720-3015.




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"No one wants to inconvenience the customer," Koenig said. "But we must ensure the safety of our employees."

The Postal Service is asking customers to help keep their letter carrier safe this winter by keeping walkways, steps and porches clear of snow and ice that can lead to dangerous falls.

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Kingston Lloyd Pamonicut was born October 11, 2010 to proud parents Sereen & Steven Pamonicut. Kingston was 8lbs, 7oz and 20" long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Mona Smith and Pete Powless. Paternal grandparents are Carol Torres and Mervin Pamonicut. Kingston joins siblings Adonte & Monte.




Kisarra Alexis Stevens

Kisarra Alexis Stevens was born November 12, 2010 to proud parents Marie Lewis and Justin Stevens. Kisarra was 6lbs, 8oz at birth. Grandparents are Lisa & Larry Lewis and Lori & Milo Stevens. Siblings are Arianna & Ian Stevens and Anthony Lewis.



Asé Richard Thomas



Asé Richard Thomas was born Monday, December 6, 2010 to Rosemary Manske and Pedro Thomas. He weighed 7lbs., 9oz. Paternal grandparent is Cindy Thomas. Maternal Grandparents are Richard & Mary Manske.

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Thunderhawk

Annual Oneida Youth Art Show and Silent Auction

By Thunderhawk Times staff

A tradition in the ONHS art department is the annual Youth Art Auction held in partnership with the Oneida Nation Museum.

Artwork by ONHS students is hung at the museum and is bid on by interested community members.

ONHS art teacher Becky Anderson says the students get at least a couple of things out of the event, which has been held for three or four years.

“Students get an opportunity to have their work hung at an actual museum,” said Anderson, “which is really something. They also get some money for their work, which comes just before Christmas, so that’s also a good thing.”

Typically the pieces were bid to \$25, with



Photo by Sara Summers-Luedtke

Available artwork hangs at the Oneida Nation Museum.

some going as high as \$30.

According to Sara Summers-Luedtke of the museum, the event “helps to encourage the talents and creativity of our young artists. It also provides the students with the opportunity to

learn more about Oneida culture and traditions.”

The artwork was on exhibit until Tuesday, December 14 and winning bidders were announced on Wednesday, December 15. Winning bidders then

have until tomorrow, Friday, December 17, to pick up and pay for their pieces.

A sampling of some of the pieces as well as a picture of several of the pieces hanging at the museum appears elsewhere on this page

Disaster in the Stock Market

By Chanel Garcia & Thunderhawk Times

Well, we aren’t talking about the “real stock market,” fortunately. Instead, we’re talking about the 10-week 2010 Tribal Exchange Organization (TEO) Stock Market Game initiated by the Native American Community Youth Organizations in Indian Country.

The game is open to teams in grades 4 through 12 from all Native American schools nationwide. Participating in the game from ONHS is the class of Consumer Mathematics taught by Mr. Hanke.

Each team at the

schools is allowed \$100,000 (fake money), which it invests to see which team gets the best result.

Last year, Hanke’s team won the national competition and was honored in Washington, D.C. This year, the results are not so great. In fact, the results for this year’s team were leaning toward a brutal outcome when this reporter checked in.

“It sounds like the apocalypse,” said Hanke, “But I might want to point out that the investments are holding their own. We’re not going to win the national award however.”

Downright cold

By Schuyler Metoxen

Winter is coming (officially it arrives next Tuesday, December 21) and the temperatures are falling. In fact, it is cold. This past weekend we got our first big snow-storm.

I don’t know about anyone else, but I am getting excited for winter. Let’s see, what is there to look forward in these next couple months?

We have the holidays—Thanksgiving is past, but Christmas is coming fast. We also have sledding, snowmen, parades, snow days, and our favorite... shoveling.

One thing I know I could do without is these low, low temperatures that always hit below zero. I don’t know if I can handle all that frost bite.

Besides all that, winter is a very fun time of year and it really gets the family together to spend time. That’s because most of the time you are stuck inside anyways so you may, sometimes, have no choice.

