



### Debbie Thundercloud Oneida's new General Manager

by Cathy Delgado  
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Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski  
New General Manager  
Thundercloud at the Intern  
Lunch August 14th.

On Monday, August 7th 2006 Debbie Thundercloud stepped into her new role as the tribe's General Manager.

"Six months prior to my leaving Bellin I was getting lonesome for Oneida," said Thundercloud.

Thundercloud brings to Oneida experience in conflict management, operational improvement and leadership.

She had previously worked as the Ombudsperson for the Oneida Health Center and as

Vice-President of the Bellin Health Support Care Center.

She also served two terms as the Oneida Business Committee Chairwoman and one term as vice-chair.

She has her Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Green Bay in Psychology and Human Development and will be attending Marquette University for a masters program beginning this fall.

**Q. What made you leave Bellin Hospital?**

A. "Bellin was going through a reorganization at

the leadership level and they were restructuring my position and I chose not to take the position that they had offered in the restructuring."

**Q. Are there certain things that you will be addressing in your new position as priorities?**

A. "The Health Center's Operations Director position is an area I know that they want me to look at right away because they put the hiring of that position on hold, waiting for the General Manager to be hired. It's an area of top prior-

ity and is posted."

**Q. What is the Oneida National Balanced Scorecard (ONBS)?**

A. "The Oneida National Balanced Scorecard was developed by the Business Committee and it's our mission, our vision, and they have developed strategies and

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**Thundercloud**

### Bad River fire brings out good in tribes

By Steve Gandy  
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On a Monday morning in early July, a fire in the Bad River health clinic ripped a hole in the small tribal community. The Bad River Tribe is located about 10 miles east of Ashland, WI on Hwy 2 in the small town of Odanah. Bad River is part of the Lake Superior Band of Chippewa. Jackie Rose, a Grant Writer for Bad River explains, "On Monday morning July, 10th our security guard was on his way to work and he saw smoke coming out of the building and called 911...It destroyed almost everything in there."

Everything except the most vital thing. Rose says, "The only thing we we're really able to salvage was our medical records, which we were really grateful for...to reconstruct those would be a nightmare."

Although the interior of the building was gutted, the exterior looks remarkably intact. "When you look at the building it looks like the integrity is still there," Rose said.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

In addition to Rose's responsibilities as a Grant Writer, she was also charged with the duty of trying to secure relief donations and

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**Bad River Fire**

### Smoke dancers take Lambeau field

Kali photo/Yvonne Kaquatosh

Oneida staged the half time show at the Fox Family Fun Night at the Green Bay Packer scrimmage Saturday, August 5th. Smoke dancers were featured along with pow wow dancers at the event.

Right: Kaykwali-yo Danforth starts his dance before 60,000 spectators.

Bottom: Linda Nockideneh shows her green spirit and raised beadwork as she kicks up some Lambeau turf.



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### President Bush visits families at OPD

**Tribal Officials and Honored Veteran Welcome Bush**

(Oneida, WI) President Bush took time out of his busy schedule today to meet with families of fallen soldiers at the Oneida Police Department. Oneida Nation Chairman Gerald Danforth, Secretary, Patty Hoeft, Councilman, Ed Delgado and Valdor John, an Oneida decorated war veteran were on hand to greet the President.

The Oneida Police Department Interim Chief, Greg Powless was contacted yesterday by Secret Service to assist in the planning and security of the visit. Due to increased security nation wide, the schedule of the President's visit had to remain

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**President Bush**

### Oneida Nation begins construction on new Oneida One Stop

Oneida, WI) - Oneida Retail Division has begun construction on a new 18,000 square foot facility that will incorporate gasoline, tobacco sales, gaming and a new food service. The newest Oneida One Stop will include approximately 100 slot machines and restaurant and catering done by Apple Spice Junction.

The new location at 3120 Packerland Drive will replace the current Oneida Smoke Shop located at 2642 South Packerland Drive. This will be the fifth convenience store in the Oneida Retail Division, which includes the Travel Center just off Hwy 29, West Wind on West Mason St, Hwy 54 One Stop in Oneida and E & EE One Stop in Oneida.

The Oneida One Stop convenience stores are owned and operated by the Oneida Tribe under the Oneida Retail Division.

The One Stop will include a smoke shop and 16 gas pumps. Mobil will continue to be the brand of gasoline both diesel and regular fuel.

According to Oneida Retail Assistant Profit Manager Wayne Skenandore, the new expanded location will "help us to stay more competitive and it will help also to increase sales and profits."

Apple Spice Junction is a new restaurant and catering chain in the mid west. They will be operated and managed by the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, providing top quality service and cus-

tomers satisfaction.

There will be approximately 4000 square feet to accommodate 100 slot machines on the gaming floor. The facility will employ approximately 30 employees.

The One Stop will be a 24

hour operation, 7 days a week. The new convenience store is expected to be operational before the end of this year.

The new store is located in an area of rapid development and near large businesses

such as Schneider Transport.

"Most customers for convenience stores come from within one mile radius, so definitely, the people across the street are going to be a target market," said Skenandore.



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The 18,000 square foot building will be located across from Schneider Transport.

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# Ecstasy a deadly drug

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Ecstasy, an illegal controlled substance which can go by names like X, Love Drug, Hug Drug, Lover's Speed or Disco Biscuit is an upper and a hallucinogen used to enhance the senses of the user. It can cause sleep disorders and muscle tension in the jaw as well as affection towards others.

can do is look for the drug itself...pills vary in shape size and color. Usually these pills look like candy...Second a parent can look for tightness

every member of that family. People cannot imagine how life can be without using, when they are using. Until they get over the hill on it and see that there is really a splendid life after using, beyond their wildest dreams."

If you or someone close to you has an abuse problem call Oneida Behavioral Health at 490-3790. There are a team of eight Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction (AODA) counselors ready to help.

Cornelius was also quick to point out that individuals who come forward looking for help with Ecstasy or any drug abuse, should not fear repercussions from law enforcement.



Photos Courtesy of Oneida Police Department

The drug, typically used by teens and young adults, can cause serious harm to users. Death, along with brain damage, memory loss, depression and addiction are all serious complications that can arise from using Ecstasy.

of the jaw. People who use Ecstasy tend to grind their teeth and they need to chew." So look for pacifiers, mouth guards, candy suckers and gum.

Also, MDMA will heighten senses so users will tend to play with things that glow, flash, flicker and smell.

Cornelius also says, "Look for other side effects, while on the drug: restlessness, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure and increased body temperature along with dry mouth. After the drug wears off: depression, irritability and exhaustion."

According to Michael Agneessens a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, addiction can be a real cause for concern. He says signs of dependence are,

"Building tolerance to a drug, needing to take the drug in larger quantities to get the desired effect or when the same amount of the drug is taken, the desired effects don't happen."

"The best way to fight any addiction to any drug is not to try it," Cornelius says. She also points out, "Drugs are not the Native way."

Agneessens points out the users not only hurt themselves, but also the people around them, "Drug abuse doesn't exist in a vacuum, if there is a family member abusing substances, that substance abuse is effecting

According to Oneida Police Officer Chris Cornelius, "Ecstasy is a problem for some young adults and teens in our area."

