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Powless named Interim Police Chief



Greg Powless

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks
A familiar face has stepped in as interim police chief of the Oneida Police Department.

Assistant police chief Greg Powless has taken on Rick Cornelius's position following Cornelius's termination in late December, 2005.

"We're just going to continue on with our daily activities and do the best that I

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Interim Chief

Hoelt seeks Brown County seat

By Dawn Walschinski

Kalihwisaks

Oneida Business Committee Secretary Patti Hoelt is running for the district 24 supervisor post on the Brown County Board.

"I love this community and I have a vision to be a place where families will live and raise their children and work and it will be safe and fun and connected," said Hoelt on her reasons for running.

Hoelt faces Kenneth Simons, a former Brown County Board Chairman, in the April 4th elections.

Hoelt was encouraged to run by current district 24 supervisor Tom Hinz who is not seeking re-election.

"I think she's open minded, she's well educated and she's the right person for the position," said Hinz.

Hoelt was also influenced to seek the position after board supervisor Earl Van Den Heuvel made racist

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~ Tom Hinz

Current District 24 Supervisor

remarks on a radio call-in show under a pseudonym in November of 2005.

"Just like most people in the county, we want elected officials who are going to have integrity, who are going to be professional, who value diversity and equal rights and communicate that and represent that in all of their doings," said Hoelt.

Hinz was similarly moved to challenge the incumbent Simons in 2004 after Simons had made offensive comments to chairman of the Diversity Affairs Council James Coates during a meeting in the summer of 2003.

"I felt that was tremendously disrespectful and I didn't feel that was the type of person I wanted to represent me on the county board," said Hinz.

Hoelt now begins the task

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Hoelt

2006 enters in grand fashion in Oneida



Kali photos/Dawn Walschinski

Participants at the annual Oneida Sobriety Pow Wow kicked the new year off right on New Year's Eve December 31, 2005. Dancers, drum groups and spectators enjoyed an evening of dancing, feasting and fun at the pow wow held in the Oneida Nation Elementary School gymnasium. The Sobriety Pow Wow is held to offer a healthy, fun and safe way to ring in the New Year. Other activities included movies and a game area co-sponsored by Wise Women Gathering Place and the CAPPS Good Mind Great Future Program.

Above: Quentin Shawano leads out the traditional dancers during the grand entry. Right: A jingle dress dancer and girls fancy dancer enjoy an intertribal song.



Appeals Commission logo unveiled



Kali photo/Phil Wisneski

The new Appeals Commission logo was unveiled last week at the Radisson during the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association quarterly meeting.

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Appeals Commission unveiled their new logo at the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association quarterly meeting at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay on January 5. The logo was designed by Oneida artist Rod Hill and depicts a pine tree, with exposed roots and a wampum belt at the base of the tree.

The logo has been in the works for nearly four years. The prior logo was considered too busy by most commission members and they wanted a different look.

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Logo

Michigan tribe linked to Abramoff charges

By Ken Thomas

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan was among the tribes caught up in the web of federal conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion charges filed Tuesday against lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Abramoff pleaded guilty to the charges, promising to cooperate with prosecutors in what could be a wide-ranging influence peddling investigation involving members of Congress. Abramoff faces 30 years in prison and could be forced to pay \$25 million in restitution.

Prosecutors said Abramoff and former partner Michael Scanlon conspired to defraud American Indian tribes in Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi and Texas of millions of dollars. Scanlon pleaded guilty in November in a separate case in Washington.

The filing by federal prosecutors does not specify the Saginaw Chippewa tribe, but Abramoff and Scanlon's firm was retained by the Mount Pleasant, Mich.-based tribe in 2002 to perform lobbying and grass roots services.

Prosecutors said in June 2002, Abramoff encouraged the tribe to expand its contract with the company without disclosing that he would receive about 50 percent of the profits from the tribe's payments to the firm.

From June 2002 to October 2003, the tribe paid the firm about \$3.5 million and about \$540,000 was secretly kicked back to Abramoff as part of the scheme, the court documents said.

"Abramoff used his knowledge of lobbying and grass roots work, which was superior to the Michigan Tribe's knowledge of these areas, to secure and keep the trust and confidence of the Michigan Tribe," the complaint said.

Messages were left Tuesday with tribal leaders.

Bernie Sprague, formerly the tribe's sub-chief, told the Senate Indian Affairs Committee in September 2004 that his tribe paid Scanlon \$10 million and Abramoff \$4 million over three years but received little in return.

The tribe paid Scanlon \$4.5 million for a database of Michigan voters, he said, only to learn later that it could have been purchased for \$75,000.


"There is not a word in my language that is strong enough to describe what these people have done to my tribe," Sprague said in Senate testimony. "These unsavory characters who lie, deceive and steal from Indian tribes need to be exposed for who and what they are."

The committee found that Abramoff and Scanlon spent \$100,000 to help get eight supporters elected to the Saginaw Chippewa's 12-member council in 2001. Two days after the election, the new council voted to hire Abramoff and Scanlon.

Good News

New Arrivals

If you have a birth announcement, please send it to the Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920) 869-4280 for more information. There is NO CHARGE for birth announcements. Please include baby's full (first, middle & last) name, parents (first & last), d.o.b., weight (lbs. & oz.), length, grandparents (maternal/paternal), siblings (names only). Also, if the baby was given an Indian name, please include the correct spelling and meaning. Please include phone number where you can be reached during the day!

 **Adriane Angel Dickinson-Ramirez**
Son of Nikki Dickinson and Manuel Ramirez, Sr., was born Dec. 18th at St. Marys Hospital. He was 6 lbs, 14 oz., and 18 inches. Adriane is the grandson of Robin Dickinson, and his siblings are Vanity Dickinson and Manuel Ramirez, Jr..


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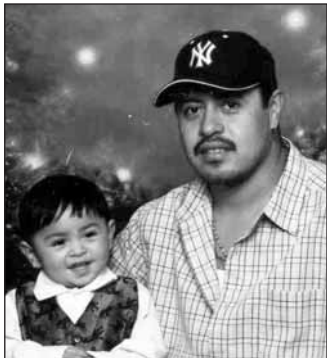
Center for Self-sufficiency to begin remodeling

The Center for Self-Sufficiency will be undergoing some remodeling beginning **January 16, 2006**. The remodeling will require all staff of the Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, TANF and Child Care Administration to relocate temporarily (the On-Site Daycare will NOT be affected by the remodeling and will continue to operate according to their regular schedule).

In order for the remodeling to begin it will be necessary to temporarily relocate to the East Wing, Third Floor of the Social Services Building. Staff telephone numbers will not be changing. We expect the temporary relocation to last for a period of 60-90 days (no later than April 1st).

We thank you in advance for your patience while the efforts to improve upon service access is being completed.

Happy 2nd Birthday
Juan Carlos Perez-Stevens
On Dec. 18th



You look like your Dad more everyday.
From Mom & Dad and your older sister Nakita

Happy 5th Birthday
Alex
on Jan. 5th
I hope your birthday is as special as you are. We love you...



From your Godparents Nakita & Juan

Happy Birthday
Choga
on Jan. 2nd



From your family that loves and misses you and want you home soon.
Love, your Wife and Kids, Moms and Dads, Brothers and Sisters

Happy 18th Birthday
A special birthday wish to **Fawn**
on Jan. 6th



Love Always, Mom

Happy 29th Birthday
Satunhalak Tsi Tesosliyaku Kahlutes

Sid White
on January 6th
to a wonderful son, father and husband. Our prayers for a happy & healthy year.



Love Emma, Gavin, Elise, Grandma Josefa, Grandpa Warren, Mom, Jim, Fawn, Deja and Family

Happy 21st Birthday
Michael Paul John, Jr.
Born January 11, 1985
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Love always and forever, Mom, Lonnie, Gramma, Grampa Read, and your brothers Matt, John and Alex Sutton.

Congratulations
Michelle
on getting your Associate Degree in Supervisory Management



Love Michael & Billy

Happy 27th Birthday
Satunhalak Tsi Tesosliyaku Latsi- e-lés
Oakley Arnold
on January 7th
Our prayers for health & happiness as you continue on your path



Love, Ruby, Mom, Dad, Gramma Josefa, Grandpa Warren and family.

Happy 55th Birthday
Jim King
on December 28th
Our prayers for a good year.



Yaw^ko for all your caring and help.
Love Sandi & Family

Wedding Announcement



Leland & Jennica Fulwilder

Jennica Marie Metoxen and Leland Russell Fulwilder III were united in marriage August 20, 2005 at The Pres House in Madison, Wisconsin. A reception followed at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

The bride is the daughter of Kerry and Colleen Metoxen of DePere, Wisconsin. Jennica graduated from Saint Norbert College and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a social worker for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New York City.

The groom is the son of Spencer and Sandra Fulwilder of Scottsdale, Arizona. Leland graduated from Notre Dame High School and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a stockbroker for TDWaterhouse in New York. The couple resides in Astoria, New York.