Well, always just remember you only get what you want on the Holidays, so wish for a good one! hours.”

Calling ONHS home

By Joelle Thomas

What I think of Oneida Nation High School is that it’s a fun school. Ever since I started here, I actually like going to school now.

Public schools are just overrated. Here at Oneida, they teach us our language and our history.

This is a very traditional school and I personally like it myself.

Yes, we may be 90-something kids, but this school is like one big family. And it would be awesome if our population here at this school were to grow.

I recommend that you, as parents, enroll your children now.

Class of 2011 raising funds to support class trip

By Schuyler Metoxen

This year the ONHS senior class of 2011 has tons of fundraisers coming up; one such fundraiser for our class is going to be a 50/50 raffle.

We will be raffling off a Pendleton Blanket and a matching pillow, which will be drawn for on February 3, 2011.

If you would like to get in on this drawing, you

can contact the senior advisors or a senior at the school. Ticket sales started at the November 20th GTC meeting and at a chili sale that was held later that same day. Tickets will be sold right up to the drawing.

This and other fundraisers are being held to raise money for the class trip we have planed for at the end of this year.

There are plenty more fundraisers coming up for the 2011 graduates so don’t miss out on any of them. We will try our hardest to get the word out as much as possible to the community.

The Class of 2011 would really appreciate all who participate in the fundraisers that are to come. Thank you from all ONHS students, especially the 2011 graduates.

A quick look at Tyga

By Mary Powless

Thunderhawk Times editor

Born Nov. 19, 1989, Michael Stevenson is better known by his stage name... Tyga!

Tyga was born in Compton, California. He grew up in Gardena, California, though. He is of the Jamaican and Vietnamese descent.

The first song he was featured in was with his cousin, lead vocalist for Gym Class Heroes, Travis McCoy, was “Arms Race” by Fall Out

Boy. After the remix became a huge hit, he was invited to perform for MTV’s show.

There, he met the famous Dwayne M. Carter. He was taken into the studio to take guest pictures for Lil Wayne (Dwayne).

He has been with the Young Money label since early 2009.

His newest hit songs out are “Deuces” featuring Chris Brown and Kevin McCall, and “I’m On It” featuring Lil

Wayne.

He has the labels: G.E.D, Young Money, Cash Money, and Universal Motown. He is associated with The Game, Chris Brown, and Thee Young Money Crew.

He has been in the music business since 2007!

You should really give his music a listen if you’re into the Rap and Hip Hop music styles. Thanks for listening.

My music notes

By Bradley Sievers

I am pleased to say that I saw AC/DC and METALLICA both in the same year. As much as I love Metallica, I am going to have to say that the AC/DC concert kicked more butt, for a lack of a better choice of words. The AC/DC concert was just awesome; they had a train in the background because it was their “Rock and Roll Train Tour.”

I sat at an equal distance away from the stage at both concerts, so I could make a fair comparison. Angus Young, AC/DC guitar player,

did his awesome spinning on the floor thing while doing a solo on a scissors lift thing. It was too awesome for words. You would have to see it for yourself. It was a once in a lifetime experience—just saying.

- My favorite band is August Burns Red, formed in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 2002. Their music may not be for everyone because it’s crazy and loud and the lead singer screams a lot—kind of surprising for a group known as a “Christian band.” But I like every song I’ve heard by them except for

their whole first album.

Their guitarist, J. B. Brubaker, is my favorite guitarist ever. He may not do a lot of solos, but all of his licks and runs are really fun and—at some points—hard to play.

And their drummer, Matt Greiner, is, well, the cat’s “backside.” My favorite drummer in the world, in fact. All of his fills and main beats really clean and hard to do. You have to have a lot of stamina to play one of their songs. I would have to say “Back Burner” is my favorite song. It is the best song to mosh to.

Did you know?

By Chanel Garcia

It is proven that if you drink coffee or any form of caffeine before you do a daily work out that it will actually boost your metabolism. Caffeine before a work out will give you a boost in stamina as well as strength. This is because caffeine increases your blood flow to your muscles, giving you a better work out. Over time it can also bring results of better muscle pump and muscle growth. So next time you hit the gym or just run a couple laps why not grab a cup of joe?