Ecstasy can come in all different forms. "It can be a powder, liquid or a tablet. It can be snorted, injected with needles, smoked or taken orally by tablet or mixed with a drink. Ecstasy is most commonly taken by mouth and mostly found in tablet or capsule form," Cornelius says.

These pills and tablets are 'user-be-ware', "Any time you take a drug that was not purchased at the store or a pharmacy, you are playing Russian Roulette with your life. You have no clue how it was made or what is in it. Drug dealers do not care about life, just as long as they are making money," Cornelius points out.

The Oneida Police Department is attempting to curb drug use through education, training, awareness and enforcement of drug laws.

Parents can help by looking for signs that a child might be using the drug. Cornelius says, "First thing [parents]



### Penalties for MDMA (Ecstasy) Possession.

- Charged with a class C misdemeanor
- Driver's License shall be suspended for not less than 6 mos. - up to 5 yrs.
- Forfeiture of \$0 - \$500
- Jail time up to 30 days in jail

### Penalties for MDMA (Ecstasy) delivery or possession with intent to deliver any amount.

- 0-3 grams = Class F Felony - 12.5 Months/\$25,000 fine
  - >3-10 grams = Class E Felony - 15 Months/\$50,000 fine
  - >10-50 grams = Class D Felony - 25 Months/\$100,000 fine
  - >50 grams = Class C Felony - 40 Months/\$100,000 fine
- ALL FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE!**

# Bush chooses Carl J. Artman of Oneida as new Indian Affairs leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is supporting Carl J. Artman, who served on the staff of Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, to oversee the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Interior Department agency that manages the 55.7 million acres of land held in trust for American Indians.

Artman, a member of the Oneida tribe of Wisconsin, serves as the Interior Department's associate solicitor for Indian affairs. Before joining the department, Artman was chief counsel for the Oneida Tribe.

Artman also has served as general manager of development and operations for VoiceStream Wireless Corp. and vice president of legal affairs for Airadigm Communications.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne had promised earlier this year that an American Indian would be appointed to the post. If confirmed by the Senate, Artman would replace Dave Anderson, who resigned in February 2005 to focus on

business interests. Associate Deputy Interior Secretary Jim Cason has held the post temporarily since Anderson left.

"With his extensive experience working with and for tribal governments, Carl is an outstanding choice to oversee the Bureau of Indian Affairs," Kempthorne said. "I have worked with Carl and know he will ably serve American Indians and Alaska Natives as we move forward to address

important issues in Indian Country, including education and economic development. He'll be an outstanding addition to the Interior leadership team."

Artman received his bachelor's degree from Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., and his law degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

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very confidential and proprietary. The Secret Service worked with Oneida Police Department to provide a safe and secure environment for the Presidential visit with five area families.

Chairman Danforth brought President Bush a traditional Oneida black ash basket as a commemoration of his visit and also provided Oneida gift baskets to each of the families of the fallen soldiers. One of the mothers represented today is an employee at the Oneida

Housing Authority.

Chairman Danforth was pleased and honored that President Bush selected the Oneida Police Department as a safe and secured facility to meet with the families. Chairman Danforth said, "Law enforcement on the Oneida Reservation is something everyone can be very proud of and I believe the visit today exemplifies the benefits of shared services in the area between Oneida and several other law enforcement agencies."

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Light meal & Closing Ceremony will begin at 5:30 on Fri. Aug. 25th.

Watch and meet the Artists while they work all week.

There are several life-size sculptures that were carved by artists from all over the world in the Sculpture Garden right now for you to stroll by. Stop by and see what will be the next sculptures to go into the Sculpture Garden located across from the sculpture area.

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objectives that go along with that for the Nation. These are the things that the Business Committee wants to see the Nation evolve to in the next three to five years. Now I have to take and translate that to the programs in certain areas."

**Q. Can you give us a couple of examples of what areas that the ONBS would address?**

A. "They want to see an improvement in the delivery of customer service, and services to tribal members," said Thundercloud. "They want to have a quality of life index where we look at measuring tribal members quality of life and how our programs and services actually impacting the quality of life. Looking at our culture and heritage and making sure that all our programs and services have a cultural component to them so that we're continuing to exercise our sovereignty and maintaining those cultural ties that we should be exercising."

"Business and economic development continuing to diversify our economy would be the top priorities... and the development of the commerce division... bringing additional revenue to the economy of the tribe," said Thundercloud.

**Q. Who will be looking at**

**the quality of life survey of index measurement?**

A. "I envision a whole team looking at it" said Thundercloud. "It will be a cross representation of people" Thundercloud said. "One of the areas that have to be addressed and improved upon due to the concern would be the stability of the health center because of so many changes in the leadership," Thundercloud added.

"They have completed the design phase of the elderly center and now we have to do an analysis on the cost of square footage. It's coming in at an escalated rate and we have to look at what are the necessary things that we need for that project."

**Q. Who is responsible for the analysis?**

A. "I believe there is a team from the health center, nursing home, and commission on aging. The fitness center should be included in that plan" said Thundercloud. "We're trying to make it so the elderly don't have to travel to get their services."

**Q. Is the Tribe looking at the development of housing?**

A. "The land commission's planning department has a 2020 housing plan. There are six different sites that have been identified. ...because of

the waste water treatment facility. We're gonna be in control of our own water and sewer expansion and we're in a better place to select the sites. We want to have that expansion and keep that rural, kind of environment on the reservation. The goal is to try and create these housing developments by the year 2020."

**Q. Is there a way to address and look at the lower budgeted programs that we need more money funneled into to function to provide a quality job because you're talking about quality services.**

A. "The Business Committee has charged me with doing an organizational analysis of all the areas that report to me. They want me to look into all those areas and make recommendations as to what improvements need to be made. If there's consolidations need to occur, or if there's movements of those programs and if they would

fit better in another program."

**Q. Are you aware or is there talk about building a new high school or where that project is at?**

A. "It's not a construction project though it's more of a plan to move all the other entities out of the Norbert Hill Center to bring that up as a high school facility. I know there was an administrative facility that was on the Comprehensive Improvement Plan (CIP) list and I believe that is still there and that was always the intent to clear out the NHC for the high school," said Thundercloud.

**Q. Do you have anything else you'd like to add?**

A. "Another issue is doing an analysis of our information technology system which is one of the benchmarks we have to meet too. We need to make improvements in the tribes overall system. Allocating capital in the area of technology is something that will have to be looked at."

Community-Block Party fans strut their stuff



Kalih photo/Cathy Delgado

Sandy Dennett and Evelyn Elm jig at the Oneida Housing Tenant-Community Block Party on Wednesday, August 9 at the Three Sisters Housing Site. Music was provided by Cherokee Rose. The event included door prizes, live music and food.

FUNdraising event to fight diabetes

Join the American Diabetes Association on Saturday, September 30th at Green Isle Park to raise funds for diabetes research and education, as well as to raise awareness about diabetes. Team up with your co-workers, family and friends to participate in America's Walk for Diabetes. Registration is free.