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April 5, 2006	April 13, 2006
April 19, 2006	April 27, 2006
May 3, 2006	May 11, 2006
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September 20, 2006	September 28, 2006
October 4, 2006	October 12, 2006
October 18, 2006	October 26, 2006
November 1, 2006	November 9, 2006
November 15, 2006	Wed., Nov. 22, 2006*
November 29, 2006	December 7, 2006
December 13, 2006	December 21, 2006
December 27, 2006	January 4, 2007

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 Kalihwisaks Office, Room 1400 (Basement Level) of the Norbert Hill Center, located at N7210 Seminary Road, or mailed to: Kalihwisaks, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155. Information may also be sent via e-mail or phoned in to: Yvonne Kaquatosh, Ph. #869-4280; Phil Wisneski, Ph. #869-4279; and Dawn Walschinski, Ph. #869-4277. You may also call Debbie, 920-869-4340 or 1-800-236-2214. The Kalihwisaks fax # is: 920-869-4252. 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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Legal Notice

Oneida Appeals Commission: Original Hearing Body: Notice of Probate.

RE: 05-TC-152, In The Matter of The Estate of Alice

Legal Notice

Cornelius, Deceased. The estate of deceased **Alice Cornelius**, who is an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, has entered into probate before a hearing body of the Oneida Appeals Commission. A hearing shall take place on February 7, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. for all heirs and parties-in-interest to the estate, at the Commission office: located at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite #1, 3759 W. Mason St, Oneida, WI 54155.

Inquiries for additional information may be directed to:

Administrator/Clerk
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Job Opportunities

Department of Corrections
Working Title: Agency Liaison
05-03087 Dane County.
Full Time (40 hrs/week)
Salary: The salary will be between \$41,960 and \$65,145.
Contact: Denise Kohout, HR

Job Opportunities

Specialist Senior, 608-240-5575, denise.kohout@doc.state.wi.us

Deadline to Apply: 1/9/2006
Application materials must be received by 4:30 pm on Monday, January 9, 2005. Exam Information: Exam cannot be previewed. The Department of Corrections, Office of the Secretary is currently seeking an Agency Liaison. This position is responsible for representing the Secretary on various councils and workgroups and is located at 3099 E. Washington Avenue, Madison.

Job Duties: This position serves as the agency's liaison to Wisconsin Native American Tribes, community-based organizations and advocacy organizations (including both offender and victim), other state agencies and local governments on issues related to current and future Departmental policies, procedures and programs as they relate to these organizations. The position is responsible for establishing and maintaining working relationships with the aforementioned organizations to ensure proper communication of DOC policies, programs or procedures; receiving feedback from the organization; and working with representatives of the organizations to recommend and implement initiatives or changes to current policies, programs or procedures related to offenders and/or victim services.

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Job Opportunities

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendments to the Real Property Law and Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance which changes the Land Commission from appointed positions to elected positions per General Tribal Council directive..

When: January 10, 2006

Where: Business Committee Conference Room

Time: 11:30 A.M.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed policy or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise phuff@oneidanation.org Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this proposal are also available on the LOC Website: www.on-loc.org

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Repeal of the half fair rental fee so that non-Oneida married to Oneida Tribal members would no longer be required to pay half fair rental fees on residential leases executed by the Division of Land Management.

When: January 10, 2006

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Time: 11:30 A.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Amendments to the OPEN RECORDS AND OPEN MEETINGS Law to specify the Tribal Secretary role as custodian of the OBC & GTC documents and clarify the availability of draft laws and policies.

When: February 7, 2006

Where: Business Committee Conference Room

Time: 11:30 A.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: To Adopt the Plumbing Code (New York Law). Pursuant to the Tribe's Land Claim Settlement Agreement with New York State this Code adopts the International Plumbing Code, 2003 edition, including Appendix Chapters, as published by the International Code Council.

When: February 7, 2006

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Sports

Women kick it into high gear

by Dawn Waschinski

Kalihwisaks

"Just take it from her, **Kalóna!**" shouts Anna Barton from the sidelines of the indoor soccer field Wednesday night, December 28th.

"Go! Go! Go!" shouts Cathy Delgado as the O-Town Kickers take control of the soccer ball and head for the opposing team's goal.

After years of cheering for their children at sporting events, Oneida women are taking the field at the Sports Emporium in DePere to play indoor soccer.

"Most of us had been watching our kids at the Civic Center soccer league and went to the UW (Green Bay) Phoenix game and were enjoying it and saying, geez, wouldn't it be fun if we could play soccer," said Beverly Scow, one of the team organizers. Cindy Thomas who was at the game knew Rosanne Peterson who played in a women's soccer league.

"Before we knew it, we had a team put together," said Scow, "Alice Skenandore from the Midwives Shop, we invited her to play on our team and she offered to sponsor us instead."

Skenandore paid for the first registration fee and bought shirts for the new team.

"We're the best dressed worst soccer team in the league," said Scow, "But we're just having a good time."

The O-Town Kickers play in the SS Novice League and went 0-8 in it's first eight-



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Cathy Delgado brings the ball up the field for the O-Town Kickers as they take on the U48's. The SS Novice League plays Wednesday nights at the Sports Emporium at 1856 Nimitz Drive in DePere.

week-session. However, the team has found other ways than wins to show their progress.

"We've been measuring our success not by the score board, but by the amount of ice we need after a game," said Scow.

There is a rule in indoor soccer that if one team is down by five goals, they can bring an extra player on the field.

"We've been having that seventh player on the field less and less," said Scow.

While some of the Kickers have experience playing soccer in high school, most only

know the game from watching their children. Now the children get to watch their moms.

"We've got the biggest cheering section in the league. We have several of the team players' husbands and their kids come and we get pretty excited," said Scow.

Wednesday night the O-Town Kickers took on the U48's. Players raced up and down the field as the ball changed possession. More experience players took charge as the less experienced struggled with connecting her foot to the ball

and the occasional volleyball spike. (Ok, that was me, Dawn Walschinski. I signed up for the current eight-week-session.)

Personal highlight; head butting the ball without fear.

Personal low light; head butts hurt.

"Way to take one for the team!" cheered Delgado as goalie Peterson blocked the ball with her body. Alas, it wasn't enough as the O-Town Kickers lost 11-7.

However, true to form, Delgado found an improvement to take pride in.

"It's the most points we've ever had," she said.

Boys hoops limp into 2006

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Nation boys basketball team continues to struggle this season. With a 1-9 record the Thunderhawks can't find consistency on either end of the floor.

Oneida lost to Bowler 73-71 on January 3. Missed free throws doomed the Thunderhawks as they missed 11 of 24 foul shots.

"The game is pretty simple, if we make our free throws, we win the game," said Oneida head coach Scott Murray. "It's frustrating to work on them every day in practice and not be able to

convert when it counts."

Oneida couldn't contain Bowler's Derrick Nillison. Nillison was on fire for the game and finished with 36 points, including 7 three-pointers.

Nick Cantu lead Oneida with 18 points, including four three-pointers.

Oneida 16 8 28 19 - 71

Bowler 15 16 27 15 - 73

Oneida: Powless 5, Cantu 18, Christjohn 2, Hernandez 11, Hill 8, Skenandore 12, Lynk 8, Gutierrez 9. 3-PT: Cantu 4, Powless 1, Hernandez 1, Gutierrez 1. FT: 15-24. F: 14. Fouled out: Hill.



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Gavin Hill (33) shoots over a Bowler defender. The Panthers defeated Oneida 73-71 on January 3.

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ONEIDA COMMUNITY



From Page 1/Hoeft to run for District 24 seat

of introducing herself to the residents of District 24 which includes all of Hobart and parts of Howard, West DePere and Lawrence.

"One of the exciting things is if I'm elected, it's really a vote of confidence from both Oneida and Non-Oneida people that they're going to elect a person who just happens to be Oneida to give them a voice at the county level," she said.

Both Hoeft and Hinz would like to see more diversity on the county board.

"I think our community is changing, our county board, our political element, should represent our whole community," said Hinz.



Patti Hoeft

"Because some of Oneida lies in some of Brown County, we have a strong voice here. This is our home and it will always be our

home, and it's important when policies are shaped, that there's a voice that represents the views of Oneida, of women, of families in our community," said Hoeft.

Hoeft doesn't foresee the two-year position interfering with her duties as secretary of the Oneida Business Committee. She likened the once-a-month meetings to obligations held by other committee members such as positions on Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and other organizations.

"I really see it as an extension of my job for Oneida," she said.

Green receives medals after 60 years



Photo submitted by Carole Liggins

After several decades, Allen Green finally received three medals and two badges that he had earned as a Private First Class in the United States Army during World War II.

Green received the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with a Silver Star, WWII Victory Medal, Army Occupation Medal with a Germany Clasp, a Marksman Badge for a 30 Caliber Rifle and a Ruptured Duck Badge which allowed him to wear his uniform for 30 days after his honorable discharge due to a clothing shortage.

Kerry Metoxen, Director of Veterans Affairs, presented the medals to Green at the Veterans Christmas Party December 15th, 2005.

From Page 1/Interim Chief

can," said Powless.

Powless has nearly 33 years of law enforcement experience. He worked for the Outagamie County Sheriff's department for twenty years before retiring. He then joined the Oneida Police Department in 1993.

Powless previously stepped in to head the department when police chief Jim Danforth retired.

"I've been in law enforcement for a long time. I patrolled out in the communi-

ty for a long time. I think the community pretty much knows me," he said.

While it remains to be seen when the police chief position will be posted, Powless believes the department has many experienced people ready to step into the role.

