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# NATOW, State sign historic agreement

**By Steven J. Gandy**  
Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Tribe hosted a signing agreement between the State of Wisconsin, Department of Tourism and the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin, (NATOW) on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

NATOW is a consortium of Tribes established by the Tribes in Wisconsin to work together to advance cultural tourism in and around Wisconsin reservations in a responsible and respectful manner. As tourism in the state grew, NATOW worked with the State Department of Tourism to advocate a respectful and meaningful

tourism experience in Wisconsin.

Attending the conference on behalf of NATOW was Chairwoman, Cassie M o l k e n t i n , Stockbridge Mohican, and Vice Chairman, Kirby Metoxen of Oneida. Kelli Trumble represented the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

Tremble addressed those in attendance before the signing of the agreement.

“This is a great example of when you have a vision and when you have passion for something and you have that drive and you have that spirit of cooperation and you work toward that vision and here we are today...about ready to sign this historic agree-



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

NATOW Chair Cassie Molkentin and Wisconsin Department of Tourism representative, Kelli Trumble, sign historic agreement.

ment.”

The agreement is awarded to NATOW to advance and promote tourism.

According to Cassie Molkentin, NATOW

years. This grant is awarded to NATOW to advance and promote tourism.

Chairwoman, “The Tribes are very excited about this agreement,

• See 5A,  
NATOW Signing

## Community Thanksgiving Feast







Kali Photos/Steven J. Gandy

Local Volunteers prepare food for the Annual Thanksgiving dinner held in Oneida at Parish Hall. This year the doors were open from 11 am until 2 pm and organizers planned to feed 200 people. According to Event organizer, Brian Doxtator, 240 people came to take part in the feast.

This event has been held in Oneida for nearly a decade and is made possible by the charitable contributions of the organizers and volunteers.

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# Oneida deer hunters follow declining state trend

**By Nate Wisneski**  
Kalihwisaks

Oneida hunters followed state trends by showing a sharp decrease in the number of deer registered during the 2009 gun hunt.

“Our numbers are way down,” said Oneida Tribe’s Senior Warden Terry Metoxen. “We had 29 bucks registered compared to 78 last year and 58 does compared to 65 last year. We saw a total drop around 40 percent.”

The total number of deer registered this year as 97 while last year’s season saw 143 deer harvested.

Even an increase in the amount of licenses sold couldn’t bump the numbers. “Guys were out there, we had a lot of people saying

there were driving (out woods) and weren’t seeing anything in spots they normally saw deer,” Metoxen said. “They really worked hard for the deer they got.”

Statewide, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported a 29 percent drop in deer registered. This year saw roughly 195,650 deer killed while last season saw 276,895 killed. The DNR expected lower numbers due to the deer herd management tactic, Earn a Buck, which required hunters to shoot a doe before killing a buck.

With numbers continuing to fall, Metoxen said tribal deer management policies, such as lowering the amount of deer registered, might need to be developed.

A decline in numbers has the DNR bantering a 16-day gun season next year; a measure Metoxen said would not be adopted by the tribe. “We just don’t have the number of deer to do it,” he said. “The DNR is still saying there is a million deer out there and that’s why they proposed the 16-day season.”

• See 3A  
2009 Hunt



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Kyle Wisneski shot this 10-point buck off of County Road EE in Oneida. It was the biggest buck registered with the Oneida Conservation Office.



OBC cuts own pay by 3% at November 25 meeting

By Dawn Walschinski  
Kalihwisaks

After a marathon meeting agenda, members of the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) voted to cut its own pay by three percent in an emergency resolution.

“I’m willing to take the cut, I don’t have an issue with it. I understand ... we don’t make a lot of money, but oh well,” said Treasurer Tina Danforth.

The meeting started with the swearing in of Kim Nash-Walker to serve on the Southeastern Office Tribal Services (SEOTS) board.

Reports

The OBC accepted an update on the Aging Disability Resource Center from General Manager Debbie Thundercloud, and a Stimulus Initiative report from Jennifer Hill-Kelley.

Project Manager for the Environmental Resource Board (ERB) Chad Wilson stated the ERB was looking into allowing other members of Iroquois nations to hunt in Oneida, Wisconsin using Haudenosaunee identification cards. The OBC accepted the ERB report.

Oneida Tribal School Board President Debbie Danforth stated that winners of the annual science fair will not be able to travel to the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair

(NAISEF) in Albuquerque, New Mexico due to budget cuts. The report was accepted.

The OBC approved a historical perspective that sums up Oneida land claims.

Travel Reports

OBC Chairman Rick Hill gave a report on the White House Tribal Nation Conference November 2-5 in Washington, D.C.

New Business

OBC Councilmember Ed Delgado sponsored a resolution to reconsider suspending employer matching contributions to tribal employee retirement plans. The resolution failed, the suspension continues.

An initial attempt to cut the OBC members pay by 5% and cap non-medical salaries to \$100,000 a year failed. The OBC pay cut was tabled to the end of the meeting.

The OBC accepted a report on the proposed FY2010 budget from Chief Financial Officer Larry Barton and Budget Manager Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies.

The Oneida HeadStart Program stated it would have to return \$80,000 to Health and Human Services because they were out of compliance due to delays in filling a position. Governmental Division Director Don

White offered to have staff from the Human Resources Department (HRD) meet with HeadStart to resolve the issue ahead of the deadline of December 1. The OBC voted to refer the HeadStart financial concerns to the general manager and security and safety concerns to the Chief of Staff Bill Gollnick.

Petitions

The OBC acknowledged the receipt of three petitions: Cost containment for Business Committee, Senior Management, Relief to GTC members, tribal employees and Cost containment for LLC’s, Boards, Committees, and Commissions petitioned by Elaine Reed-Doxtator, and No out-of-budget expenditures for 2010 and no job loss retro to Oct. 1, 2009 petitioned by Wayne Silas.

The OBC asked that signatures for the Reed-Doxtator petitions be investigated due to some material not being presented to all the signers.

Other

The OBC decided to discontinue OBC evening report sessions due to a lack of General Tribal Council (GTC) participation.

Special Trustee Sign-Off Authority was established for the Office of Trust Funds Management

(OTFM).

Justification to pay executive host commissions was accepted as FYI.

A request from the Gaming Commission to approve interim assignment of Executive Director was deferred to the Wednesday, December 9 meeting.

The OBC approved interim reassignment with no salary change of Backgrounds Investigator to Benefits Specialist from November 29, 2009 to January 2, 2010.

A reassignment of a Security Officer to Senior Security Officer with a \$0.67 per hour pay raise was passed.

The OBC approved using temporary employees to fill in for an Oneida Police Department office manager, a dispatcher at Transit and a mail clerk in the Mail Center.

The interim printing manager was given a six month extension.

The Interim Surveillance Director was reassigned as Surveillance Director.

The recording secretary for OBC Secretary Patty Hoeft changed titles to Executive Tribal Clerk.

The OBC reimbursed the SEOTS director \$119.44 for the purchase of two fire extinguishers for the SEOTS office.

The Trust and Enrollment board was

allowed to purchase 13 baskets from the Oneida Orchard as employee rewards at a cost of \$624.

The OBC allocated \$150,000 to the Oneida Food Pantry.

Out-of-state travel was limited to emergencies, certification requirements and government official travel.

A report on Assistant Gaming Manager Lorna Skenandore to attend NIGC MISC Advisory Committee meeting December 7-12 in Sacramento was accepted as FYI.

The OBC approved a CY 2010 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant with Outagamie and Brown Counties from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Both grants are worth \$35,201 each and will be divided evenly between Oneida and each county.

Requests

The OBC retroactively approved letters to US Senators Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl to keep a US Postal Office hub in Green Bay.

Personnel Commission member Bob Christjohn express concerns that qualified Oneidas were being passed over for employment with the tribe.

“Give the general manager a specific directive to follow Indian Preference,” said

Christjohn.

The issue was deferred to the next Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) meeting to go over the Indian Preference Law.

The annual facility license for Oneida Gaming was approved.

Wisconsin Native American Tourism and Oneida Memorandum of Agreement for fiscal services was deferred to the December 9 meeting.

The OBC okayed a request to seek donations from tribal vendors for the 2009 Oneida Elder Christmas Party.

The Oneida Gaming Commission, Gaming Background Investigations and Human Resources Department memorandum of agreement was deferred to the December 9 meeting in order to complete a legal review and it’s compliance with the Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance (ONGO).

Pat Cornelius was appointed to the Inter Tribal Bison Corp Board of Directors.

The OBC accepted the Finance Committee Minutes for October 9 and November 6.

After being tabled to the end of the meeting for a budget impact report, the OBC voted to cut their own salaries by 3%.

Suri’s faith rooted in history of Baptist church



Photo courtesy of Shawn Suri

From left to right: Seth, Cheney, Leah, Shawn, wife Brandy, Charity, Carissa, Tabitha, and Dakota Suri all help with the services at Riverview Baptist Church.

By Dawn Walschinski  
Kalihwisaks

Holding services at the Riverview Baptist Church is a family affair for Pastor Shawn Suri, his wife and seven children.

“My oldest son leads the music, my daughter plays the piano, we have two that usher in the church,” he said.

Suri was called to preach in the Baptist church in 1999 while serving at Travis Air

Force Base in northern California. After getting a bachelors degree in theology from West Coast Baptist College in May, 2002, Suri returned to Oneida to start a Baptist church in the area.

“The most effective way was actually going door-to-door and inviting folks to church, and that’s how we grew the church,” he said.

Initially, the church was supported by other like-faith churches.

“After a year, the church was fully supported after it started, and it usually takes eight years to get a church fully supported,” said Suri.

Though he grew up a Methodist, Suri was attracted to the Baptist church and its emphasis on the Bible after attending services in California. He was further intrigued by the shared history of the Baptist faith and Native Americans.

“It’s interesting to find out that the first Baptist church (in Wisconsin) was founded on an Indian Reservation ... known as the Brothertown Baptist,” said Suri.

He studied the history of Samson Occom, a Mohegan who was the first Native American ordained by a church.

“(Occom) preached the first message on temperance, self control, and there was over 20 tribes that came to hear him preach, and he preached on alcohol, how it was such a struggle for many of the Indians,” said Suri.

“As you really study from a viewpoint of an Indian pastor in our history and our culture that helped to try and reach our people ... and the struggles back then are

still the struggles we often have sometimes today.”

Suri preaches at Riverview Baptist Church, 1841 Plane Sight Boulevard in De Pere. The church holds four services a week.

“98% of our church is Oneida,” said Suri. “We have a lot of elders. A lot of them tell us how they remember church used to be is the way we have a traditional service.”

The church owns five acres of land in Oneida on County Road EE where they would like to build a new church and cemetery.

“It’s our goal to plan other churches. We’ve been requested by the Menominees to go up there and plan a church, and we would love to do that, but often it’s the

resources,” said Suri who works for Oneida Retail in addition to his pastor duties.

Though he acknowledges there’s been conflict between Native Americans and Christianity, Suri prefers to focus on the good that was done by Christians to help Native Americans transition into a different way of life.

“There’s a lot of bitterness towards different races, and the only way we’re going to move forward is not only continue to think about the past, but the positive things that happened so we can go forward in a positive way,” said Suri.

For more information on Riverview Baptist Church, call 920-339-0514 or visit www.riverviewbc.com



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 **Shenandoah, Mary ‘Maisie’**  
**July 12, 1932 – December 2, 2009**  
**Yakolihunyáni, “She Teaches”**

*Wolf Clan Mother*  
*Oneida Nation*  
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Surrounded by her loved ones, Mary “Maisie” Shenandoah, YakolihunyÁni, “She Teaches”, has passed into the spirit world. Born July 12, 1932 on the Onondaga Nation Territory south of Syracuse, NY. Daughter of the late Mary Cornelius Winder and Samuel Winder, Maisie was a Wolf Clan Mother of the Oneida Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Six Nations Iroquois) Confederacy in New York State. As a clan mother she had the duty of selecting leaders from within her clan, serving as a political adviser, spiritual leader and spokesperson for the Oneida people.




her unique humor, generosity and hospitality. She was profiled in many publications including the books “Wisdomkeepers” and “Wisdom’s Daughters.” She played a vital role in the Oneida land claims begun by her mother Mary Winder & Aunt Delia Waterman eighty years ago. She was a staunch defender of the treaty rights of not only the Oneidas but all Haudenosaunee and other Native peoples for which she was honored by the National Organization of Women. Maisie Shenandoah is survived by her children Gerald Schenandoah (Cheryl), Wanda Wood Lyons (Laverne), Joanne Schenandoah (Doug George Kanenttio), Diane Schenandoah, Vicki Schenandoah (Matt Jones), and Danielle Schenandoah; her twin sister, Elizabeth Robert (Raymond), sisters Gloria Halbritter and Ramona Beglen; 20 grandchildren, 17 great-grand children and hundreds of other relatives.