America's Walk for Diabetes is the ADA's signature fund raising event. The event has grown from 11 sites in its first year to nearly 300 sites with more than 125,000 walkers, spectators and volunteers nationwide. Last year, America's Walk for Diabetes raised more than \$18 million to support the ADA. 80% of every dollar raised goes to help and support those with diabetes with 1.4 million being used by the research facilities at the UW-Madison and the College of Medicine in Milwaukee.

This fall, teams in nearly 250 locations across the country will lace up their walking shoes and hit the streets to raise nearly \$20 million, to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Choose the 5k (3.6 miles) or the 10k (6.2 miles) route.

Both have 9:00 AM Starts.

For those who do not wish to walk, the ADA is looking for volunteers. We need help right now in obtaining donations for the WALK, finalizing the route, planning the Family Fun Center and much more. So if you have 1 hour or more to dedicate to this very worthwhile fund-raising cause please contact Sue Toepel. Our ADA volunteers have expressed a great feeling of personal reward as well as having a wonderful time at the fund-raising events. There's no pressure involved and your help is greatly appreciated.

Young, old...whatever age, everyone is invited to help fight diabetes. Plus, it's a great opportunity for students to fulfill their community service hours.

For more information on how to participate in the America's Walk for Diabetes contact:

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**Notice** The Vacant seat for the Gaming Commission will be a PART-TIME position! The Special Election takes place, Saturday • August 26, 2006.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REFERENDUM QUESTION</b></p> <p>The Trust- Enrollment Committee requests your approval for the development of a separation plan. The Plan would require the General Tribal Council's ratification. Since 1974, the functions of the Trust-Enrollment Committee have grown in complexity and scope. The Committee addresses issues on trust fund investment responsibilities with the Trust Department, and administers all Tribal enrollment responsibilities with the Enrollment Department. Each Department has it's own focus separate from each. To better meet the growing needs of the Oneida Nation, the Trust Department, the Enrollment Department, and the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee recommend creating two (2) separate committees. The two Committees would still remain under the direct authority of the General Tribal Council.</p> <p>I approve the development of a Plan to Separate the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> YES <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="radio"/> NO</span></p>	





# Diversification is key to the future

Submitted by **Brenda Mendolla-Buckley**

Seven Generations Board of Directors Chairperson

There is an old saying that the only thing constant is change. Certainly that saying applies to life on the Oneida Nation Reservation. It has changed considerably during the past 25 years and most of the positive changes are due to Oneida Gaming.

The income from gaming revenues has given our Tribe an opportunity to broaden our economic base. No longer are we critically reliant on money from the federal government. It has allowed us to constrict and operate one of the premier hotel and convention centers in the nation. However, today the Oneida Radisson Hotel and Conference Center is just one of our income sources.

Another is Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (OSGC). Despite the fact OSGC is a tribally chartered, tribally owned corporation as authorized by the Tribe, most of us know little about it.

The mission of OSGC is to promote and enhance business and economic diversification in two ways:

Act as a holding company for real estate assets and busi-

ness ventures, and, Manage related assets of the Oneida Nation

In accomplishing these missions, Oneida Seven Generations is developing long-term income streams for the corporate shareholders who are you - Oneida tribal members.

We Oneidas long ago made a commitment to building a strong economy and improving our quality of life in the community. We take pride in our philosophy of planning for seven generations.

For generations we were hard-pressed to accomplish that goal, but with the advent of the Smoke Shops and Oneida Bingo that philosophy became a possibility. With the advent of Oneida Casino Gaming and the opening of the highly successful Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, the opportunity to plan for seven generations became real.

Let's look at the projects OSGC has undertaken for insuring our future. One is a partnership with Management Enterprises to form Babcock I, another limited liability corporation. Babcock I initially constructed the 50,000 square foot health facility that is being leased to Bellin

Health Systems. Now the Babcock I, in conjunction with Bellin Health Systems is expanding that structure on Comanche Avenue by 62,000 square feet. The new addition, as well as the initial structure, will be devoted to sports rehabilitation. Previously the facility was used as a clinic and therapy center.

With the additional space, two major Green Bay orthopedic groups will take up residence. They are Green Bay Orthopedic Center and Orthopedic Associates of Green Bay. Both are established medical operations in the area and both are under a long term lease as is Bellin Health. Oneida Seven Generations owns 51% of the project and is sharing in 51% of the profits.

Another major undertaking for Oneida Seven Generations is Packerland Industrial Park. This 160-acre site fronts along Packerland Drive in Ashwaubenon and is immediately west of the Ashwaubenon Industrial Park. The land is being offered on a lease basis in tracts no smaller than five acres and is being marketed to major industrial or office tenants. It is also a free trade zone.

Other projects include the construction of the U.S. Post Office facility in the Oneida Business Park, along Highway 54 in Oneida. This structure is under a 40-year lease to the U.S. Postal Service. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation also manages the mall along West Mason Street. This facility contains Sun Seekers and Gallagher's among others. The strip mall, adjacent to

Tony Roma's on Packerland Drive is also under Oneida Seven Generations management.

While these operations are very beneficial to the Oneida Nation economically, they offer certain benefits to the partners/tenants. The leasing companies pay no tribal corporate income tax. There is no tax on goods for resale or other-wise in stock. The Tribe can legally be grantees for general purpose Foreign Trade Zone, as businesses with facilities on the reservation.

Another Oneida Seven Generations project in operation is the Oneida Casino Travel Center. This facility, located on old 29 Drive near highways 29 and 32, is the result of a partnership between the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and Oneida Seven Generations. The two formed Oneida Generations, a limited liability corporation, to construct a 23,000 square foot Travel Center that includes a restaurant, a retail/convenience area and casino.

More projects are being developed. All offer exciting possibilities for our future.

While none of these operations generate the income of the gaming operations, they do offer considerable enhancement to the Tribe's economy. Moreover, they offer long-term stability to our economy. It is unlikely that gaming will come to an end very soon. But just in case, Oneida Seven Generations Corporation is designed to give us future income, quality of life and employment for at least the next seven generations.

## Indian Entrepreneur Class held this fall

Submitted by **Linda Sapp**

AIEDF Director Edu./Operations

The American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF) will be holding their fall Indian Entrepreneur Class at the Fortune Bay Casino, Tower MN. This 33 hour class will run for two week-ends with the first class being held October 20-22 and the second part of the class being held on November 3-5, 2006. Students must attend both week-ends to complete the course.

The AIEDF is a nonprofit agency who is positioned to help American Indian entrepreneurs by providing individualized, culturally-relevant business education. Also counseling and mentoring throughout the loan process. The AIEDF provides culturally sensitive financial technical assis-

tance. They arrange and facilitate meetings between the entrepreneur and the main lender. Participate in the loan proves by providing gap funds at below-market interest rates and act as an advocate for the interests of the entrepreneur throughout the application, approval, and repayment process.

The Fund makes loans to men and women who are creating or expanding retail, services and manufacturing business - all of which hire American Indians as employees.

If you are interested in starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like more information about the entrepreneur class or want to request an application for the class, please call **651-917-0819**.