Why I Hate Christmas

Author’s Name Withheld

“...And that is why hate Christmas.”

Everybody else has parents at Christmas time. Everybody else opens presents under the tree. Everybody else plays with their presents.

This guy doesn’t have parents or presents. This guy’s mom abandoned him. This guy’s dad passed away when the boy was eleven.

You know how children open presents under a tree? This guy opens a beer case like it is a Snickers bar. You know how kids play with their gifts? This guy is stealing drugs and that’s his gift.

Christmas is depressing. Christmas is a stray dog lost in a city. I can hear him from the street, “...And that is why I hate Christmas.”

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ONHS Boys Basketball stepping up to the challenge

By Nate Wisneski
Kalihwisaks

Oneida Nation Thunderhawks boys basketball coach Scott Murray likes to face a challenge head on. The small line-up he will put on the floor this season may be his biggest challenge yet.

Though the 2010 Thunderhawks return three experienced starters, there tallest player is junior, Anthony Cornelius at 5' 11". Being outsized almost every night caused Murray to re-think his team's approach to the season.

During the season opener Murray replaced the customary man-to-man defense with a zone to avoid foul trouble on his eight-man roster. The result was an 86 -38 loss.

It didn't take Murray long to realize changes needed to be made. "Last year was the first year we played zone because of the number of kids. Defensively, we had our best year," Murray said. "The plan was to play zone again this year."

A lopsided loss quickly made Murray change course.

"We couldn't rebound. They just stayed on their end until they scored. We did a good job defensive-

ly but they would just rebound, rebound, rebound until they scored," Murray said.

The next practice the zone was scrapped and fundamental man-to-man defense was implemented.

"We switched to man and we are able to box out better, when you play man your closer to your guy and it's easier to find him and box him out," Murray said.

With limited size on Murray's roster he was quick to identify his team's ability to penetrate and create shots. He now utilizes this with his spread offense.

Senior point guard Eddie Santiago does most of the ball handling and is the offense's catalyst. "We need him to score," Murray said of the four-year starter. "He's good at it, he can dribble-drive and get his shot anytime. He can beat you off the dribble and we utilize that by giving him a lot of freedom."

Anthony Cornelius, a three-year starter, is leaned on to carry the team's scoring load most nights. The small forward is averaging 20.8 points per game and Murray has identified as one of his most improved

players. "Fundamentally and his shooting ability are as close to perfect I've ever seen," Murray said. "He is very coachable and if the game is tied and we need a bucket we will run a play for Anthony."

The only other returning starter for the Thunderhawks is junior shooting guard Jo Jo Santiago. He teams with his brother Eddie to form the T-hawks backcourt. "He is very similar to Eddie," Murray said. "He is lightning quick and can handle the ball."

After finishing last season 10 -12, Murray is looking to finish at .500 and keeping a positive outlook on the season.

"If at the end of the game we can say we laid it all out there, I tell the kids to keep your head high and be as proud as you can be. There isn't much more you can ask of the kids," Murray said.

The Thunderhawks are currently 1-4 and face Oshkosh Wildwood Christian on Thursday, December 16 and Milwaukee X-Young Cogs Preparatory School on Saturday, December 18. Both games are at the Turtle School.



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Oneida Nation Thunderhawks' Jo Jo Santiago (24) penetrates the Twin Cities Christian defense during the Thunderhawk home game on Tuesday, December 14 at the Turtle School. The T-hawks lost 48 - 51, dropping their record to 1 - 4. Eddie Santiago lead the T-hawks with 19 points while Anthony Cornelius chipped in 17 points.

Lady T-Hawks strive for better with Betters



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Kanani Nunies (35) goes in for a lay-up against Twin Cities Christian on Tuesday, December 14 at the Turtle School. The lady T-hawks held off a late run to win 53 - 43. The win puts the Lady Thunderhawks at 3 - 2 for the season. The lady T-hawks were lead by Eva Powless and Jessica House who had 14 points each. Powless also grabbed 14 rebounds and House added 5 steals.

