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## Pow wow trail takes local dancers to Germany

By Steven J. Gandy

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Hitting the pow wow trail gains new meaning as four Oneida dancers traveled to Germany to perform for United States Service members and others during American Indian Heritage Month (AIHM) last November.

In an attempt to educate military personnel about cultural diversity, the US Armed Forces are conducting monthly training.

During AIHM, Julia McLester, Claudia Skenandore, Kory Wesaw and Heather Wesaw were among those who traveled across the

globe to distant Ramstein Air Force Base (AFB) located just outside of Ramstein-Meisenbach, Germany. The group traveled with other Native Americans to perform culturally enriching dance routines in full regalia.

"We did half-an-hour to hour-and-a-half dance presentations two or three a day," said Claudia Skenandore who was one of the dancers that went overseas

Although the focus of the trip was US Service men and women, the group also performed outside the confines

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Honor troops**



Photo courtesy of Claudia Skenandore

L to R Grass Dancer Kory Wesaw - Oneida, a military service woman, Claudia Skenandore - Oneida, Traditional Dancer Jason Bender-Oklahoma, Jingle Dress Dancer Heather Wesaw - Oneida, a military service woman, Traditional Dancer Julia McLester - Oneida, Fancy Dancer Finn - Germany.

## Oneida Casino Holiday Basketball Classic



Kali photos/Yvonne Kaquatosh

The Oneida Casino was the Title Sponsor for the Holiday Basketball Classic that was held over the Holidays at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon. Over 30 dancers performed at the Resch Center on Friday, December 29. This marked the 13th consecutive year the Oneida Casino was the Title sponsor for the annual event. Above, an array of jingle, fancy shawl and one traditional dancer perform. At left, grass dancer Dacian Danforth steps up the pace as the Buffalo Creek Drum beats in the background. On Friday night UWGB went up against Michigan Tech. UWGB won 62 -50.

## Lawsuit claims rigging led to Hard Rock Cafe deal with American Indian tribe

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP) - A rejected suit-or for the Hard Rock chain of cafes, casinos and related businesses claims in a lawsuit that the Seminole Tribe of Florida was the successful buyer because of improper collusion and bid-rigging.

The Seminoles announced the \$965 million (euro727.2 million) purchase of the Hard Rock empire from London-based Rank Group PLC on Dec. 7, marking the first time an American Indian tribe had purchased a major international corporation.

The Baltimore, Maryland-based development firm The Cordish Co. and an affiliate, Power Plant Entertainment LLC, contend that Hard Rock Cafe International Inc. management secretly negotiated with the Seminoles for seven months before plans to sell were announced in July.

Power Plant, a partnership between Cordish and Coastal Development LLC, was the original developer of the

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Hard Rock**

## ITBC donates buffalo meat in time for Christmas



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

L to R: Gary Smith, Jeff Scofield and Patricia Cornelius check out the donation.

By Dawn Walschinski

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The Oneida Pantry Emergency Network (OPEN) received a Christmas gift when the Oneida Nation Farms delivered 2332 pounds of buffalo meat donated by Intertribal Bison Co-Operative (ITBC) on Thursday, December 21, 2006.

The Oneida Pantry's Coordinator Gary Smith was thrilled about the supply of patties, ground bison, roast and soup bones. "It's fantastic, it comes at a very good time, because we just ran out of hamburger yesterday," he said.

According to Oneida Farms Manager Patricia Cornelius, the bison meat will be donated to the Oneida Pantry, the Oneida Nation Schools and

some will be used for the diabetic luncheons.

"The advantage of bison is that it's lower in fat, healthier meat," said Cornelius, "all this meat here, too, is all native raised, so it's probably all grass fed buffalo meat.

The ITBC had extra buffalo meat in its warehouse in Rapid City, South Dakota and donated the excess its member organizations.

"This is the same organization that helped us get a start in our buffalo herd," said Cornelius.

Members of the Ho-chunk nation picked up the donation, and met with Assistant Manger of the Oneida Apple Orchard Jeff Scofield in Boscabel, Wisconsin to split 4665 pounds of buffalo meat.

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## Wisconsin's 709 traffic deaths fewest since 1998

By Robert Imrie

Associated Press Writer

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) - Traffic crashes in Wisconsin killed 709 people in 2006 - the fewest since 1998 and a 10 percent drop from the average number of fatalities during the past five years. The 709 fatalities occurred in 657 accidents, or 43 fewer than in 2005 when 801 people died in traffic crashes, according to preliminary reports released Tuesday by the state Department of Transportation.

Kari Kinnard, executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Wisconsin and vice chairman of the

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## Packer's 'Gray Ghost' honored



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Those on hand for the Tony Canadeo Walk of Legends Monument unveiling admired the piece on a cold and rainy Thursday afternoon. Canadeo played for Green Bay from 1941-1944 and 1946-1952. He missed 1945 due to WWII. He was a seventh round draft pick out of Gonzaga in 1941.

**By Steven J. Gandy**

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The number three that adorns the top of the newest Walk of Legends monument could stand for the number in which it was unveiled, the third of the series, but most know that the number three represents the number that Tony Canadeo wore on his jersey during his time with the

Green Bay Packers.

Canadeo was dubbed "the Gray Ghost" by his teammates due to his prematurely graying hair.

The latest monument was unveiled on Thursday, December 21.

On hand for the event were many members of the Canadeo family including his widow, and son Tony Canadeo Jr. who briefly

addressed the crowd.

"If he were here, he'd be filled with memories and stories of the past," Canadeo Jr. said.

The monument is located one block east of Brett Favre Steakhouse on Canadeo Drive.

It was designed by the mother daughter tandem of Sandi and Corrie Campbell.