## Sakoli

My name is Ron Hill Jr. "Tehassi" and I am running for a seat on the Land Commission. I believe that this land is our home and the basis of our sovereignty. I also believe that the current rate of land purchase is not fast enough to keep up with the demands of the citizens of our Nation i.e. residential housing, recreational use, and the preservation of wild life and its habitat.

The non-Indian sub-divisions are encroaching upon our reservation from all sides. The local municipalities are imposing their laws within our Nations borders in a blatant attempt to diminish our sovereignty.

It is stated in our treaties that this land is for our free use and enjoyment, for us and our Indian friends living among us. It is also our right to govern all lands within our Nation's borders. We need to remember that we are a sovereign Nation. Our sovereignty should be exercised on a daily basis. Our complacency over the years has gotten the best of us, to the degree where we accept the status quo.

Vote for me and I will fight to retain our inherent sovereign right of self-government. I will constantly push to regain our land holdings within our borders. I also support purchasing land in the surrounding area outside of our borders; increasing our original acreage beyond 65,000.

Authorized and paid for by Ron 'Tehassi' Hill Jr.



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Current Oneida Nation Appeals Commissioner

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- \* Wrote opinions and decisions on cases
- \* Served as Secretary for the Wisconsin Indian Education Association
- \* Lifelong informed community member
- Developed and implemented Standard Operating Procedures and Work Standards Created By-Laws as a team member
- Assisted with the coordination of Peacemaking and other conferences

### Education:

- \* High School Diploma - East Green Bay
- \* Bachelor of Arts Degree - St. Norbert College
- \* Master of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership and Quality
- Marian College of Fond du Lac
- \* Tribal Legal Studies courses through the College of Menominee Nation
- Courses attended at the National Judicial College
- Certificates on Logic and Opinion Writing

### Training on:

- Oneida Rules of Civil Procedure
- Oneida Rules of Appellate Procedure
- Initial Reviews
- Oneida Constitution
- Oneida APA
- Oneida Blue Book

Authorized and paid for by Anita Barber



## Calendar

August 25-27

### 25th Annual Artstreet

WHEN: Friday, August 25th to Sunday, August 17th

TIME: Fri. - 5:00pm to 12:00am, Sat. - 10:00am to 12:00am, Sun. - 10:00am to 5:00pm

PLACE: Downtown Green Bay  
Fine arts, live entertainment and cultural activities. Admission is free. Call **920-435-5220** for more information.

September 4-15

### Plume Creations - Quilting Class (baby quilt)

WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays starting September 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, & 15 2006

TIME: 6-8:00pm

PLACE: Parish Hall, 2937 Freedom Rd., Cty. EE  
FMI, call Jodell Crawford at **(920) 217-1487**.

Ongoing

### Women Reaching Women Support Group

WHEN: Every Thursday

WHERE: Three Sister's Community Center, 790 Oneste Lane (off Mason St.) Three Sisters Housing Site

TIME: 2:30-2:30 pm

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 **498-3340** or Georgia Burr at **592-8682**.

Please call the *Kalihwisaks* office at **(920) 869-4280, 4279 or 4277** to include events in this section.

Any future announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.

## Clothing Drive/Exchange

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--Take stuff you need!



If you dont have any stuff to bring DON'T WORRY! If you need, you Take. It's ALL FREE! Come by and help sort and stack piles if you have extra time.

### Stop By:

August 21-25 7am-9pm

August 26 Saturday 8am-2pm

Bring items to: Parish Hall

2937 Freedom Rd. (Cty E)

located across the road from the Holy Apostle's Church (stone church)



Local

# Rebuilding the past for the future



Kali Photo/Steven J Gandy

(Left to Right) Ted Christjohn, Lyle Connon and Aloyious Jourdan work to restore the stone retaining wall along Holy Apostle Cemetery.

**By Steven J Gandy**  
Kalihwisaks

If you've recently driven past Holy Apostle cemetery, you have probably noticed the work being done to the original stone retaining wall that separates years of Oneida

family lineage from the nearby Hwy E/U.

Three dedicated Oneida Veterans Aloyious Jourdan, Lyle Connon and Ted Christjohn are hard at work to restore portions of the wall which are shifting toward the

road. Christ john, an employee of Holy Apostle, says, "All this dirt is falling over, that's what it is. The movement of the dirt goes right through here from when the company came through and put a water main in here and it shifted the whole ground."

According to Christjohn, "The wall is over a hundred years old, it has been around as long as that church has been here."

In modern time the wall would not be nearly as difficult to erect as it was a century ago. "They hauled stone through here from the quarry with horse and buggy. They didn't have modern tools and stone cutters, back then they used hammer and chisel," Christjohn says.

The trio has been hard at work for two weeks and have another week of work to go as of August 14th.

"Now it's just putting the puzzle back together," Christjohn jokes as he stands near the pile of stone now removed from the wall.

Anyone interested in making a donation to the Holy Apostle wall restoration effort is urged to contact the Holy Apostle Church for information at 869-2565.

# Lt. Gov Visits Oneida

**By Steven J Gandy**  
Kalihwisaks

On Thursday August 3rd, Lieutenant Governor Barbra Lawton gave the opening statements for a meeting of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) at the Radisson Conference Center hosted by the Oneida Nation. MAST is an organization that represents 35 tribes throughout the mid-western states. Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Iowa all have tribes involved with MAST.

According to MAST's website, www.m-a-s-t.org, MAST's mission is to "advance, protect, preserve, and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest throughout the 21st century."

Lawton explains, "It's my position in coming here to welcome [MAST] to Wisconsin, which is a tremendous honor, is as thought your welcoming the United

Kali Photo/Steven J Gandy  
Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton delivers the opening comments at the Aug 3 Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) conference held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center



Nations." Oneida Nation Chairman Gerald Danforth, who attended the MAST meeting, said, "We're very pleased that the Lt Gov takes time to participate in sessions like this." "I feel like, in Wisconsin, that we have worked hard toward a very productive and appropriate relationship between the state and the tribal nations. This will serve us well in moving forward we have a shared destiny, in terms of the economy of Wisconsin," Lawton notes.

Danforth said, "The Lt. Governor and Governor Doyle have really come through with a lot of issues that they've talked about early on in their campaigning years. What they are saying and what they are doing really marries up well and they come through."

Danforth explains, "About three months ago [Doyle] signed a bill into law that recognizes tribal leaders as governmental leaders, as opposed to lobbyists, in their dealings with the state."

## Oneida State Legislature Candidates Forum

August 31, 2006 Radisson - Wolf Room

10:00am Republican Candidates  
11:45 am Lunch Provided  
1:15 pm Democratic Candidates

### Invited Candidates:

- Rich Langen
- Phil Montgomery
- Thomas Nelson
- Jim Reigel
- Dan Aude
- Jim Soletski
- Judy Krawczyk
- Carl Arnoldi
- Gary Froseth
- Karl Van Roy

Topics for the forum include: sovereignty, Indian gaming, Wisconsin's economy, taxation, education, land into trust, and environmental regulation on the reservation.

