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### Eighth Congressional District candidates to debate at UW-Green Bay

GREEN BAY - Republican and Democratic candidates competing for Congressman Mark Green's seat in Northeastern Wisconsin have agreed to a debate series at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Republican candidates John Gard and Terri McCormick have agreed to debate on Wednesday, April 12, and Democratic candidates Steve Kagen, Nancy Nusbaum and Jamie Wall have agreed to debate on Tuesday, April 25.

Both hour-long debates, featuring a media panel and a moderator to be named later, will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Phoenix Rooms of UW-Green Bay's University Union.

The five candidates are

**See Page 2 Debate**

## Skenandore pins down third place at state



Kali photo/Phil Wisneski

Eddy Joe Skenandore pins Mark Medinger of Holmen at the WIAA state wrestling tournament.

**By Phil Wisneski**

Kalihwisaks

Eddy Joe Skenandore was trying to follow in his older brother Dan's footsteps to become state wrestling champion.

His goal, however, was thwarted when he went up against undefeated Justin Schmalfeldt (38-0) of Burlington in the 215 pound division one semifinals.

Schmalfeldt had been dominating opponents all season long and that continued until he ran into Skenandore. Skenandore trailed 3-1 going

into the third period, but escaped with 1:44 left in the match to pull within one point. He would get no closer as Schmalfeldt recorded a take down with :44 seconds left to seal the win. Schmalfeldt would go onto to win the state championship in a dominating 7-2 performance against Steve Virgil of Wisconsin Rapids.

After the match, Skenandore lay prone on the Kohl Center mat, exhausted and disappointed.

Many wrestlers after losing their first match of the season,

would have a difficult time regrouping to wrestle the next day. Skenandore used the loss as motivation and went on to capture third place.

Skenandore closed his high school career in dramatic fashion as he snapped a take-down with 1:00 left in overtime to edge Justin Parsons (39-8) of River Falls.

Both wrestlers recorded escapes during the match. Skenandore got his in the second period, while Parsons got

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**Third Place**

## Judge allows FBI to withhold some Peltier documents

**By Carolyn Thompson**

Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The FBI can keep secret a handful of documents in the case of imprisoned American Indian activist Leonard Peltier in the interest of national security, a judge ruled, rejecting efforts by Peltier supporters for a glimpse at the 30-year-old records.

U.S. District Judge William Skretny issued the decision after reviewing some of the pages in private as part of a Freedom of Information request by attorneys fighting to have Peltier's conviction overturned.

He was convicted in Fargo, N.D., in 1977, and was sentenced to two consecutive life terms in the deaths of two FBI agents during a 1975 standoff on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Attorney Michael Kuzma said Monday he planned to appeal Skretny's ruling. "I'm disappointed but not shocked," Kuzma said.

Peltier supporters have taken legal action to collect more than 100,000 pages of FBI documents from field offices nationwide which they say should have been turned over to Peltier lawyers at the time of his trial or following a Freedom of Information request filed soon after.

The FBI in Buffalo released nearly 800 pages of material in 2004, but withheld others, citing exemptions allowed under the Freedom of Information Act for national security concerns and to protect the identity of agents and confidential sources.

"Plaintiff has not established the existence of bad faith or provided any evidence contradicting (the FBI's) claim that the release of these documents would endanger national security or would impair this country's relationship with a foreign government," the judge wrote in his decision Friday.

"The pages we were most intrigued about revolved around a teletype from Buffalo ... a three-page document that seems to indicate that a confidential source was being advised by the FBI not to engage in conduct that would compromise attorney-client privilege," Kuzma said.

Supporters have said Peltier, who is imprisoned in Lewisburg, Pa., was treated unfairly because of his political activism.

## Welcome home celebration...



**By Dawn Walschinski**

Kalihwisaks

Singers from Buffalo Creek drum group belted out an honor song as a line of relatives and friends snaked around the room to give Specialist Paul Bad Horse Stevens a handshake, or more often a hug, to welcome him home from a year long tour of Iraq at a homecoming party held at the Radisson Inn on Saturday, February 26th.

"It's so nice to have him home and I'm so grateful that he came home ok," said his mother Terrylee Blackowl.

Spc. Stevens served with the Army's Third Infantry Division as a team leader.

"I did a lot of patrolling, patrols galore, mission by mission," said Spc. Stevens. This was his third tour of duty in Iraq.

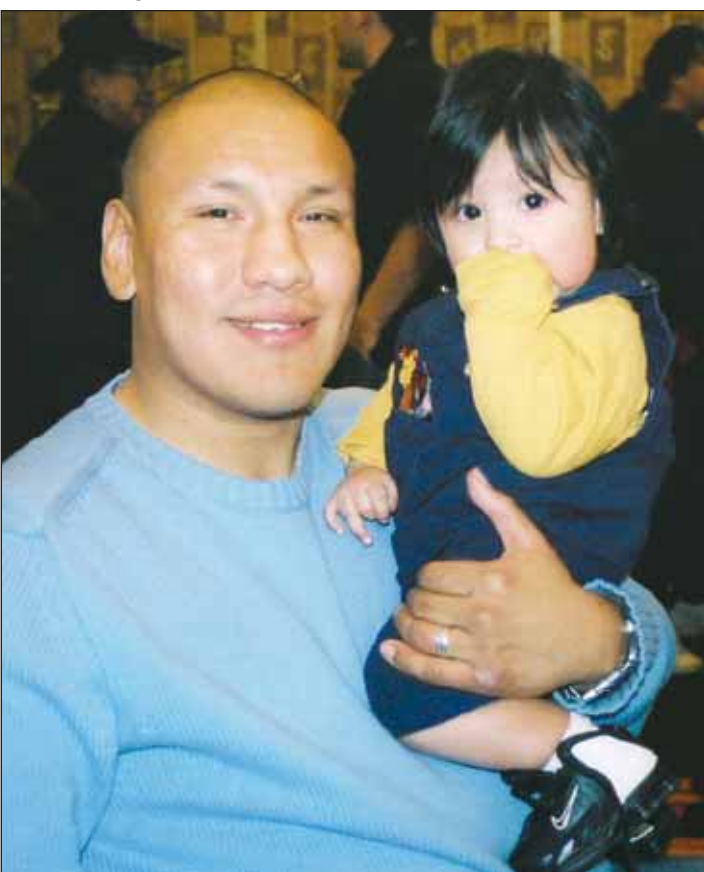
Blackowl said when her son was in Iraq - "I was pray-

ing everyday for his safety and worrying about him."

"I wasn't really scared for myself, to tell you the truth. I'm a strong believer in fate,

if it's going to happen, it's going to happen," said Spc. Stevens.

However, he was more worried about how his wife



Kelly and his family would take the news if something did happen to him.

Spc. Stevens followed in the boot-steps of his grandfather Ernie Stevens, Sr., who fought in the Korean war.

Spc. Stevens will be reporting back to his base at Fort Benning in Georgia where he plans to continue his Army service career.

**Kali photos/Dawn Walschinski**

Top: Spc. Paul Bad Horse Stevens receives an eagle feather from Robert "Little Man" Webster the Oneida Veterans as his mother Terrylee Blackowl, wife Kelly Stevens and Father Kelly Stevens look on. Left: Spc. Stevens visits with his youngest brother Vernon. Spc. Stevens was fortunately on leave in the area in time for Vernon's birth this summer.

## Meth drug destroys lives and communities

**By Dawn Walschinski**

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It's a drug that has devastated communities in the western United States and has been creeping eastward for years. Sometimes called rural crack, the powerful stimulant drug methamphetamine, or meth, can be instantly addicting and devastating to both those who use the drug and the community its addiction takes root in.

"There's several counties out west that they would con-

sider having reached epidemic proportions," said project director of the Lake Winnebago Area Meg Unit Brad Dunlap of northwestern Wisconsin counties Polk, Barron, Douglas and St. Croix. Meth is responsible for a large amount of crimes in those areas.

Meth takes several forms either crystalized or powdered, it is either imported or can be "cooked" locally using a toxic soup of ingredients such as cold medicine, paint

thinner and Liquid Drano. It can be smoked, taken orally or injected like heroin.

"What it does is it increases the activity in the brain. People feel energetic, hunger decreases and they can stay awake for long periods of time. The individual that I was working with told me that they would stay awake for days," said certified alcohol and drug counselor Scott LaLonder of Oneida Social Services.

Meth addicts will do

almost anything to feed their addiction and communities will see a rise in property crimes such as thefts and burglaries.

However, meth can also cause a rise in domestic abuse, sexual assaults and sexually transmitted diseases as the drug makes users more aggressive, according to Dunlap.

Addicts often stop eating,

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**Methamphetamine**



# 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!

**Desmon James Teller**

Desmon James Teller, newborn son to Duane and Kristy Teller, was born on Saturday, January 21st, 2006 at West Allis Memorial Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. He weighed 8lbs, 11oz and was 21 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Duane Teller, Sr. & Desi Arlequin and Sherry & Warren Kriescher. Also Great Grandma Marvel Denny. He has two siblings at home, Duane III, 6 and Desdionna, 4.

**Amelia Michele Webster**

Amelia Michele Webster, newborn daughter to Steve and Becky Webster, was born at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2006 at St. Mary's Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and was 19" long. Amelia joins proud big sister Grace at home.

Maternal grandparents are Michele (King) Peterson and Jeff Doxtator, and Jeff Peterson. Paternal grandparents are John and Roz Webster. Great-grandparents include Mike and Cally King, Joan King, Betty Doxtator, Ann Peterson, Art and Rita Webster, and Florine Dessart.

## Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Dante**  
Have a happy happy birthday!



With much love,  
Mom, Pedro & Devonte

What is this?

**Starting Sunday, March 5th, 2006...**

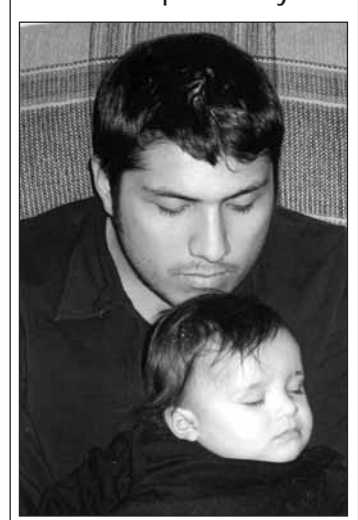
The Oneida Hymn Singers will be having singing practice every Sunday from 4:00PM to 5:00PM at the Oneida Parish Hall. Anyone interested in singing is welcome

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Carol Cornelius at 920-833-9922 or  
Lois Powless at 920-833-7745

## Happy Birthday

**Ernie!**  
We love you so much and we are so proud of you!



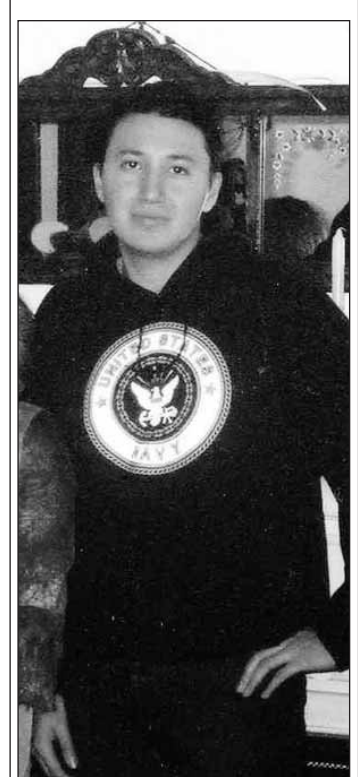
Love Always,  
Stephanie and Little Ernest

## Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday

to my #1 Son  
**Rob Aragon Jr.**  
on March 1st



I cherish the memories of your youth...