Former police chief Cornelius was fired after a three month investigation. No statement has been made regarding the reasons for his termination.

CORRECTION

On page 4B of the December 22nd issue, birth announcement for Autumn Terri Skenandore should have been November 15th, 2005. We apologize for the error.

On page 4A of the December 22, 2005 issue, Stan Webster was identified as a current member of the Oneida Appeals Commission in a photo caption. Webster resigned from the commission December of 2004. We apologize for the error.

From Page 1/New Appeals logo

"We wanted simple and elegant, and that is what we got," said Oneida Appeals Commissioner Winifred Thomas.

Thomas also said the that the decision to select the new logo was unanimous.

"It's very rare to have everyone agree on something," Thomas said. "It was total consensus."

The Commission staff meet with Rod Hill and conveyed

to him their thoughts on the new logo and a few weeks later he brought back a handful of drawings.

After a quick discussion, they had made their decision to go with the new logo.

"At first we thought about adding the scales, then we decided no we don't want the scales," said Thomas. "Then we wanted to add the clans, then we backed off and decided no we don't. Through that

process, viola this is what we got."

The Appeals Commission said that this was just a soft unveiling to give the Oneida community a glimpse of the new logo, but a grand unveiling is hoping to take place sometime this summer at the annual powwow. Thomas said she is hoping to unveil the logo along with the new judicial act.

Hot off the press, purple books are in



Kali photos/Phil Wisneski

The new Oneida Nation purple books are now available. The informational books are produced every three years to coincide with the new Business Committee.

During the last administration the 15,000 books that were printed were all gone by the end of the term. This term, their were 20,000 copies printed. The books are available free of charge at the Oneida Nation Communications Department. Call 869-4340 to get your copy today.

Left: Debbie Melchert, Sue Daniels and Cheryl Asman look over the books during a reception at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

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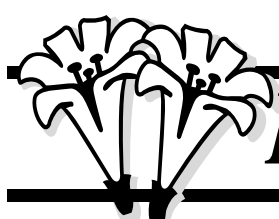
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Kalihwisaks is a member of NAJA (Native American Journalists Association) & WNA (Wisconsin Newspaper Association)



Local



Passing On

Taylor, Tiffany Carolann

January 27, 1981 – December 17, 2005

Tiffany Carolann Taylor, age 24 of Harrisburg, IL, passed away Saturday, December 17th, 2005 at her home. She was born January 27, 1981.



brothers; Brandon, Amber, Crete, Josh and Sierra Kasee of Oneida, WI, Nikki, Amanda and Josh Thomas of Harrisburg, IL.

Grandmothers

Florence Sneed of Benton, KY, Scharlene Kasee of Oneida, WI, a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Also her fiancé, Bennie Cooper of Galictia, IL.

She was preceeded in death by her grandfather Earl Sneed.

Harms, Patricia

September 13, 1921 – December 28, 2005

Patricia Harms, 84, Oneida, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, Dec. 28, 2005. She was born Sept. 13, 1921, in South Dakota to the late Richard and



Sandra (Gene) Wondra, and Patty Harms, all of Oneida. She is further survived by her grandchildren, Todd Wayer, Lester W. Harms III, Shelly Harms, Matt

Pursley, Ursula Alexander, Loucinda Conway, Kim Wroblewski, and Dawn Mauer; 15 great-grandchildren; her sister, Ann Spiegel; and numerous nieces and nephews further survive her.

Her husband, her daughter, Diane Metoxen; three grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Danforth, Elaine

August 27, 1949 – January 1, 2006

Elaine Danforth, 56, Oneida, passed away early Sunday morning, Jan. 1, 2006, at a local nursing home. The daughter of the late



siblings, Kermit Jordan, Kathy "Linky" Elm, Randall and Shirley Jourdan, Valarie and Marshall Groleau, Caroleen

and John Jourdan, Aloyious Jourdan, June Wommack, Marvin and Janice Jourdan, Clint and Twila Jourdan; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Hubert Jourdan and three sisters, Florence, Florine and Mary Agnes.

LaMotte, Judith D.

April 6, 1944 – December 26, 2005

Judith D. LaMotte, 61, of Oneida died Monday evening December 26, 2005. She was born on April 6, 1944. She married Arthur LaMotte. Judith had worked as a LPN in Illinois before becoming disabled.

Survivors include her husband Arthur, her sister

Yvonne and her husband Bill, her brothers Michael and Paul, her brother in law Michael (Vickie) LaMotte, sister in law Sharon (Alfred) Sarnowski, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her parents preceded Judith in death

2005 Oneida science fair results

Submitted by Yvette Peguero

ONES Science Fair Coordinator

The Oneida Nation School System held their annual science fair on Wednesday evening, December 21, 2005. There were over 100 student participants in grades 5-12, with approximately 85 projects entered. Local professional community members from the Oneida and Green Bay area volunteered as judges. Sixty-four students from grades 5-12 were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons. Three honorary memorial awards were given for outstanding projects. Six students will be sponsored by the Oneida Nation School System and will be competing at the National American Indian Science & Engineering Science Fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 23-25, 2006. They will be competing with hundreds of other Native American students from reservations and cities nation wide.

21st Annual Oneida Nation School system Science Fair Winners

1st Place

Aleah Jimenez - Healthy

Teeth; Matias Metoxen - Batteries; Haley Hill - Baby Wipes; Marty Lee Pyatskowitz-Penass - Gum; Maria Bain & Shanna Jourdan - Bouncing Balls; Brandon Andrews & Gage Robertson - Gelatin; Maurense Beans - Second Time Around Underground; Eddie Santiago - Peanut Power; Jose Salas - Balloon Blast Off; Layni Stevens - Detergent Matters.

2nd Place

Caymen Berg Morales - Homemade Root Beer; Geronimo Pocan - Quill Work; Heather Stevens - Indian Medicine; Abalone Paprocki & Kayla Danforth - Human Development; Devan Little & Sonny Jourdan - Paper Airplanes; Carissa Metoxen & Noelle Motexen - Titanic; Tinea Bailey - Shampoo; Quianna Webster - Hair Gel; Anthony Cornelius & Michael Santiago - Dry Ice; Jordan Smith - Volcanic Eruptions; Cheyenne Starr - Holy Hairspray; Maria Metoxen - Up, up & Away; Alexandria Redhail - Toilet Paper Unleashed; Ashley Skenandore - I'm Freezing.

3rd Place

Kaylynn Powless - Pull of

Gravity; Diego Metoxen - Twisters; James Hebb, Izaak Jones Mangione & Jonathan Danforth - Hurricanes; Fredrick Miller - War Foods; Devonte Pointer & Paige Ninham - How Do You Make a Thermometer?; Eveyonna Ortega & Corina Lara - Dogs; Matthew Skenadore & Albert King - All About Bass; Bradley Sievers & Javier Murcio - Volcanoes; Gerrid Danforth & Devonne Skenandore - Lightning; Anna Cornelius & Chelsey Cornelius - H2O Electrolysis; Jordan King & Phillip Starr IV - Erosion; Janace Christjohn - Paper Strength; Lily Smith - That's The Way The Ball Bounces; Suzy Webster - Earth Waves; Shane Skenandore - Is It Magic?; Jaylee Godfrey - What Stinks?; Jade Doxtator - The Quicker Picker Upper; James Cornelius - Heating & Cooling Rates of Soil &

Water; Daniel McKinney - Super String; Carlos Cornelius-Gonzales - Tornado In a Tube; Joshua Smith - Basketball Blast; Erica Behringer - Germs 'N Us; Rhys Pocan - Kicking Breath; Winona Godfrey - What Are Eating Disorders?; Crystal Metoxen - Leaky Bucket; Shakira Stevens - Do You Study & Test Better While Listening to Music?.

National Winners

Layni Stevens, Maurense Beans, Hayley Hill, Jose Salas, Matias Metoxen, Aleah Jimenez.

Environmental Award

Jordan Smith
Madonna Micheletz

Excellence Award

Maurense Beans

Amos Christjohn

Culture and Language Award

Geronimo Pocan



Kali file photo/Dawn Walschinski

Maria Metoxen creates a hot air balloon for her exhibit "Up, Up and Away" which took second place.



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We want to express our thanks and gratitude to the community for the many words of comfort and support and for being there in our time of need. Special thanks to the Oneida singers, all the veterans who honored our Dad, Longhouse ladies for making the meal, the people who brought food, the fire keepers and the drummers/singers. Thank you to Bob Brown, Errol, Vic, Mike Red Hail, Leander, all the friends and relatives for being there. We are very grateful to everyone.

Yaw^ko

The Harold King Family

Tiffany Carolann Taylor

God's Garden

God looked around His Garden

And found an empty place.

He then looked down upon the

earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you

And lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be

beautiful;

He always takes the best.

He knew you were suffering.

He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never

Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,

And the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids

And whispered, "Peace be thine."

It breaks our hearts to lose you

But you didn't go alone.

For part of us went with you,

The day God called you home.



In Loving Memory of Bryan McLester

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*Nothing can ever
take away
the love a heart
holds dear.
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T'Thunderhawk

Meet The Thunderhawk Times Staff

by Amanda Skenandore
ONHS junior

Amanda Skenandore is a junior at ONHS. Some people call her Mandy, Rosie, Beyonce, or little Lisa.