“Throughout the years I have experienced many difficult times, but the Creator has always given me the strength to continue on. I have witnessed moments that have caused great stress to our Oneida people. I have spent countless hours in defense of our sovereignty, land and traditional ways. One day we will again stand before the world as a people who have overcome great the odds and survived as a nation.” Maisie Schenandoah “Wisdom’s Daughters” HarperCollins Publishers (1993)

Friends and family can pay their respects on December 2-4 at the home of Wanda & Laverne Lyons, 512 Main Street, Oneida, NY 13421. Her services will be held at the Oneida Nation Longhouse on the 32 Acre Territory Route 46, Oneida, NY at 10am on December 5, 2009, after which she will be buried in the Shenandoah/Robert family cemetery overlooking Oneida Territory on Peterboro Hill, Forrest Avenue, Oneida.

Call 315-363-1655 for more information.

 **Cornelius, Mary L.**  
**April 30, 1968 – November 18, 2009**

Mrs. Randy (Mary L.) Cornelius, 41, of Oneida, passed away Wednesday November 18, 2009 at a local hospital. The daughter of the late Redmond and Phoebe (Stevens) John was born April 30, 1968 in Green Bay. On October 15, 2005, she married Randall Cornelius in Green Bay.



She enjoyed reading, playing cards and board games, traveling, shopping and jewelry. Family meant a great deal to Mary, and she enjoyed taking care of her nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her husband, Randall, three step-sons, “Little Randy” Cornelius, Gabriel Cornelius and Willard Johnson, two sisters, Kate Stevens and Elizabeth “Liz” John and her friend, Mary, two brothers, Glenn (Vicki) Stevens and Rethmon (Dar) John, as well as one aunt, Norine “Cubbie” and uncle, Luke Stevens and her Godchildren. In addition, Randy’s family also survive, including Mary Metoxen, Brenda Danforth, Cal (Susie) Cornelius, Patsy (Randy) Kofler, Maury (Michelle) Cornelius, and Marlene (Erv) John. She is also survived by a special friend, Lila Denny and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her child, Robert, Mary’s parents, her three sisters, Cheryl, Sarah, Barb one brother, Larry, as well as her grandparents, Luke and Elizabeth Stevens, Josh and Rose John, aunts and uncles.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00am Monday, November 23, 2009 at the Oneida United Methodist Church, Freedom Road, Oneida. Pastor Earl L. Smith officiated with burial in the Church Cemetery.

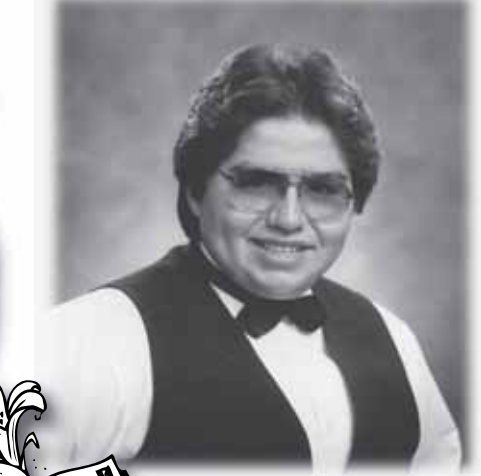
RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere assisted the famiy with arrangements. Please visit [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the Cornelius family.

**From Page 1A/2009 Hunt**

Overall, the 2009 deer gun season saw a safe, smooth hunt “There were no real incidents,” Metoxen said. “The main thing was people driving on hay fields. No real hunting real violations, which is a good thing.” Oneida hunters have nearly 20,000 acres of land to hunt. The largest buck taken this season was a 10-pointer weighing 165 pounds.



**In Loving Memory of...**  
*Michael Lee Skenandore*  
**Who would have been 40 on December 4th**



**Deeply Loved & Missed by Mom & Dad, sisters; Lisa & Diane, Brother Harvey Jr., nieces & nephews**

*Thank You!*

*We would like to give Thanks and Appreciation to those who were there to support the family and all those who helped prepare the meals in the passing of Mary L. Cornelius.*

**Husband Randy L. Cornelius and family of Mary L. (John) Cornelius**

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As I laid on my bed I felt a tear run down my cheek. I took a deep breath and for one warm tender moment I felt a soft warm hand on my shoulder as if to say 'I'm at peace.'


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# Learn about medicinal plants at Tsyunhehkwa

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### LIVE SUSTAIN GROW

**By Sylvia Cornelius**  
Environmental Project Manager

*“Now He has placed the medicine. He has mixed it together as far as it extends. He thought for them to dwell. They take the medicines. They will help them, the families, when sickness.”*

-- An excerpt from the Oneida Thanksgiving Address

Medicinal plants are the trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses found in the wetlands, forests, fields, and roadside ditches on the Oneida reservation. They are important com-

ponents of the natural systems. The Oneida people rely on medicinal plants for many different uses -- ceremonies, food, medicine, and overall good health.

In the late 1920's, Huron Smith, a botanist, traveled to the Oneida Reservation to study how Tribal members were using the local plants. Smith documented over 228 different plants used as medicines. The majority of these plants can still be collected on the Oneida reservation today. There is an appropriate time to pick the

plants and only specific parts of the plants are used for medicinal purposes.

Bergamont, or No. 6, is an example of a common plant found in open fields and roadside ditches throughout the reservation. The plant is dried and used as a tea to treat colds and fevers. Milkweeds are another example of abundant plants with a variety of uses. The young pods can be steamed and eaten. The fresh milk from the plant as well as the root are used as medicines.

The Tsyunhehkwa retail store and farm also support the community's need for medicinal plants. Many dried herbs are available at their retail location at 3759

West Mason Street. Some of their most popular herbs are red raspberry, nettle, bergamont, and comfrey.

The Live Sustain Grow project is developing a natural resource management plan for the Oneida Reservation. We heard from the community about the importance of medicinal plants. As our plan is developed, we will look for opportunities to preserve and restore the places these plants live. We also recognize the need to identify sustainable gathering sites for this valuable cultural resource.

For more information about medicinal plants, contact Sylvia Cornelius, Environmental Project Manager, at (920) 496-5352.

# Local Land Use Regulation Reimbursement Policy

**By Becky Webster**  
Senior Attorney

In the last edition of the Kalihwisaks, the Law Office provided some background on the Tribe's right to govern itself, its land and its people. This article will provide some information on a new policy the Business Committee adopted to address situations where local governments interfere with these rights.

On October 28, 2009, the Business Committee adopted the Local Land Use Regulation Reimbursement Policy to address situations where local governments threaten tribal members who own their own land and individuals who lease land from the Tribe with

enforcement actions for not following the laws of the local government. As a matter of federal law, enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe who reside on the Oneida Reservation are free from local regulations and are instead subject to the Tribe's regulations. Wisconsin law recognizes this fact and provides that state and local land use regulations cannot be applied to activities on land the Tribe owns or a tribal member owns, whether the land is held in fee or trust status. (For example, Wisconsin Administrative Code, Comm 61.02(3)(b)(1) exempts "buildings or structures located on Indian reservation land that are held either in

trust by the United States, or in fee by the tribe or a tribal member" from application of state commercial building standards.)

Because all tribal members on the Oneida Reservation are subject to tribal laws and individuals who lease our land are also subject to our laws, the Business Committee wants to avoid placing individuals in the middle of jurisdictional disputes between the Tribe and local governments. If a local government attempts to impose its regulations, individuals will be able to rely on the Local Land Use Regulation Reimbursement Policy. This new Policy will reimburse individuals

subject to the Tribe's laws for the costs of getting permits and inspections from local governments as long as the individual pays the fees and obtains the permits under protest. This policy will even cover fines issued by local governments up to \$1,000. Ultimately, we hope to resolve these jurisdictional issues so that this Policy will not be necessary in the future.

You can find this Policy on the Tribe's website at [www.oneidanation.org/Government/](http://www.oneidanation.org/Government/). The next article will focus on the history of Service Agreements the Tribe has with our neighbors.

# Health and Human Services provide CHIP grants

## Tribes and Indian Health Providers Urged to Apply for funds

Congressman Steve Kagen, M.D. applauded a Department of Health & Human Services' announcement of the availability of up to \$10 million in grants to help reach American Indian and Alaska Native children who qualify for, but are not yet enrolled, in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

These new grants are part of an effort to find and enroll uninsured children who are eligible for but not enrolled. The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) set aside \$100 million for fiscal years 2009-2013 expressly to help find and enroll eligible uninsured children, including \$10 million specifically

for Indian health providers.

According to Ravi Vir, MD, Medical Director at Oneida Comprehensive Health Services, "This initiative will assist the Oneida Tribe Of Indians of Wisconsin to ensure more children get the health care they need."

Grants will be awarded to applicants that will be

able to demonstrate increases in enrollment and improved retention of children already in Medicaid and CHIP. Grantees will report to CMS the number of new enrollees and those who retained coverage that are directly attributable to the grant activities. Grantees will also report activities they believe

were the most effective in finding, enrolling and maintaining coverage for eligible children. So far, more than 28 million children have been enrolled in Medicaid and more than 7 million in CHIP. Applications are due by Jan. 15, 2010, and the grants will be awarded on April 15

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## Calendar

# 2009

### December 3

**First Annual Keep it in the Community**  
**WHEN:** Thursday, December 3  
**TIME:** 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
**PLACE:** Parish Hall  
Music, food & holiday shopping. Bring a canned item for the Oneida Food Pantry and get a raffle ticket. One stop shopping for Native Tees, Duck Creek Coffee Company, Webs Kustom Touch Auto Body and more. Let's spend our money in our community. FMI contact [taniquele@gmail.com](mailto:taniquele@gmail.com).

### Dec. 4 – Dec. 27

**13th Annual WPS Garden of Lights**  
**WHEN:** Weekends through Dec. 27  
**TIME:** Fri. & Sat. 5pm - 9pm, Sun. 5pm - 8pm  
**PLACE:** Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road  
A holiday favorite featuring over 250,000 lights crafted in flowers, butterflies, and other botanical themes. Closed Christmas Day. Wagon rides: 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Admission fee: Horse drawn wagon rides: \$10 adults, \$6 children 5-12, Walking tour (1 mile): \$7 adults, \$4 children 5-12, Children 4 and under: FREE. FREE Shuttles from NWTC Parking Lot G. Call **920-490-9457** FMI

### Dec. 3 – 24th

**Holiday Orange Tag Sale!**  
**WHEN:** Now thry December 24th  
**TIME:** Various hours  
**PLACE:** Senior Citizen Gift Shop Oneida, WI  
Check out the Holiday Orange Tag Sale that is going on right now at the Senior Citizen's Gift Shop through December 24th. Stop by to take advantage of the **30% OFF** sale on clothes! The gift shop is located inside the Elderly Services Building. Call **920-869-2448** and ask for the gift shop to get more details.

### December 5

**Peppermint Twist Holiday Bazaar**  
**WHEN:** Saturday, December 5  
**TIME:** 10:00am - 6:00pm  
**PLACE:** Tuscarora Room, Radisson Inn  
Space Fee \$20.00 per Table. If you are interested please contact Carolyn Red Hail at **(920)429-3056** or email [credhail@oneidanation.org](mailto:credhail@oneidanation.org)

### Dec. 5, 12, 19

**A Heritage Hill Christmas**  
**WHEN:** Saturday, December 5, 12 and 19  
**TIME:** 10:00am-4:00pm  
**PLACE:** Heritage Hill State Historical Park, 2640 S. Webster Ave, Green Bay  
Celebrate the season in a breathtaking setting by trying historic dancing, crafts, and holiday baking on the farm. \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (over 62) and \$6 for children (5-17). Children 4 and under free. *\$1 off admission with a canned food item.* For general park news call **920-448-5150** or visit [www.heritagehillgb.org](http://www.heritagehillgb.org).