With much Love from...  
Mom, Kirby, Brother & Sisters, your #1 niece Carmella and all of your relatives near and far...

**Did you know...**  
the Oneida Nation has a website?

**Did you know...**  
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The Address is:  
[www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org)  
Click on Departments (at the top). select Language Revitalization and then language lessons. Check it out, tell us what you think. Contact us if you want more!

## Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Ernie Stevens, III**  
on March 9th  
Remember when you were so little?



We love you...  
Mom, Dad and the Stevens Clan

## Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

**Chaske Jacobs**  
on March 1st



Love you, Mom, Dad & Malia

## Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday

on March 10th  
**Margaret B. Danforth**

Congratulations on making "High Honor Roll" and "Student of the Week" at Seymour High, and also for being nominated to Who's Who among High School students



Way to go, keep up the good work!  
Kunolunkwa...  
Mom & Dad,  
Shaleena, Shaleesa,  
Lata, Tanya & David III

## Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

To my brother  
**Chaske**  
on March 1st



Love you,  
Malia

## Happy Birthday

**Chris**



Thankya, thankya, very much!

## Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday

on March 10th  
**"Margaret"**



We're proud of you!  
Shonna, Yetsi, Brennan, Elijah, Iiyonna

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**NEXT DEADLINE**  
is... **Wednesday**  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @  
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**PUBLISH DATE**  
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**MarjaRia Morning Song Stevens**  
on March 3rd



We love you so much!  
Grandma & Papa and the Stevens Clan

## Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

to my #1 Granddaughter  
**Jossalyn Metoxen**  
on March 10th



XOXOXO  
With Lotsa Love...  
Grandpa Kirby, Von,  
Aunties Mercy & Schuyler and the rest of the clan

## Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday

to my #1 Daughter  
**Mercy Metoxen**  
on March 3rd



We Love you...  
Dad, Von, Eli, Schuyler, niece, nephews and the rest of the clan

## Happy Birthday

Happy March 10th Birthdays, to...  
**Auntie Margaret A. Danforth & Mary Webster**



Lookin' Good!  
Love Always, Margaret

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**Oneida Child Care Parent Advisory Committee (PAC): Two (2) Vacancies.** Qualifications: Shall serve a two year term. Shall have (2) Norbert Hill Child Care Parent members. Purpose: We provide the highest quality educational and support services to all children and families. We empower the children through the use of developmentally appropriate practices. Our practices reflect the unique cultural heritage of the Oneida Community and build the foundation for the next Seven Generations. **Deadline date for receipt of applications of March 17, 2006.**

**Oneida Housing Authority (OHA): One (1) Vacancy** Qualifications: a. A board member may be a member or non-member of the Tribe. b. No person shall be barred from serving on the Board because he/she is a tenant or homebuyer in a housing project of the Authority. c Term of office shall be four (4) years. Purpose: The Oneida Housing Authority shall be organized and operated for the purpose of: 1. Remedying unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; 2. Alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for person of low income; 3. Providing employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement extension, alteration or repair and operation of low income dwellings. **Deadline date for receipt of applications of March 17, 2006.**

**Oneida Pow Wow Committee: One (1) Vacancy** Qualifications: Shall serve a three (3) year term. May be required to perform the supervisory duties in regard to a Pow Wow. Shall have up to nine appointed members. **Deadline date for receipt of applications of March 17, 2006.**

## Notice of Availability

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY** Project Description: The Oneida Tribe is proposing to provide water and sewer service to the Sanger B. Powers Correctional Facility. The service line is proposed to be constructed along the west end of County HWY U from Sanger B to Saint Joseph Street and deviate west into the Foxtails Wildlife Area, eventually connecting into the Waste Water Treatment Facility. The connection is located in Township 24, Range 19 East, Section 21, 28, 33, in Outagamie County, within the exterior boundary of the Oneida Reservation in Oneida, Wisconsin. An environmental assessment (EA) for the development of a Waste Water Treatment Facility was prepared in September 2003. The EA has been prepared regarding this proposed action and is in compliance with the Oneida Environmental Policy (2-13-93B) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA contains project information, affected environment, project alternatives and consultation letters. Comments were requested from the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding possible impacts to threatened and endangered species, and from the Oneida Cultural Heritage

## Notice of Availability

Department about possible impacts to historic properties. No significant impacts to these resources are anticipated, and recommendations from these sources will be followed. Need for Project: Provide the Sanger B. Correctional Facility with water and sewer services. This will also create affordable sewer along County HWY U and additional water recharge. The proposed infrastructure contributes to the future development of economic growth and recreational opportunities for the Oneida Community will be enhanced from the construction and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment Facility on the Oneida Reservation. Alternatives: The Preferred Alternative is to provide water and sewer service for the Sanger B. Powers Facility and the Oneida Community. The construction of water and sewer lines will allow the Oneida Tribe to determine its own area of service on the Reservation and create options for future housing and development to occur. The "No-Action" alternative was also evaluated, however this approach will not help assist the Oneida Tribe to fulfill a goal of strengthening the economic development of the Oneida Nation and servicing our community. Comments & Availability: Interested parties can obtain copies of these documents from the following address. Comments regarding the proposed action may also be submitted within 30 days of the date of this NOA. Contact Stacie Danforth at (920) 496-5350 or write Oneida Environmental Department, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155.

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## Job Opportunities

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## Job Opportunities

Standards (GAAS). Knowledge of the Wisconsin State/Tribal Compacts, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, casino gaming minimum internal control standards, casino internal policies and procedures and the AICPA casino auditing standards and application of professional accounting and auditing standards including, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and the AICPA casino auditing standards. Prior knowledge of casino gaming minimum internal control standards, casino internal policies and procedures is preferred. This position requires extensive travel and a valid driver's license. How To Apply: Apply online at the WiscJobs Website <http://wiscjobs.state.wi.us/public/>. You will create an account (if you haven't already) and complete an initial application. Use Advanced Search and search on the keyword field and enter the Job Announcement Code 0502897. Please note, if you need to create an account, once you come to your Job Cart you will need to click on the Advanced Search option to then search for the Job Announcement Code 0502897 and apply for the recruitment by clicking on "Apply Now" in the upper right hand corner of the announcement. You will need to complete and submit an examination to apply for the position and will be asked to upload your resume. If you have any questions about the online application process please contact Molly Pursian at 608-266-2131, or email [molly.pursian@wisconsin.gov](mailto:molly.pursian@wisconsin.gov). For questions, please contact Mary Becker, DOA Personnel, 9th floor, 101 E Wilson St, PO Box 7869, Madison WI 53707-7869.

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## Coaching Vacancy

**ATTENTION: ONHS COACHING POSITION** A coaching position as the Assistant softball coach for the high school team is available at the Oneida Nation High School. The season will begin April 3, 2006, and end in May, 2006. Practices from 3:30-5:30, M-Fr. Other duties include, pre-season meetings, bi-weekly updates, & any other requirements and summer responsibilities. Please submit a resume and letter of interest to Lance Kelley, located at the high school, by March 24, 2006.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** **Purpose: Adoption of Back Pay Policy** which defines back pay and establishes specifics on how back pay will be calculated when it has been determined that an employee was wrongfully terminated or suspended. This policy does not require the deduction of wages earned during the back pay period from the back pay award. **When:** March 21, 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](mailto: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](http://www.on-loc.org)

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE** **What:** Tri-annual submission of the Oneida Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Plan. The Plan consists of processes anticipated to be implemented in administering the TANF program. Come in to review what is contained in the revised plan which will cover the operating period of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2009. A copy of the Plan is available at the Oneida Community Library and you are invited to review and provide feedback either in writing or in person at one of the sessions scheduled below. **When:** March 21, 2006 **Where:** Oneida Tribe Social Services Building 2640 West Point Road, Green Bay **Time:** Friday, February 24, 2006 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm OR Monday, February 27, 2006 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm Your feedback is appreciated as this plan will affect families in our community through the provision of supportive services related to employability and employment, and in assisting people in becoming self-sufficient.



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Sports

# Thunderhawk boys lose to Lourdes



Kalih photo/ Phil Wisneski

Oneida's Gavin Hill dishes a pass to Scott Lynk (52) during their WIAA opening round defeat at Oshkosh Lourdes. The second seeded Knights defeated the Thunderhawks 66-38

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Nation boys basketball team found out the hard way what it's like to run into a buzz saw. That buzz saw was the Oshkosh Lourdes Knights. The Knights returned most of their players from a year ago that lost in the WIAA division four state championship game. Their experience, execution and intensity was the difference in a 66-38 win over Oneida.

"They are a very disciplined and well coached team," Oneida head coach Scott Murray said. "Their execution really hurt us."

That execution lead to a 22-12 first quarter lead and the game was never close the rest of the way. Senior Josh Christjohn single handedly tried to keep the game close as he poured in nine first quarter points.

"I thought Josh came out and really played hard," Murray said. "He wasn't intimidated by them and took it to them for one quarter."

Foul trouble hampered Christjohn the rest of the game and he remained scoreless the rest of the game.

The game got out of hand in the second quarter as the Thunderhawks could only manage four points in that stanza, while the Knights dropped in 18 to make it a 40-16 score at the half.

Senior Gavin Hill, held scoreless in the first half, came to life in the second half as he scored all 11 of his points after intermission. Hill poured in seven in the third quarter, which was highlighted by a dramatic block off the backboard of Lourdes Michael Kinderman.

The Knights emptied their bench in the fourth quarter and the games momentum switched to Oneida's side. It was too little too late however.

The Thunderhawks continued to play hard as their season came to an end.

"I'll give my guys a lot of credit," Murray said. "It's difficult to continue to play hard when you're down by thirty points, but the guys we had in the game kept battling."

Truman Powless chipped in nine points for Oneida, while senior Scott Lynk added five

points in his final game in a Thunderhawk uniform.

Oneida 12 4 14 8 - 38

Lourdes 22 18 19 7 - 66

Oneida: Powless 9, Josh Christjohn 9, Hernandez 2, John Christjohn 2, Hill 11, Lynk 5. 3-PT: Powless, Josh Christjohn. FT: 8-13. F: 15. Fouled out: Josh Christjohn.

**Oneida 37 St. Lawrence 57**

Oneida came out flat against the Hilltoppers and found themselves in a 18-5 hole after the first quarter.

Lack of intensity and poor execution lead to an easy 57-37 victory over the Thunderhawks.

Oneida was lead by Darrell Skenandore's 11 points. Nick Cantu dropped in nine points as well for the Thunderhawks.

The Hilltoppers were lead by Mike Saucedo and Peter Gehring. Both scored 14 points for St. Lawrence Seminary.

Oneida 5 14 10 8 - 37

SLS 18 15 15 9 - 57

Oneida: Powless 3, Cantu 9, Hernandez 8, Gutierrez 3, Hill 3, Skenandore 11. 3-PT: Powless, Cantu, Hernandez, Gutierrez, Hill. FT: 2-3. F: 13.