Her family includes her grandparents Harvey Skenandore Sr., Patricia (Danforth) Skenandore, her mom Lisa Skenandore, aunt Diane (Skenandore, Hebb)Corn, uncle Harvey Skenandore Jr., aunt Marylisa (Polanco) Skenandore, uncle Chief Corn, her cousins Melissa, Jessica, Jamie, Christopher, Cody, Jaya,



Tanaya, Julian, and (R.I.P)baby Janessa, her one

by Jackie Smith

ONHS Senior
Eliza Pelky, an ONHS senior, is nicknamed “Sinn.” She says how she got that nickname “was a long time ago and is a long story.”

Eliza is editor of the Kaliwisaks group. That means that if one of her writers doesn’t have an idea of what to write, she’ll “steer them in the right direction.” Eliza’s family is made up of her parents Peter and

Kymberly; three brothers Forest, Jeremish and Trapper and one little sister, Adrianna.

A few weeks from now, Eliza will be in college studying to be an artist at UWGB. That makes sense because her hobbies are drawing and playing video games. Others hobbies of hers include; shopping, painting, rough-housing with siblings and playing tackle football.

Her advise to others? “Life is a game, play it well.”

by THT Staff

ONHS
John Christjohn’s family consists of John, three brothers, one sister and his “parental units.” His brothers are Roland, Joseph and Tony. His sister is Tanya. His parents are John and Michelle Christjohn.

John likes to draw, clean, and “sometimes do his home-

and only baby sister Michelle and her dog Cinnamin.

In her spare time Amanda likes to talk on the phone with friends, listen to the radio and go for walks.

After high school, she plans on going to college or working. Amanda’s part of the journalism class is the kali, she writes articles that are published in them. You may have seen some of her work in it, like the “Teen Halloween Dance.” Amanda’s words to live by is “Don’t always believe what you hear.”



work.” He and brothers Rollie and Joe all go to ONHS. He hopes to go to college after school, “Hopefully an art school.” He is part of the Thunderhawk Times staff, but says he’s “Just a writer.”

His Inspiration comes from a saying: “Hope is the dream of a waking man.”

close and care.” He likes to “Be with my girl friend in my spare time.”

Rollie is 17 and he’s been at ONHS since he was a freshman. In journalism, he’s a writer in the “Kali group” – working on Thunderhawk

Times which he say’s “Really isn’t all that.”

His motto to live by is “Live young, and don’t follow, make your own path to lead.” He says, people who believe this “Are the ones who get somewhere.”

UW-Oshkosh.

The group that she is in at the moment is Parent Newsletter.

Her favorite quote is “Hooked claw, wagon pine... close your eyes, you’ll soon be mine. Pointed fang, railroad track... take my sister, she won’t fight back.”



by THT Staff

ONHS
Eddie Metoxen is a junior at ONHS. He is in the video news crew of the journalism



Narnia, How Was It?

by Amanda Skenandore
ONHS Junior

There is a movie out there called The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. So, Lynn Adrian, ONHS special ed teacher, decided to take several ONHS students to see it. But first they had to read the book and take a test. If they reached

80% or higher, they were able to go. Bay Park Cinema even opened to give the ONHS group a special viewing.

There were so many good parts and sad parts, everyone of all ages should see it. It’s the kind of movie that makes me want to take my best friend with me. I would like to see it again and again.

One of the students said, “The movie was okay.” Another student said, “ It was a good movie. It made you want to cry and laugh at the same time.” Some other students thought it was “okay” or “dumb” or, even, “stupid.” But wait until you see it for yourself, you’ll love it.

Gates: An American Success Story

By Lois Stevens

ONHS Junior and Thunderhawk Times editor-in-chief

Today the richest man in the world is a college drop out, Bill Gates. Gates created the most popular and successful software in the world, Microsoft, at the age of 19. He is now considered by many as the most successful person today.

Gates would fall asleep at the computer, only to wake up later and start from where he stopped – you can tell he didn’t have much of a social life. Most CEO’s had health problems from doing things like that, however, Gates didn’t have much problems because he was so young. Gates and Microsoft have created a lot of software, such as;

Windows 3.0, 3.11, 95, 98, Millennium, NT, 2000, Office 97, along with many others.

90% of PC’s, today, run on some thing made by Microsoft. Gate is now 50 years old, and still young. So you can bet that we are still going to hear good, if not wonderful, things from him in the near future.

Interview with Becky Nutt, a High School Teacher,

by Eliza Pelky

ONHS Senior and Thunderhawk Times group editor

Q. What are you going to back to school for?

A. Masters Degree in Engineering Education.

Q. What motivated you to go back to school?

A. I have been taking classes, but I want to put all her education together.

Q. How many classes do you take?

A. It varies. I’m taking an online class at the moment.

Q. What school do you go to?

A. UW Stevens Point.

Q. What are your hours like



for school?

A. Being online, I put in 5-10 hours a week. I also go to discussions and comments in

the evenings.

Q. Is it stressful balancing a teaching career with your own class?

A. No. During the school year I take single-credit classes. During the summer, I have been taking 9-10 credit class and also getting some credits from the Eagle Vision Program (UNM).

Q. Are you Happy at what you are doing?

A. I LOVE it!
“Life-long learning is key for everyone” states Becky. And a word of advice from Becky – go to school for the degree.

Pets Monthly

by Eliza Pelky

ONHS Senior

This is Eliza Pelky with your pet monthly. This monthly pet owner I interviewed was Amber Duxtater. She has three pets that are all dogs. She claims that only one out of the three is actually the one she likes.

Q. What kind of pets do you have?

A. Two outside dogs and an indoor dog.

Q. What are the names of the dogs?

A.Soul, Samson, and Pooh.

Q. Did you name any of your pets?

A. I gave Soul his name.

Q. Which is your favorite?

A. That would have to be Soul because he’s hyper and I’ve had him the longest.

Q. How old are each of the dogs?

A. Soul will be about 2 years old in April, Samson is about 4 years old, and pooh is going on 8 or 9 months.

Q. What kind of dogs are they?

A. Soul, I believe, is an Alaskan Malamute; Samson is half Timberwolf and something else; and Pooh is half Husky-half Lab.

Q. Why do you dislike the other two dogs?

A. Samson because he’s half Timberwolf and scares the (heck) out of me. I’m not really sure why I don’t like Pooh, maybe because she just looks weird and she always eats my muffins.



Concealed Weapon Law Edges Closer, Unfortunately

by Travis Dessart-Cornelius

ONHS senior

[Wisconsin legislators recently passed a concealed carry bill that would make it okay for citizens to carry hidden handguns. Many law enforcement officials have spoken out against concealed carry and Governor Jim Doyle says he will veto the bill. Here is one student’s satiric thoughts on the issue.]

I say let everyone just have a gun. Matter a fact, make it mandatory that at birth you are given a gun. Everyone is always complaining about not having guns.

Guns make us safe, right?

Most of these people in the legislature probably don’t understand anywhere near the real effects of these bills they pass. So, in theory – if we carry concealed guns – this should make us the safest country in the world, right?

Yes!
And if it doesn’t, our country – for some crazy reason – may become the place with the highest gun-related deaths, murders, and everything else. Then, there will be a huge backlash against the pro gun groups. As a result, states will ban guns and weapons all together and then, maybe, we will all live in peace.

Education

Fun art activities with new Art Specialist McCormick

I would like to introduce myself to the Oneida Community. My name is Michelle McCormick, the new Art Specialist at Oneida Recreation. I recently relocated to Wisconsin in July. Born and raised in Florida, I later moved to Louisiana where I obtained a B.A. in Art Education and a Masters Degree in Educational Technology & Supervision.

My background includes graphic design, advertising, mural painting, crafts, art, software design, web page design, music and a strong love for native art, music and culture.

I am the proud mother of two teenage daughters. I am engaged to be married to James B. Smith next month. He was born and raised here in Wisconsin. He is a proud father of one son. He current-

ly works for Oneida Elderly Services. But many of you may know him from when he worked calling Bingo.

I am so grateful to be a part of the wonderful things happening at the Oneida Recreation Center. At the Civic Center new Art Courses will be available beginning in January. Exciting new things will be happening. Below is a course listing with the time and day the courses are offered.

The class called THE REAL DEAL is offered to individuals ages 13 - 17 whom have a genuine desire to learn and develop their artistic skills. In order to par-



McCormick

ticipate in this program you must sign up and participate daily, as this class is a progressive learning experience. Please call the Rec Center to have your name placed on the list for this program. January classes will begin with learning drawing skills and techniques followed in February with Color Theory and the techniques of painting.

Please see the guidelines for each course listed. We also are looking to paint a mural in Oneida in the Spring. If you know of a location that would like to have a mural painting, please contact me at the Rec Center. This will be a community project for the

youth and a great learning experience.

Also we are in need of empty soup cans, tissue rolls, baby food jars and newspapers. These items will be useful in art projects.

There is also a native night where local native artist are needed. If you know of someone who would be interested in volunteering their time to teach their skills, we would love to hear from them and have them teach a class.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Oneida Community for extending a warm welcome to me and my family and for allowing me to be a part of such a great opportunity.

Any comments, questions, or concerns can be directed to me at the Rec Center **869-1088** or my email:

macrileys@yahoo.com.