### December 15

**NWTC Student Life Speaker Series**  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 15  
**TIME:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Student Center Cafeteria, NWTC campus  
Bernie McGrenahan, "The Happy Hour Tour". A stand-up comedy show followed by a powerful and inspirational message about how individuals can achieve their dreams by dealing with life's obstacles in a positive way. FMI: **920-498-7186**

### 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 - **920-469-4135**.

### Tuesdays

**Women's Talking Circle Group**  
**WHEN:** Every other Tuesday starting June 9  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Wise Women Gathering Place, 2483 Babcock Rd.  
Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle Group. Come and join us as we discuss a healthy lifestyle, relationships, children, jobs and overall wellness. For more information: Contact Marlene Summers or Bev Scow at Wise Women Gathering Place **920-490-0627**.

### Fridays

**Women's Support Group**  
**WHEN:** Fridays  
**TIME:** 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM  
**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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# Cornelius helps celebrate life

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

The driving motivation behind a Funeral Celebration is to celebrate life, love and family and one Oneida Tribal member is doing just that.

Matt Cornelius recently began working as an Apprentice Funeral Director/Funeral Celebrant for Lyndahl Funeral Homes in Green Bay.

He began his journey at Oral Roberts University where he earned his degree in Theology. Since that time Cornelius has worked with the Oneida Tribe and the Oneida Methodist Church serving families in need during their time of grief.

As a Funeral Celebrant, Cornelius takes the input he receives from families and uses that information to design an appropriate faith based of secular service for that family.

“Basically it’s meeting with the family, getting to a background and stories of the deceased that really touch each of the family members. Getting somewhat of a chronological history of the family and some of the love stories that they’ve shared of the deceased and putting that together into a service for the family and friends who come to the services,” he said.

Cornelius expects to



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Apprentice Funeral Director/Funeral Celebrant Matt Cornelius performs various rolls for grieving families as part of his duties at Lyndahl Funeral Home in Green Bay.

spend at least six hours in preparation for his services as a Funeral Celebrant.

Working in conjunction with Lyndahl Funeral Home, Cornelius’ services are offer to families who may not have a specific church or pastor in mind at the time of a family members death.

“A lot of times we’ll actually have families come into the funeral home that are not affiliated with any type of church so they’ll be looking for somebody to do the services and that’s when I will come in and do the services for them,” he explained.

In addition to serving as a Funeral Celebrant,

Cornelius is also working to finish his apprenticeship to become a Funeral Director.

“Usually it’s a one-year apprentice program and then also you’re required to do the schooling as well,” He said.

It will typically take a person a year to complete the schooling and the apprenticeship program if both are done concurrently.

“However, for me, I’m going to be looking at a two year process here. So I’ll finish my apprentice program in July of 2010 and in August of 2010 I’ll start the process of the schooling and that’s going to be at Milwaukee Area Technical College,”

Cornelius said.

Upon completion of his apprenticeship and schooling, Cornelius is hoping to stay in the community that he has come to know well.

“I’d like to stay where I’m at. I really enjoy working with families. I have a pretty good knowledge of people,” he said. “I’ve had the opportunity over the past 20 years to meet a lot of people...I know a good amount of the Oneida population. I know when I...really got into a lot of good working relationships with the families and I’d be more than happy to continue working in the grieving process and to be there for them.”

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## From 1A, NATOW Signing

we have worked for months trying to get the final terms together. This will allow us to bring on board an individual who can dedicate all their time to our tourism initiative. This partnership is a strong link between all Wisconsin Tribes and the State of Wisconsin. In this tight economy we need to work harder to use our resources in a manner that will compliment all of Wisconsin’s tourism programs.”

Tremble said, “Our eleven tribes here in Wisconsin are the original stewards of this land what could be more authentic to our state than Native American heritage and so as we go forward, we owe it to our visitors here in Wisconsin to raise up and to elevate together that authenticity and that heritage through the marketing that we do together in tourism.”

The agreement identifies the scope of work this grant will be used for, to republish the Native Wisconsin magazine and to hire a Tourism Director who will work with Tribes to implement their strategic plan.

Upon completion of the agreement signing a check was presented in the amount of \$200,00 to NATOW. It is the first of two installments over two years.





Rick Hill  
Chairman

This month I am addressing my column to the Oneida children and youth, and their families. When I considered running for the Chairman's office, one of my platform issues was children and youth recreation, an issue that I have always cared about and which has personal meaning to me. One of my pledges as I was running for Chairman was to find opportunities to enhance the recreation activities that are currently offered in the Oneida community.

When I was a young boy and young man involved in various sports depending upon the season, Oneida Recreation was in its formative stages. The Civic Center was transformed into a recreation-

Chairman's Corner...

al facility that met the minimum space needs for sports activity. It met the needs of the community at the time when the Tribe's resources were not as plentiful. The sports programming was also modeled upon the Boys & Girls Club.

Over the past 30 years, gang activity and related violence has grown and continues to increase on and around the Oneida Reservation. This type of activity affects the Oneida community and negatively influences our children and youth to steer them down a wrong path when no other positive alternatives are available. In the face negative influences, our Oneida children and youth need the guidance to make healthy choices and decisions. Without this guidance, the consequence is a generation or generations of Oneida members who may struggle to find the right path.

With that in mind, and knowing Oneida Recreation provides positive alternatives for Oneida children and youth, I had proposed

the Boys & Girls Club to assist in making something good even better for Oneida. The Boys & Girls Club has a proven track record of helping children to make good choices that promote their self-esteem and confidence. For example, the Boys & Girls Club has been able to help improve the academic performance of children through the Power Hour program, because when children get good grades it boosts their self-esteem to believe in themselves and their capabilities.

The Boys & Girls Club also provides leadership training, where children and youth are taught life skills that serve them throughout their lives as they learn to be responsible and make positive choices and decisions for themselves. Leadership and teamwork is also developed through sports programming, so that children and youth can apply teamwork skills on the court or in the field, skills that carry into adulthood and the workplace.

The Boys & Girls Club serves more than

140,000 Native youth in more than 200 reservations and tribal communities in 25 states across the United States. Where the Boys & Girls Club are located on reservations, programming is adapted to the tribe's culture and incorporates tribal values and customs so that each tribe has a tailored program specific to the needs of its own children and youth. The Boys & Girls Club has co-sponsored traveling pow wow dance groups for some tribal youth, has worked with tribes to create after-school language programs and other cultured-based activities like basket-making.

The Boys & Girls Club also provides access to foundation and grant funding sources for programming and support services such as academic and nutrition, and even facilities construction through HUD grants. The additional training, support and technical assistance the Boys & Girls Club can provide to existing tribal youth programs and tribal staff would enhance the existing program-

ming and at the same time preserve tribal resources.

The Oneida Reservation is divided between five public school districts and the Oneida Nation School System, and those youth who wish to play organized team sports generally join their school teams. We have many talented Oneida youth that could but do not have an Oneida team that can play against AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) teams on a competitive level. However, we do have the 2011 Indigenous Games that will take place in Milwaukee to showcase the athletic skills and talents of our Oneida youth on a national level.

Organized sports provides a number of skills that serve children and youth throughout their lives, such as learning to be responsible for their time and getting to practice and games on time, depending on one another to work together as a team, learning sportsmanship and respect for others, and acquiring confidence in physical

skills and accomplishments. Combined, these things create a healthy body and a healthy mind that fosters a healthy lifestyle that can withstand the challenges of negative influences.

Today, our current economic circumstances and the financial reality that Oneida must find a way to balance its budget and maintain services and programs despite declining revenues is what we have to deal with. If alternative sources of funding and services can supplement and compliment our existing programs and services to Oneida members, these alternative sources can be explored to determine if they will meet the needs of our Oneida members and promote those values we believe in as Oneida people.

If anyone wishes to have more information regarding the Boys & Girls Clubs or to talk about what the Boys & Girls Clubs can do for both tribes and individuals, please contact my office.

*Yaw^ko,  
Rick Hill, Chairman*

Letters...

Iroquois music class worth fee

This letter is in response to the Letter to the Editor with the concern about the \$25 fee charge for the Iroquois Music class. I am a parent of a child currently in the class and I was happy to pay the \$25 fee for both the Iroquois and choir music class. The fee seems like a small amount for the instructor's time for the 23 weeks of class (\$1.08 per class for two instructor's time, staff time, snacks, materials, etc.). I am willing to pay for the instructor's time away from their families and to share their gift of singing with my child. Also, while I participate in as many social dances that I can to learn myself and to have my daughter learn, I can not teach my daughter these songs and dances and am so appreciative that Kal^na Brooks is willing and able to do so. I don't see the exchange of owista for her time as a degradation of the culture as these are social dances that are meant to be shared and enjoyed with everyone.

As a former Oneida Arts Board member, a volunteer tribal board that receives no stipends, I have to support the Oneida Arts Program for all that they have accomplished for the community. The Oneida Nation Arts Program is a successful tribal program. The Oneida Arts Program is a Governmental Services department which receives tribal funds and some small grants to provide the programming. I have advocated for some level of participant fee to share the program costs so the program can con-

tinue to be provided as tribal budgets are being cut. There are visible outcomes of this program all throughout our community, such as Oneida public art in tribal buildings, Oneida artist development, and Oneida children and adults excelling in the arts, to name a few.

Beyond this class offering, I am glad that Mr. Johnson raised this issue because we, as Oneidas, have not had many community wide discussions about how we keep the Oneida culture alive in ways that all of us can participate. I would like to have more of those discussions within the community.

*Yaw^ko,  
Jennifer Hill-Kelley,  
Turtle Clan*

Impressed with ONES technology

I and really impressed with the technology that the Oneida Turtle school has incorporated in every classroom. Each classroom has a smart board, computers and many ELMOs. I was teaching in the public school system last year and I have to say that the Oneida school District is very fortunate. The public school where I was only had one "smart board" in their entire k-12 building.

These forms of technology have been a real

OBC Forum...

As we prepare for the new fiscal year and the upcoming General Tribal Council meeting to adopt the proposed budget, I am hoping you continue to gather as much information as possible about our current budget situation. The economy overall has hit everyone pretty hard, and the Oneida is no exception. This budgeting year has been difficult, and although we have not come to the end of the road by any means, we have reached a point in our history when the revenues coming in to the organization has leveled off, something we have always expected.

At the onset of our term, the Business Committee had



Melinda Danforth  
Councilwoman

expressed its desire to be fully engaged in the budget, and thus, over the past several weeks, the Business Committee has been looking at the proposed 2010-2012 budget in great detail.

We took the time to meet with as many business units of the organization as possible in order to gain a greater understanding of where the dollars are being spent, and also where the organization can save money. Many of the adjustments approved by the Business Committee are intended to shave expenses in the short term in an effort to preserve jobs, and allowing the time needed to process long term adjustments to minimize direct affects on jobs and serv-

ices.

Unfortunately, the short term actions taken by the Business Committee will not be sufficient in upcoming years. Together, we will need to take the time to review the priorities of the Nation and ensure business units are strategically aligning to create more efficiency, eliminate duplication of services and continue to trim unnecessary expenses. The solutions we must consider in the upcoming year or two will not be easy, nor will they be agreed upon by all, so it will be vital for you to become engaged in the process by attending General Tribal Council meetings and/or community meetings to ensure your voice is being heard.

However, I know our efforts are not without scrutiny, even I have had some doubts about the approaches taken and areas affected; however,

I know we are working hard, and to date our efforts have saved approximately \$8.9 million. Included in the savings is a 3% cut in pay for the Business Committee. I voted to cut my own pay, because I absolutely believe that leadership must lead by example and that as long as we all continue to come together to do our parts during this time, instead of dividing one another, we will persevere as we always do and get through this time.

If you have concerns or questions about the budget or the process the Business Committee has utilized, please feel free to contact my office via phone at **920-869-4478** or via email at **mdaforj@oneidanation.org** and I will do my best to answer your questions.

*Yaw^ko*



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## Public Hearing Notice

11:30AM • Norbert Hill Center (BCCR)

December 8, 2009

**Purpose:**  
**Alcohol Beverage Licensing Law Amendments** to enable the Tribe to obtain a license to sell alcohol beverages directly from the State of Wisconsin as an alternative to a municipality.

### Public Hearing Process

#### Testimony:

**Oral:** There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral presentations. Each participant is encouraged to provide a written transcript of his/her oral testimony, to be submitted while present at the public hearing or within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the below named individuals.

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uled public hearing or do not plan to speak at the hearing, the Oneida Tribe encourages those to submit written testimony. A maximum of ten (10) pages, doubled spaced, can be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the Tribal Secretary (Patricia Hoeft) or Peril Huff, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center, 2nd floor or mail to PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155.