## Oneida girls season ends

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Nation girls basketball season lost to Northeast Wisconsin Lutheran in the opening round of the WIAA state tournament 54-30.

Hot shooting by the second seeded Blazers and a cold second and third quarter by the seventh seeded Thunderhawks proved to be the difference in the game.

Oneida was outscored 30-14 in the middle quarters. The Blazers rained in five three pointers for the game and the Thunderhawks only had three players score. Oneida did improve from a prior meeting with NEW. The Thunderhawks were pounded by 42 points earlier this season.

Twyla Danforth lead Oneida with 15 point s and Stakwas Danforth chipped in 13.

The Thunderhawks finished the season with a 9-12 record for the season.

Oneida 9 4 10 7 - 30

NEW 15 12 18 9 - 54

Oneida: S. Danforth 13, Stevens 2, T. Danforth 15. 3PT: None. FT: 6-14. F: 14.

**Oneida Nation 37 Suring 50**

In a make up game from earlier this season, the Suring Eagles trumped the Thunderhawks 50-37. The game was rarity as it took place after the WIAA state tournament. Since both teams suffered first round losses the game was made possible.

The Thunderhawks came out of the locker slow at the start of both halves. Oneida scored four points in the first quarter and a mere three points in the third quarter. The Eagles outscored the Thunderhawks 22-7 in those quarters and provided much of the cushion needed to win the game.

Lois Stevens lead Oneida with 14 points while Twyla Danforth chipped in 11.

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Oneida: Santiago 3, S. Danforth 5, T. Danforth 11, Stevens 14. 3-PT: Stevens 2. FT: 15-34. F: 19.

# Oneida Recreation keeps community busy and healthy

## 5th & 6th Grade Boys Close Out Successful Season

By Kyle Casper

Sports & Fitness Specialist

Oneida Recreation Department

The 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball team sponsored by the Oneida Recreation Department recently closed out a successful season. The team began practicing back in November. Through hard work and determination each player improved as the season went on. They were rewarded for their hard work by posting an 8-2 season record while competing in a Green Bay area League. The team also placed second in the Oneida Recreation Christmas Classic.

The team was coached by Brian Denny. Team members include: Brickman House, Brock Denny, Bryce Elm, Chris Polanco, Cody Cottrell, Kommanche Jordan, Marcus Hines, Oscar Schuyler, and Trent Jourdan.

## Two Leagues to Form in March

By Kyle Casper

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Oneida Recreation Department

A Teen Basketball League and a Volleyball League will be forming at the Civic Center

## Oneida Recreation

## Artists of the month

By Michelle Smith

Oneida Recreation

Each month beginning in January, the Art Department of the Oneida Civic Center will be awarding two individuals the Artist of the Month Award. The award will be based on attendance and overall application in art.

The Art Department of the Oneida Civic Center would like to take this opportunity to congratulate two outstanding individuals for a job well done. Roland Vandehei was awarded the Male Artist of the Month and Jasmine John was awarded the Female Artist of the Month. Both, attend art classes at the Civic Center and have shown outstanding application in their art skills and a willingness to remain active in attending art

in March. The Teen Basketball League will be played on Thursday Nights beginning March 9th. Games will be played from 7:00 - 9:00. The Volleyball League will take place on Monday nights beginning March 13th. Anyone ages 13 and older is eligible for the Co-ed Volleyball League.

For more information or to register for either program, please contact Kyle Casper at 869-1088 or stop by the Civic Center.

## March Madness at the Rec. Submitted by Mike Wolfert

It's time for the dance! Nope, it's too late for Valentine's Day. It's the Big Dance, the NCAA basketball tournament baby! Again this year, coinciding with the college and high school basketball tournament frenzy, both the Civic Center and County H recreation buildings will be holding basketball or tournament related events in each area: gym, game room, learning center, and art room. Last year some of the events included: free throw and three point contests, pool tournaments, word searches, color-

ing contests, and of course filling out tournament brackets. There's sure to be more of the same, as well as some new events this year.

Events will run through the end of March with days and times to be determined by each facility. Kids can earn prizes for placing in selected events and for simply participating. Last year County H gave out prizes to the eight kids who participated the most. In addition each building reached a total participation goal and earned a bigger prize. The kids were able to vote on something they wanted for their building. The County H kids chose a new air hockey table and the Civic Center members earned a PS2. There will be new games and new goals to reach, so come and be part of all the fun and excitement that is March Madness!

## Civic Center – Learning Center By Mandy Schneider

The learning center at the civic center is still going strong. The members earned a total of 296 snowballs toward their group goal of 500 to earn their next character development field trip. The member that earned the most snowballs this month is Diego Metoxen with 34 leaves. **Excellent Job Diego!**

The first leadership and teamwork challenges ended on January 19. The winners of these challenges got to pick from my large prize pile. The winners for the leadership challenge are Bobby Mills and Christine Afraid of Hawk won for the 10 & up age bracket, and Raymond Danforth won for the seven to nine-year-old age bracket. **Way to stick with it guys, Super jobs!**

Homework help and the reading corner are still the most important programs the learning center has going on here at the civic center. The members that utilize homework help the most at the end of the school year can receive a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place prize, and the top reader each month still receives a \$10 gift certificate, this month it is Jasmine John, who read a total of four hours. **Keep up the great work young lady!**

There have been a few new activities added to the line up in the learning center this

month, but those have to do with being here, so come in and see them for yourself.



## Elders in Action...

Submitted by Oneida Recreation

The Elders showed a lot of love on February 15, 2006 at Oneida Recreation's Valentine's Day Bingo Party. There was a red wearing contest, closest to Valentine's Birthday contest, been married the longest contest, a couple balloon busting contest, and of course BINGO. There were 44 participants that attended the party and fun was had by all. Oneida Recreation's next Bingo party will be held March 15, 2006 for St. Patrick's Day and then we will have an Easter Party on April 12, 2006. To be a part of Elder Bingo and these fun events all you have to do is be 55 or older and show up at the County H facility from 1:30-3:00 on Wednesday's.

Other fun Oneida Recreation-sponsored events are Bowling and Card Club every other Thursday at Ashwaubenon Lanes or the County H facility. The dates of the bowling league are March 9, 23, April 6 everyone is welcome. The card league dates are as follows, March 2, 16, and 30.

Also, back by popular demand, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 "The Price is Right" will start at the County H facility on Thursdays at 10:00am. To follow the fun we will continue with the PACE Program to help us all get fit! If you have any questions or would like to sign up for any of the following events affiliated with the Golden Program, please contact Kim Diemer at 833-0010.

Photo submitted by Oneida recreation

Above, Merlin and Elaine Melchert play a balloon game at the Oneida Recreation Valentine's Bingo Party on February 15 at the County H facility.

# Basketball tourney



Kali Photo/Dawn Walschinski

Matt Ninham of Brewbakers Pub shoots against the Skins in the final game of the Onayote'a'ka Youth Council Men's Basketball Tournament which ran February 25-26. Eight teams entered with Brewbakers Pub winning first place followed by the Skins and All Nations in third. Money raised went to the Harriet Alecia Scholarship Fund.



## From Page 1/ Debate held at UWGB

competing for the 8th Congressional District seat being vacated by Green, who is running for governor. The 8th Congressional District is receiving extensive national attention this campaign season.

Party primaries are Sept. 12, and the primary winners

will meet in the Nov. 7 general election.

UW-Green Bay also will host a post-primary debate for the Republican and Democratic candidates who advance to the general election.

Sponsors of the debate series include the UW-Green

Bay College Republicans and Democrats student organizations, Project VOTE of Brown County and WisPolitics.com, which will tape the series for later Web cast. State and area media also will be invited to cover the events.

## From Page 1/Skenandore places third

his in the third period.

In the preliminary round, Skenandore lead 1-0 against Mark Medinger (34-13) of Holmen going into the second period.

In the second period, Skenandore put Medinger on his back and squeezed a pin at the 1:12 mark.

The victory set up a battle with Jim Kunz (39-8) of

Oshkosh West. Kunz entered the state tournament ranked ahead of Skenandore in many wrestling publications.

Skenandore was clearly the superior wrestler as he used technique and quickness to a 5-1 victory.

Skenandore quickly shot in the first period to take a quick 2-0 lead. An escape by Kunz narrowed the gap to 2-1 head-

ing into the final period. Skenandore responded with an escape of his own and takedown with :20 left to seal the deal.

Skenandore finished the season with a 47-1 record. One of the best in Green Bay West/Southwest wrestling history.



Kalih photo/Phil Wisneski

Eddy Joe Skenandore catches Jim Kunz of Oshkosh West for a single leg takedown in the 215 pound division one quarter-finals at the Kohl Center in Madison. Skenandore beat Kunz 5-1 to advance to the semi-finals.

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## New health center ombudsman

By Dawn Walschinski  
Kalihwisaks

Former Oneida Business Committee (OBC) chairwoman Debbie Thundercloud made her debut as ombudsperson for the Oneida Community Health Center at a community meeting Tuesday night, February 28th.

"We're going to be looking for opportunities for improvement," she told the meeting attendees.

Thundercloud brings her experience as vice-president of the Support Care Center at Bellin Hospital as well as her back ground on the OBC to the new position that was created as a result of a General Tribal Council (GTC) petition.

"I hope that we can help bring resolution to some of the issues that community members have and ultimately provide better quality care for tribal members," she said in an interview.

Community members can contact Thundercloud with concerns about health center



Kalih photo /Dawn Walschinski

Debbie Thundercloud talks with Pearl McLester about being named OHC Ombudsman.

procedures or staff. She will then follow up with research and recommendations while maintaining the confidentiality of those involved. Her office is located in the Little Bear Development Center and her number is 920-869-4569.

Thundercloud is looking forward to working within

the Oneida community again.

"You have to leave Oneida in order to appreciate it again, and I think it's a great opportunity that I'm able to come back to the community. I'm exited about it."

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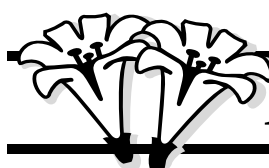
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## Local



## Passing On

### Cornelius Elm, Florence Genevieve

November 13, 1924 – February 23, 2006

Florence Genevieve Green Bay, WI.; Gwenevere Skenandore, DePere, WI., and Madelyn Genskow (Roger) Waupaca, WI. and a host of relatives and friends.



Florence married Emil "Buddy" Guy Elm on July 14, 1944. Florence was employed by the Brown County Sheriff Department for 33 years as head matron. She also was a member of the Deputy Sheriff Association, Past President and lifetime member of V.F.W Post 7784 Ladies Auxiliary in Oneida for many years. She was a member of the Oneida Methodist Church and sang in the choir. She also sang with the Oneida Singers.

She leaves to cherish her memory 2 sons Gary E Elm (Judy), Oneida, WI, Keith R Elm (Sue), Green Bay, WI. 5 daughters Jenny E. Gautreaux, DePere, WI, Bonita K Leschig (Ron), Milwaukee, WI, Mona L Oxendine (Winston) Shannon, N.C., Sandra L Zuelke (Mike) DePere, WI. Deborah J Melchert (Tim) Phelps, WI

Also 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren. Her beloved sisters Carol Robelia.