Please RSVP and for any questions contact Tana Aquire at: [taguirre@oneidanation.org](mailto:taguirre@oneidanation.org) OR 920.869.4239

"The Oneida Tribe does not personally support any single candidate."

## Oneida offers youth employment

The Oneida Job Training Program is taking applications for the Youth Work Experience Program. Limited work slots are available for this introduction to the world of work. The program includes work experience, tutoring, and career orientation. The youth will be paid minimum wage of \$5.90 hr, and are eligible to work a maximum of 10 hours a week.

Requirements for the program are:

- \*Youth ages 14 - 21 years who are attending school,

or returning to school full-time, and

- \*Enrolled with a federally recognized Tribe, member of an Alaskan village or Hawaiian Native, and
- \*30 -day resident of our service area, and
- 8Meet federal low-income family guidelines, receive MA, WIA, TANF, food stamps, SS or SSI, or
- \*Medically-diagnosed disability (cognitive, emotional or physical) which includes ADD, ADHD, LD, and ED, or

\*Youth living out-of-home through a court-ordered placement.

To obtain an application contact Sandi Skenadore at 490-3789, [sskenado@oneidanation.org](mailto:sskenado@oneidanation.org), or Patricia Summers at 490-3796, [psummers@oneidanation.org](mailto:psummers@oneidanation.org)

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Sept. 6th, 2006. All names will be entered into a drawing and youth will be contacted for employment in the order their name is drawn.

## Meet Stephen Loritz of Environmental Health and Safety Department

Submitted by Stephen Loritz

Environmental Health and Safety Hello, my name is Stephen Loritz. I am returning as your Environmental Engineering Specialist with the Environmental, Health and

Safety Division.

My primary responsibility will be to implement the Tribes Underground Storage Tank program. This program has received a grant from the U.S. EPA to allow me to provide compliance assistance to owners and operators of underground storage tanks on the reservation. I will also provide assistance to the Tribal Response/ Brownfield program.

I have a degree in Environmental Science from U.W.- Green Bay and a degree in Engineering Technology from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

I previously held this position from 1993 through 1999.



Stephen Loritz

have been a stay home dad for the past six years. My wife Peggy, a former teacher at the Turtle School, and I have four children and live in Bellevue.

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# Legislative Review, Letters

## Chairman's Corner...



**Chairman**  
Gerald Danforth

### Presidential Visit

On Thursday, August 10, Oneida had an unexpected visitor, the President of the United States, the honorable George W. Bush. During his visit to the area, the President requested the use of the Oneida Police Department as headquarters to hold personal meetings with families of fallen military personnel from Northeast Wisconsin. While it was public knowledge that the President was scheduled to visit the area, it was not known until the day before that he wanted to use our facilities. This request was very significant, as it came

only one day after the thwarted terrorist plot in London, England. This eminent threat raised the national security alert to a heightened level throughout the United States, and that Oneida was able to fulfill all safety and security requirements in short notice and in the professional manner that it did, speaks very highly of our Oneida Police, communications and hospitality services.

For security reasons the nature of the visit, its location and the participants involved, could not be made public ahead of time. I am however, very happy to report that Oneida rallied in true fashion to make this a professional, respectful, and a flawless event that was greatly appreciated by the veterans' families and the President.

During lunch time on Wednesday, August 9, I was informed by the Oneida Police Chief, Greg Powless of the Presidential request, which included an opportunity to have four Oneida officials greet the President. We had only a couple of hours to provide names, social security numbers, and birth dates to

security agents in order to complete background checks. Oneida Police officers, already in a heightened state of operations assisting with the general security associated with the President's visit, now had many additional in-house details to tend to.

I, along with Secretary, Patti Hoeft, Councilman, Ed Delgado, and Oneida Veteran, Valdor John, welcomed the President. There were many others however, whom were critical to the success of this event and I would like to recognize them. From the Oneida Police Department, I would like to recognize Interim Chief of Police Dennis Powless, Interim Assistant Chief of Police Rich VanBoxtel, Lieutenant Ron King, Sr., Sergeants Marty

Antone, Dan House, Mark Ninham and Mark Stanchik, Officers Dale Metoxen, Merlin Cornelius, Larry Jordan, Bill Cone, Lyle Metoxen, Ron King Jr., Chris Cornelius, Lester Harms, Joel Maxam, Matt Ninham and Eric Boulanger, as well as office staff Ronda Skenandore, Connie Horen, Patricia Laughterbach, Jean Rose, Nathan Ness, Luwasanahawi Danforth and lastly Twyla Jordan and Carol Clausen. Staff from the Security Department also assisted with the event and they are: Lieutenant Chris Laes and Officers Bill Seidl, Don Gilbert, Brad Shimek, Susan Bozile and Rod Lu Maye. Technical assistance for the facility was also provided by D.P.W. workers

Patrick Madrid and Phillip King, Jr. The Radisson Hotel and Convention Center catered a luncheon and provided very professional wait service, for this I thank: Jodi Swaitnicki the Catering Manager, Servers Cayla Singer and Lauren Kinser (in Radisson professional style uniform), the Executive Chef Craig Kwosek and the Senior Banquet Manager, Alison Hutchinson. My appreciation also goes to the Communications Department Director, Bobbi Webster and Public Relation Specialist Pete King III, for providing an Oneida black ash basket with sweet grass for the President. Finally, I also thank the Oneida Museum Director Rita Lara and Administrative Assistant

Cindy Summers for providing gift baskets for the veterans' families.

While the Oneida Police Department had a few more hours to prepare, the Radisson Hotel, Communications Department and Museum had only two hours notice to pull all these things together. The expertise of the staff from Oneida's departments and businesses, truly exemplifies the professionalism and dedication our employees have to ensure Oneida's success. I can't adequately express how proud we were to represent Oneida on this special occasion.

Yawko!  
Gerald L. Danforth,  
Chairman

Chairman

## Legislative Update

It's once again, an exciting time of year as parents and students begin preparations back to school. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer thus far! This summer the Oneida Business Committee had several interns assisting in various offices. I had the distinct pleasure of supervising and working with Brandon Stevens. Brandon is currently attending Haskell Indian Nations University and will be graduating in 2007 with his Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. My goal was to provide Brandon with a wide range of opportunities to explore the duties and daily schedule of the Business Committee. At this time, I'd like to acknowledge all the summer interns whom worked for the Oneida Nation and encourage you to continue your career paths and hopefully will bring your knowledge and wisdom back to the Oneida Nation.

The Business Committee has been actively involved with Balanced Scorecard which is a strategic design tool for establishing and communicating strategy. This tool

establishes a framework of maintaining one vision, one mind. The logic behind the Balanced Scorecard strategic planning is--it's a leadership process that leads to management activity. A strategy focused organization requires all employees to understand the strategy and conduct their day to day business in a way that contributes to the success of the strategy. The Business Committee is preparing for setting their strategic themes and creating our own alignment to the national scorecard.