*If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed law or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via email [phuff@oneidanation.org](mailto:phuff@oneidanation.org) Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 920-869-4376.*

The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this law are also available on the LOC Website: [www.onloc.oneidanation.org](http://www.onloc.oneidanation.org)

## 2010 GTC meetings

### Semi-Annual

Monday, Jan. 4, 2010

6:00 p.m.,

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.

Radisson Hotel  
Three Clans  
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and Hyperbaric Chamber

Purchase Meeting

Saturday, Jan.

30, 2010

10:00 a.m.,

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Oneida Nation  
Elementary School

## Mentorship through language and culture



Submitted photo

Oneida Head Start students and Oneida High School students are work together to learn the Oneida language.

The class was first conceptualized by Stephanie Stevens, multi-media specialist for the Language Curriculum and member of the Head Start Education Policy Council. "It is important to me that my children are brought up knowing their culture and language, and now is the time to start teaching them," she says. Due to the economic situation, she knew it would be hard to hire a full-time language teacher in the Head Start classroom, so it was a time for some creative and innovative thinking. "When I would pick up my son, Ernest from Head Start, we would hear Kal^na's class teaching singing and dancing down the hall by the High School, and he always wanted me to walk down there with him so he could see where the music was coming from." These moments are what contributed to Stephanie's vision; to utilize Oneida's talented youth that is already available and tap into the curiosity and interest of our children.

Kal^na is a wonderful example of someone living within the traditional Oneida lifestyle, having been teaching Iroquois song and dance in the Oneida Nation School System for fifteen years. She has always and continues to serve as a role-model for many young women in the Oneida community. She teaches what she believes in, and because of that, she is an excellent educator. She also has five years of experience with the Artist and Residency with the Oneida Nation

Arts Program, plus three years of cultural experience as an assistant with the DPI American Indian Summer Institute. She is a dedicated teacher and community member, and this initiative will be another fine example of that.

Stephanie is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin Green bay for Education and Leadership, and is the mother of two boys, Ernest Lloyd Stevens IV and Daniel Clay Stevens. Stephanie is currently working with Forrest Brooks for Cultural Heritage under a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. She is a strong advocate for the Oneida Language and she believes there should be a stronger emphasis on language and culture in the Head Start curriculum. "We are working on creating different types of materials for the Oneida language curriculum, ranging from flashcards, to books, to board games, to interactive computer games, and videos." Stephanie has also had the honor of working with Maria Hinton to digitally record her voice to go along with the curriculum materials she's been creating.

The High School students will be able to use these materials as a tool for teaching the younger children, which will prove to be a reciprocal relationship. The High School students will gain a great sense of pride and confidence as educators, while the Head Start students will learn the language and culture from a diverse and unique perspective. Most importantly, they will be

exposed to their language and culture from an early age on. Studies show that children ages 3-10 learn a new language the fastest. Overall, much like their High School aged mentors, they will gain a sense of pride and understanding of who they are as Oneida tribal members.

Joan Christnot, the Education Manager for Head Start, wants to see more education efforts between our various educational entities. "My goal is to get all of the teachers comfortable in speaking the language and understanding the culture so that it is used throughout the day," she says, "I look forward to your continued input and help as we move forward on this must needed endeavor."

This initiative and many more in the future will hopefully instill the enthusiastic efforts needed to educate each other on a constant basis, no matter what level of knowledge you have in the language and culture. In the spirit of life long learning, those who are educators must always be students, and vice versa.

Classes have already begun, and Tuesday's class was a great success! They will continue to meet every Tuesday at the Head Start, 1st floor south end of the hall, from 10-10:30 am, alternating rooms and groups. First week will be Group A, Language, then the following Tuesday will be Group B, Iroquois Music.

For any other questions, comments and suggestions please contact Stephanie Stevens at (920) 869-4375.

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Denny wins FNGA tournament

**By Steven J. Gandy**  
Kalihwisaks

Diana Denny teed up a winning performance recently in the 2009 National Native Senior Golf Championship held at Soboba Springs Country Club in California.

Denny, who turned 60 on December 2, completed the three-day event with the best net score to capture the title from the rest of the field.

“I didn’t shoot too good, but I won the net so after handicap I had the best score,” Denny said.

She competed in the senior woman’s event along with her husband, Ron Denny, who competed in the senior men’s event.

Diana recently retired from Oneida Bingo and Casino and now has time to pursue her passion for golf.

Denny has been an avid golfer for ten years and is now touring the nation, along with her husband, and playing in



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

First Nations Golf Association’s winner of the 2009 National Native Senior Championship, Diana Deny, was awarded a championship trophy for her recent win in November’s tournament.

various First Nations Golf Association events across the country.

The First Nations Golf Association events are open to Indigenous people from all across North

America. Tournaments run from early spring through late fall.

For more information on the FNGA see their website at [www.fnga.net](http://www.fnga.net).

Lady T-Hawks fall to Eagles



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Oneida Nation Lady Thunderhawks forward Eva Powless scores on a rebound put back during their home opener on Tuesday, December 1 at the Turtle School against Northeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschool Athletic Association Eagles.

The Lady T-hawks lost 48 - 38 and their record dropped to 0 - 2.

The Lady T-hawks travel to Menominee on December 8 and Lac Courte Oreilles on December 11.

T-hawks looking to youth for wins

**By Nate Wisneski**  
Kalihwisaks

Experienced youth highlight an Oneida Nation Thunderhawk boy’s basketball team that finished 9-12 last season under head coach Scott Murray.

The Thunderhawks starting five will consist of two sophomores, one junior and two seniors.

“There is a lot of uncertainty, we have four guys returning (from last year’s team) and all of them got a lot of playing time,” Murray said.

“We’re young but have varsity experience.”

Expectations of a .500 season will fall squarely on the shoulders of last season’s leading scorer, Dylan Wheelock. The 6’4” senior creates match-up problems as he can score inside and take his defender outside the three-point line.

“My goal is to win 50% of our games, but the only way to do it is to have Dylan have a great year. He is a great team player. He is the kind of do it all kind of guy, he is our best rebounder, scorer and defender. This is asking a lot, but Dylan can average 20 (points) and 10 (rebounds per game),” Murray said.

Expectations are also high for returning point-guard Eddie Santiago. The junior started every game last year as a sophomore and is expected to team up with Wheelock to create havoc for other teams.

“Eddie is very talented, he has a lot of skill and he shoots and defends very well. He is

going to be key as we put the ball in his hands and he leads our offense,” said Murray.

Cautious optimism is high in the early part of the season as attitude and effort are at an all time high.

“The kids are really working hard and that’s all I can ask for,” Murray said.

“Our schedule is a little more conducive to us winning some games but if Dylan or Eddie went down, we would be in trouble,” he added.

A roster of only eight players has changed

Murray’s usually aggressive approach to defense and offense.

“We’re going to play some 1-3-1 zone (defense) this year due to numbers. We just can’t afford foul trouble. I don’t think we played zone more than 10 possessions in five years and we only did it then because we had to,” said Murray.

The Thunderhawks travel to St. Lawrence on December 5 and Lac Courte Oreilles on December 11.



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Oneida Nation Thunderhawks senior forward, Dylan Wheelock scores on a layup during the T-hawks home game on Tuesday, December 1 at the Turtle School against Northeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschool Athletic Association. The Thunderhawks beat the Eagles 60 - 47.

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# Breakfast with Santa

**Ho Ho Ho,  
Merry Christmas!**

**Come to Breakfast with Santa,  
at the Civic Center on  
Saturday , December 12th, 2009.**

**For families with youth ages  
0 to 8 years old.  
8:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Enjoy a Breakfast of Pancakes, Sausage and Juice.  
Get a picture, visit Santa and receive a gift! Please call  
Kim at 833-0010 with any questions.**

**Don't forget to bring your extra change to vote on  
your favorite tree in our winter wonderland.**

## Oneida Elderly Christmas Party

*Elders age 55 and older only*

**Where:** Radisson Hotel and Convention Center  
Three Clans Room

**When:** Friday, December 18, 2009

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

**Cost:** Elders age 70 and older free  
Elders age 55 - 69 \$10.00

**Payment must be received upon registration. Tickets will be available at Oneida Elderly Services only, must have a ticket to enter the Elders Christmas Party**

**Lunch  
Live Entertainment  
Door Prizes  
50/50 Raffle**

**Must register/sign-up:**  
Please call Elderly Services at (920)869-2448  
between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

**Last day for registration and pick up tickets will be  
Friday, December 11, 2009 there will be no exceptions and  
no children please.**



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## Christmas Cornbread orders

The deadline to place orders is December 18 by 4:00 pm. Pick up date are December 23, 8:00-4:00. Cost is \$4.00 per loaf.

Please call 869-4379 or 869-4179 to place your order or email [vcornei@oneidanation.org](mailto:vcornei@oneidanation.org) or [jbettters@oneidanation.org](mailto:jbettters@oneidanation.org)

E-mail: Name, number of loaves and a phone number. Any extra loaves will be available at Tsyunhehkwa Retail Store for sale after 4:30, on December 23.

## Sobriety Powwow Canceled

The Powwow Committee has decided to cancel the Sobriety Powwow scheduled for December 31, 2009. These difficult decisions have to be made as we are all dealing with cost containment measures and smaller budgets. With the resources available we felt it was better to run a full Honor the Youth Powwow in February 2010 vs. two Powwows that didn't have sufficient resources. There is a Sobriety Powwow at the Menominee Indian High School December 31, 2009 as one alternative. Thanks for your consideration.

## Land Commission looking for help naming road

The Oneida Land Commission, through the Division of Land Management, is requesting tribal members' assistance in naming the Oneida Health Center Roads. Name selection will be based upon the following criteria:

- the original allottee
- an Oneida historical event
- a tribal member that has made an exemplary contribution to the Oneida Nation
- a description of the area

Property History  
Most of the Oneida Reservation had been parceled out and dedicated to tribal members who were enrolled at that time. The properties were initially placed in trust for the first 25

years.

The original allottee of the property was Margaret Archiquette. She received this 40 acre tract which is described as the SW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 2, Township 23 North, Range 19 East, 4th Principal Meridian. Her children, Electa Smith, Sarah Denny, Ida Skenandore, and Solomon Archiquette received the property through inheritance. The daughters inherited 1/3 interest in 20 acres and Solomon received the other 20 acres. The daughters sold their interests in 1914 to William Heisdorf. Solomon sold his property in 1918 to Camiel and Johanna Smies. It wasn't until 1988 that the Tribe

was able to invest in reacquiring the property by entering into a Land Contract with Jeanette Puyleart. Title was transferred into the Oneida Tribe's name in 1993. The property was placed in trust status in 2005.

Please submit your suggestions to:

Oneida Division of Land Management  
P.O. Box 365  
Oneida, WI 54155  
Attention: Real Estate Services

Or via the internet: [dwilson@oneidanation.org](mailto:dwilson@oneidanation.org)

Deadline for suggestions: December 9th, 2009. Include your name and enrollment number with your suggested name for the road.

## Local Land Use Regulation Reimbursement Policy

In the last edition of the Kalihwisaks, the Law Office provided some background on the Tribe's right to govern itself, its land and its people. This article will provide some information on a new policy the Business Committee adopted to address situations where local governments interfere with these rights.

On October 28, 2009, the Business Committee adopted the Local Land Use Regulation Reimbursement Policy to address situations where local governments threaten tribal members who own their own land and individuals who lease land from the Tribe with enforcement actions for not following the laws of the local government. As

a matter of federal law, enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe who reside on the Oneida Reservation are free from local regulations and are instead subject to the Tribe's regulations. Wisconsin law recognizes this fact and provides that state and local land use regulations cannot be applied to activities on land the Tribe owns or a tribal member owns, whether the land is held in fee or trust status. (For example, Wisconsin Administrative Code, Comm 61.02(3)(b)(1) exempts "buildings or structures located on Indian reservation land that are held either in trust by the United States, or in fee by the tribe or a tribal member" from application of state commercial building standards.)

Because all tribal members on the Oneida Reservation are subject to tribal laws and individuals who lease our land are also subject to our laws, the Business Committee wants to avoid placing individuals in the middle of jurisdictional disputes between the Tribe and local governments. If a local government attempts to impose its regulations, individuals will be able to rely on the Local Land Use Regulation Reimbursement Policy. This new Policy will reimburse individuals subject to the Tribe's laws for the costs of getting permits and inspections from local governments as long as the individual pays the fees and obtains the permits under protest. This policy will even cover fines issued by local governments up to \$1,000. Ultimately, we hope to resolve these jurisdictional issues so that this Policy will not be necessary in the future.