Florence is preceded in death by her beloved Emil G (Buddy), 1 daughter Carol Ann Elm and 1 Granddaughter Misha Marie Elm. Her parents Isaiah and Genevieve, 3 brothers Isaiah Jr., Ervin, and Vernon Cornelius; 2 sister Geraldine Cornelius, and Winifred Skenandore.

Services were held Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at the Oneida United Methodist Church, with Rev. Julio A. Alvarado officiating.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME 305 N. Tenth Street De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements. Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to express online condolences to the family.

*Our mother fought a good fight, she kept the faith, and she knew to be absent from this body is to be present with the Lord.*

*Special 'Thank You' to care givers Helena Saed, Yvonne Skenandore, Gladys Sidl, Faith in Action and all the excellent care and compassion of Unity Hospice personnel.*

## Senior smokers have new way to quit

It is never too late to quit smoking, and for seniors eligible for Medicare, getting help to quit just became a lot more affordable. Medicare now covers prescription medications to help certain smokers quit. This new benefit, launched in January, is in addition to the free counseling offered to smokers that began last year.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for certain Medicare beneficiaries to get the medication and counseling they need to quit," says Dr. Michael Fiore, director of the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention. "Quitting smoking can improve people's lives even at age 65 or older."

The new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit covers the following medications: Bupropion SR, nicotine inhaler, nicotine nasal spray and the prescription nicotine patch.

Tobacco treatment counseling services are also covered for qualifying outpatients and hospitalized beneficiaries as long as those services are provided by Medicare-recognized practitioners and physicians. Coverage includes two attempts per year, each with a maximum of four intermediate (3-10 minutes in length) or intensive (10 minutes or longer) sessions, with up to eight sessions per year. Group therapy will not be covered.

Coverage is limited to ben-

eficiaries with a disease or adverse health effect that the U.S. Surgeon General has found to be linked to tobacco use, including heart disease, lung disease, cerebrovascular disease, blood clots, cataracts, weak bones and certain types of cancer. It also includes those patients taking a therapeutic agent whose metabolism or dosing is affected by tobacco use (based on FDA-approved information).

For more information, please call **1-800-MEDICARE**, or go online to **[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)**.

Quitting tobacco use has been shown to improve health and increase quality and length of life, particularly in older adults. About 10 percent of adults 65 and older use tobacco products.

Many tobacco users try quitting cold turkey, but only about five percent succeed. The good news is research shows that medication combined with counseling can quadruple smokers' chances. In the past, many low-income tobacco users have struggled to access these vital services.

Smoking is the number-one cause of preventable death in Wisconsin, killing more than 7,000 residents every year – more than AIDS, murders, suicides, drugs, alcohol and motor vehicle accidents combined. According to the American Cancer Society, smoking is the leading cause

of lung cancer (about 80 percent of cases) and lung cancer is the leading cancer killer. Smoking is also a leading cause of death from heart disease and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

All Wisconsin residents who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco can also call the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line for free telephone counseling, regardless of insurance coverage, at **1-877-270-STOP (7867)**.

The Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, has provided cessation and prevention services in Wisconsin since 1992 and is a nationally recognized research center.

### New Medicare Benefits

#### Covered Medications

- \* Bupropion (Zyban or Wellbutrin)
- \* Nicotine Patch (via prescription only)
- \* Nicotine Inhaler
- \* Nicotine Nasal Spray

#### Covered Counseling

Individual Counseling This includes two quit attempts per year and up to eight counseling sessions. Other options, call the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line.

**Free telephone counseling is available by calling 1-877-270-(STOP) 7867**

## Elder Valentine's dates



Kali Photo/Phil Wisneski

The Oneida Elderly Services Department organized dates between Oneida elders and community members at the Standing Stone Buffet in the Radisson. Inset: Bruce Danforth enjoys a laugh with his date, Donna Elm.

### In Loving Memory of... Jaiman Little Hawk King-Martin

*"Lanislhawwi"  
He brings the day*

**Who was born April 18, 2002  
and went to Heaven March 6, 2005**

*It has been a year now since we  
have kissed your chubby  
cheeks...*

*We miss you so much and  
think about you week after  
week.*

*We always can picture  
your precious little face...  
Its one that truly could never  
be replaced.*

*You will forever be in our hearts so dear,  
we know you are with us each day of the year.*

*Our lives without you will never be the same,  
it seems like nothing will ease this pain.*

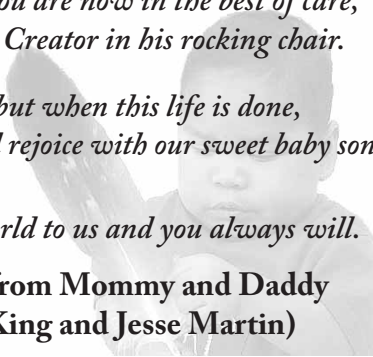
*We often look back at sweet memories we have  
with you.*

*It's the only way that seems to help us get through.  
We realize that you are now in the best of care,  
sitting with the Creator in his rocking chair.*

*We cry now but when this life is done,  
we will reunite and rejoice with our sweet baby son!*

*You mean the world to us and you always will.*

**Lots of love from Mommy and Daddy  
(Jeanette King and Jesse Martin)**



## Girl Scout Cookies sold at public locations through April 2

Girl Scout troops affiliated with Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. will be selling Girl Scout Cookies through booth sales at public locations through April 2. Girl Scout Cookies were sold door-to-door in January. Booth sales are for people who did not have the opportunity to order at that time, or would like additional boxes. Cost is \$3/box.

For a list of cookie booth locations, log on to <http://www.gsfra.org/ProductSales/BoothSales.htm>

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale program helps girls learn skills including money management, goal setting, teamwork, and meeting the public. Funds support troop activities and provide supplies for troop use. Girls also earn individual awards including program credit coupons that can be used to pay for their entire summer camp session or other council sponsored events. A portion of the proceeds also helps the council fund program and camp costs, maintaining affordable fees for girls and their families.

One of the things that makes the Girl Scout Cookie Sale different from most youth fundraisers is that a portion of the revenue goes directly to troops. Girls within each troop then decide how the money will be spent. The volunteer board of directors of Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. allocates remaining proceeds to provide Girl Scout services to girls and volunteers within the council.

The council serves over 8,000 girl and adult members in the counties of Menominee, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Winnebago, and a portion of Calumet.

## Community Classes offered

There will be nine classes offered to the community as early as March 15. Following is a list of the classes that will be offered:

Scrapbooking, Pottery, Beginning Spanish Club, Basket making, Corn Husk Doll making, QuickBooks/Accounting, Photography, Sewing Class and Advance Directives/Living Wills.

If you have any questions, contact Theresa Butori at **496-5260** or via email: **[tbutori@oneidanation.org](mailto:tbutori@oneidanation.org)**

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# From Page 1/Methamphetamine use

sleeping and bathing. They can develop scabs on their faces and body that they can't stop picking at. Their teeth will begin to rot and fall out.

"No one, their family, nothing is first in their minds, they just want to get that next high, that next fix because it's so addictive," said Oneida Police Department patrol officer Chris Cornelius.

Deprived of meth, users might crash and sleep for days. They could become paranoid, depressed and irritable.

"Homemade meth has sort of filled in the gap in rural areas where there was a lower availability of crack cocaine," said Dunlap.

In October of 2005, the state of Wisconsin restricted the purchase of over-the-counter cold medicines that contain pseudoephedrine, the key ingredient needed for making meth. People wishing to purchase such medicines must show a drivers licence to a licensed pharmacist and are limited to 250 pills every 30 days.

"It's been proven historically in other states that this type of legislation is effective, and we already think that we're starting to see the effects now," said Dunlap.

However, there is a rise in a smokable form of meth called "ice" from Mexico.

"We started to see an increase in the importation of that drug statewide and specifically in this (eastern Wisconsin) area," said Dunlap.

Unlike the former pattern of targeting rural areas, ice is competing for a share in the urban crack cocaine market.

"That has us very concerned just because how nasty meth is when compared to crack," said Dunlap.

Ironically, it's Oneida's connection with urban areas such as Green Bay and Milwaukee that kept meth from becoming a factor here, as drug addicts in the area had access to crack cocaine.

"Crack is bad, meth is worse," said Dunlap.

Officer Cornelius worked with the Brown County Drug Task force for three years.

"I worked undercover and purchased meth in the Brown County area, and we also did have some information that meth is here on the reservation," she said.

As part of her training, she went to the FBI academy in Quantico, Virginia and learned the process of making meth.

"Stuff that you wouldn't normally ingest into your own body are chemicals that are used in the process of making it," she said.

Both Cornelius and LaLonder say that meth addicts rarely start on meth, but work their way up to the drug.

"They'll start using marijuana and then they'll start experimenting with cocaine and by the time they get to crystal meth, it's take a toll on their bodies. You'll find young people that look about twenty years older than their stated age," said LaLonder.

Both agree that it's important that parents need to stay alert and aware of their children's activities.

"Make it a point to go in their room and look for things, and find out who their

friends are, because friends tell a lot about a person. If their friends are having problems and using drugs and whatever, that's going to tell you what your kid's involved in," said Cornelius.

"Know where they are and know what they're doing. There's so many youth that have way too much freedom these days," said LaLonder.

Most importantly, they advise that the best way to fight an addiction is to never try drugs.

"Even addicts will say that. The first time they tried something, they were addicted and hooked," said Cornelius.

## Warning signs

### Things to look for:

- \*Aggressive, paranoid or hyperactive behavior
- \*extreme weight loss
- \*Scabs or sores
- Signs of a meth lab:**
- \*Headless matches
- \*Batteries
- \*An odor like cat urine
- \*LP tanks
- \*Large amounts of over the counter cold medicine

### To report possible drug activity:

Oneida Police Department:  
**920-869-2239**

### To receive counseling:

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Crisis Center  
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## Community Education Center March computer classes announced

By Bob O'Donnell

CEC Computer Instructor

The Oneida Nation Community Education Center has announced its schedule of computer classes for March. Classes are free for tribal members and employees, and held at the Center's location at 2632 S. Packerland Drive.

In addition to introductory and advanced training in Corel WordPerfect Office and Microsoft Office software, the Community Education Center also offers classes for those who are new to computers and would like to learn more about how to use computers at home or work.

Among the classes to be offered in March are "Computer for Beginners" which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 7. This three-session class provides those who have little or no prior computer experience with a basic understanding of how to use computers. A three-session class entitled "Introduction to Microsoft Windows XP" will be offered starting on Tuesday, March 14.

There will be "Introduction to Microsoft Internet Explorer" classes offered on March 7 and March 14. These one-hour classes provides students with a basic understanding of how to use Explorer to navigate the Internet. There will be "Introduction to Digital Imaging and Digital Cameras" classes on March 10 and 24.

For those looking to learn word processing for home or work, an introductory class on Corel WordPerfect will begin

on Wednesday, March 8. There will be an introductory class on Microsoft Word beginning on Tuesday, March 21. Both these classes provide students with an understanding of the basics of using a computer typing letters, reports, etc.

Those who would like to learn how to use computer spreadsheets can attend an

introductory class, the Center offers classes on both Corel Quattro Pro and Microsoft Excel. Introductory classes in both software programs start on Tuesday, March 7.