Over the course of the next several months I will be teaming up with Councilman Ninham on several projects. We're planning to host a Youth Summit. Were currently in the initial stages of fact finding and looking demographically of where and who our youth are, how we currently meet their needs, how can we strategically bring

back the family concept, and identify our how we can improve in our service areas to meet the needs of our youth. I encourage all the youth to watch for upcoming announcement and invite you to actively participate and have some fun!! Your voices are very important to the Nation as we move forward.

Recently, the Legislative Operating Committee held a public hearing to discuss the draft Judiciary Act, which would establish an Oneida Nation judicial system and tribal court. I truly support the development of a tribal court system. However, the current draft of the Judiciary Act has left many questions concerning jurisdiction, structure, legality, and authorities. Also, General Tribal Council, on more than one occasion, has not supported this concept in the past and I believe that the Legislative Operating

Committee needs to ensure that the General Tribal Council is fully aware of the ramifications that the proposed judiciary act presents. The magnitude and impact of this legislation is extensive and the Legislative Operating Committee needs to actively seek comments from our tribal citizens through several public hearings and additional forums.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the tribal departments and staff whom were involved in providing summer programming for our youth. It's exciting to see the youth participating in organized activities, participating in cultural camps, going on field trips, being involved in reading clubs, active in summer sporting events, and attending workshops that expand their learning. Thanks for a job well done!

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact my office at **920-869-4461**, my email address is [mdanfj@oneidanation.org](mailto:mdanfj@oneidanation.org), or contact my Assistant, Julie Denny at **920-869-4422**.

## 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.

My office is scheduled to present the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report to the Business Committee on August 16th. As of the close of the 3rd Quarter, June 2006, the organization is performing better than budget. A financial analyst team has been working with the areas that are outside variance guidelines. The areas will continue to submit detailed information in regard to their variances and how they will impact the budget at the end of the fiscal year.

### FY2007 Budget

The FY2007 budget process is underway and information has been communicated to the business units on the overall timeline. The budget has been consolidated and balanced, as the team prepares to move forward for Business Committee approval on August 16th, 2006. Once we receive Business Committee approval, we can move forward with preparations for General Tribal Council review.

The FY2007 Budget Meeting for General Tribal Council review has been changed to September 16th, 2006. Please watch in upcoming weeks for notice of the FY2007 Budget Community Meeting information.

### Balanced Scorecard

The Balanced Scorecard was approved in April and we now have a National Balanced Scorecard. Cascading is part of the next steps. Cascading of the Balanced Scorecard involves



**Treasurer**  
Mercie Danforth

the Division, Business Unit and Departments aligning to the National Scorecard. The Business Committee will be one of the first areas to go through the cascading process with the Division areas following shortly after. We look forward to sharing our scorecard with you after it is completed. We anticipate that the full cascading will not be complete until Fiscal Year 2009.

### New General Manager

Please join me in welcoming Debbie Thundercloud as our new General Manager of the organization. Prior to accepting the General Manager position, Debbie was the Ombudsperson for the organization, and previously served two consecutive terms as the Oneida Tribal Chairwoman, and one term as Vice-Chairwoman. Welcome to our team Debbie!

### Community Information

The return to school is just around the corner for all of our youth. I would like to wish them all the best of luck in returning to school in the upcoming weeks.

### Get out the Vote!

As many of you are aware, elections are once again upon us as this is an election year. It is very important that our citizens and employees of the Oneida Nation encourage one another to take the time to register and go to the polls and vote.

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer! 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

## Letters...

### Where is the Picture Lady?

The November 2005 issue of the Kalihwisaks printed a story on Barb Skenandore who initiated a program called "Photos from the Past" at the Oneida Library. With the approval of the Director, it didn't take long before the "Picture Lady" had her work cut out for her. A verbal agreement identified exactly the purpose of the program. The agreement also stated that if the Program was stopped, people could get their photos back.

Members of the community, the majority being elders, entrusted their pictures to Barb for this program so that families could share and be able to possibly come to know who their relatives were and what they looked like. It was a perfect way for many people to further identify "unknown" people/possibly ancestry in photos. It is my understanding that Barb took this responsibility on, "hook, line and sinker" and thoroughly enjoyed every minute she spent on this program. Since I'm a picture lover and have many old pictures of our family, I thought that this would be a good way to share

the photos through this program. I called Barb (from Illinois) to make an appointment. Barb seemed as excited as me when I told her that I wanted to bring my pictures to the Library so she could begin imaging or scanning them for the accession process.

While I was at the Library waiting for my original pictures to be returned, (pictures are scanned and the originals returned to you), I had the opportunity to go through some of the work already done. I'm not certain how many of you have had an opportunity to see how much work has gone into this project, but what I can tell you is that it is IMPRESSIVE.

Is it any wonder then that when I recently visited the Oneida Library I was told Barb had resigned. I could not believe what I heard so I waited for the Director of the Library to return. It was true, he said. Barb had resigned and would not be coming back. It was hard for me to believe that she just handed in her resignation when she was so passionate about this program. Where was the "Picture Lady?"

It appears that politics has

been lingering around the program and has finally stamped a seal on it, and that's why, in part, she has resigned. If you see Barb, ask her what happened, I did. She went out of her way to build this program so that anyone interested could have photos of their ancestors, to make sure that your pictures and mine would be protected by the Library, and that's why I'm writing this letter. I want Barb to know how much I appreciated her efforts in all she did for this Program and to thank her for the wonderful job she did. This was an excellent program without the politics and it should stay that way. I don't want my ancestor's pictures caught up in a frenzy of some person's "control."

I urge the members of the Community to not let this happen. Whose hands are involved in trying to take the program away? Where is the Director's support for his staff who worked so hard to get it off the ground? There are a lot of people who contributed their personal pictures to this program. It's time to back up our "picture lady."

Lila Watts

### Oneida Tribal Member

P.S. I also understand there is a new agreement that's in draft form to replace the verbal agreement. I asked the Director for a copy and still haven't received it.

### Get out the vote

The Oneida Tribe is holding a special election on Saturday August 26, 2006 for various Boards, Committees and Commissions. Don't forget to vote as the candidates are counting on you to support them.

On September 12 the State of Wisconsin is holding primary elections for the 8th Congressional District. There are three Democrats running: Nancy Nusbaum, Steve Kagan and Jamie Wall. There are two Republicans running: John Gard and Terry McCormack.

My daughter and I are currently working on Nancy's campaign because we feel she has the most experience in government and she understands Tribal Sovereignty. She has a one page Tribal Position Paper you may want

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State/National

From Page 1A/Bad River Fire



Kali photo/Steve Gandy

Pictured above is the remains of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's Health and Wellness Center. Although the outside of the structure looks fairly undamaged, the interior of the building was completely gutted by fire on July 10. The Bad River Tribe is currently setting up a temporary health center on the front lawn of the current site.

other contributions. Rose talks about the donations received from The Oneida Tribe, "The generosity that we received from the Oneida Nation has helped us to get up and running again because we had absolutely nothing." She goes on, "They had identified one of their staff members to be our relief coordinator and through her efforts, not only did she secure donations from Oneida, but through contacts with other agencies and so on. We got supplies and equipment plus a financial donation from Oneida which words can't even explain how well it's been received here."