By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Nation High School Girls Varsity Basketball team started off its 2010-11 season with new coach Jamie Betters and a new attitude.

"There's completely different coaching than they've have been used to," said Betters.

The girls have accepted the emphasis on discipline and setting goals according to Senior Forward Ululani Nunies. "We've got a good mind on the court, and great attitude and it's

actually like a team instead of individuals playing, so it feels pretty great out there," said Ululani. Her sister Kanani, a junior who plays center, agreed.

"Our teammates were always yelling at each other, and it was just so frustrating, and this year we play like such a team, I'm not used to it, I love it," she said.

Betters was an assistant coach for the Thunderhawks under Cherie Stevens.

"Cherie was a great coach, I'm able to use what I learned from her

and kind of implement in our system here," said Betters.

The team has struggled in the past couple of years, eking out 3 wins and 14 losses last season.

"They just got killed," said Betters.

So far, the team has three wins and two losses this year.

"When we played Shiocton, our first game here at home, they were looking to beat us by 30 points like they have been doing. We came in and beat them by eight, and they weren't ready for that," said Betters.

Even a loss to Milwaukee School of Language felt like a win.

"We were with them, we stuck with them until the fourth quarter, and ... lost by free throws," said Betters. "It's really to let them know they can keep up even with the big girls."

Keeping up with larger teams is a struggle for the 12 girl squad.

"One of the challenges we'll face is just playing bigger teams that have a 1000 plus enrollment, our enrollment is not even 100," said Betters. "But we are definitely athletic this year."

Betters has the team focusing on goals such as avoiding turnovers and getting rebounds. Forward Eva Powless shared where she's set her sights.

"My goal is for us to have a winning season and have fun doing it," she said.

"My goal is to dominate and win our regional games, because I think we can go so far this year. I'm so excited to see what happens," said Kanani.

"To dominate, dominate, dominate," said Ululani.

"The one thing that we will always continue to bring to the court is grace and dignity, playing with our heads held high, and number one is to have that sportsmanship on and off the court," said Betters.

The Lady Thunderhawks will play at home against Milwaukee X-Young Cogs Prep School on Saturday, December 18 at 1:00pm. Betters hopes the community shows its support.

"At our home games, we've had great community support which helps boost their confidence," she said.


Santa makes a stop in Oneida



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Landyn Castillo, 2, sits on Santa's lap during the annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11 at the Civic Center. Children were able to get a free gift and then enjoy breakfast with their parents.

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WHERE: Oneida Family Fitness
WHEN: Monday, January 17th at 6:00 pm; Tuesday, January 18th at 10:10 am; Wednesday, January 19th at 12:00 pm

Come join us for one of our 1 hour demonstrations on how to properly strength train. We will show you how to lift each muscle group and discuss the benefits of proper strength training. We will meet in Studio B on Monday and Studio A on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please see a Fitness Specialist or call 920-490-3730 with any questions.

New Year's Resolutions, a Time for Rejuvenation



By Todd Shelto, B.A., CPT
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Let's face it, we've all made New Year's Resolutions, but how many of us have actually kept them? Maybe the problem wasn't that we lacked the wish for the resolution, but we failed to dream big enough. How do you know if your resolution is "big" enough? If you're working steadily and enthusiastically in the direction of that resolution every day, it's big enough.

But if your resolution is not compelling enough to constantly motivate you forward no matter what, then it's really more of a wish and not much use to you at all.

If that's the case, consider making it bigger and more meaningful. Promote it from a wish to a true, life-changing resolution. New Year's resolutions are our opportunity to dream.

When the obstacles and challenges are great, make sure your resolution/dream is even greater. In those situations when you must push forward, it is essen-

tial to have something truly meaningful to push towards.

If you live just to get through the day, you'll end up doing it over and over again with nothing much to show for your efforts. Choose instead to dream big dreams. Make big resolutions. Get real fulfillment from your time and effort.

You can wish for what might be nice, and you'll probably be disappointed. Instead, reach deep inside, truly dream of how good you know life can be, and make that resolution/dream so big you absolutely must bring it to life!