Also in March, the Community Education Center will be offering classes on Microsoft Access, Microsoft

## See Page 6 Computer classes

| Calendar   |
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| EVENTS   |
| March – April  |
| <b>Holy Apostles Church Lenten Fish Frys</b><br><b>WHEN:</b> March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st & April 7th<br><b>TIME:</b> Serving 3 to 6 p.m.<br><b>PLACE:</b> Parish Hall<br>\$8.00 per plate, FMI, call 869-2565  |
| April 1st  |
| <b>33rd Annual AIRO Pow Wow</b><br><b>WHEN:</b> Saturday, April 1st<br><b>TIME:</b> Grand Entries 1:00pm & 7:00pm<br><b>PLACE:</b> Berg Gym, UW-Stevens Point Campus<br>Admission: \$4 or \$3 with student ID. Includes feast at 5:00. Everyone is welcome! Sponsored by UWSP Student body. Call 715-346-3576 for more information.  |
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| <b>Women Reaching Women Support Group</b><br><b>WHEN:</b> Every Thursday<br><b>WHERE:</b> Three Sister's Community Center, 790 Oneste Lane (off of Mason St.) Three Sisters Housing Site<br><b>TIME:</b> 12:30–2:30 PM<br>Please come and join us. We'll support each other. All women are invited. Free transportation, lunch, and child care provided. YMCA Swimming, Women's Closet. Hope to See you there! For information, please contact Isabel Parker at <b>498-3340</b> or Georgia Burr at <b>592-8682</b> . |
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## Do you know us?



Photo submitted by Barb Skenandore

This photo comes from the Melody (Doran) Skenandore Collection. The photo is from her mother's side of the family (Lois Smith). Melody's grandparents on her mother's side are Ernest Smith and Virginia (Vergie) (Coulon) Smith.

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## Wisconsin Indian Golf Association (WIGA)

...was established in 1979 to promote the game of golf as an activity, to teach the rules and etiquette of the game and to bring together members of the Wisconsin Indian Tribes to renew friendships and make new ones. At the present time, the Association promotes four golf tournaments which are held throughout the state (Oneida, Ho-Chunk, Lac Courtes Oreilles and Strockbridge/Munsee) providing competition in different age groups (Adult and Juniors).

Anyone interested in participating in these outings may do so. There is a \$2.00 fee per event, which will cover your enrollment as a member of the Association as well as being placed on our mailing list.

Once you are on the list, you will receive tournament dates and related information as well as notification of membership meetings.



Our mailing list will be updated in 2006 to provide all Wisconsin Indian golfers the opportunity to become members or our great organization and to participate in our tournaments.

Please call Dale at 920.869.2322 for more information.

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# T' Times Thunderhawk

## Thank You...

The Oneida Nation High School Senior Class Representatives would like to take the time to thank these particular groups and organizations for their generous donations for our Indian Taco Sale Fund-Raiser held February 2nd at the Parish Hall: The Oneida Nation farm for your meat donation, the Oneida Parish Hall for the use of your facility, Coca-Cola Sales Center for your Coke product donation and the Oneida Bingo and Casino for your bingo pass donations.

Also, a huge thank you to Marlene Ninham, Brenda Lynk, Vanny Wheelock, Cindy Thomas, Chastity Ninham, Ashley Ninham and Tom Kenote for your help during our fund-raiser. The "Class of 2006" raised a total of \$763.50.

*Thank You,  
Anthony Gutierrez-President  
Scott Lynk-Vice President  
Salisha Ninham-Treasurer  
Virgil Stevens-Secretary*

## Tuesdays with Earl

by **Travis Dessart-Cornelius**  
ONHS senior

Hurray. From here on out every Tuesday we will be meeting with Earl Metoxen to discuss . . . well, stuff, I guess.

This week we discussed the historical importance of jiggling in the Oneida community as it was illustrated in his drawing. The heated discussion involved everything from applying jiggling as a metaphor to the Oneida people, to the age and culture progression from where your contemplating and thinking, to when you're acting and doing.

Well these discussions are to say the very least, interesting, as Earl is an interesting guy. But I am eagerly awaiting the next discussion to get a new look and interpretation on what would otherwise be just simple drawings.

## Glory Road - an ordinary sports movie with a twist

by **Darrell Skenandore**  
ONHS junior

On February 1, the basketball team went to the movies to see the movie Glory Road.

It was a pretty good movie, I thought. The plot is about a rookie coach with the underdog college team. The rookie coach recruits some black players in the beginning of

## Wal-Mart Gets a Bad Rap

by **Stakwas Danforth**  
ONHS senior

Wal-Mart has gotten its share of bad press lately but, in my opinion, Wal-Mart is a great and very successful business. Being the world's largest company, I think, also makes it the best. Selling \$244.5 billion in merchandise last year tells me that Wal-Mart probably won't be going out of business anytime soon.

## Rethinking Wal-Mart

by **Earl Elm**  
ONHS junior

Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer and company, has been in the hot seat lately. Here's another perspective. Wal-Mart sold \$244.5 billion in goods last year. To be the best, you have to beat the rest by any means necessary. That's what I think Wal-Mart's motto is. But who knows? Wal-Mart does have good prices, but they have

## Hybrid Vehicles are Becoming a Consideration for Many Motorists

by **Travis Dessart-Cornelius**  
ONHS senior

As many of you may or may not know hybrid vehicles are becoming very popular, especially with recent gas prices. Toyota's Prius cannot even stay on the lot for more than 20 hours.

With their rise in popularity, many manufacturers are now adding them into their line up. Even big-name luxury companies are making a move to high efficiency vehicles. Lexus, for example, is making hybrid versions of their popular LS sedans and RX series SUVs.

Along with the new found popularity of hybrids, some people are beginning to speculate whether or not these zero emissions vehicles are all that they worked up to be, saying they're not worth the added price (about \$3,000).

But hybrids aren't little budget-grade vehicles. Most of them offer many high tech features including Blue tooth, voice activated navigation, and premium sound packages on top of their added MPG rating.

Purchasing a hybrid vehicle will entitle you to a two

thousand dollar tax deduction, which translates to a one time tax savings of about \$500.

Diesel is also another good choice on saving fuel, with some vehicles offering as good as 46 mile per gallon on the highway.

If you don't have the money to purchase a new vehicle, here are a few tips on saving gas: Use cruise control on the highway, avoid accelerating hard after stops and even having proper inflated tires helps a little.

## Tempe Wants Wi-Fi

by **Travis Dessart-Cornelius**  
ONHS senior

Tempe Arizona, a Phoenix suburb, wants wireless internet available for its residents. If the plan goes through, Tempe will be the first city in the United States to have wireless internet throughout its entire 40-square-mile area.

Officials hope their easily accessible high speed internet will act as a good economic development tool. The network will be setup through 400 antenna boxes mounted on light poles throughout the city. NeoReach Wireless, the provider of this service, will sell access primarily through other providers.

How about it, Oneida?

## Oneida Nation Website

by **Stakwas Danforth**  
ONHS senior

A look at the Oneida Nation Website tells you that members of this organization value their culture. Their culture is very important, including the different ceremonies, clans, pow-wows, and many more things. There are a lot of different ceremonies that they do that are very important to these people, such as long house.

The Business Committee is also very important, because these are the people that make a lot of decisions for the community. Anything they do will affect all of this organization's members.

These people rely on a lot of different important things.

The website can be found at [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org)



## Conservation is important

by **Stakwas Danforth**  
ONHS senior

Conservation is it is important. Conservationists are trying to help with the environment, helping the wildlife, forest and our natural resources. Natural resources are very essential for everybody and everything as far as our spiritual and physical health. Everyone should be involved in conserving in our environment.

Conservation should be a part of everyone's life. We should all help out at one point or another. What I do to help out with the environment is recycle. I also don't litter. Recycling is a big part because we are not destroying the environment when we reuse garbage.

There are improvements that could be made to help recycling. It should be required by law. This would be a big help to the environment! People can also volunteer to clean up garbage off the roads and highways, or the woods.

What can you do? Tell people not to litter and be sure you don't do it yourself. Conserve whatever you can.

## More to sleep than meets the eye

by **Travis Dessart-Cornelius**  
ONHS senior

I'm pretty sure everyone knows the troubles of getting up for school as a teen. But what if someone said that getting up that early was actually bad for your brain and your health?

Researchers found that the sleep-promoting hormone in the body known as melatonin doesn't get released in the body of teens until later in the night, compared to children and adults, and doesn't leave the body until later in the morning. What does this mean? Well it means that teens are suffering from sleep deprivation, which can affect

mood, performance, attention, learning, behavior and other biological functions. So, while their eyes may be open the first few hours of class, their brain is still asleep.

Some schools have learned to adapt their schedules to fit the biological needs of their students, pushing the start of school back as much as two hours.

So, blaming teens' troubles of waking up in the morning to late nights out with friends and staying up watching TV may not be the case. It might be that they're biologically different than adults and kids – and not that they're just lazy.

## ONHS COACHING POSITION

A coaching position as the Assistant softball coach for the high school team is available at the Oneida Nation High School. The season will begin April 3, 2006, and end in May, 2006. Practices from 3:30-5:30, M-Fr. Other duties include, pre-season meetings, bi-weekly updates, & any other requirements and summer responsibilities.

Please submit a resume and letter of interest to Lance Kelley, located at the high school, by **March 24, 2006.**



## COMMUNITY MEETING Regarding Building a New High School

### QUESTIONNAIRE

If you are not able to attend the March 16 meeting, we would like you to respond to this questionnaire and send it back to the school system. The following questions will be a sample of some of the items we are asking at the sessions.

During the sessions, there will be 3 separate tables for discussion:

#### Community Recreation/Activity Center Interests

1. Would you want the new high school facilities to stand-alone or be combined with a community-based recreation facility.
2. What type of recreational facilities would you like to see included in either situation?

#### Timeline/Site/Safety

1. Where would you like to see the new school built?
2. Should it be located near the grade school?
3. Should it be located in Central Oneida?
4. Do you have safety concerns at the current high school?

#### What will bring you to the school

1. What will it take for you to enroll your child in this school?
2. What will keep your child enrolled in this school?
3. What curriculum/electives will it take for you to enroll in this school?
4. What new facilities/technology are you seeking?

**Event:** Community Meeting To Get Input On A New High School

**Date:** Thursday, March 16, 2006, noon to 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** N.H.C. Business Committee Rm.  
Open to All Oneida Students, Parents, Elders & All Community Members

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# Storytelling with technology workshop to be held

**By Dawn Walschinski**  
Kalihwisaks

The borders are coming down both physically and technologically as Oneida will host the Storytelling with Technology workshop April 27th-29th at the Oneida Nation Community Education Center (ONCEC).

The Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, will hold its first workshop in the Midwest where it will train representatives from the Oneida, Menominee, Stockbridge and other nations to use computer software to create materials in their native languages.

“There’s a lot of people who are speakers of their language or they’re teachers, but they don’t necessarily have the technical skills to create the materials that they want to use to teach,” said ILI project manager Layli Long Soldier.

The workshop will make good use of the 45 computers available at the ONCEC where the sessions will be held.

“Computers didn’t used to have the software capability of us being able to or any tribe being able to put their language on a computer and use the computer, but now that bridge has been gapped,” said ONCEC director Don Hahnke.

Facilitators at the workshop use a program called Unicode to allow a person to type in nearly any language and create materials in that font.