Cathy Bachhuber was the designated Oneida staff member that Rose mentioned. Bachhuber coordinated the relief efforts and helped with the transporting of supplies and equipment. Bachhuber said, "Most of the truck was filled with medical supplies, about 3/4 of it came from the health center."

"Oneida, in my opinion, there generosity is just beyond words...it just warms

you up inside to know our fellow tribal brothers and sisters are there in your time of need, that's what it's all about," Rose said of the Oneida relief efforts.

The Bad River Clinic services over 4000 people Rose said. Their enrollment is over 7000 with a local community of about 2500.

The economic impact of an event like this is staggering. According to Don Wilkes, the Bad River Tribes Accounting Manager, the insured value of the property and equipment is approximately \$2,000,000. In addition to the cost of replacing the building, equipment and supplies, Wilkes reminds us that short term costs are also increasing. "A prescription that would cost us \$40.00 to dispense here at our own pharmacy would cost us \$100.00 in Ashland, Wilkes notes. "What we could provide medical service for, you're probably looking at 100 - 115 % increase in that cost for a person to be seen in Ashland."

Currently, the tribe has set

up a temporary site in a vacant conference room. "Right now our doctor is operating out of a conference center over in our head-start building to try to see patients," Rose explains. "Our Pharmacy has been set up. They are set up in a vacant room in our convenience store-gas station area so it's easily accessible to all our community members.

A plan to set up a modular site near the burned out clinic began on August 8th.

For now, Bad River is just trying to sift through the rubble and get things restored.

Rose explains the tribe's future goals, "The short term goal is basically to get our operations back up and running, and once we get that accomplished then we will begin to look at the reconstruction of [the clinic.] Bad River wants to be cautious when we rebuild, we want to make sure we're addressing everybody's needs; that we do it right."

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campaign head quarters. Those who have not registered to vote should do so before election day as the rules have changed to prevent voter fraud. If you don't have time to stand in line to vote on election day you can fill out forms for absentee ballots at your town hall. If you check the box you will receive all future ballots in the mail and you will never have to stand in line again. Now if we could just vote by phone like they do on American Idol.

My family and I were part of a volunteer team that worked on the "Get Out the Vote!" for the 2004 Presidential Campaign here in Oneida. The objective of the project was to encourage community members to vote. The efforts did not go to waste; many Oneida community members voted for their first time. It was great to see such a positive reaction in our

community. The Oneida votes captured the election for Tomas Nelson. Since that time Representative Nelson has worked hard to prevent the dumping of PCBs in the Westside Landfill north of the airport. His efforts paid off and the Georgia-Pacific company withdrew their permits to dump the PCBs. This is just one recent example of an elected official working for Oneida people. Please remember this and vote for Representative Nelson on November 7th during mid-term elections.

Laura Manthe

Websites for voters Shekolih,

It is getting to that point in time again to use your ability to vote. I know that when this time meets me, I feel that I am

not always as informed as I may want to be, about the candidates that are running for office.

I have been asked to share some information to help you shape our future. There are various websites on the internet that can help. Here are two websites that I found useful.

<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/vote/index.html> is a website that will give you history on the voting process as well as things, like the meaning behind party symbols and mascots.

<http://www.vote-smart.org/index.htm> calls itself a Voter Self Defense System.

Both of these websites have various links to other websites that share the same theme.

Thanks, Chad Wilson

**Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay**

Please RSVP by Sept. 19th Free Refreshments

## Candidate Forum

**Discussion & Education on Older Adult Issues**  
Tuesday, September 26, 2006  
9am - 12 Noon

**Topics to be addressed are:** Senior Care \* Long Term Care  
Medicare \* Social Security  
Older Americans Act

**We have invited candidates for:** Governor \* U.S. House 8th District  
\* U.S. Senate \* State Assembly

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Please Vote For **Jennifer Webster**

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Seeking Re-Election



**EXPERIENCE**

- Knowledge of Oneida Court System and Tribal Laws
- Experience in developing By-laws and Policies + Procedures
- Informed member of Oneida Community
- Unbiased and equal decision maker
- Leadership, Management and Communication skills
- Business Marketing and Promotion skills
- Successful Business owner "Web's Kustom Touch Auto Body"

**EDUCATION**

- Travelers World Omega - Certificate Program -Travel Agent Series
- University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh - Certificate Program - Small Business Management Marketing Management Series
- University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh - Certificate Program - Essentials of Management Oneida Tribal Management Program
- Certificate Training-Tribal Court Seminar
- Certificate Training-Conducting Fair Hearings, Due Process, Ex parte Communication
- Certificate Training-Roberts Rules of Order
- Certificate Training-Public Law 280 Jurisdiction in Indian Country

**BACKGROUND**

- Family: Husband Don Webster, Son's Marcus and Zack, daughter Olivia
- Parents: Lee Gordon and Betty McLester
- Grandparents: Lee (deceased) and Pearl McLester, Ted and Mamie Benson (deceased)

**2006-07 Oneida Sportsman License go on sale MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2006**

\*\* The Oneida Conservation Department has moved to N8047 Cty U, Oneida \*\*  
(Remember...Early Bow Season opens.....September 2nd)

**License Price:** Oneida Enrolled Sportsmen \$10.00  
Spouses/Descendants \$15.00  
Elderly (55 yrs. old) Free

**Requirements:**

- ~ Enrolled members must have their Oneida Tribal ID Card
- ~ Spouses/Descendants must have their Non-Oneida Special Sportsman's Permit ID card (purchased at the Oneida Enrollments Department).
- ~ Anyone born on/or after January 1, 1973 must have their Hunter Safety card when purchasing their permit in addition to their ID cards, NO EXCEPTIONS!!

If you have any questions, please contact the Conservation Office at 869-1450

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# Oneida Family Fitness

**Fitness Members for the month of August 2006...**

Lisa has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness since the days it was at Norbert Hill Center. She initially began an exercise program so that she could become a healthier person. Her biggest obstacle to overcome was waking up early and exercising before she went to work. With continued encouragement from others and seeing results from her hard work, Lisa overcame this obstacle and continues to exercise on a regular basis today.



Lisa Hyde

Lisa's current exercise program consists of cardiovascular exercise for 30-40 minutes, five days per week. She also lifts weights three days a week, works with a personal trainer once a week, performs abdominal exercises daily, and occasionally takes water exercise classes. This routine has helped her to lose clothing sizes and become more toned than before.

Lisa enjoys working out at Oneida Family Fitness because of the friendly staff. Besides exercise, Lisa works, reads books, watches movies, and spends time with friends and family.

Finally, Lisa's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "Don't give up! Keep moving!"

Congratulations to Lisa for your hard work and dedication!

Keep up the good work!

Rudy has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for about three years.

Rudy Martirosyan He first began an exercise routine when he quit smoking, thus making for a healthier lifestyle. The biggest obstacle for Rudy to overcome was making time for himself so he would not miss a day of exercise.

Some accomplishments that Rudy has made over the past few years include being healthier, having more energy, and feeling better about himself. These accomplishments come from a regular weight training routine every week. Rudy also stays dedicated to exercise on a regular basis so he can be healthy, strong, and live a long life.