You can find this Policy on the Tribe's website at [www.oneidanation.org/Government/](http://www.oneidanation.org/Government/). The next article will focus on the history of Service Agreements the Tribe has with our neighbors.

**2009 Holiday Hours**

**MAIN CASINO**  
CHRISTMAS EVE (Dec. 24)...Closes at 4pm.  
CHRISTMAS DAY (Dec. 25)...Open at 5pm.

**IMAC CASINO/BINGO HALL**  
CHRISTMAS EVE (Dec. 24)...Closed.  
CHRISTMAS DAY (Dec. 25)...Closed. Re-opens Dec. 26 at 8am.

**MASON STREET CASINO**  
CHRISTMAS EVE (Dec. 24)...Closes at 4pm.  
CHRISTMAS DAY (Dec. 25)...Closed. Re-opens Dec. 26 at 8am.

**ONEIDA CASINO AT THE ONE-STOPs**  
CHRISTMAS EVE (Dec. 24)...All locations close at 7pm.  
CHRISTMAS DAY (Dec. 25)...All locations closed.

- Travel Center...Re-opens Dec. 26 (One-Stop 6am, Casino 8am.)
- Hwy. 54...Re-opens Dec. 26 (One-Stop 5am, Casino 8am.)
- Packerland...Re-opens Dec. 26 (One-Stop 5am, Casino 8am.)
- E & EE...Re-opens Dec. 26 at 6am.

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# South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

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

*The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you!*

Check your Kalihwisaks for **SEOTS News** once a month or go to **www.oneidation.org** **click on SEOTS** for a listing of events. The office is located at:

**6820 W. Wedgewood Drive • Ph: (414) 329-4101**  
*(1 Block South of Morgan Avenue)*

## Activities Calendar

*for the month of* **January 2010**

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**Monday:**  
**Oneida Singers**, 6:30PM – Bird Room
- 5

**Tuesday:**  
**Senior Activity Day**, 11:00AM - 2:00PM  
 Luncheon Provided – Bird Room  
**Board Meeting**, 6:00PM – Bird Room
- 6

**Wednesday:**  
**WE INDIANS Reading Program**, 6:00PM – Bird Room
- 7

**Thursday:**  
**Craft Class**, Dream Catchers, 6:00PM, Donation - Wolf Room  
**Teen Presentation**, Nutrition and Diabetes Prevention, 6:00PM - 7:00 PM
- 8

**Friday:**  
**Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM**
- 11

**Monday:**  
**Oneida Singers**, 6:30PM – Bird Room
- 12

**Tuesday:**  
**Senior Activity Day**, 11:00AM – 2:00PM, Luncheon Provided, \$3 donation, Bingo  
**Board Meeting**, 6:00PM – Bird Room
- 13

**Wednesday:**  
**WE INDIANS Reading Program** 4:00-6:00PM – Bird Room
- 14

**Thursday:**  
**Craft Class**, Dream Catchers, 6:00PM, Donation – Wolf Room  
**Cultural Heritage**, 6:00PM, Randy Cornelius
- 15

**Friday:**  
**Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM**
- 18

**Monday:**  
**Kids - Teens - Adults!**, Sledding at Humboldt park, 1:00PM – Bring your own sled or saucer for sledding! Hot Chocolate and Pizza to follow at SEOTS. Need a ride to the park? Call SEOTS (414) 329-4101  
 Please sign up if you plan on attending for pizza and hot chocolate - Free!  
**Oneida Singers**, 6:30PM – Bird Room
- 19

**Tuesday:**  
**Senior Activity Day**, 11:00AM – 2:00PM, Potluck, Scrabble Tournament  
**Board Meeting**, 6:00PM – Bird Room
- 20

**Wednesday:**  
**WE INDIANS Reading Program**, 4:00-6:00PM – Bird Room  
**Van trip to Oneida**, 8:00AM, Med pick-up.
- 21

**Thursday:**  
**Craft Class**, Dream Catchers, 6:00PM, Donation – Wolf Room
- 22

**Friday:**  
**Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM**
- 23

**Saturday:**  
**Corn Bread Making Class**, 10:00AM – 12:00PM, \$5 fee
- 25

**Monday:**  
**Bingo trip to Oneida**, Van leaves at 7:00AM  
**Oneida Singers**, 6:30PM–Bird Room
- 26

**Tuesday:**  
**Senior Activity Day**, 11:00AM – 2:00PM  
 Brown Bag  
**Craft Day**
- 27

**Wednesday:**  
**WE INDIANS Reading Program**, 4:00-6:00PM – Bird Room  
**MAIRN Meeting**, 12:00-2:00PM, Presentation TBA, Potluck - Bird Room
- 28

**Thursday:**  
**Craft Class**, Dream Catchers, 6:00PM, Donation – Wolf Room
- 29

**Friday:**  
**Call in meds for next Wednesday pick-up by 4:00PM**

### SEOTS Mission...

*Our mission is to strengthen our cultural connection and provide services and programs that enhance the well being of On·yote'a·ka in southeastern Wisconsin.*

## Monthly Youth Events at SEOTS

Currently, approximately 400 Oneida Tribal youth reside in the six counties that make up southeast Wisconsin. These youth are spread across several miles, several counties, and several school districts. As a result, rarely do you find more than a handful of Oneida children in the same school. Sometimes this can lead to disconnect from other Oneida youth and the Oneida culture.

The mission of Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) is to strengthen the cultural connection of Tribal members residing in southeast Wisconsin and provide services and programs to enhance their well being. In an effort to uphold this mission with our youth, SEOTS is now offering monthly activities for Oneida Tribal youth.

The monthly activities began in October 2009 with baby sitting classes taught by staff from the American Red Cross. Fourteen Tribal youth participated in the class and are now certified by the American Red Cross. In November, SEOTS partnered with the City of Milwaukee Health Department and offered a seminar focused on the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases



Submitted photo

Oneida youth gather during a monthly activity at SEOTS. The events are set up to encourage tribal youth to others in the Milwaukee area.

(STD's). This class was a direct response to an alarming statistic that identified the high rates of sexually transmitted diseases among Native American youth.

The focus of the youth activities is education and recreation. The education component may include youth academic programs, preventive education, or cultural education. These could include seminars or programs at SEOTS or trips to museums, Oneida events, or other Native American events.

The recreational component is focused on fun activities. During the month of January, SEOTS will be sponsoring a trip to a local park

for an afternoon of sledding, hot cocoa, and pizza. Other activities may include horse back riding, learn Oneida Social dancing, or attending Milwaukee Brewer's games.

These events are also important because they encourage Tribal youth to meet other Tribal youth from the Milwaukee area or from Oneida. This helps to build and strengthen the sense of community for Tribal membership. It also helps SEOTS to build a connection with the youth that can lead to instilling Oneida cultural values and the encouragement of healthy decisions and education.

In order to maximize

attendance, SEOTS is also attempting to offer valuable incentives for participation at events. At the STD Prevention Seminar, Rebecca N. of Milwaukee won a new iPod Nano. The anticipation of winning a great prize has led to phone calls by the youth to find out when the next event will be. While some events may not offer prizes the incentives will surely help to keep SEOTS in the minds' of the youth.

SEOTS continually requests feedback from Tribal membership. If you would like to suggest an event for Tribal youth, please contact SEOTS at 414-329-4101.

### Save 30-50% off Grocery Store Prices

Save 30-50% off grocery store prices!

For nearly 25 years, this nonprofit food buying club has helped families save 30-50% compared to grocery store prices on affordable, nutritious foods. Everyone is welcome to purchase food through SHARE--there are no eligibility guidelines or income requirements. Now SHARE has made it even easier for you to save BIG money on food by shopping online.

For more information on how to participate in the SHARE food buying program, visit [www.sharewi.org](http://www.sharewi.org) or call 800-548-2124.

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### Congrats!

Congratulations to Oneida Tribal member, Rebecca N. from Milwaukee! She won an Apple iPod Nano at the SEOTS November Teen Seminar. All teens can look forward to monthly teen events at SEOTS and chances to win other great prizes.

### For your Information...

#### Housing Information

If you have any questions regarding housing in Oneida, contact Dawn Delebreaux at Oneida Housing Authority: **(800) 236-2214**

#### Information Around The City

211 Impact – Simply call 211 for help with life/food/shelter/health/crisis intervention, etc.

**Pow Wow AA Group** – All Welcome, Thursday's - 8:00PM, 1st Baptist Church, 1576 So. 78th

• **Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center:** (414) 383-9526

• Spotted Eagle Inc (414) 342-0706

• Domestic Violence – Milwaukee Women's Center: (414) 272-5132

- Domestic Violence Task Force Contact Person – Bagwajikwe Madosh **(414) 345-8688**
- Indian Council for the Elderly Meals on Monday and Friday –11:30am, 631 N. 19th St. at Redeemer Lutheran Church - First Friday of the month at 5pm. Phone # **(414) 934-8096**
- Indian Community School **(414) 525-6100**
- American Indian Council on Alcoholism **(414) 671-2200.**

#### Would you like to join the SEOTS e-mail list?

You will receive notices and reminders of upcoming special events. Call SEOTS today to have your name and e-mail address added to the list.

### Teens

Take our short on-line survey. Go to [www.oneidation.org/socialservices/](http://www.oneidation.org/socialservices/) and click the link for the SEOTS homepage to take the survey.

*Happy Holidays!*



**The Smell of the Kill**

**Auditions for 'The Smell of the Kill'**

By Michele Lowe

**Directed by Lee Kerwin**

Take three delicious, malicious wives, add three miserable, unloving husbands - and chill. The Smell of the Kill revolves around Nicky, Debra and Molly who have tolerated one another during once-a-month dinners for years. While their unseen spouses play golf in the dining room, the women exchange confidences for the first time, revealing that all three marriages are on the brink of disaster. When an unforeseen incident occurs, they are left with a chilling choice.

**Check evergreenproductions.org or contact Lee Kerwin for more information at 884-0598.**

Parts available for:

- 3 women late-20's to 30's (mid-30's appearance)
- 3 men (unseen, but HEARD) same age bracket as above

Performance Dates:  
 Fri. & Sat., Feb. 19 & 20, 2009 • 7:30PM  
 Sunday, Feb. 21, 2009 • 2:00PM  
 Feb. 25, 26 & 27, 2009 • 7:30PM

Tickets \$12 or \$17 each (dependent on section in theatre) Group sales available (group is 10 or more)

**Call (920) 403-3950 for tickets**

All performance are in the Webb Theatre at:  
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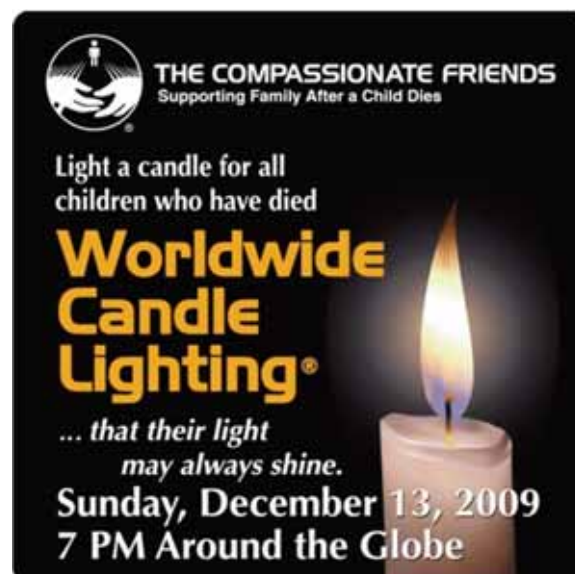
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### 2009 Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Services

*Communities across the globe will be joining*

**The Compassionate Friends**  
*for the*

**13th Worldwide Candle Lighting**



*Local Event...*

**Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 6:15PM**

Parish Hall • 2936 Freedom Rd. • Oneida  
 Contact Julie Denny if you want your child's name lifted during the candle lighting ceremony

Telephone: 920-490-3661

### OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

*on the following Days:*

**Thurs., Dec. 24 (Afternoon)**

**Friday • Dec. 25, 2009**

*In observance of...*  
**Christmas!**

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**SKAGGS FAMILY CHRISTMAS**  
 FEATURING RICKY SKAGGS AND THE WHITES  
**Tue., Dec. 15**  
**\$20 • 8pm**

**IFC WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP WITH TRAVIS WIUFF**  
**Fri., Jan. 8**  
**\$30, \$40 & \$70 • 8pm**

**JAMES VAN PRAAGH**  
**Fri., Feb. 5 • \$30 • 8pm**

**John Tesh**  
**Sun., Mar. 7 • \$20 • 8pm**

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**The Neverly Brothers**  
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 www.theneverlybrothers.com

**Dec. 13, 14 & 15 • 7:30pm**  
**HEYBALE**  
 "Country"  
 www.myspace.com/heybaletheband

**Dec. 13, 14 & 15 • 9:30pm**  
**"Hillbilly Honky Tonk"**  
**CHUCK MEAD**  
 www.myspace.com/chuckmeadmusic

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**Thur., Dec. 31**

**Main Casino**  
 Pachuco Jose y Los Diamantes ..... 7:30pm  
 Gizzelle..... 8:45pm  
 The Del Moroccos..... 10pm  
 Los Straitjackets..... 11:45pm

**IMAC Casino**  
 Mariachi Nuevo Sonido ..... 10pm and 11:30pm

**Mason Street Casino**  
 Eddie Biebel & AJ Srubas..... 10pm and 11:30pm

**TICKET INFORMATION** Tickets available at all Oneida Casino Ticket ★ Star locations, online at TicketStarOnline.com, or call 1-800-895-0071 to charge by phone. Limit 8 tickets per person, per show. No refunds.