In an example given by Long Soldier, a key that doesn’t get used as much like the “=” key could be changed to the “>” sign. A printout would

serve a guide to which key is which.

Users then can create educational materials such as story books, flash cards, newsletters and calenders.

“We’re asking them to bring things so they can leave the workshop with something in hand. They can go back home having created something that they can actually use,” said Long Soldier.

Dr. Carol Cornelius of the Cultural Heritage Center is excited to have the seminar in Oneida and hopes teaching the techniques to the youth will get them more interested in using the Oneida language.

“If our young people can see, oh, I can do Oneida language on the computer and create things, that gets them more involved in the language using their medium,” she said.

Oneida was chosen to host the workshop because of its central location and because of regional efforts to revive Native American languages.

“The institute is aware of the work that’s going on there, so it was sort of a goal to take these trainings up north for that,” said Long Soldier.

Dr. Cornelius has noticed the Oneida language that was only spoken by elders at one time is now being used more and more by young people.

“We’re seeing the language become part of our daily life, and I think these tools will help promote that,” she said.

The ILI acts as a resource center for to help provide training and skills for native language programs. The ILI is collaborating with IBM to put on two workshops a year.



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

The “Storytelling with Technology” workshop will make good use of the Oneida Community Education Center’s technology allowing for up to three sessions to be held at one time.

The center recently installed a new server that doubled their memory capacity and has remodeled the classrooms to be more handicapped accessible.

The workshop held by ILI will be the first one held outside of the Southwest area.

## Oneida member awarded prestigious Fellowship

**By Yvonne Kaquatosh**  
Kalihwisaks

Pam Johns Danforth has been employed in the educational field for over 21 years. She’ll continue her path in the educational field, however, with the assistance of the Archibald Bush Leadership Foundation, she can focus on securing her PhD in order to qualify to teach at the university level.

Johns Danforth was among 20 individuals to receive the Archibald Bush Leadership Fellowship in 2005. She has since then taken a leave of absence from the American Indian Magnet School to pursue her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Minnesota. The Fellowship will cover 80% of the costs.

The fellowships support full-time study in academic or self-designed educational programs. The program’s goal is to help individuals at mid-career prepare for greater leadership responsibilities and enhanced contributions to their communities.

The whole application process took approximately 8 months from start to finish, explained Johns Danforth. Initially, there were 120 applicants vying for the Leadership Fellows program

in which she applied for. The most difficult part, she says, was “filling out the paperwork”. After two additional interviews, she was invited to attend a 3 day retreat. She was notified shortly thereafter that she was one of the recipients.

She began her tenure in the education field over 21 years ago - the first 6 years as a Culture Teacher with the St. Paul Public Schools. For the past 15 years, she has been at the American Indian Magnet



Pam Johns Danforth

School where she initially taught second grade for 2 years and eventually moved on to her current position as a Culture Teacher and Curriculum Coordinator.

Through the years, she has been involved with various boards including the American Indian Family Center Board, and the American Indian Research and Policy Institute Board. In 2000, she was awarded an opportunity to partake in the International Teacher

Exchange Program in Copenhagen Denmark.

Pam and her husband Gerald Danforth, Chairman of the Oneida of Wisconsin, reside in Oneida.

In addition to the Leadership Fellows Program, the Bush Foundation provides fellowships to artists and physicians. The Foundation also makes grants to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota and the Dakotas that work in the areas of arts and humanities, ecological health, education, and health and human services.

The Foundation was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth.

## From Page 4/Computer classes

Publisher, Microsoft FrontPage and Microsoft PowerPoint. Introductory keyboarding training is also available using the award-winning Mavis Beacon software. Students can work at their own pace to learn the basics of typing and using a computer keyboard.

In addition to free computer classes, the Community

Education Center will also be offering an eight-session class on the small business accounting software program QuickBooks Pro beginning on March 6. This class runs through April, and costs \$10 for tribal members or \$15 for non-members.

In addition to classes, one-on-one computer training and assistance is also available

from the Center’s staff Monday thru Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and now on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on any of these classes, or to make an appointment for one-on-one assistance, contact the Oneida Nation Community Education Center at **496-7860**.

## Scholarships

### Wisconsin Indian Education Scholarship

The Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) is pleased to provide scholarship assistance to American Indian students attending institutes of higher education for the 2006-07 academic year.

This scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship and is not based on financial need.

Four scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded, one in each of the following categories: 1) New or continuing student attending a vocational/technical or tribal college. 2) Entering freshman at a 4-year college. 3). Undergraduate at a 4-year college (second semester freshman, sophomore, junior or senior). 4) Graduate or PhD student.

Applicants must be Wisconsin residents with proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin tribe. Must be a full time student with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better.

For application materials contact the Oneida Higher

Education Office at **920-869-4033** or **800-236-2214**. For more information contact Virginia Nuske, Scholarship Coordinator, WIEA, P O Box 910, Keshena WI 54135 or call **715-799-5110**. **Deadline for receipt of all application materials is March 17, 2006.**

### Purcell Powless Scholarship Fund

In 1989 Purcell Powless established a scholarship fund for Oneida Tribal members pursuing graduate and post graduate studies.

The fund provides financial assistance with tuition, fees and required textbooks to students who demonstrate financial need.

Applicants may be full-time or part-time students, and must be in good standing at their academic institution.

Applicants must apply for other financial aid prior to applying for the Purcell Powless scholarship.

Business and Economic majors receive priority in the selection process.

For more information or for application materials call the Oneida Higher Education Office at **920-869-4333** or **800-236-2214**.

**Oneida Higher Education**  
**Date set for Financial Aid Workshops**  
When: **Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 5PM & Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 5PM**  
Where: **Community Education Center (C.E.C..)**  
2632 Packerland Dr. (Next to Settle Inn)  
*We will be going over the Oneida Higher Education Grant and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process. Please call the Higher Education office, (920) 869-4370, if you have any questions.*  
**Everyone is welcome. There will be snacks, beverages and raffles held.**

# Hiring Fair

## Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

### Sunday, March 12, 2006

### 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Grand Council Ballroom

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| <b>Banquet Wait Staff</b><br>All shifts at guest functions.<br>Must be 18 years or older.<br>Summer Help/On-call<br>\$3.50/hour +tips                | <b>Housekeeping</b><br>Provide housekeeping services to guest & public areas, sleeping rooms.<br>Full/Part-Time<br>\$7.75/hour |
| <b>Restaurant Servers</b><br>Take orders, clear, set tables, guest service.<br>Must be 18 years or older.<br>Part-Time \$3.50-4.00/hour +tips        | <b>Buffet Runners</b><br>Supply food from the main kitchen to various buffets.<br>Part-Time<br>\$7.50/hour                     |
| <b>Restaurant Cashier</b><br>Part-Time<br>\$7.75/hour  | <b>Food Prep</b><br>Prepare food for guest functions.<br>Part-Time<br>\$8.50/hour  |
| <b>Cooks</b><br>Prepare menu items for the restaurants & guest events. Short Order & Buffet Cook positions available. Part-Time<br>\$8.50-10.00/hour | <b>Dishwashers/Utility Help</b><br>Wash dishes, pots & pans, general cleaning.<br>Part-Time<br>\$7.50/hour                     |



# Heart Healthy Hints

Submitted by Lori Erlandson

Did you know that coronary heart decease is American’s number one killer? People often overlook heart decease due to the common misperception that it is a problem only for elderly males. Yet it is striking men at younger ages and is the leading cause of death for women. In fact, women are twice as likely to die from heart disease than from all cancers combined.

Many of you are aware of the prevalence of diabetes in this community. However, in 2002, statistics from the American Heart Association showed that among Native Americans, 24% of deaths were heart disease related, while only 5% of deaths were related to diabetes. In addition, the risk of heart disease and stroke continues to increase with age. In fact, over 82% of cardiovascular disease deaths occur in those older than 65.

**Risk factors of coronary heart disease include:**

- High blood pressure
- Physical inactivity
- Cigarette smoking
- Diabetes
- Overweight/obesity
- HDL (healthy) cholesterol less than 35mg/dl
- Family history of heart attack
- Age (male older than 45 or a woman older than 55)

Heart attacks and strokes are life-threatening, but thanks to advances in medicine, their effects can be minimized if treated quickly. In order for this to occur, you need to learn the warning signs and seek treatment immediately. If you or someone you know experiences any of these symptoms, call 911 or your doctor for help.

1. Chest discomfort (fullness, pressure, squeezing or

- pain).
2. Discomfort in other areas of the upper body (the neck, arms or jaw).
3. Shortness of breath (may occur without chest discomfort and is more common in women).
4. Cold sweats, nausea or lightheadedness.

**Warning signs of a stroke include:**

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg (especially on one side of the body).
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
5. Sudden, severe headache with no know cause.

**What can you do to reduce your risk?**

- Be good to your heart:
- Don’t smoke or quit smoking.
- Have your blood pressure checked regularly.
- Be physically active (30-60 minutes/day).
- Eat a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables.
- Limit saturated fat (choose lean meats and low fat dairy and eat less processed and fast food).
- Reduce the amount of sodium (salt) in your diet by eating less processed foods.

Remember, a heart health lifestyle is beneficial to everyone, not just those who are at risk for a heart attack. Making some of these changes now could help save your life.



# Oneida Nation receives money for three NRDA projects

Submitted by Oneida Environmental Department

The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is developing three restoration projects totaling \$140,000 using Natural Resource Damage Assessment funds along with other matching funds to improve and protect wetland and other habitat on and near the Oneida Reservation.

According to Betsy Galbraith, Environmental Specialist in Restoration for the Oneida Tribe and coordinator for the tribe’s NRDA restoration activities, “These projects are very important to the Oneida’s overall natural resource management plans that increase tribal members opportunities to experience the cultural and recreational

uses of their natural resources.”

A \$30,000 stream restoration project for Lancaster Brook, a class II trout stream located in the northern portion of the Oneida Reservation, will be undertaken this year. Residential development and poor agricultural practices have damaged the stream and dramatically reduced the habitat suitable for the trout population. By restoring the stream channel, habitat for brook trout, and food and cover for a variety of other aquatic animals will be improved.

A second project involves the acquisition of 10 acres of wetlands that encompasses an 1800 foot segment of Trout Creek. This \$150,000 purchase used \$75,000 of NRDA

funds with an additional \$75,000 in matching funds provided by the Oneida Tribe. By protecting this wetland area from encroaching residential development, water quality and habitat will be improved. Plans include a stream restoration project that will offer an excellent opportunity for reintroduction of the historic trout population and protect the existing population of reddsides dace, a fish which is classified as a species of special concern in Wisconsin.

The third project is a wetland habitat enhancement project along Duck Creek. This project uses \$35,000 in NRDA funds along with \$5,000 in Fish and Wildlife Partners Funding and \$5,000 in NRCS (Natural Resource

Conservation Service) Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program Funding to restore historic floodplain wetlands along Duck Creek. Invasive Giant reed grass (*Phragmites australis*) has degraded this area and aggressive eradication strategies will be used to remove the reeds from the site so it can be reforested. Eradicating this population of Giant reed grass will limit its spread throughout the Reservation and adjacent areas and the wetland restoration will improve habitat for waterfowl species nesting and rearing broods in the area as well as during migration.