Scholarship Opportunities

Roberta J Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

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

Oneida Women are encouraged to apply for the "Roberta J Kinzhuma Memorial Scholarship". A \$300.00 scholarship will be awarded directly to an individual meeting the following criteria:

- Must be single and female
- An enrolled member of Oneida Indians of WI
- Must have a 3.0 or B cumulative grade point average
- Seeking a degree or certificate in an accredited college and/or technical school

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

Applications can be picked up at:

Oneida Elderly Services
2907 S Overland Rd
Oneida WI 54155

Applications are due January 20th, 2006. Winner will be announced via telephone and tribal group-wise on January 27th, 2006. Presented at the AMVETS Community Service Awards Banquet February 2nd, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Pospychala at **869-2448 x-4954**

UWM Scholarships in Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics

This is a special program sponsored by the National Science Foundation for study at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Entering freshmen for the 2006-07 academic year are eligible to apply if they have a minimum 2.75 overall high school grade point average on a 4 point scale. They must have at least 3 years of natural science in high school with a gpa of at least 3.0. Applicants must submit 2 letters of recommendation, plus a 1-2 page statement describing their academic and career interests in computer science, engineering or mathematics.

Up to 20 applicants will be chosen to receive a tuition grant of \$3000 per year, for up to 2 years. They will also receive dedicated advising and academic support, work

opportunities related to academic studies, advanced problem solving and research opportunities, and various additional benefits.

For further information and applications contact **Sharon Kaempfer**, CSEMS Program, U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P O Box 784, Milwaukee WI 53201. You can call Sharon at **414-229-4667**. Application deadline for this scholarship is **March 17, 2006**.

Oneida Trust Scholarship

The Oneida Trust Scholarship was established as a financial aid resource to assist eligible enrolled Oneida Tribal members in securing higher education opportunities.

Students must be attempting to meet post-secondary entrance requirements in order to become officially accepted at an accredited institution (i.e., required preparatory courses, or exams such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, etc.).

Must be enrolled in the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, must have applied for admission to post-secondary institution, must show proof of requirements, must be in academic good standing (2.0 grade point average for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students).

The Trust Scholarship shall be a resource of last resort; students may receive up to a maximum of \$1,000.

Please call the Higher Education Office at **920-869-4033 or 800-236-2214 X 4333**, or contact us on the web at **oneidanation.org**.

Indian Health Service Scholarships

Competitive applications are now being accepted for academic year 2006-2007 Indian Health Service (IHS) Scholarship Programs. The purpose of the scholarship program is to train the health professional personnel necessary to staff IHS health programs and other health programs serving Indian people. The scholarships fall under 3 categories: (1) Health Professions Preparatory, (2) Health Professions Pre-graduate; and (3) Health Professions. Scholarship winners receive the cost of tuition and fees, books, uniforms, and a stipend to cover living expenses. Applicants must be American Indian or Alaska Native. For more information and/or application materials visit the Indian Health Service website at **www.ihs.gov/index_main.asp**

You can also E-mail Tony Buckanaga, Scholarship Coordinator, at: **tony.buckanaga@ihs.gov** Or call Tony at 218-444-0486 or 800-892-3079. **Deadline for all application materials is February 28, 2006.**

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Homework/Help 4-5 pm	Homework/Help 4-5 pm	Homework/Help 4-5 pm	Homework/Help 4-5 pm	Homework/Help 4-5 pm
Art Club 5-5:30 pm	Art Club 5-5:30 pm	Art Club 5-5:30 pm	Pull-It-Together 5-5:30 pm	Pull-It-Together 5-6:30 pm
One Hit Wonder 5:30-6:30 pm	Multi-Culture 5:30-6:30 pm	One Hit Wonder 5:30-6:30 pm	All things Native 5:30-6:30 pm	Pull-It-Together 5-6:30 pm
Clean-up 6:30-7 pm	Clean-up 6:30-7 pm	Clean-up 6:30-7 pm	Clean-up 6:30-7 pm	E & E Activity 6:30-8:30 pm
The Real Deal 7-8:30 pm	The Real Deal 7-8:30 pm	The Real Deal 7-8:30 pm	The Real Deal 7-8:30 pm	E & E Activity 6:30-8:30 pm
Clean-up 8:30 - 9 pm	Clean-up 8:30 - 9 pm	Clean-up 8:30 - 9 pm	Clean-up 8:30 - 9 pm	Clean-up 8:30 - 9 pm

Fashion Show

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Saturday, April 22, 2006 • 7:30 p.m.
Social Services Auditorium

NEEDED: People who love to *sew* and *create* new looks for our community youth!

1. Create a new piece of native-influenced clothing for Oneida teen models. Teen models will be provided.
2. Three categories for competition:
 - Special Event Attire
 - Sports/School Wear
 - Career Bound
3. Oneida Nation Arts Program provides up to \$150-\$200 for materials.
4. Pieces will be featured and cash prizes will be awarded in each category at the Saturday, April 22nd Fashion Show.
5. For an application, more information or to receive a detailed brochure, call ONAP at 920-490-3833 or visit www.oneidanationarts.org

Applications are due January 27!

Designer Competition is a unique opportunity for community teens and designers to collaborate in creating native influenced contemporary outfits for a teen's life.

This competition is open to any person of Native descent or community member.

Art Club...

Organized for 12-17 year-olds who are interested in creating murals and art work for the Oneida Community and surrounding areas. Activities will include weekly meetings, planning art projects, learning and developing technology skills in relation to art.

All Things Native...

Open to all ages. Learn all about Oneida and other Native cultures to include beading, weaving, jewelry making, sand art, pottery, leatherwork and much more. This class will invite local native artists to come teach their craft and techniques.

E & E

(Entertainment & Exploration)...

Activity: Open to ages 13 & up. Explore music, movies, books and more. Participate in critiques and talks around the table. Open lines of communication, self-awareness and sharing are encouraged.

Multi-Culture...

Ages 7-12. Come visit pre-historic art, learn to write your name in hieroglyphics,

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Art Activities

Deadline drawing near for Native American Congressional Internship

The Morris K. Udall Foundation established the Native American Congressional Internship Program, a 10-week internship in Washington D.C., to give Native American college students an opportunity to learn about the federal government from the inside. Candidates for the internship

must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, be at least a college junior, have a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0, and have an interest in tribal government and policy. Interns are provided with airfare to and from Washington D.C., lodging at a local university, daily allowance for meals, trans-

portation and incidentals, and a \$1,200 educational stipend at the conclusion of the internship. For more information go to or contact Program Coordinator Monica Nuvamsa at **520-670-5187 or email her at: nuvamsa@udall.gov**

Deadline for applications is January 31, 2006.



The Fashion Show Design Competition is sponsored by the Oneida Nation Arts Program, with funding provided by the Wisconsin Arts Board and the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

Health/Enviro

Home Performance Tests: Who Needs Them?

Submitted by **Laura Manthe**
Environmental Resource Board

Did you know that one in every four home in Wisconsin is poorly insulated or drafty; often resulting is higher energy bills, window condensation, ice dams on the roof or mold in the house?

Are you concerned about your energy bills this winter? Would you like to know what you can do to improve your homes energy efficiency? Qualifying Wisconsin residents can apply for the Targeted Home Performance Test and they pay only 10% of

the cost of the improvements. For an application call 1-800-762-7077.

For those who don't qualify for the Targeted Program there is the Home Performance Tests with Energy Star that is a state wide program that any homeowner can use. Now until February 28, 2006 Wisconsin Focus on Energy will take \$100.00 off the cost of the test and the Oneida Environmental Resource Board will match the \$100.00 off the cost of the test to encourage Wisconsin Oneida home owners to participate.

Your cost for the test will be between \$50.00 and \$150.00 depending on the consultants fee.

The Home Performance Test provides quality assurance from an independent professional consultant who will preform a Blower Door Test to measure how tight your home is and find the leaky areas, a Combustion Safety Test to ensure your furnace or hot water heater is properly drafting and not producing carbon monoxide, an Exhaust Ventilation Test to ensure the bathroom fan has the power to get rid of excess moisture, and an Infrared Camera Scan to locate missing insulation behind walls and in the attic.

The home owner will receive a report that includes customized detailed information such as fact sheets, photos, infrared pictures and research information. It will propose solutions to any existing problems, and suggestions for preventing further problems from occurring.

After the home owner completes the work to address the recommendations, the consultant will return to re-test the

house and verify that the insulation, ventilation and air sealing work is completed and effective.

The homeowner may be qualified to receive a Customer Reward up to \$650.00 from Home Performance with Energy Star and the Oneida Environmental Resource Board will match the Reward up to the cost of the improvements.

For Wisconsin Oneida home owners please call Laura Manthe at **920-496-5360** or **lmanthe@oneidana-tion.org** for a list of participating authorized consultants. And join us for a Community Meeting on Tuesday January 10, at 6:00 pm at Ridgeview Plaza to meet local authorized consultants and learn more about the test.

For all Wisconsin homeowners to arrange an evaluation today or to find a Home Performance consultant in your area at **1-800-762-7077** or go to:

www.focusonenergy.com.