Free Fitness Assessments and Wellness Profiles for Month of January



By Brad Sosinsky
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Attention all members at Oneida Family Fitness. During the month of January we will be offering free fitness assessments and wellness profiles to all current members and future members. So start your New Year's resolution the correct way and schedule an appointment.

Fitness assessments are a great starting point for a person to determine their baseline. Your results will help you determine

the best exercise régime for you. Fitness assessments are also very helpful when a client is reassessed to determine areas of improvement.

Assessment results will help the trainer and client decide how to alter your program to maximize client success. A fitness assessment measures:

- 1) Blood pressure and resting heart rate
- 2) Weight and body circumferences
- 3) Body fat % analysis
- 4) Aerobic fitness
- 5) Bicep arm strength
- 6) Back flexibility.

A wellness profile is a comprehensive evaluation of your overall

health, disease risk and fitness level. Basic, health and wellness information and results are compiled to generate a personalized health risk report. The report provides you with preventative lifestyle recommendations, allowing you to take a proactive role in managing your health.

Don't wait until weeks or even months later to decide what your fitness and health levels are at. Take advantage of these two measuring tools and get your fitness plan going in the right direction. Have this be your beginning step to a great New Year and a healthier lifestyle.

Stress Mastery Workshop

Provided by Oneida Family Fitness

This 5 week stress management workshop is designed to educate you on what creates stress, and the steps you can take to minimize the negative effects stress may have on you.

- The program includes:
- Pre & post personal stress assessment
 - An understanding of stress
 - Identifying the source of stress
 - A look at how you currently cope with stress

- Learning healthier ways to manage stress
- How to incorporate your "mental tools" into your daily life

This program is offered FREE to Tribal Members and Tribal Employees.

Non-members' fee is \$50.

Class meets every Wednesday evening at 5:00pm at Oneida Family

Fitness in Education Conference Room. Next session begins Wednesday, January 19, 2011 and concludes on Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Register at Oneida Family Fitness front desk during hours of operation and


"Learn to cope with Grace"

Get Your Bump On...

Join Oneida Family Fitness's Volleyball League

League Begins: Monday, January 3

League Ends: Monday, February, 21



Cost per OFF member: \$5

Cost Per Non-Member: \$10

League times are at 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm every Monday night.

Join now...league is limited to the first 6 teams.

Oneida Family Fitness Presents it's Winter 2011 WEIGHT WAR CHALLENGE

JANUARY 10, 2011 - APRIL 2, 2011

Cost:
\$10 for O.F.F. Members
\$20 for Non-O.F.F. Members

CHALLENGE
Battle your friends and family to become the next weight war winners.

Individual Prizes
Top 3 males and females with the highest percent weight loss will win. The more people who join the higher the first place cash prize will be!

Check with O.F.F. for more prize information....

WEEKLY BONUS BATTLES
Daily Check-ins at O.F.F. will qualify you to be entered in the Bonus Prize Drawing.
more check-ins increases your odds of winning

To Maximize your Results, weekly Nutrition and Exercise Tips will be given to you.

CONTACT ONEIDA FAMILY FITNESS AT 490-3730

WEIGH OF LIFE

Presented By:
Oneida Family Fitness & Health Promotion

Weigh Of Life: Is a 12 week weight management program designed to give you the tools you need to achieve a healthy, BALANCED WEIGH of life. Instructor delivers educational sessions designed to teach you how to make healthier choices and empower you to achieve and maintain a healthy WEIGHT.

When: The group meets weekly (every Tuesday at 12:10pm OR every Thursday at 5:00pm) Bring your brown bag lunch.