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

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## Holiday health and safety tips

By Venessa Miller

Injury Prevention Coordinator

Keep checking the next few issues for more helpful tips and advice. As always, send your own tips in and see if they get chosen for publication!

From all of us at the Environmental, Health & Safety Division, please have a safe and healthy holiday!

Any questions or concerns and suggested tips can be forwarded to Vanessa Miller at **920-496-5351** or **vmiller@oneidanation.org**

### TIP #3

Does it seem like everywhere you turn you're bombarded with sniffles, little runny noses, and hacking co-workers? **STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS!** Nobody wants to dig into grandma's famous stuffing if influenza is the secret ingredient.

#### 1. Wash, wash, wash!

You've heard it a thousand times before, but here goes 1,001. Yes-it's THAT important! Washing your hands is the most simple, yet effective way to stop the spread of germs. If you don't happen to have a sink and soap with you everywhere you go (gosh, unprepared are we?!?), hand sanitizer is a great, inexpensive option.

#### 2. STAY HOME if you aren't feeling well

Enough said. Serves as a great excuse for dipping out on the awkwardness of your husband's work Christmas party too - bonus!

#### 3. Cover up those coughs and sneezes.

And not with your hands! Use a tissue for crying out loud - eww!

#### 4. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth, ESPECIALLY when cooking or handling food.

Attention all nosepickers: it wasn't cool when you were 5, and it still isn't cool now that you're 35!

### TIP #4

If you consider yourself a proud owner of a "rez ride", winter mornings probably aren't the most reassuring time for you. If you have to close your eyes and make a

wish every time you attempt to turn the ignition in December, then it's a good idea to pack a "car survival kit," just in case that hunk of junk breaks down on you. In fact, it's a good idea to stock your car with these essentials no matter what:

1. Flashlight with two sets of extra batteries.
2. A few snacks and bottles of water.
3. Orange vests and cautionary triangles (if you can't get your hands on these, a red bandana is a great alternative).
4. Jumper cables
5. Road Flares and reflectors

Remember, it's a good idea to carry a cell phone with you when driving in hazardous conditions. Also, call your destination ahead of time and let them know your estimated arrival time.

### TIP #5

Might as well plop that sleeping bag in the kitchen, 'cuz for many of us, that's where we'll be living for the next few weeks! Holidays and food go hand in hand (or hand to mouth I should say....or maybe mouth to hips....). However, the kitchen is full of dangers. Here are things to keep in mind when cooking this holiday season:

1. Keep all the unnecessary clutter out! And yes, this means kids and pets too. More commotion=more potential for hot spills and burns.
2. When not using sharp utensils, put them away immediately.
3. Make sure all smoke detectors work.
4. Keep dish towels and all other flammables away from the stove.
5. If a stove top fire does happen, NEVER USE WATER! Cover the pan with a lid or a towel and turn the stove off immediately.

Most house fires start in the kitchen-and the leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking. Soooooo.....pay attention!

Catch the next Kalihwisaks for more tips

## Oneida Health Care employees get training on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

On October 15, 2009, staff members of the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division from Oneida Behavioral Health and Oneida Community Health Center participated in a valuable training focused on the effects of alcohol consumption on an unborn child and how the exposure to alcohol affects the child over his or her lifetime. Wisconsin leads the nation in drinking by pregnant women with 32% reporting alcohol consumption during pregnancy. That is almost 1 of every 3 pregnant women. In Indian Country, the incidence of alcohol consumption during pregnancy is even higher which makes this an urgent issue in our community.

Children who are identified with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs) have impairments that were directly caused by their mother's

alcohol use during her pregnancy, and these impairments can be physical, cognitive, and/or behavioral. Children with FASDs usually need additional medical services, early childhood intervention services, and educational support throughout their school years to be successful. Several staff members including Medical Doctors, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Psychotherapists and Substance Abuse Counselors in the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division were brought together to learn more about this issue in an excellent training conducted by Dr. Georgiana Wilton and Dr. David Wargowski from the Family Empowerment Network (FEN) and the Healthy Choices Program, both located at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine in Madison.

One of the greatest benefits of the training is that the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division doctors who participated are now able to conduct the two-part evaluation necessary to determine if a child is affected by an FASD. The first part of the evaluation includes a physical examination of the child to identify any physical problems. Children with FASDs are often small for their age and may have unusual facial characteristics. The physical exam is brief, non-invasive, and can be done by Dr. Fuller, Dr. Kaftan, or Dr. Verstoppen at Oneida Health Center, or by Dr. Dzubinski at Oneida Behavioral Health. The second part of the evaluation includes a psychological evaluation which can be completed by Dr. Sayers or Dr. Athorp-Krech at Oneida Behavioral Health. When both exams are

complete, the doctors can consult with each other to determine if an FASD is a valid diagnosis for the child. Dr. Wargowski has also offered his consultation services to the Health Division doctors as needed.

We are very fortunate to have these services and the dedicated staff who provide them here in the Oneida Community. Any parent or caregiver can start the evaluation process for their child without hesitation or fear of being judged harshly by their care provider. A strong relationship between caregivers and medical providers can be one of the first steps in improving a child's odds of being successful in school and in life.

If you have any questions about how your child can begin the evaluation process, please call Christy Webster, Social Worker at Oneida Behavioral Health at **(920) 490-3761**.



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<b>Grades 3-5</b>		
<b>Honor Roll 3.0-3.49</b>		
Angeequay Schuyler - 3.012	3.259	3.680
Alejandro Batiste - 3.014	Destiny Ortiz-Nicholas - 3.260	Nathaniel Tate - 3.728
Florence John - 3.041	Odessah Morgan - 3.261	Mariah Miranda - 3.774
Lexas Skenandore - 3.062	Michael Robinson - 3.268	<b>Highest Honors</b>
Vaniecia Smith - 3.063	Taliah Frederick - 3.279	Justin Hill - 3.803
Aleena Escamea - 3.066	Leilana Cornelius-Doxtator - 3.283	Iselena Torres-Mejia - 3.951
Saquoia Metoxen - 3.080	Jada Sitting Bear - 3.285	<b>Grades 6-8</b>
Selena Dickenson - 3.085	Zhaida Wilbanks - 3.297	<b>Honor Roll 3.0-3.49</b>
Kamey Counard - 3.111	Ariel Webster - 3.333	Angelica Schuyler - 3.094
David Reed - 3.113	Cameron Hill - 3.333	Karissa Waupoose-Cornelius 3.094
Charles Cornelius Jr. - 3.149	Clifford Bodway - 3.345	Tyler Stevens - 3.096
Samual Aschik - 3.159	Constance Webster - 3.360	Matthew Powless - 3.126
Maria Stands - 3.160	Sandra Torres-Mejia - 3.360	Justin Hill - 3.133
Jordan Metoxen - 3.186	Devlyn Reiter - 3.383	David Doxtater-Hill - 3.200
Aaliyah House-Webster - 3.197	Tiara Barber - 3.406	Makayla Doxtater - 3.200
Raven Webster - 3.210	Qualayou Smith - 3.407	
Jacqueline Hill - 3.210	Jenna Cornelius-Daubon - 3.407	Louisa Mehojah - 3.239
Ernesto Amezquita - 3.210	Raven Stevens - 3.432	Nicholas Metoxen - 3.311
Maya Cruz - 3.222	Marissa Cornelius - 3.440	Brittney Hill - 3.335
Jaydee Johnson - 3.223	<b>High Honors</b>	William Johnson - 3.359
Sadie Wilber - 3.227	Cierra Johnson - 3.505	Jade Cornelius-Daubon - 3.381
Lexandria Metoxen - 3.235	Jermaine Running Bear - 3.507	Majesty Batiste - 3.381
Tia Moore - 3.254	Kain Hill - 3.531	Sequoyah Morgan - 3.429
Stephanie Schabow - 3.259	Joseff Cornelius - 3.556	<b>High Honors</b>
Tekaluhiyaks Danforth - 3.259	Shienne Red Hail - 3.606	Ruby John - 3.511
	Jack Mehojah Jr. - 3.606	Synala Smith - 3.524
	Dakota Doxtater-Hill - 3.606	Byran Halona - 3.600
		Rebecca Stevens - 3.623

Murial King - 3.666
Tiger Smith - 3.691
Brianna Bissonette - 3.691
Akacia Muscavitch - 3.735
Briana Doxtator - 3.735
Yohnehtote Danforth - 3.779
<b>Highest Honors</b>
Josanna Cornelius-Daubon - 3.859
Michaela Welch - 3.929

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Thunder Cornelius, Donald Counard Jr., Cruzito Montoya, Jesse Montoya, Chayton Mousseau, Raven Stevens, Iselena Torres-Mejia, Sandra Torres-Mejia, Yanet Torres-Mejia, Sadie Wilber, Kasey Counard, Jeanette Dick, Tiger Smith, Kyle Beechtree, Janet Seering, Yohnehtote Danforth, Brianna Bissonette, Ernesto Amezquita, Guillermo Garza, Joseff Cornelius, Selina Garcia, Cody Cornelius

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Office of Indian Energy & Economic Development  
(202) 208-6310  
(Telephone)  
(202) 208-4564 (Fax)  
jimr.west@bia.gov (email)

# Highway/heavy construction courses January 27

**Informational meetings scheduled**  
Swan College will hold 5 informational meetings for people interested in learning more about its upcoming highway/heavy construction evening class. The 24-week evening course, scheduled to start January 27, will provide individuals with training needed to find employment in the highway construction field, including segments on surveying, grades and slopes (elevations), trucks, heavy equipment and crane operation, earth moving, paving and structural work.

Meetings are scheduled for:  
• 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5 & 12, at Harmony Café - Appleton, 233 E. College Ave., Appleton, WI  
• 12:30 p.m. Friday, December 18, at Youth Arts Center - Milwaukee, 325 W. Walnut St., Milwaukee, WI  
• 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 19, at Harmony Café - Green Bay, 1660 W. Mason St., Green Bay, WI  
The meetings will provide more details about the highway/heavy construction course. Representatives from the college also will be available to provide enrollment information and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.  
Courses offered by Swan College, 1221 Bellevue St., Green Bay, are accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research, and approved by the Wisconsin Educational Approval Board.  
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Scholarships... & Internships...

# NWTC recent graduate scholarship

The Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Educational Foundation has announced a valuable scholarship opportunity available to NWTC students and recent NWTC graduates.  
In the spring of 2010, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, through its Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program, plans to award approximately 30 scholarships of up to \$30,000 each to help two-year college students and grads pursue four-year degrees at any accredited college or university.  
Awards will provide funding for tuition, room and board, required fees, and books for the length of the undergraduate degree, generally two years. Each award can total up to \$30,000 annually, though the amounts will vary based on such factors as the cost of the institution each recipient attends.  
Only two-year college students, and alumni who have graduated within the past five years and not yet attended a four-year institution, may compete for the scholarships. Scholarship candidates must be nominated by the faculty representative at their two-year institution.  
To be nominated by NWTC, contact the NWTC Foundation Office by December 11 - sandra.kraft@nwtc.edu; (920) 498-5426 or (800) 422-NWTC, extension 5426. For more information about the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation and the Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program, go to www.jkcf.org.