Rudy enjoys exercising at Oneida Family Fitness because the people there are nice. Besides exercise, he works, spends time with family, and goes fishing.

Finally, Rudy's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "All it takes is effort, and you'll see results!"

Congratulations to Rudy for your hard work and dedication!

Keep up the good work!

# Family Fitness Highlights

**Oneida Family Fitness Hours:**  
M-T-W-TH-F: 5:30AM-8:30PM  
Saturday: 7AM-2:00PM  
For more information call 490-3730

## Oneida Family Fitness Employee Meet Adam Brown

When you come to Oneida Family Fitness for a Tae Kwon Do class, chances are good that you're going to meet Adam Brown. He's been teaching the Korean martial art since 1989 and came to OFF in 2003.

Adam is originally from Escanaba, Michigan where he spent five years running a Tae Kwon Do program for the YMCA. He also managed a martial arts extension program in Bark River, Michigan. Throughout his teaching career, Adam has successfully trained students and brought them to various martial arts tournaments including Wautoma, Oshkosh, and the yearly Oneida Tae Kwon Do invitational.

Adam has fun in every class he teaches. His goal is to guide and travel along with the students on their journey to self improvement. He strives to be a positive role model and hopes every student learns something new every day.

When he's not teaching at OFF you can find Adam at home with his wife, Julia, and their four children. His hobbies include riding motorcycles, reading, and collecting firewood.

The next time you are at the fitness center, say hello to Adam and remember that he looks forward to meeting you and helping you to attain your wellness and martial arts goals.



Photo by Oneida Family Fitness

Adam brown helps student, Brickman House, perfect his kicks at Oneida Family Fitness

## Oneida Family Fitness unveils Intranet page

Submitted by Adam Brown

Wondering when the next Pilates class is? Curious about membership rates?

Now there's a convenient place to get all your Fitness information right on your computer, and it's easy, too!

Simply log onto the Oneida Intranet and go to "Governmental Services", then "Recreation" to get to the all new Oneida Family Fitness Intranet page. Here

you'll find descriptions of all the classes, plus pool, martial arts, and group exercise schedules. You'll get to explore all the specialty programs and services we offer and even read about the fitness staff.

Our "What's Happening" page will keep you up to date on all of our latest programs and events.

So log on and check it out often, you'll be glad you did!

## Oneida Active for Life Choose To Move

Submitted by: Lori Bembnister

Team Captain Coordinator

Are you looking for a way to become more active? Join us for our 5th Oneida Active for Life program. The program starts Sept 25 - Nov 17. During these 8 weeks, we will be traveling to different locations along the Oneida Reservation. Participants will have the opportunity to record their minutes of activity or use pedometers to track their daily steps. This is a great opportunity for you and your coworkers to become more active together. Participants will also have the opportunity to win raffle prizes for meeting their weekly point goal or step goal along with your destination. Join us today!

Interested in being a team captain for your department? Contact Lori Bembnister at 490-3730 or lbembnis@oneidanation.org.

## Prepare for Annual Shut-down

Oneida Family Fitness will be closed from Monday, August 21 through Tuesday, September 5, 2006 in order to address facility repairs, maintenance, renovations, staff training and facility programming.

OFF members are welcome to visit Bellin Health and Fitness or the CP Center for their workout needs. Be sure to bring your membership card.

Visit the OFF Oneida Intranet "What's Happening" page for more details.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on September 5 as we gear up for the new Fall programming schedule.

## New fall program for Martial Arts

By Adam Brown

Martial Arts Instructor

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself" ~ Chinese Proverb

Martial arts training can lead to many good things: physical fitness, self defense capabilities, self discipline, and better mental focus.

Oneida Martial Arts has been offering the path to self improvement for many years, and we are now gearing up for our new Fall 2006 programming.

If you or your child has ever thought of trying the martial arts, this the perfect time to start. Starting Monday, September 11 is our "Beginner Tae Kwon Do" class. This is an eight week program that teaches you all the basic skills so that you may enter our regular intermediate classes. "Beginner Tae Kwon Do" meets every Monday from 5 until 6pm at Oneida Family Fitness, and is designed for students age 6 and up.

If your child is between the ages of 4 and 6, "Mighty Ninjas" is the way to go. Your child will learn the basic age appropriate Tae Kwon Do

skills in a fun filled, exciting atmosphere. We offer two different Mighty Ninja programs, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Either class meets every week from 5pm until 5:30pm at Oneida Family Fitness and the sessions are eight weeks long. The new sessions start September 19 and September 21. Sign up early before all the spots are gone.

On top of Tae Kwon Do and Mighty Ninjas, we also offer Eskrima, Jujitsu, and Fitness Kickboxing. If you would like to learn more about the many benefits of martial arts, stop in to Oneida Family Fitness, call 490-3730, or email familyfitness@oneidanation.org today!



### Oneida Family Fitness Staff

- Michelle Mielke.....Fitness Center Director
- Todd Shelto.....Fitness Center Assistant Director
- Lori Bembnister.....Fitness Specialist Lead
- Ryan Engel.....Fitness Specialist Lead
- David Beiser.....Fitness Specialist
- Eric Frantz.....Fitness Specialist
- Tina Jacobsen.....Fitness Specialist
- Jason Manders.....Fitness Specialist
- Stefanie Richter.....Fitness Specialist
- Kevin Schoenebeck.....Martial Arts Coordinator
- Adam Brown.....Martial Arts Instructor
- Maureen Cisler.....Administrative Assistant
- Martina Frechette.....Administrative Assistant
- Teresa Holschuh-Sieja.....Aquatics Trainer/Supervisor
- Nicole Cooley.....Lifeguard
- Orrie Kreuzscher.....Lifeguard
- Teresa Roth.....Lifeguard

The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at: 2640 West Point • Green Bay, WI Phone: (920) 490-3730. Look for *o.f.f. highlights* once a month in the Kali.

## 2006 America's Walk for Diabetes

The Corporate Team, \_\_\_\_\_ Oneida Family Fitness is having a 5k (3.6 mile) or 10k (6.2 mile) Walk

- \*September 30th, 2006
- \*7:45am Check-in, 9:00am Start
- \*Green Isle Park, Green Bay
- \*Help raise money to start the fight against diabetes!

Registration forms can be picked up at the Fitness Specialist Service Desk. Please fill out completely and return to the service desk by Friday, September 22, 2006.

All pledges or money donations can be turned into the check-in area **THE DAY OF THE EVENT** in order to qualify for incentive prizes.

If you have questions, please contact Team Captain, Stefanie Richter at: 490-3730 or srichter@oneidanation.org

You can also register for our corporate team by phone at 1-888-Diabetes or www.diabetes.org/walk or mail registration form to the following address.

American Diabetes Association  
America's Walk For Diabetes Processing Center  
Wisconsin/31650-8010-0701  
3877 Fairfax Ridge Road

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familyfitness@oneidanation.org
Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006  
9am - 12pm

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

**The Norbert Hill Pond's last day of operations will be...**

**Sunday, August 27**

It will then be closed to the public for the season.