Holiday fun with Oneida Elderly Services

Submitted by **Sara Loken**
Elderly Services Intern

Oneida Elderly Services knows how to bring in a New Year. The elders celebrated with the Elder Christmas Party on December 16th at the Radisson. The Christmas Party started off with Thunder Country, a local country-western band, then lunch was served courtesy of the Oneida Business Committee. After lunch there were many prizes given away to lucky ticket holders. In addition a Packer autographed football was raffled off and a 50/50 raffle winner won approximately \$400. The elders also participated in a jigging contest while the ONCOA board judged the best and most creative jig.

The fun doesn't stop there. January is full of activities at Oneida Elderly Services. Every Monday and Thursday morning in January there is PACE exercise at 10:00 a.m. at Elderly Services. PACE is exercise performed while

sitting. PACE is specially geared towards people with arthritis. Monday afternoons in January there will be Bingo at 1:00 p.m. at Site II. There will also be Bingo every Wednesday afternoon in January at 1:30 p.m. at the Highway H facility. Wednesday the 11th and 25th at 10:00 a.m. there will be an Instructor at Elderly Services teaching the elders the basics of the Oneida language. Anyone 55 and over are welcome to attend. Thursday the 12th and 26th at 1:30 p.m. the elders will be going to Ashwaubenon Lanes for bowling. Sign up at the Senior Center is necessary to ride along on the Elderly Services bus.

As always every Friday in January the elders will be going shopping and out to lunch from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. The bus leaves from the Senior Center after breakfast.

Now that the holidays are passed join in the fun at Oneida Elderly Services.

Oneida Tribal Human Resource Department The Screening Process for potential applicants

The Screening Process

The screening process is an important step in the hiring process. However, there are many misconceptions about how the screening process works. Some believe the Human Resources (HR) Specialist is the only one who decides who gets an interview. Others believe the HR Manager chooses. Still others believe there is a "secret list" of who does not get an interview. Each of these beliefs is a misconception. Let's walk through how the screening process works.

After a position is closed, a process begins called the "screening process." The goal of this process is to identify a list of qualified applicants to be interviewed. The screening process is conducted by a screening committee who determine if the applicants meet the job requirements. The end result of the screening process is a list of quali-

fied applicants to interview for the position.

The Screening Committee

The screening committee consists of the open position's supervisor, the HR Specialist, a Personnel Commission member and the Area Manager (at his/her option) who are each voting members in the screening. This committee comes together after the position is closed to screen the applicants. The Personnel Commission member is a part of the committee to represent the Oneida community-at-large in the selection of Tribal employees. The Area Manager may participate as a member of the screening committee at their choice. (Please note: Only if the Area Manager is a part of the screening committee can the Area Manager also serve as a voting member in the interview process.)

Screening the Applications

The screening committee reviews every application to

ensure the application:

- * is complete
- * is accurate
- * was submitted on time
- * meets minimum required and essential qualifications on the job description

An application must be entirely filled out to be considered complete. Applicants cannot leave portions of the application blank to be completed later. Applicants must also provide accurate information. Some information disclosed on the application is verified by HRD through background checks. All applicants receive a written receipt of the arrival time/date of their application to HRD. If an application is incomplete, inaccurate or late, the application may be screened out.

An application that is complete, accurate and on time will then be reviewed to ensure that it meets any minimum or essential qualifications. This may include specific education, experience,

certification, drivers license, etc. Applications must meet ALL the requirements to be eligible for an interview. The screening process is complete when all the applications have been reviewed and a list of qualified applicants to be interviewed is established.

Applicants who have been screened out will receive notification that they have not been chosen for an interview. Applicants who are eligible for an interview will receive a letter with the date, time and location of their interview.

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discover what gargoyles really were and more. Visit and create the time line of art and discover the many cultures that have created it.

One Hit Wonder...

Ages 7-12. One hour projects, crafts and holiday projects for Christmas, Mother's Day, Valentines Day, etc. Easy to do and learn crafts. Take home projects the same day.

Oneida Tribal Human Resource Department Generosity knows no boundary...



Photo courtesy of HRD

Pictured above are some staff within the Oneida Tribal Human Resource Department, commonly known as H.R.D. Every year at Christmas, H.R.D. staff nominate a family to receive gifts and food donations. This is the sixth annual Adopt-A-Family program. A total of 9 families have been assisted, through the Adopt-A-Family program, within the last six (6) years. This year, a Oneida single mother with five (5) children was adopted by H.R.D. The gifts and food certificate was delivered on Monday, December 19, 2005.

ATTENTION

The Oneida Nation Museum exhibit area will be **CLOSED** for the **MONTH OF JANUARY 2006** for renovations.

However, the *Museum Gift Shop* will continue to be open for your convenience.

The Gift Shop's hours of operation are...
9-5PM Tuesday thru Friday

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State

Schools asked to drop mascots

Madison, Wis. (AP) The state schools superintendent is asking Wisconsin school districts to drop American Indian names, mascots and logos, saying they perpetuate stereotypes.

Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster sent letters making her request to 39 districts in late December.

According to a group representing Indian educators, the Wisconsin Indian Education Association, the state has 39 schools with Indian logos, mascots and names, including the Auburndale Apaches, the Wisconsin Rapids Red Raiders, the Rib Lake

Redmen and the Tomahawk Hatchets.

Burmaster wrote in her letter, "As you know, I believe that stereotypical American Indian logos do not support sound educational practice because they interfere with a school's efforts to provide accurate information related to history, culture and tribal sovereignty of American Indian nations."

She said the state's schools must make sure all students feel welcome.

"Stereotypical logos can hurt our children, albeit unintentionally," she wrote.

Burmaster said she supports two identical bills in the

Legislature that would force districts to prove their mascots did not promote discrimination and stereotypes if a resident complained. If they could not, they would have to change their mascots within a year or face fines of up to \$1,000 a day.

The bills have not been assigned to committees yet. Sen. Luther Olsen, R-Berlin, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he did not agree with the bills or Burmaster's position.

"If we ever believe in local control, we have to let them choose their mascots," he said of schools.

But Barb Munson of the

Wisconsin Indian Education Association said all school boards need to address the issue.

"I think the thing I find particularly pernicious about using (Indian names) in the public schools is that's where we're teaching people; that's where we're telling people what life is," she said.

At Mukwonago High School, where sports teams are known as the Indians, senior Tim Reiter said he sees no reason to find a new name, and few people have asked for one.

"It's been around for a while. It's part of our heritage," he said.

State to resume talks with Ho-Chunk

Ryan J. Foley
Associated Press

Madison, Wis. — Within a matter of months, state government will resolve a bitter dispute with the Ho-Chunk Nation over \$60 million in gaming revenues it claims the tribe owes, Gov. Jim Doyle's top aide predicted Tuesday.

The state believes the Ho-Chunk owe that amount under a compact that called for the tribe to pay \$30 million in 2004 and 2005 to run its casinos. The Ho-Chunk withheld the money after the state Supreme Court in 2004 ruled tribal compacts signed by Doyle were unconstitutional.

If negotiators fail to reach an agreement, an arbitrator appointed last month by a federal judge in Madison will issue a binding ruling on the dispute by June, Department of Administration Secretary Stephen Bablitch said. A tribal negotiator said Tuesday he hoped to reach an agreement soon.

"The arbitration will actually be along a parallel path with negotiations," Bablitch said. "I'm confident that the state will get money but the question is, is it \$60 million or something other than \$60 million?"

Bablitch spoke to reporters at the Capitol after a Senate

committee voted to confirm him as Doyle's top aide, sending the appointment to the full Senate for consideration. Bablitch, a former prosecutor, Department of Corrections secretary and business executive, is responsible for running the state bureaucracy.

When he took over the job after Marc Marotta quit in October, Bablitch also became the point man in gaming negotiations with the state's American Indian tribes. Within a week the state reached a new compact with the Potawatomi tribe, which left the Ho-Chunk as the last tribe without an agreement.

Other Wisconsin tribes reached new agreements after the state's high court ruled in 2004 that Doyle overstepped his authority in approving agreements with tribes that allowed more games such as craps and roulette and that had no expiration dates.

The Ho-Chunk tribe, which runs casinos in the Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa and Black River Falls, stopped offering the new games after the ruling and said it would withhold payments to the state until it reached a new deal. With negotiations at a stalemate, the state asked U.S. District Judge John Shabaz in October to appoint an arbitrator.

SEOTS annual report

Southeastern Wisconsin Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board

Semi Annual Report to the Oneida General Tribal Council January 2006

It shall be the purpose of the Board to set missions and goals for the delivery of services; to act as liaison between Oneida Social Services servicing southeastern Wisconsin and the Oneida People residing therein; to review the program's budget; to guide and advise the program's administration; to provide guidance in all the factions of the Board; and to report and advise the Business Committee, and SEOTS staff in any and all relative communications.

Throughout the year we have worked on these goals as specified above. Current members of the Board are: Jo Swamp, Chairperson; Alan Fabian, Vice Chair; Jacqueline Rupp, Secretary; Lori Lutz, Board Member; Kim Reyes, Board Member; and Sharon Clark, Board Member

We have revised our by-laws to better achieve these goals and the LOC is in the process of reviewing these revisions.

The Board hosted a candidates forum for Business Committee and worked the poles at the SEOTS office so members could have their vote in the area.

We have worked with the administration of the Tribe in developing and sending a sur-

vey to the members of southeastern Wisconsin to identify the needs of the members to better provide the services to meet those needs. If you have not received a survey call 1-877-214-7183 between 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. It is important that members respond so we can plan for the future.