Where: Oneida Family Fitness, Family Education Room

Program Session Dates & Times:
January 4-March 22, 2010 (Every Tuesday at 12:10pm)
January 6-March 24, 2010 (Every Thursday Evening at 5:00pm)

Affordable Program Fee:
Oneida Family Fitness Members: \$75
Non-members: \$100

Program Includes: Weekly Interactive Sessions


- Support Group Interactive Discussions
- Realistic Goal Setting
- Behavior Modification
- Weekly Weigh-In
- Physical Activity & Nutrition Tracking Journal

O.F.F. Fitness Specialists Provide:

- Pre & Post Fitness Assessment & Wellness Profile
- Earn Up to 3 Personal Training Sessions for attending classes (30 minutes each)
- Cardiovascular & Strength Training Orientation (members only)
- Waived Oneida Family Fitness Individual Membership Initiation Fee (non-members)

CONTACT ONEIDA FAMILY FITNESS FOR MORE INFORMATION:490-3730

What Motivates you to be Healthy?



Oneida Family Fitness Holiday Hours

December 24
- 5:30am -
1:30pm

December 25
- Closed

December 31
5:30am -
4:30pm

Oneida Family Fitness Staff

Michelle Mielke.....	Fitness Center Director
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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!

Looking for study participants

By Pamela Herd

Associate professor, La Follette School of Public Affairs and sociology; and Carol Roan, assistant scientist, sociology

During the last 50 years, participants in the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study have helped researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison explore the experience of careers, family life, family and education in America.

Now, the groundbreaking sociological study — which has involved more than 10,000 graduates of Wisconsin's high school class of 1957, along with their siblings and spouses — will serve as the seminal study on aging and the effect of those life experiences.

We've always benefited from the commitment to the study by the members of the class, who have been open to contact from researchers over the years, sharing their lives and taking pride in being part of the project.

In doing so, they've turned the Wisconsin Idea on its head, giving back to the university and the state.

What makes the

Wisconsin Longitudinal Study so valuable is the fact that we've been following the class members since 1957, when they were first surveyed about their post-graduation plans. The way to truly understand people's lives — what they have in common and how they're different — we need to have information across their entire lives, and that's what we have with this study.

While the study used to be primarily focused on work and education and the relationships between them, as the class is aging, we're learning more about physical health and memory.

Scientists have been increasingly interested in researching how memory and thinking change across the life span and to what extent genes play a role in this change. Many study participants have donated a saliva sample, which allows us to study genetic markers for diseases such as Alzheimer's in relation to measures of memory and thinking throughout the life course.

Because the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study is a

population-based sample and not a sample of families where there is a history of memory loss, and because we have multiple measures of memory at more than one point in time, study participants are uniquely suited to help us better understand memory loss. We hope that will lead to better treatment for future generations.

And for the first time in its 53 years, interviewers for the study are now visiting participants in person to take some physical measurements that can't be gauged over the phone.

Many of the questions we're asking now will help us learn more about how the past experiences of the study's participants are influencing their current health and well being. But we once again need to call on past participants to help us produce the kind of powerful research we've been able to generate in previous surveys.

If you have participated in WLS in the past and would like to get in touch with the study again, please call **866-891-2492**.

Community helps to share Christmas



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Michelle Rutues sorts the incoming toys donated to the Social Services Giving Tree. The gifts will distributed to less fortunate Oneida children.

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

Thanks to efforts by Oneida community members and employees, 660 children will get a present this Christmas through the Social Services Giving Tree.

According to Social Services Administrative Assistant Michelle Rutues, last minute rafles and fund raisers will cover all of the children ages 0 to 17.

"The community is so generous with this program," she said.

The Giving Tree depends exclusively on donations from Oneida employees and community members.

"This is completely funded by community

donations and employees picking names and community members, there's no tribal dollars that go into this," said Rutues.

"Gaming took 200 names this year which was a huge help."

Rutues explained that Oneida Bingo holds a toy drive which brings in a lot of playthings.

"I'm not worried about the little kids because of the toy drive; it's always the bigger ones from 10, 11 on up that we struggle with, but ... with the fund raisers, we'll be able to cover everybody, and I'm not scrambling and panicking at the last minute like I do every year."

The list of eligible children is made up of clients

of Social Services programs such as Center for Self Sufficiency and Indian Child Welfare.

"We do take walk-in clients that aren't on any assistance, but they still have a financial need for help, and they're still Oneida members," she said.

Rutues and other volunteers will sort and wrap the presents to be given to families on Thursday, December 16.