Please contact Betsy Galbraith, Environmental Specialist at 496-5327 for more information.

# The healthy advantages of water

Submitted by Amber Langill

Water is a very important part to a health diet. In fact, it is so important, that you can’t live without it. It is known that one can live about eight weeks without food, but one may only live a few days without drinking water! On average, it is recommended to drink 8 cups, or 64 oz, of water every day.

Your body is made up of about 50-75% water, which is equal to about 10-12 gallons. Therefore, it is very important to get enough water in to replenish what you lose daily, which, on average, is approximately 10 cups per day. Water intake is essential, as water plays a role in many important bodily functions. For example, it acts as a lubricant for joints, transports nutrients within the body, reg-

ulates body temperature, and can even provide energy; four very important and necessary functions.

Soda and juice cannot perform the same functions as water, which is why water is so important.

In addition, soda contains about 10 teaspoons, or 40 grams, of sugar per 12 oz can and the US Department of Agriculture recommends that

an average person should not consume more than about 40 grams of sugars per day. The average person drinks at least two cans of soda per day that’s at least 40 grams over the recommended amount!

In addition, juice may offer vitamins and minerals, but is also provides calories, as does soda. If too much soda or juice is taken in, it may lead to unwanted weight gain due

to excessive calorie intake. In turn, water is calorie free! Also, diets high in refined sugars and empty calories can promote obesity, which increases the risks of diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke and heart disease. And that’s not all! The sugary content and acidity of soda and juices can also cause dental problems, such as cavities and tooth decay.

# The fish in our new lake

Submitted by Oneida Environmental Department

Many Oneida community members are interested in the type of fish that will be stocked once the lake is built. The sunfish/bass family is the most widely adapted and probably the easiest types of

fish to establish self-reproducing populations. Largemouth bass, black crappies, bluegill and hybrids, all members of the sunfish family, would be most popular, as well as realistic. The team planning the lake feels that we can have a very successful warmwater fishery such as this in our 40 acre lake.

The new lake will likely have other predator fish from outside the sunfish/bass family to keep the fish population in balance. Some possibilities are fish such as walleye and hybrid tiger muskies. Walleye are just great eating fish and fun to catch. The tiger muskie has some advantages as well. It is a real trophy fish, adapts well to all kinds of lake and bottom conditions, and it grows fast. Another advantage is that it is sterile and therefore it is easy to control its populations which will be important in a small lake. It is likely only a small number of tiger muskies could be stocked several years after the lake is built and the warmwater fishery is established.

Creating a diverse, healthy and self sustaining fishery in a man-made lake can be difficult. The Oneida Environmental, Health and Safety Area have had experience and success creating more healthy fish populations in Osnusha (Finger) Lake, which once experienced winter fish kills. Jim Snitgen, the Oneida Nation Water Resources Team Supervisor says, "We have had some good results at Osnusha, even though it is only a 5 acre lake. We look forward to have 40 acres to work with in creating this new fishery".


As the lake is just getting started we will need to be very careful with our fish choices. For example, many artificial systems get overpopulated with the smaller panfish and you tend to get huge populations of small individuals. Two species - the green


sunfish and bluegills are famous for that. We do not want our new lake to have huge populations of small individuals. To avoid that, we will carefully select the right combination of fish species for the lake. Walleyes will be happy if we can provide a reasonable depth (25 feet) and a breeding rocky lake bottom reef.


We will not be planting any fish from the carp and sucker groups because they are very destructive to a lake and tend to disrupt the breeding habits of other fish species. We will select the best minnows and shiners for stocking based on the species best suited to the lake conditions.

Jim Ludwig, one of the lake consultants, reminds us, “The first several years of the new lake’s life will be critical to the future fishery. One of the biggest risk the lake faces is the guy who thinks he is doing good by dumping in his minnow bucket, or transplanting a few fish caught in another lake to the new lake.” This can throw off the balance of the lake’s ecology. Another concern will be non native plant life such as Eurasian Milfoil brought into the new lake via boats and canoes. We will need to educate the community that live bait dumping and other disruptions to the new system will be extremely destructive.

Finally, habitat for breeding and fish nurseries is very important. Some patches of gravel bottom, some rocky bottom, and a good distribution of sunken structures to serve a fish cover will be important to serve as a fish fry nursery. A decent-sized emergent wetland area with depths of 1-3 feet to serve as a fish fry nursery will also be part of the lake. Ultimately, the diversity of habitats will equal a diverse fishery. The lake team’s goal is to build what the nation will value most - a diverse self-sustaining and healthy system.







**SPRING FLING 2006**  
**HEALTH EDUCATION FAIR**


**LOCATION:**

**ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**  
**– LOBBY AREA –**

**WHEN:**  
**TIME:**

**Thursday, April 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**LEARN WHAT HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES THE**  
**TRIBE HAS TO OFFER:**



**COMMUNITY MEMBER OR TRIBAL EMPLOYEE**  
**AND YOUR FAMILY!**

**COME AND ENJOY**

**Healthy food and refreshments**  
**Health and safety promotional items**



Legislative Review



Chairman  
Gerald Danforth



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Above, the Residence Inn by Marriot in Sacramento, CA. Project developers consist of three tribes, Oneida of WI, San Manuel and Viejas of CA, also known as Three Fires.

Treasurer's Report

Greetings,  
FY 2006  
Budget

The FY2006 Budget Meeting for General Tribal Council consideration was held on Saturday, July 23, 2005. However, due to a lack of quorum, the Business Committee approved the FY2006 Budget at the August 10, 2005 Special Meeting. The first quarter of FY2006 closed at the end of December. The variances for the first quarter were reported to the Business Committee on February 15th, 2006. My office continues to work on revising the report that is presented to the Committee to provide the information that is most needed.

**Per Capita**

We began working on the distribution process of the annual per capita payments to the membership under the plan that was adopted by General Tribal Council. The purpose of reviewing the distribution process is to identify and solve any issues that arise with the implementation of the process. My office will continue to work with the Enrollment department and other entities that are involved to increase the efficiency.

**Elder**

I had the privilege to participate this year with the Elder Valentine party and being a date for an Elder. I went on my date on Friday, February 24th. I would like to thank



Treasurer  
Mercie Danforth

Mr. Bob Schlagel for the wonderful date. Thank you Elderly Services for asking me to participate in this event, I had a great time!

**Balanced Scorecard**

The Oneida Nation is in the process of developing a Balanced Scorecard. The Balanced Scorecard is a strategic tool that works to focus on the Priorities of the Nation by reaching our Vision and Mission. There are many levels within the Balanced Score Card starting with the National level. The tool will be implemented in stages and may have a minimal effect on the FY07 budget process.

**FY 2007 Budget**

We are beginning to look at the FY 2007 budget process and we are anticipating going before GTC in September. The timing of the budget process and the balanced score card process will determine on whether we begin to implement the Balanced Score Card in this budget process cycle.

Your comments and questions are always encouraged and most welcome. We can not continue to improve without your input. Please feel free to contact any of the Business Committee Members at (920) 869-4364, or toll free 1-800-236-2214.

Yaw^ko  
Mercie L. Danforth

Sagoli,

Do you remember the investment Oneida made in the Marriot Hotel project in Washington, D.C. or the update describing the tribe's investment in the hotel in Sacramento, CA provided to you in December? Most recently, I have had the opportunity to experience first hand, the progress being made on our hotel investment in Sacramento, CA. I would

like to share that experience and some information with you on both projects.

First, the "Residence Inn Marriot Capitol" in Washington, D.C., after 18 months of construction, was completed in January of 2005. The building went through a "blessing ceremony" on January 7, 2005 and opened on the following day. I am pleased to say as of February 2006, just over a year after opening, the "Residence Inn Marriot Capital" in Washington, D.C. has far exceeded the original sales goals. To Oneida, this means of the \$3.1 million invested into the project, approximately \$2.9 million has already been returned. This return on our investment (ROI) is ahead of the anticipated schedule and clearly

demonstrates the success of this project.

The "Residence Inn Marriot Capital" project was developed by four tribes (known as Four Fires, LLC) who are: Oneida and Potawatomi of WI, and San Manuel and Viejas of CA. The project was made possible through the cooperation of each of the four tribes I have mentioned. This tribal government coalition is historic, as it is the first of its kind in Indian Country to develop an economic venture project of this magnitude and of this caliber.

The second hotel, "Residence Inn by Marriott" in Sacramento, CA is currently under construction, and is scheduled to be opened next December/January. There

are three tribes developing this project and they are: Oneida of WI and San Manuel and Viejas of CA (this group is known as Three Fires). This hotel is being built at 15th & L streets in Capital Park, site of the California Capital and will be a 15-story hotel when completed. This new hotel will boast 239 suites and 30 residential units and will offer meeting space, parking, reception areas, a business center, a fitness center, pool and gift shops. As previously reported to you, this hotel is located in a prime business area of restaurants, office building and cultural amenities with easy access to local capital offices and convention buildings. For your convenience, included in this update are recent pictures of the progress being made on

this hotel project. Additionally, the hotel in Washington, D.C. has an internship program. To inquire about opportunities that may be available at the Washington, D.C. Marriott, please contact David Ragland at 2101 Washington Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. When the hotel in Sacramento opens later this year, the expectation is that it too will have a similar program. Lastly, many questions have been asked about job opportunities at these new facilities. Job inquiries can be made with Anthony Giannoni at 1415 L Street, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Yaw^ko,  
Gerald L. Danforth,  
Chairman

Legislative Update

*Greetings. The following are some of the important issues and initiatives as this Business Committee enters the 2nd six months of our term as the elected representatives of the Oneida people:*

**COLA**

At the January 18th Oneida Business Committee Meeting, I submitted, and the Committee unanimously supported, a request for management to bring back a plan to initiate a Cost Of Living Adjustment of Tribal employee wages, to begin on October 1, 2006. The submission was submitted because of the many calls received from Oneida employees concerned that their wages are not keeping pace with the rising costs of heat, goods, gas and other commodities that are needed to sustain their families' needs.

Research conducted by my Office indicated that from November 2004 thru November 2005:

- Energy prices increased 17.4 per cent
- Medical care prices increased 5.2 per cent
- Transportation prices increased 4.5 per cent
- Food and beverage prices increased 2.4 percent (in Wisconsin, food prices increased 4 percent).
- Housing prices increased 3.2 per cent
- Apparel prices increased 3.1 per cent
- Prices of other goods and

services increased 4.1 per cent

Unfortunately, as of the writing of this Update, management's only correspondence on this issue is a theory that COLA increases have been more than adequate. However, preliminary research conducted by my Office shows that COLA adjustments have not been implemented for a number of years.

Accordingly, since management seemingly has seen fit to sit on this directive issued by the Business Committee almost 2 months ago, I will be submitting for a request, for the March 15th Business Committee Meeting, to scrap my Office's previous request for management to bring back a fair cost of living plan, and replace it with a directive that a 4.1 % COLA increase be implemented beginning October 1, 2006 (the 4.1% increase is based on the latest inflation rate indicators researched by my Office).

**Tribal Court Initiative**

In the early 1980s, the General Tribal Council, in a fundamental exercise of sovereignty, directed the Oneida Business Committee to bring back a proposal for the creation of a Tribal Court.