At the time of this annual meeting a year and a half will have passed since the General Tribal Council passed a motion to direct the Business Committee to provide assistance to the SEOTS Program to locate long term facilities. To date a facility has been identified and we are hopeful in moving forward with this purchase.

We continue to advise the Program Director on viable programs and services to provide to the members of southeastern Wisconsin, however given the limits of the existing facility this is very difficult as space is very limited and inadequate.

Communication is another area that has been identified as an area that needs improvement. Over the next year we hope to improve communications between department, staff, the community and the Tribe.

We are always looking for new ideas and needs that need to be met in the community and welcome your comments.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Swamp, Chairperson
on behalf of the SEOTS Board, 12-13-05.

Milwaukee Community Meeting

Where: SEOTS Smart Building

Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday, January 27, 2006

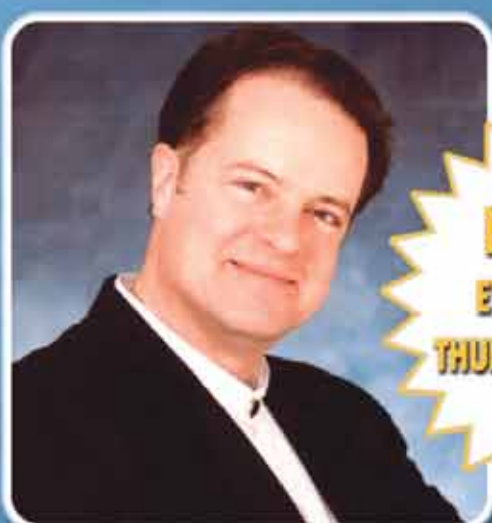
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Questions and Answers
Extra Help Assistance and Senior Care

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Group prepares lawsuit to stop Buffalo casino

By Carolyn Thompson

Associated Press Writer

Buffalo, N.Y. (AP) — Assemblyman Sam Hoyt, preservationists and anti-gambling groups will go to court next week to try to halt construction of a Seneca Indian Nation casino in the city.

The group on Friday announced plans to file a lawsuit in U.S. District Court Tuesday that claims federal agencies, including the Department of the Interior, ignored laws governing the approval process for gambling on Indian land.

They'll ask a judge to declare the casino illegal.

The announcement came as the Senecas celebrated the partial opening of a 26-story luxury hotel adjacent to their existing casino in Niagara Falls. The Senecas Friday opened the first 10 floors of the hotel, which towers over the Niagara Falls, N.Y., sky-

Campbell says no to running for governor

By Steven K. Paulson

Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) - First it was state Rep. Mark Larson, a moderate Republican who decided not to run for the state Senate, citing arm-twisting by conservatives.

Then it was Sen. Norma Anderson, a respected GOP moderate, who resigned a year short of the end of her term Tuesday, saying "it has become too partisan for me."

Hours later, former U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a Democrat-turned-Republican and until his retirement from Congress the only American Indian in the Senate, announced he wouldn't run for governor. He said he had lost his taste for politics because conservatives were demanding "absolute obedience."

In Colorado and other states, an ideological split is dividing the GOP, said Bob Loevy, a political science professor at Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

"The moderates are opting out" in a backlash from the demands of conservatives, he said, and the split is allowing Democrats to make gains.

Independent pollster Floyd Ciruli said the GOP's problems in Colorado are compounded by the fact that Republican Gov. Bill Owens is term-limited and has alienated the right wing of the party by supporting last November's successful campaign to persuade voters to ease tax limits.

Ciruli said the split could prevent Republicans from regaining control of the state House and Senate, which they lost in 2004 for the first time in 42 years, and could even allow the Democrats to win the governor's office and a fourth congressional seat.

Larson's decision not to run for the state Senate could be especially damaging to the party. He was considered a key player in the GOP attempt to retake the chamber, where Democrats have a one-vote majority.

"They're making it so hard, you either follow them or you're not a Republican," Larson said of the party's conservatives.

Republican John Andrews, a former president of the state Senate, said Larson, Anderson, Campbell and other moderates are out of step with the party on such key conservative issues as taxes, labor unions, abortion

line, with plans to open the full hotel in March.

The Senecas' broke ground on the Buffalo casino Dec. 8 on nine acres of land currently occupied by an early 1900's grain elevator complex which preservationists say is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to challenging the casino approval process, the lawsuit will claim that government officials did not consider the social and environmental effects of a casino on historical and natural resources, the plaintiffs said.

"The rule of law is only as strong as the will to abide by it and to enforce it," said Joel Rose, co-chairman of Citizens Against Casino Gambling in Erie County, "and sometimes it falls to private citizens to step forward for the public good."

Others involved in the lawsuit include the National Coalition Against Gambling

Expansion, the Preservation Coalition of Erie County and the Campaign for Buffalo.

The Senecas' Buffalo casino would be the third and final one allowed under the tribe's 2002 gambling compact with Gov. George Pataki, which arose out of state's efforts to find new revenues following the Sept. 11, 2001,

terrorist attacks. Pataki and the Legislature authorized up to six Native American casinos in the state, three in western New York and up to three in the Catskills.

The compact with the Senecas requires the tribe to give a sliding percentage of casino slot machine revenues to the state and casino host

cities. The state's share of proceeds from the Niagara Falls casino and the Senecas' second casino in Salamanca was \$57.1 million in 2004.

The new Niagara Falls hotel is topped with a five-story high-definition television screen shaped like a feather that is expected to be the brightest landmark seen

from across the border in Canada, and visible from the upper floors of buildings in Buffalo 25 miles away. The building also has 19-story illuminated waterfall symbols on two sides.

The single feather is recognized within the Iroquois Confederacy as the symbol of the Seneca Nation.

LOC Update

Legislative Operating Committee

latest news

Amendments to the Open

Records and Open Meetings Law

The LOC forwarded to the Oneida Business Committee amendments to the Open Records and Open Meetings Law to specify the Tribal Secretary role as custodian of the OBC & GTC documents and clarify the availability of draft laws and policies. A public hearing will be held in February.

New York Laws

As part of the Land Claim Settlement with the State of New York, the Tribe agreed to adopt particular laws in connection with the casino the Tribe secured under the settlement agreement. These laws include a plumbing code and building code. Public hearings will be held in February on these proposed laws. It is important to note that these proposals contain an automatic repeal provision in the event that the Land Claim Settlement with the State of New York fails to culminate.

more info

Public Hearings

All Tribal members are encouraged to review and submit comments on proposals during the public hearing process. Unless otherwise noted, all public hearings are held in the Business Committee Conference Room (2nd floor of the Norbert Hill Center).

On **JANUARY 10, 2006 at 11:30 a.m.**, public hearings will be held on the following proposals:

- ★ PERMANENT REPEAL OF THE HALF FAIR RENTAL FEE
- ★ LAND COMMISSIONERS AS ELECTED POSITIONS AMENDMENTS

On **FEBRUARY 7, 2006 at 11:30 a.m.**, public hearings will be held on the following proposals:

- ★ AMENDMENTS TO THE OPEN RECORDS AND OPEN MEETING LAW
- ★ NEW YORK LAWS: PLUMBING CODE AND BUILDING CODE
- ★ If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposals or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise phuff@oneidation.org Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. Copies of these proposals are also available on the LOC Website: www.on-loc.org

meet the loc

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January 2006

The members of the LOC serve 3 year terms consistent with the Tribal election of the OBC.

when we meet

When in session, the LOC meets every other Monday at 9:00am in the Business Committee Conference Room (2nd floor of the Norbert Hill Center).

Completed agenda item request forms should be received by the Wednesday prior to a LOC meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

The LOC has three sessions per term. Each session begins in the Fall and ends in the Spring.

Please note, all items not adopted by the previous Oneida Business Committee (2002-2005 term) do not carry-over into the new term. Therefore, any item not adopted prior to July, 2005 would need to be reintroduced in order for it to be considered.

There is also a Midwinter Break each session. This year, the break will be from December 20, 2005 thru January 6, 2006.

THE NEXT LOC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2006.

visit us on the web

www.onloc.oneidation.org

The LOC website contains all of the Oneida Laws and includes:

- A listing of the LOC members and their biographies.
- The Oneida Tribal Constitution.
- Active Files List. A summary and listing of all items pending before the LOC and official actions taken.
- LOC approved minutes.
- Public Hearing Notices and Documents. Any upcoming public hearing notices and documents are also posted on the website.

LOC ACTIVE FILES LIST

These are the items currently before the LOC:

- ➔ Back Pay Policy
- ➔ Boards, Committees and Commissions
- ➔ Education Code
- ➔ Election Law
- ➔ Election Law: Primary Elections for Business Committee Positions
- ➔ Half Fair Rental Repeal
- ➔ Hall of Fame Ordinance Amendments
- ➔ Internal Security Issues
- ➔ Labor Code
- ➔ Law Enforcement Ordinance
- ➔ Land Commission Elected Positions
- ➔ LEED Resolution
- ➔ New York: Building Code and Plumbing Code
- ➔ New York: Tribal Environmental Quality Review Act (TEQRA)
- ➔ Open Records/Open Meetings Law Amendments
- ➔ Police Commission Stipends
- ➔ Salary Structure
- ➔ SEOTS Bylaws
- ➔ Trust Scholarship Fund

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Legislative Review/Letters

Chairman's Corner...