"Every year the community steps up to help these kids out, and it's really appreciated on the family's faces when they come in and they pick up and see their gifts ... they're just really overwhelmed and just really thankful," she said.

OCHC Registered Patients Only

The Oneida Community Health Center (OCHC) Nurses will be offering

FLU SHOT CLINICS

8:15 AM to 9:45 AM

Friday, Dec. 17, 2010

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010

Friday, Jan. 7, 2011

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

920-869-2711

Oneida Community

Health Center

920-869-2711

TO: Oneida Community

The Comprehensive Health Division is pleased to announce the completion of the Patient Handbook.

This handbook provides the history of the Comprehensive Health Division, Patient's rights and responsibilities, the various services offered within the Comprehensive Health

Division, a brief explanation of those services and contact information.

Feel free to request a copy the next time you are at any of the following areas: Health Center, Anna John Nursing Home, Behavioral Health or Employee Health Nursing.



Delores G. Skenandore-Wheelock
2010-11
Miss Oneida

Seku!

My name is Delores Skenandore-Wheelock and I am your Miss Oneida for the 20102011 year! My parents are Raeann Skenandore and Chaz Wheelock and my grandparents are Mindimoye, Norman Skenandore and the late Ken Hill. I am a freshman at the University of Wisconsin Richland in Richland Center, Wisc. I am a member of the wolf clan.

It's been such an amazing year so far! The ladies and myself have been very honored to have attended so many events this year. Our most recent events have been to Indian Summer in Milwaukee and the annual Husking Bee in Oneida. Indian Summer was an absolute blast...we were able to introduce ourselves along with other royalty from Wisconsin. It was a very beautiful grand entry for their first traditional pow wow. Although we encountered a little rain throughout the weekend, we were still able to go around for some inetrribals as well as the grand entry.

The Husking Bee was also a lot of fun for Olivia, Jr. Miss, and LaRissa, Li'l Miss, as well as myself. We talked to a group of girl scouts, then helped with the process of the husking. It was a very nice event to have been given the privilege to attend.

This year so far has

Oneida Royalty 2010 update

been such an amazing experience for myself. I get the greatest feeling and connection to the people and the Creator when I set the crown on my head and go out there to represent. I'm very excited for some upcoming events with the ladies, as well as some commitments to find a better community for the youth. I feel a lot of hope in my generation, and I hope that I can provide the strength to turn over a new leaf and start again new. I have a lot of faith in the people of Oneida, and I hope I am making each and everyone of them proud.

I've had such amazing support from my family and friends, it's unbelievable at times. I'd just like to say a quick thanks to Apache Danforth and the family for supporting me in every decision I have made. It's amazing how their family has effected me in my life, even before I had my title, so yaw^ko, I am forever blessed to have you all in my life. My parents, Raeann and Chaz for making me mobile and keeping me going and still having faith in me. Also a special thanks to Stacy Skenandore and her family for offering support. Also, a HUGE thanks to Iris Metoxen, Tashina Redhail, Teresa Schuman, and Rich Figueroa for always being there no matter what and always sharing a laugh or two..or three or four.

It's been an amazing year! And I'm very excited to see what the new year will bring as well. Yaw^ko so much for your support, love and kindness this far!

Humbly yours



By Olivia Webster
2010-11
Jr. Miss Oneida

Sagoli!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent our tribe for this next year.

The Miss Oneida Pageant was great, we had such fun! Our new Miss Oneida Lola and I also had the honor of helping with the crowning of the new Lil Miss Oneida at the Pow-wow Friday night, all the girls were so cute and so well prepared. The new Lil Miss Larissa Shawnokasic joined us in the Oneida parade on Saturday, it was nice to see all the people that came out for the parade. Pow-wow weekend was a Blast! I met so many nice people that I can't wait to see again. We've been busy! We also helped with the Oneida Museum Culture Festival where we were able to do crafts with the children. I spent the night at the Relay for Life raising monies and walking for American Cancer Society. We also danced for the Family Fun Night at Lambeau Field, it was very nice to see the Packers play in person! We helped out with the Oneida health center diabetes dinner we had a fun time meeting/greeting people when they came in. Indian Summer Festival is probably the best event I've done so far, we got to host the 2010-2011 Indian Summer Music Awards and announce the winner. And, finally we did the Harvest Days Celebration, we had so

much fun spending time with new, and different people. And Thank You again for allowing me to be Jr. Miss Oneida.