Councilman  
Ed Delgado

Unfortunately, since its earlier strong statement on the exercise of sovereignty, the General Tribal Council has failed to support any plan for a Tribal court on the Oneida Reservation. As a result, the Oneida Tribe has not been able to exercise one of the most fundamental components of its sovereignty, that being the right to exercise jurisdiction over the protection of its own people. As a result, the jurisdiction and protection of Oneida people both in their homes and on the roadways of the Oneida Reservation are in the hands of local non-Indian entities.

Accordingly, on February 27th, with the help of my Legislative Assistant Kitty Melchert and Oneida Appeals Commission, I submitted draft legislation to the Legislative Operating Committee for the creation of a Tribal court system on the Oneida Reservation. The proposed legislation would grant civil jurisdiction for the Tribe to exercise its sovereignty over such civil matters as:

- (1) Indian child welfare, truancy, child abuse, marriage, divorce and other family issues;

and

- (2) Traffic violations, including the Tribe being able to collect fines for traffic violations, which currently go directly to the counties;

The draft legislation does not grant Tribal court jurisdiction over criminal matters, nor does it grant the court jurisdiction over any civil actions regarding suits made by individual Tribal members against other individual Tribal members other than small claims and enforcement of written contracts of less than \$10,000 unless specifically allowed by the General Tribal Council by later amendment to the law.

**America's Dream**

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my admiration and congratulations to the owner of America's Dream, Alan R. (Bumper) King, and his staff: Linda Dallas, Deputy Director; Danette Woodmansee, Supervisor; and Keith Moore, Senior Construction Supervisor, for their 3 million dollar grant from USDA Rural Development. I know how long and how hard they have worked and sacrificed towards the development of this private non-for-profit initiative for the development of reasonably cost housing for both Indian and non-Indian people.

**Preventative Health Care Bill**

I wanted to let the Oneida Tribal members know of a bill I'm working on, which will be known as the "Preventative Health Care Bill."

Over the last several years, a significant and growing body of scientific research has emerged detailing the important role micro-nutrients and well-ness supplements play in the prevention of many types of chronic diseases.

While the science supporting optimal nutrition for disease prevention has grown, the average American's diet has progressively gotten worse. As we have heard so often, a large percentage of Americans do not eat the right mix of foods to meet the federal government's basic recommended daily

allowance for intakes.

In Oneida and on other reservations, the health issues which confront our populations is very serious and complicated in terms of the medical issues and the resulting treatments. Often, the treatment option is a steady dose of medical prescriptions which have long-lasting and very negative side-affects.

There are more than 550 federally recognized tribes, bands, pueblos, and villages in the United States. Indians, on the average, are twice as likely to die from complications of diabetes than non-Indians. This is just one



Councilman  
Vince DelaRosa

health ailment. There are many other issues which exacerbate health matters for Indian people. Likewise, I believe that alternative forms of nutritional delivery systems should be considered as we weigh some of these obvious

facts.

Our top nutrition priority should be getting people to eat a more varied, balanced diet, however, that is not something people can always do. Exercise also plays an important role, but many times people cannot find their way to a gym, so we must look at other options.

There is a simple and inex-

pensive way to help our Oneida people achieve a more stabilized approach towards alternative and preventative health care. The approach I'm suggesting is to allow tribal members to get a subsidy for quality micro-nutrients and wellness supplements. These supplements are a way to help round out a healthy diet, they're simple to use, they do not have the lasting side-affects that medical prescriptions do and they're a safe and cost-effective preventive health care measure.

Indeed, several recent studies have shown their efficacy. For example, in June 2002, an article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association recommended that all Americans

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Health Care Bill



# State/National Briefs, Letters...

## Beloit officials press for ruling on casino application

Beloit, Wis. (AP) – City officials hope to use an upcoming conference in Washington, D.C. as an opportunity to encourage federal action on a local casino application.

Beloit City Manager Larry Arft and Council President Marty Densch say they want the application to receive a fair hearing, but the approval process has gotten bogged down by politics.

The St. Croix and Bad River Band Chippewa filed the application late last year, hoping the review process would take several weeks. The Minnesota regional office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs first must review the application, which then is sent to Washington for more evaluation.

Chanda Joseph, a tribal operations specialist with BIA, said the application is being looked at but she didn't say when a decision would be announced.

"It's still under review and it's ongoing," she said.

Herb Nelson, the bureau's

regional environmental specialist, confirmed that the environmental impact study, often a substantial part of the approval process, is complete.

Joseph and Nelson said BIA business is progressing as usual, even though U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, is pushing for reform of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

One component of that act stipulates that land held in trust for tribes by the federal government cannot be used for gaming unless certain conditions are met. That means the Department of the Interior and the state's governor would have to agree that the gaming facility is in the tribe's best interest and wouldn't hurt the surrounding community. Gov. Jim Doyle has said he will make a decision on the Beloit application only if it reaches him.

McCain's bill would amend the gaming act to limit the lands eligible for gaming. It would also mandate that

approval be granted at the local as well as state and federal levels. The measure is being reviewed in a congressional committee.

Arft said he doesn't see McCain's proposals as cause for concern since he thinks casino proposals already filed will be grandfathered in under the bill.

While in Washington, Arft and Densch plan to discuss the casino application with Sens. Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl and U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison. The Beloit officials plan to attend the National League of Cities conference the weekend of March 11.

Arft said despite the administrative delays he remains confident the casino application makes a strong case for providing benefit to the community.

"We understand there's a lot of politics going on right now," he said. "We're still focusing on the prize."

## Onondagas offer public lectures to explain land claim

Syracuse, N.Y. (AP) – The Onondaga Indian Nation has joined with several colleges and local organizations to present a yearlong educational series on the nation and its massive land claim.

Last March, the Onondagas filed a lawsuit laying claim to 4,000 square miles in upstate New York stretching from Pennsylvania to Canada and including Syracuse and other

cities.

However, rather than seeking monetary damages, eviction of residents or rental payments, the Onondagas want a court judgment that New York violated federal law in acquiring the land and that the region continues to belong to the Onondagas.

Tribal leaders said they would use their land claim to compel the state to undertake

environmental cleanup of hazardous sites in the land-claim area – specifically Onondaga Lake.

The series will focus on educating the Central New York community on the history of the Onondaga Nation and the importance of the land-rights action, said Chief Jake Edwards.

The nation plans 12 free lectures over the year.

## Letters, Opinions...

### Where is our Justice?

In a letter submitted by Ms. Arlouine Bain in February 16 2006 edition of Kalihwisaks she is seeking damages in the amount of \$50,000.00 for punitive damages and \$25,000 damages for emotional distress. She finishes her letter with the question "Where is my justice?"

Ms. Bain was instrumental in the termination of two employees. Both employees appealed the termination and two separate appeals courts reversed the terminations. Both employees were returned to their positions but only after 12-14 months. Ms. Bain, "Where is their justice?"

Both of these employees were awarded lost earnings. The total amount of earnings were in excess of \$100,000.00. Although these employees were awarded fair compensation their reputations were damaged. Where are their damages for emotional distress? You did not lose your job or earnings in this matter.

You have the right to seek punitive damages for emotional distress. If you should be awarded damages from the Oneida Personnel Commission it would be imperative for the Oneida Personnel Commission to seek damages from you for the amount of lost wages incurred by the terminated employees.

As a member of the Oneida Nation I ask you "Where is our Justice?"

*Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara M. Frechette*



### Indigenous Farming Conference Supporters Recognized

Sheku Akweku,

I would like to take a moment and recognize the following individuals for their support and donations for the community feast and social that was hosted by the Oneida Tribe and the Indigenous Farming Conference on Friday, February 3. It was truly a wonderful sight to see how our community can come together for a common good. The participants of the con-

ference were very thankful for the hospitality and kindness shown by our community.

The individuals and entities listed below assisted with the feast and social by means of cooking, monetary donations, and food/supply donations.

Brian Doxtator, Karen Smith, Janet Danforth, Susan White, Art Skenandore, Jeff Metoxen, Jenny Webster, Ernie and Cheryl Stevens, Joanne King, Maria Danforth, Jean Webster, Laura Cornelius, Vange Danforth, Lois Powless, Louise Cornelius, Stan and Loretta Webster, Tsyunhekw^, Oneida Longhouse, WT Creations, Reinhart Food Service, Coca-Cola, Oneida Apple Orchard, Environmental Health & Safety, Oneida Business Committee, and Cardinal Stritch Graduate Program

I, personally, am very grateful to all of you that helped make the feast and social a success. Please accept this letter as a token of my appreciation!

*Yaw^ko*

*Dionne Jacobs*



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*Any questions, please feel free to call (920) 869-4280.*

## From Page 8/Legislative Review Preventive Health Care Bill

take some form of a multivitamin daily to help prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and osteoporosis. A year later, the Journal of Nutrition published the results of the Stockholm Heart Study, which showed that the use of multivitamins may aid in the prevention of heart attacks.

A study recently published in the Annals of Internal Medicine found that multivitamin use decreased the risk of infection for people with diabetes. The science continues to demonstrate the benefits that micro-nutrients and well-ness supplements offer. These include reducing the incidence of neural tube defects by 50 percent or more; decreasing the number of sick days in the elderly due to infectious illnesses by up to 50 percent; delaying or avoiding more than 20 percent of hip fractures caused by osteo-

porosis; delaying the onset of cataracts and age-related macular degeneration; reducing the incidence of heart disease; stroke and possibly Alzheimer's; and protecting against some types of cancer.

Additionally, I'd point out a study that was commissioned by Wyeth Consumer Healthcare and conducted by the Lewin Group. The study examined the potential cost savings – within the Medicare health care model – that could occur if more of our aging population took a simple daily multivitamin. This study also served as a means for evaluating the impact daily multivitamin use can have on preventive health, particularly in the areas of cardiovascular disease and immune function. The results of the study indicate that increased multivitamin use by adults over 65 could result in an estimated savings to Medicare of more

than \$1.6 billion over a five-year period.

Research shows that a significant number of elderly in our country do not receive proper amounts of essential vitamins, minerals and other nutrients, making them more vulnerable to disease and infection. To think that we could simply subsidize or make available a quality micro-nutrients and well-ness supplements and that this could help ensure they our tribal members get the nutrients they need to stay healthy: "This is something we should do immediately." I hope to have the Preventative Health Care Bill come forward on Monday, April 24 to the Legislative Operating Committee.

Thanks for reading my article, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact my office at 920-869-4469.

**ACT TWO**

**OPEN ENTRY**

**Fashion Show**

*Design Competition*

**Saturday, April 22, 2006 • 7:30 p.m.**

**Social Services Auditorium**

**WANTED!!**

*Great Fashions made and modeled by Native People.*

**1.** Pieces may only be submitted by the actual designer.

**2.** Choose your category for competition:

- Contemporary Native (hand made)
- Contemporary Native (embellished store bought)
- Oneida Traditional
- Pow Wow
- Designer's Choice (open to articles that do not fit existing categories)

**3.** Pieces will be featured and cash prizes will be awarded in each category at the Saturday, April 22nd Fashion Show.

**4.** Designers already registered with teen models **DO NOT** need to fill out a form for the teen model entry.

**5.** For an application, more information or to receive detailed brochure, call ONAP at 920-490-3833 or visit [www.oneidanationarts.org](http://www.oneidanationarts.org)

**Applications are due APRIL 6, 2006!**

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



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.