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**Purpose**  
The purpose of the Amy Hunter-Wilson, MD Scholarship Fund is to assist American Indians who pursue training or advanced education as doctors of medicine, nurses, or in related health careers.  
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**Eligibility**  
• You must be a United States citizen, and be an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe who has completed high school.  
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Applications are available in Word or PDF at the Wisconsin Medical Society website:  
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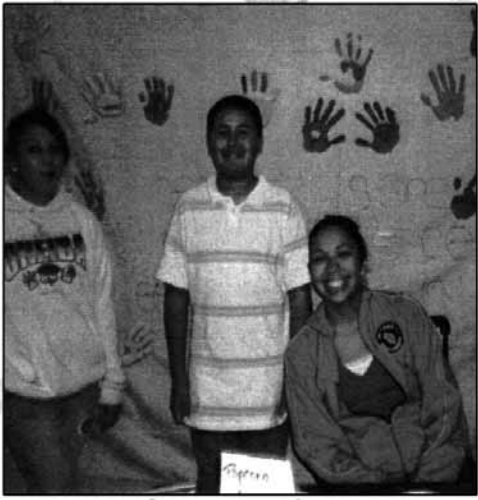
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The deadline dates above are the dates that material must be submitted to the Kalihwisaks Office. **Deadline dates are Wednesdays** (every other) unless otherwise noted, and **Publish dates are Thursdays** (every other), unless otherwise noted\*. Material can be dropped off at the Skenandoah Complex, 909 Packerland Drive, Green Bay, or mailed to: Kalihwisaks, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. Information may also be sent via e-mail or phoned in to: ykaquato@oneidanation.org Ph. #920-496-7317 and dwalschi@oneidanation.org Ph. #920-496-7318. You may also call 920-496-7319 or 1-800-236-2214. The Kalihwisaks fax # is 920-496-7497. Material must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the scheduled deadline dates. This is only a tentative schedule. If changes in the schedule are necessary, the revised schedule will appear in the Kalihwisaks.

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06/02/1941	DOD
10/06/2009	

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RE: Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin vs Various Individuals

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Alison Danforth, 09-TC-053; Kathleen Gilsoul, 09-TC-058; Keith Ellis, 09-TC-062; Arthur King, 09-TC-064; Matthew Krisko, 09-TC-065; Kathleen Gilsoul, 09-TC-069; William Melchert, 09-TC-070; Tara Adams, 09-TC-072; Patricia Thompson, 09-TC-073; Dannette Woodmansee, 09-TC-078; Jody Cornelius, 09-TC-080; Anthony D. Hill, 09-TC-081; Richard Cornelius, 09-TC-087; Abby Danforth, 09-TC-090; Crystal Flores, 09-TC-092; Philip J. Peters, Jr., 09-TC-095.

For Specific questions about this claim, settlement, or payment arrangement, please contact Diana Westcott, Central Accounting Department at (920) 490-3556. If you have questions on the process, feel free to contact the Clerk or Administrator, Oneida Tribal Judicial System at (920) 496-5300.

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Sydney Rae Kunzman

Sydney Rae Kunzman was born to proud parents Matt and Elizabeth Kunzman on November 12, 2009. She weighed 6 lb 11 oz, 20 inches at birth.

Paternal Grandparents are Ron and Shirley Kunzman

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Connie Swiecichowski



Daelycia Giovannina Teller

Daelycia Giovannina Teller, newborn daughter to Duane (Toatsiemman), and Kristy Teller, was born on September 8th, 2009 weighing 7 lbs 14 oz and 20 ¼ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Shelly & Warren Kriescher. Great Grammother - Marvel Denny.

Paternal Grandparents are Duane Teller Sr. and Desdmona Kluklewitz.

Daelycia was welcomed by three other siblings, sister Desdionna and Brothers Desmon and Duane III.

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Holiday Orange Tag Sale!

WHEN: Now thry December 24th

TIME: Various hours

PLACE: Senior Citizen Gift Shop Oneida, WI

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Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Alexis Lee

December 9th



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Rosa & Lee

on their Marriage on November 7, 2009



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# Thunderhawk Times

## Iroquois Music Class Field Trip

By **Amelia Gonzalez**

ONHS senior, and  
Thunderhawk Times staff

On Monday, November 23, the *O h u n t s y a : k e k h a* Kanunya?shuha, or Iroquois Music, Class hosted a field trip to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Students who attended the event were Kalene Beechtree, Ericka Behringer, Kanikisa Corbin, Shaleesa Danforth, Raquel Gonzales, Bradley Granquist, Maria Guerra, Aleah Jimenez, Diego Metoxen, Maria Metoxen, Noelle Metoxen, Schuyler Metoxen, Kanani Nunies, Ululani Nunies, Eva Powless, Kaylynn Powless, Eddie Santiago, Jojo Santiago, Heather Stevens, Tracey Stevens, Cheyenne Starr, and Quianna Webster.



Photos courtesy of *Kalana?kehtskwas* Brooks

Bradley Granquist leads out the dancers.

The students left Norbert Hill at 1:45 and returned about 5 p.m.

At UWGB, they had an opportunity to visit with a handful of ONHS alumni including Luanne Funmaker, Anthony and Paul Guterriez, Scott

Lynk, Yuntle McLester, and Alebra Cornelius. Heather Stevens, freshman at ONHS had the support of her mother, Amy Stevens, former ONHS aid. That was nice.

“Once again, I am so

very proud of these good looking young people! They rocked the house with a slammin’ Stick Dance at the end,” says Iroquois Music teacher, *Kalana?kehtskwas* Brooks.

## ONHS Boys Basketball Tips-Off Season



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Eddie Santiago shoots a free throw at the Northeast Wisconsin Christian Home School Athletic Association on Dec. 1.

By **Dylan Wheelock**

ONHS senior

The ONHS Boys Basketball Season got underway the week of November 30. Monday, the guys traveled to tra-

ditional rival Menominee Indian High School in Keshena. It was a close game heading toward the half, but Menominee pulled away by the buzzer, 32-20. The

second half, the team used its 1-3-1 defense and slowed the Eagles down, but the Thunderhawk offense didn’t get on track until the fourth quarter when the Oneida guys outscored Menominee 18-8. The score going into the fourth quarter was 44-27, Eagles. At the start of the 4th period, Dylan Wheelock hit four three-pointers in a row to get the Thunderhawks rolling. Leading scorers for the game were Dylan Wheelock with 26 points and Eddie Santiago with 15.

On Tuesday, the guys squared up against the NEWCHAA, an area Christian school. According to Wheelock, the Thunderhawks “started out a little slop-

py in the first quarter, but towards the end of that quarter we started to play a lot better.” The half-time score was 30-24, Thunderhawks. The 1-3-1 defense proved to be effective again. “Even with the younger players, that defense works,” said Wheelock. By mid-4th quarter, the T-Hawks had a fifteen-point lead and coasted from there to win the game.

The 1-3-1 defense was implemented with the help of former UWGB coach, Dale Race.

Next up, the team faces St. Lawrence Seminary from Fond du Lac on Saturday in Fond du Lac.

Meanwhile, the ONHS girls team is 0-2, looking for its first win Friday against Milwaukee Custer.

## The “Bermuda Triangle” Part Two, The Rivalry

By **Danny McKinney**

ONHS senior

I wrote an article last issue about some of the history of the rivalry between the Minnesota Vikings, Green Bay Packers, and Chicago Bears and some of each team’s history. Now I want to write about the fans of each team at ONHS.

If I were to survey the students and staff on it, most of the people would be Packer fans. There are about four Bear fans in the school, this writer being one of them. Most of the Bear fans here have ties to Chicago. Most of the people here who are Viking fans are really Brett Favre fans, though there are a few straight-out Viking fans.

A few of the fans weighed in on their thoughts for the NFL season so far and how it all might end.

Computer teacher Gary Lancelle, a Green Bay Packer fan, says he thinks Minnesota is

going to the Super Bowl and thinks Brett Favre “can’t be stopped at the pace he’s going right now.”

Dennis Gullickson, journalism teacher and Owatsileh Coordinator, believes the Packers will win the Super Bowl every year.

Phy ed and health instructor, Ces Dawson, is another Packer fan. She also thinks they are the best team and will go to the Super Bowl.

Senior Dylan



Carol Johnson

Carol Johnson, social studies teacher, is a Minnesota Vikings fan. She says, “We have the best quarterback and we are going to the Super Bowl and winning it.” That would be a first, of course, because the Vikings have been to four Super Bowls and lost them all.

The Vikings are leading the NFC North, 10-1. The Packers are second at 7-4. The Bears are third at 4-7 and with their won-lost record Detroit doesn’t matter. The Vikings are on a winning streak (four-games right now) and that is not going to change any time soon. Meanwhile, the Bears are on a four-game

losing streak and that isn’t going to change either, unless they give Jay Cutler some weapons to throw to.

If I were to ask everyone at ONHS who is going to win the Super Bowl, most would say the Packers because most are Packer fans. The Packers are on a three-game winning streak and Aaron Rodgers is playing pretty good this season. He is ranked in the top five qbs this year.

So, the rivalry continues here at ONHS. Every Monday, the teasing goes back and forth, depending on whose team has won and whose has lost. The way it starts is usually with a grin and a question like, “Did you see the game yesterday?” Then it goes from there.

My prediction for the Super Bowl? New Orleans Saints versus the Indianapolis Colts with the Saints winning.

## My Scoop

### End of the World?

By **Amelia Gonzalez**

ONHS senior

Based on the recent movie, 2012, and its prediction of the end of the world, I had some questions and thoughts.

Why would you want to believe someone—just a regular human being or beings, an everyday type of person or persons—when they said that the end of the world is coming? And let’s say that this so-called last prophecy failed the last time, so why believe him or them?

Everyone knows that there is a type of God or a Creator out there, and they have your time picked out. Not some type of Pope or Priest.

I personally believe in the Christian God, and I believe that he has my time picked out to when I die and how I will die. But I know that I am not going to believe in some person or prediction that says the end of the world is going to come in 2012.

Sure our world is bad and all, but people can help to fix that little mistake, like they will have commercials on how hunger affects some places and awareness of cancers and to get some vaccinations.

It’s kind of like we are getting better, but it’s happening very slowly.

Upcoming Basketball Schedule	
Boys	Girls
<b>December 5</b> @ St. Lawrence <i>December 11</i> @ Lac Courte Oreilles <b>December 15</b> Milwaukee Madison	<b>December 8</b> @ Menominee <i>December 11</i> @ Lac Courte Oreilles <b>December 15</b> Milwaukee Madison

## Meet Melissa Wilke

By **Shaleesa Danforth**

ONHS senior, and  
Thunderhawk Times staff

Melissa Wilke is the Alcohol or Tobacco and Drug Abuse and Violence prevention specialist at Oneida Nation High School. This is her second year at our school. Before coming to ONHS, she worked at the College of the Menominee Nation (CMN) where she was a recruiter, taught human development, and worked in the administration office.

Besides meeting with individual students on an “as needed” basis, Melissa runs groups for students in which she addresses various topics from quitting smoking to teen pregnancy prevention.

She has one group going right now called “N.O.T.” (Not on Tobacco), where she talks to students about quitting smoking in ten weeks.

Melissa also wants to start another group which is going to be called “Girl Talk” where older female students from the high school will mentor younger female students at the elementary school. Melissa said that she



Melissa Wilke

likes working at ONHS because “of the students, they are witty.” I also asked her about her interests outside of school, especially her favorite sports teams. She said, “The

PACKERS, I bleed green and gold, and the ‘Brew Crew,’ the Milwaukee Brewers.

Melissa’s life is also very busy right now with the arrival of her baby Genevieve Trista who was born on May 6, 2009. According to mom Melissa, “Genevieve is a very good baby.”

## Thunderhawk Times

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## *In the News with...*

### Cultural Heritage History Program receives over 25,000 photos!

The Kalihwisaks has been in print since the mid 1970's and each issue of the Kalihwisaks is full of dozens of pictures. As technology has improved over the years film rolls, negatives, photo prints and manual cameras have been replaced with digital cameras and memory cards. The Kalihwisaks accumulated thousands of photograph prints during the last 30 years. In October of this year, the Kalihwisaks and the Oneida Nation History Program made arrangements for the first phase of the transfer and preservation of well over 25,000 photographs.