**Chairman
Gerald Danforth
Hoyan!**

As we enter into this new year and throughout the upcoming year, I hope to share some interesting and informative stories about the various programs and services the Oneida Tribe provides.

One such service is provided through the Veterans Affairs Department, which is managed by Director Kerry Metoxen. Kerry has been working in the Veteran's Affairs Department for the past three years after accepting the position following the retirement of Mr. Gary Metoxen. Kerry is the proud father of 5 children and has

been happily married to his wife Colleen for the past 30 years. Kerry was previously in the Air Force for 20 years and retired in February of 2000. His service record includes the Persian Gulf War, time in the country of Oman during Dessert Shield and in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during Dessert Storm. As a member of the Oneida VFW Post 7784 and a veteran, Kerry brings the experience and knowledge to provide the best services possible to our veterans across the state.

Another valuable asset to the Veteran Affairs Department is Veterans Benefit Specialist Carolyn Miller who has worked in the office since September of 1997. As a Benefits Specialist, Carolyn assists veterans and their families in securing all possible entitlements and other benefits, and she also serves as an advocate in providing referral and follow-up services. In June of 2003, Carolyn traveled to Milwaukee and successfully completed the State Accreditation Test. Carolyn

also assists the VFW, AmVets and WIVA Oneida Chapter. Carolyn's spouse is Rendell Miller and they have four children.

The valued staff of this department act as a point of contact for Oneida Veterans, and they also coordinate and provide services to Oneida Veterans living in other parts of the state. Eligible veterans participate from all agencies of the armed forces: Army, Air Force, Navy, Merchant Marines and Coast Guard. Highlights for this program in 2005 include the following points: a total of 1,189 client visits was made to the department, 135 veterans were assisted with compensation claims, 7 veteran home loans were provided and 26 - DD214's, medals and headstones were provided. The Veterans Department is also able to provide gas vouchers to eligible participants. Annually, Veterans Affairs Department also assists with facilitating state and federal funding in the amount \$600,000.00 for veteran compensation (due to disability by injury or disease incurred as a

result of military service) and pensions (financial support for veterans who served during war time).

The Oneida community also has four prominent veterans groups who participate in our community functions. They are the Oneida V.F.W. Post 7784, S.E.O.T.S. Veterans, Oneida Chapter of the WI Indian Veterans Association and the Oneida AmVets Post 54. Each of these organizations serves our community throughout the year in various ways, from assisting with fund raisers, providing security at events such as the Family Carnival, providing full military honors at veterans' funerals, to dis-

tributing holiday packages to families in need of support. The values these organizations display exemplify their outstanding character and commitment to helping one another and supporting the family and community.

Oneida has a proud history of our people serving in the military and our veterans are held in high regard with honor. I would also like to acknowledge and thank those service men and women currently engaged in the various branches of the military. Their continued commitment to providing our nation with the freedom we enjoy is highly commendable. I would like to also extend my sincer-

est appreciation to the Veterans Affairs Department staff, Kerry and Carolyn, for making their mission a reality for so many. The department's mission is to "Provide Quality Service and Assistance in the Delivery of Entitlements and Benefits due our Oneida Veterans and their Families." Complete information on how to obtain services through the Oneida Veterans Affairs Department can be obtained by calling 920-490-3920 or 1-800-236-2214.

**Yaw'ko
Gerald L. Danforth,
Tribal Chairman**

Letters, Opinions...

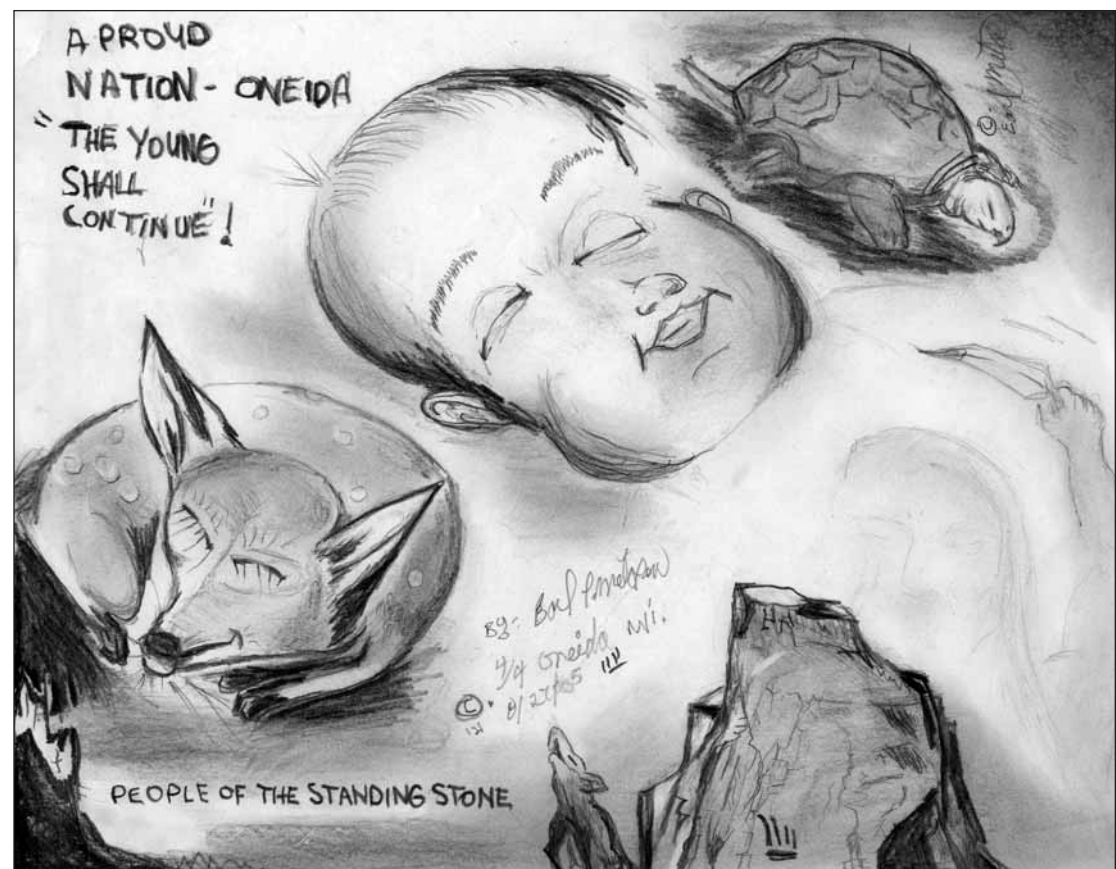


Photo courtesy of Jenny Webster

Olivia Webster, a very proud Lil Miss Oneida, near a beautiful view of the Swiss Alps.

Lil Miss travels abroad

Happy Holiday's to You and Your Families!!

Thank You So Much for allowing me to be Little Miss Oneida for this year, I am having so much fun!! And a special Thank You to the Oneida Veterans! I was able to attend several pow-wows and met Miss Indian World both here in Oneida and Menominee pow-wow's. I also went to Germany and Switzerland in November for 2 weeks.

We stayed on Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany and with host families in Switzerland. It was very busy, we sometimes danced 3 show's a day. We even danced in the Swiss Alps!! I can count to 10 in German now too. The other dancers were Kiowa, Cherokee, Navajo and Sac & Fox.

Thank You Oneida Tribe for letting me represent you overseas. Yaw'ko, God Bless and have a wonderful New Year! Ho-Yan!

**Olivia Webster
Lil Miss Oneida**

Angel Tree participants

A Very Special Thank You goes to the following in the community for participating in the Angel Tree which was held for the children Dec. 22nd at Three Sisters Library & Center:

Oneida Housing Staff
Oneida Police Department - Dan House
Civic Center - Arlounie Bain, Staff

Elderly Services - Lisa Huff, Joyce Johnson, Helen Huff, David, Alice Jordan, Jennifer Jordan.

**Thanks Again,
Isabel Parker**

Monday, January 9, 2006

Chairman Danforth's State of the Nation Address

5:00 P.M.

Serving Lite snacks and beverages

Annual **GTC** Meeting
6:00 P.M.

Norbert Hill Center
Second Floor Conference Room

Please bring Tribal Identification and Annual Book to the meeting.

**GOOD
MIND ...**

"a C.A.P.P.S. approach to
address underage drinking"

**great
future!**

**C.A.P.P.S. Dinner:
Women of the Community
Tuesday, January 31, 2006**

**NEW LOCATION:
PARISH HALL**

5:30pm—7:30pm

Come and Celebrate
the amazing women in Oneida!

Ron Hill will help present a
special honoring of community
women, brought forward by youth
and members of the community.
Each woman will be recognized with
a token of appreciation.

CCR for Youth and Families has joined
with the CAPPs Advocacy committee to
host the dinner!

Dinner includes venison, wild rice and
other traditional foods

For more information about the event
or forms to nominate women,
contact:
Justine at (920) 490-3854

**Free Event
Open to Everyone**

CAPPs (Community Analysis Process for Planning Strategies) is a national model that mobilizes the community to share resources, ideas, and information surrounding an issue. This project is supported by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Dept. of Justice.



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