Yawako



By La Rissa Shawanokasic
2010-11
Lil Miss Oneida

She-koli,

My name is La Rissa Shawanokasic, Lil Miss Oneida, and I just wanted to update you on what I have been doing. I went to Indian Summer 2010, where I really enjoyed the Native American Music Awards, and dancing on the big stage. We all received a t-shirt with the NAMA logo. I also enjoyed the social dancing during Indian Summer. Next as one of our events was at Tsyunhehkwa Farm, where we did a meet and greet, it was fun! We all introduced ourselves, me, Miss Oneida, and Jr. Miss Oneida. We took some fun pictures, after we were finished, we went to the pumpkin patch... and I got a big pumpkin! That was fun because there was a corn maze, where I got lost!

I went to Hunting Moon powwow as well, but I didn't know I was going... I went with family. Last but not least I went to a Menominee Tribal Enterprise meeting with my uncle, it was a great time, they introduced me as Lil Miss Oneida and we took more pictures.

Yaw^ko



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Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems

Give the gift of OCIFS

This Holiday Season you will be able to purchase Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS) gift boxes. What says you care more than a gift box of locally Oneida produced and made beef jerky, jams, jellies, salsa, apple sauce, apple chips, corn mush flour, bread & butter pickles and more. These delicious products come in a old time style wooden box, So stop at the Apple Orchard or

Tsyunhékwá Retail to Orchard 869-2468 or see the variety of gift boxes available. Tsyunhékwá Retail 920-497-5821 or Size and prices vary from \$20 – \$45. visit us at www.oneidanation.org/ocifs.



Apple Orchard hours

The usual hours of store operation for the Apple Orchard are as follows:
Tuesday-Friday, 10:00AM to 5:30PM
Saturday, 9AM to 1PM,
Closed Sunday & Monday.
However, to allow the Orchard personnel more time to work in the orchard fields they reduced their winter store hours to:
Thursday & Friday 10AM–5:30PM
Saturday 9AM–1PM
Closed Sunday thru Tuesday.
These new hours will



take affect on Thursday, January 6, 2011.
For more information check us out on-line at <http://ocifs.oneidanation.org> or contact the Orchard at 920-869-2468.

OCIFS Staff

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Jeff Scofield, *Agricultural Director*
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Season's Greetings from OCIFS

The Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS)

Members continue to provide quality products and services to anyone in the area who is health conscience. Come by today to see how we can help you achieve a healthier lifestyle.

The Oneida Nation Farm/Apple Orchard

... provides a vast variety of black angus beef and grass fed buffalo meat cuts. The Orchard also provides fresh fruits, apple cider, numerous jams and jellies, maple syrup, honey, and many other apple by products.

The Oneida Tsyunhékwá Program

... consists of a Certified Organic Agricultural Farm and our Food Processing and Preservation Community Cannery. We provide our community with our Heirloom White Corn and the products we make available such as, Raw Corn, Corn Flour, Corn Meal, Corn Bread, Corn Mush, and Dehydrated Corn. We offer seasonal workshops and educational information on sustainability, traditional agricultural practices, food preservation, tours and presentations.

The Oneida Food Distribution Center

... strives to provide for the needs of our low-income community members. The Distribution Center has an excellent and nutritious food package consisting of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as a wide assortment of canned vegetables and fruit juices. Also featured are a variety of other dry good products that meet the needs of those utilizing our program.

Oneida Health Promotion

... focuses on weight management and diabetes prevention, Oneida Health Promotion strives to empower Oneida community to honor personal roles and responsibilities in making positive lifestyle choices which will improve health, quality of life, and prevent chronic disease.

For more information on any of these products or services check us out at

www.oneidanation.org/ocifs