Since that time, Dan Metoxen, Photo

Archivist has been sorting through the boxes for duplications. He will accession, catalogue and scan them for preservation purposes. The addition of these photos further strengthens the current archive and Oneida collection.

Currently, materials are available to research and include over 4500 manuscript pages of WPA stories, census records, a large variety of cultural based materials, over 500 elder interviews, books, old Kalihwisaks, maps and more. Also onsite is Historian, Loretta Metoxen and Nic Reynolds to assist in any research needs. They can be contacted by calling 920-496-5395.

### Oneida Library Reaches Many Community members

According to the service numbers this year, the Oneida Library has reached 26,000 visits this year up from last year's number. One reason for the increase could be the OWLSNET, which allows the Oneida Library access to 55 other statewide libraries. It means a visitor could get a book shipped in from anywhere in the state.

Wisconsin public libraries contribute more than \$4 for every dollar taxpayers invest according to an economic impact research report produced by NorthStar Economics Inc. of Madison. The research showed the total economic contribution of Wisconsin public libraries is more than \$750 million every year, with a return on investment in library services of \$4.06 for each dollar of taxpayer investment. Public library Services report

Legislative Audit Bureau – State of Wisconsin.

Included in the services are shared books, magazines, Audio-books, online

e-books, videos, public computers Internet

access, programs, online databases, job help, technology sharing and learning, fax and copy services, local public phone use and more.

The Oneida Library fills the cracks of many formal literacy and social services, providing for the needs of our Nation and community in ways no one else is able and sometimes needs that others are not aware exist. This included a Summer Reading program that touched over 600 community kids this past summer. Tutoring, WI-fi wireless at both locations and more just check our website at [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org).

Look for Future Programs!

Adult and Children's Programs: Photo shop, Elder Days, Native American Movie Fest, Teen Time, Make and Take, Teen Tech Week, Seussabration-Increase literacy awareness and many others.

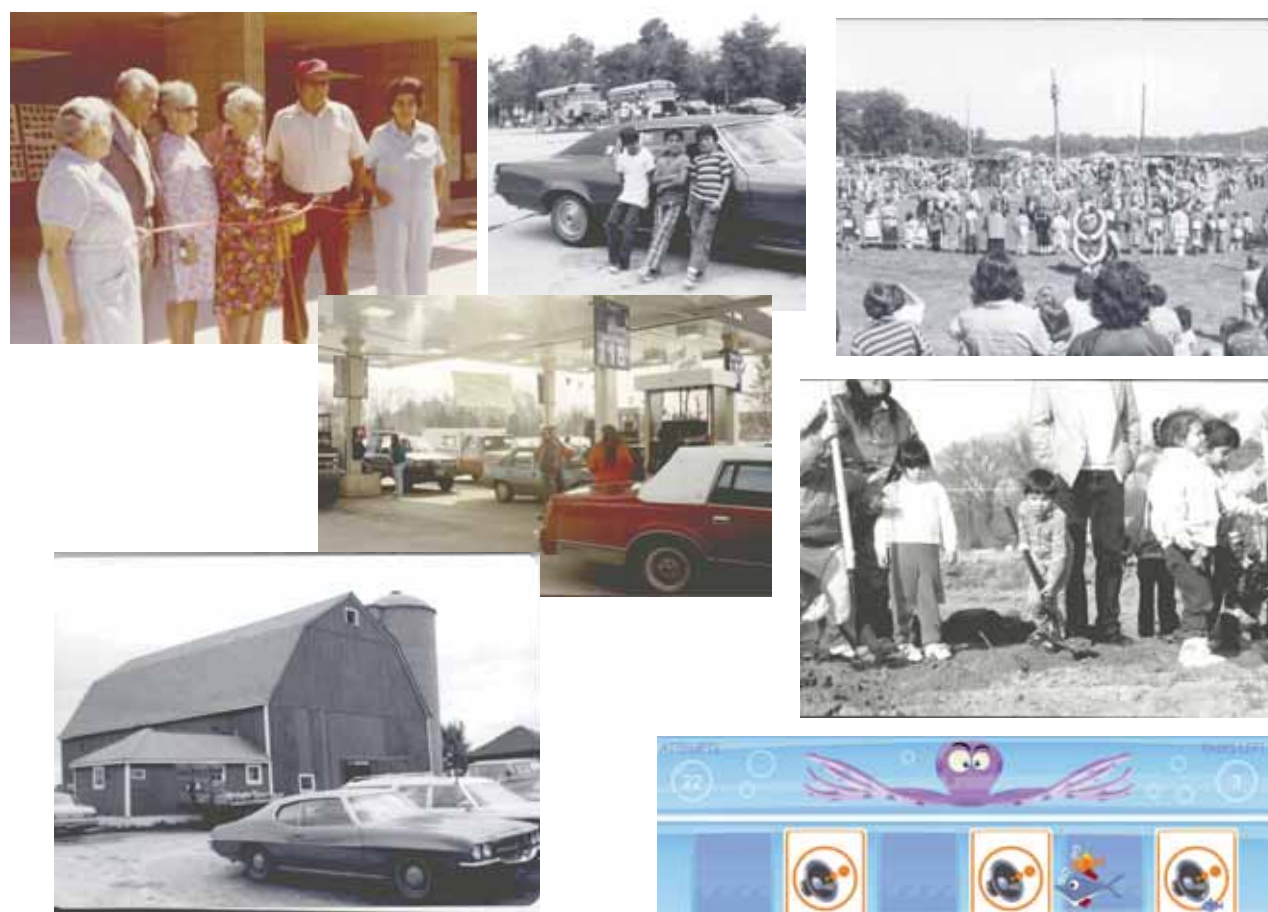
Main library hours M 10-6pm, T-R 10-8pm, Friday 1-5pm and Saturday 10-2pm

Green Earth Branch Library 9-5pm daily except Fridays 1-5pm.



Photo courtesy of Cultural Heritage

Dan Metoxen, Photo Archivist sorts through Kalihwisaks file photos that date back 30 years. Below, are an assortment of the various photos that are being archived.



## Library Update...

***The Library will be observing NEW HOURS***

**As of November 1<sup>st</sup>...**

- **Monday: 10AM – 6PM**
- **Tues.–Sat.: 10AM – 8PM**
- **CLOSED on Sundays**

**Library will be CLOSED...**

**VETERAN'S DAY – Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – November 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**



WEB BASED LANGUAGE GAMES COMING SOON to the Oneida Website!

With the creativity of Forest Brooks, Stephanie Stevens and the voice of Maria Hinton, 9 year old Oneida speaker, they have started to create a variety of web base learning products in Oneida. This is funded through the Administration for Native Americans.

Recently, Cultural Heritage unveiled Charlie the Talking Oneida Frog on YouTube under the key word search Oneida Language. There are also other Oneida language ideas to select from or visit [www.oneidanation.org/culture](http://www.oneidanation.org/culture) and select the language link. Here are a couple of additional addresses to tryout a couple of matching Oneida language games.

<http://www.oneidanation.org/language/MemoryGameVideos/foodsInOneida/foodsInOneida.html>

<http://www.oneidanation.org/language/MemoryGameVideos/Counting%20in%20Oneida%20Language%201-2/Counting%20in%20Oneida%20Language%201-12.html>





**Departmental Staff Directory**

For more information regarding the OCIFS programs please contact the appropriate person listed or visit us at our website <http://ocifs.oneidanation.org>

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- Oneida Tsyunhé'kwá**  
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# Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems

## OCIFS Employees...

<b>Oneida Nation Farm</b> Jeff Scofield, <i>Agricultural Director</i> Denny Van Vreede, <i>Farm Supervisor</i> Marlene Westgor, <i>Administrative Assistant</i> Jeremy Pederson, <i>Ag Worker</i> Karla Habeck, <i>Ag Worker</i> Scotty Schumacher, <i>Ag Worker</i> Phil Orley, <i>Ag Worker</i> Dennis Pederson, <i>Ag Mechanic</i> Gary Ver Voort, <i>Ag Worker</i> Charles Willingham, <i>Sub Relief Ag Worker</i> Bill Schaumberg, <i>Agronomist/Crop Consultant</i>	Skenandore, Ted – <i>Food Production Supervisor</i> Miller, ‘Jonsey’ David – <i>Agriculture Worker</i> Haney, Frank – <i>Outreach Worker</i> (Seasonal Employee) Coenen, Gerald – <i>Sub Relief Agriculture Worker</i> Chamon, Don – <i>Horticulture Farmer</i> Wisneski, Kyle – <i>Greenhouse Technician</i> – (Seasonal Employee) <b>Cannery Staff</b> Cornelius, Vickie E. – <i>Food Processing Supervisor</i> Bettters, Jamie – <i>Cannery Worker II</i>	Meltz, Crystal – <i>Customer Service Representative</i> <b>Administration Staff</b> Metoxen, Jeff – <i>Manager</i> <b>Grants Staff:</b> Cheryl Stevens, <i>Director</i> Doreen Perrote, <i>Office Manager/Researcher</i> Frieda Clary, <i>Grants Development Specialist</i> Marsha Danforth, <i>Grants Development Specialist</i> Laura Cornelius, <i>Grants Development Specialist</i> Sayokla Williams, <i>Grants Development Specialist</i> <b>OFDP Staff:</b> Don P. Miller, <i>Interim Director</i> Marilyn King, <i>Client Registration Specialist</i> Joyce Skenandore, <i>Receptionist</i> Leonard “Jamie” Stevens, <i>Warehouse Assistant</i> Randy Denny, <i>Warehouse Worker</i>	Lila Denny, <i>Warehouse Worker</i> <b>Oneida Health Promotion Employees</b> <b>OCIFS Coordinator</b> Bill Ver Voort	Tina Jacobsen, RD, CD Dawn Krines Glatt
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### Fruit/Veggie of the Month... Plantains



**Did you know...?**  
This very large, firm variety of banana is also referred to as a "cooking banana" since it is usually cooked when green. It has a mild, almost squash-like flavor and is used very much as a potato would be, in a vegetable side dish.

**Selection:**  
Plantains are available year round at any stage (green, yellow, or black) depending on your use and when you want to enjoy them. Green plantains are going to be the most difficult to peel and taste more like a potato than the riper fruits. Yellow plantains are the middle stage of the fruit and may be used in dishes that request a slightly sweeter taste. Black plantains are the most ripe and sweetest of all plantains. They can be eaten raw out of the hand.

**Storage:**  
Plantains need to be stored at room temperature. After desired stage of ripeness is reached, it is ok to refrigerate 2 to 3 days before cooking to slow down the ripening process. Plantains also freeze well, like bananas.

**Nutrition Benefits:**  
Low fat; saturated fat free; very low sodium; cholesterol free; low calorie; High in vitamin A.  
  
This white fruit in a low-fat diet can help maintain:

- Heart Health
- Cholesterol levels that are already healthy
- A lower risk of some cancers

**DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR FOOD COMES FROM?**

Come join us for the 90 minute video entitled *Food, Inc.* This movie reveals surprising—and often shocking truths—about what we eat, how it is produced and who we have become as a nation.

**Thursday, December 10**  
**5:30-6:00 p.m.** Reception  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.** Movie Screening—6:45 Break  
**@ Duck Creek Coffee Company**

**Saturday, December 12**  
**9:00-9:30 a.m.** Reception  
**9:30-11:00 a.m.** Movie Screening—10:15 Break  
**@ Duck Creek Coffee Company**

Space is limited so please RSVP at 405-6900 and let us know which showing you plan on attending.

Movie screening sponsored by Oneida Community Integrated Food System. There is no cost to attend this screening.

# Season's Greetings from Oneida

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, sorghum and many other apple by products.

The Oneida Tsyunhé'kwá Farm and Retail offers a large array of traditional medicinal herbs, oils and teas – along with the Oneida heirloom white corn soup, corn bread and corn flour. In addition to these products, Tsyunhé'kwá also provides many types of gardening and medicinal workshops for anyone interested.

The Oneida Food Distribution Center and Oneida Pantry Emergency Network strive to take care of the needs of low-income community members. The Distribution Center and Pantry assist any person in need, and in these difficult times there are many in need. The Pantry is completely run by volunteers. Much of the food is donated, but they also have fundraisers to assist in purchasing needed food.

For more information on any of these products or services check us out at [www.oneidanation.org/ocifs](http://www.oneidanation.org/ocifs).