## New cradle for the new year

**By Dawn Walschinski**

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Employees from the Management Information System (MIS) Department helped a young woman make sure her unborn child would have a happy new year.

MIS CC Support Technician Julie Eckberg started the ball rolling when a friend found a handmade crib.

"A friend of mine found it junk picking and showed it to me, and I said 'Gee, somebody must need that somewhere,'" said Eckberg.

She contacted Financial Employment Planner Justine Skenadore at Oneida Social Services to see if there was a need for the crib decorated with diamond shaped slats.

"I had a new mom that was

going to have a baby in a month and she didn't have (anything)," said Skenadore.

The young mother, who requested that her identity not be revealed, was living in a shelter in Appleton. Skenadore was working with her to move her to the Green Bay area.

"Justine had told me that the young lady that we were giving it to was homeless, and that kind of hit me hard, and I felt like we needed to do something more for her than just give her an empty cradle," said Eckberg.

It was then Eckberg and eight members of the MIS department began donating money to buy things for the baby.

"Everyday (Eckberg) kept

bringing bags of diapers and clothes and pajamas and everything the baby would need for the first three-four months," said Skenadore.

It was a very emotional day when the young woman came to pick up the newly refurbished cradle filled with infant items.

"She didn't have (anything) for the baby, and she wasn't looking forward to it, but now when she got all this stuff ... now she's excited for the baby coming," said Skenadore.

The young woman presented Eckberg with a homemade thank you card.

"It was really neat to be able to do that for her," said Eckberg. "We did it because it was an opportunity to give."

Members of the MIS Dept. donated this crib and all the baby items to a young mother-to-be. "They went above and beyond to help out someone they didn't know," said Justine Skenadore, a Case Worker from the Center for Self Sufficiency.



Photo courtesy of Justine Skenadore

### CLARIFICATION

The article "Health Center Responds to Concerns" on page 7A of the December 21, 2006 issue of the Kalihwisaks was attributed to Patricia Kohlman. It should have been attributed to Debra Danforth and the Oneida Community Health Clinic Team Leaders.

### CORRECTION

Cortney Reed had her name misspelled in the Good News section of the December, 21 issue. We apologize for the error.

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# HONOR THE YOUTH

## POW WOW

February 3, 2007  
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JOIN US IN SONG AND DANCE AT THE ANNUAL ONEIDA HONOR THE YOUTH POW WOW

FREE ADMISSION  
FEAST AT 5:00 PM

GRAND ENTRIES AT 1:00 AND 7:00 PM

SIGN UP IS REQUIRED FOR DANCERS AND DRUMS.

REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 4:45 PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 920-496-7897 ASK FOR TONYA, MAUREEN OR DONNA.

Local

Passing On...

Hill, Nancy Louise

April 1, 1934 – December 25, 2006

Nancy Louise Hill, 72, Oneida, passed away Christmas morning, December 25, 2006. She was born April 1, 1934 to Edward and Nancy Metoxen. Nancy was a member of the Oneida United Methodist Church. She enjoyed crocheting. In her younger years she volunteered at St. Augustine in Chicago, which serves the American Indian population. Nancy never put herself first, and worked very hard her whole life. She really enjoyed being with her family.



her. Her sisters also survive; Betty, Donna, Sandra, Ramona, Wallean, Noreen, and Linda.

She was preceded in death by two children; Jacqueline Hill, and Linda Cabello,

her grandchild Natasha Louise, and her sister Edwina.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2006 at the Oneida United Methodist Church N3067 County Road E (Freedom Road) Oneida. Eldred Nicholas and Deacon Bobby Doxtator officiated.

Ryan Funeral Home, 305 North 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.

She is survived by her children; Carole Jeanne (Jose) Zafiro, Dale Cornelius, Joyce Ann Cornelius, Allen Roy (Cheryl) Hill, Amanda Villafranca-Diaz, Lorenzo Hill, Ramon Hill, and Margarita Hill. Numerous grand children, and great grandchildren further survive

Archiquette, Myrna

1954 – December 27, 2006

Myrna Archiquette, 52, Green Bay, died Wednesday, December 27, 2006. Born in Green Bay she is the daughter of the late Nicholas and Prudence (Skenadore)



granddaughter – Kaede; three brothers: Bob (Joan) Archiquette of Crystal Falls, MI, Lee Archiquette of Madison, Van Archiquette of Green Bay; two sisters: Patti (Terry) Ruuti of Seymour, Pam (Sandy) Herrick of Florida; Myrna's companion – Jeff Reed whom she resided with, many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Also preceded in death by one son – James Virgil Reed; one brother – James I. Archiquette.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2006 at the Malcore Funeral Home, 1530 West Mason Street, Green Bay, with Pastor Robert Archiquette officiating.

A memorial fund has been established at the funeral home in her memory.

Visit [malcorefuneralhome.com](http://malcorefuneralhome.com) to send online condolences to the family.

She was a graduate of East High School, Class of 1972. Myrna was employed by Matousek & Associates for several years. She was a loving and devoted mother who loved being around people. Myrna was very animated and always greeted people with a smile. She had a great sense of humor and was a mother to everyone. Myrna was well known as a plant doctor and collector of many things (especially elephant figurines).

Survived by her three children: Ben Archiquette and special friend – Mandy Gosz, Nick Reed and special friend - Candice Caramazza, and Matt Reed of Green Bay; one

Rasmussen, Eric

July 20, 1970 – January 2, 2007

Eric A. Rasmussen, age 36 of Keshena, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Eric was born on July 20, 1970 in Antigo, the son of the late James A. Rasmussen and Barbara (Miller) Rohr. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit. He enjoyed his job as a Personal-Home Caregiver, providing care for the elderly and disabled. Eric had a gift and love of nature and this is where he felt most at peace. This gift was apparent through his great knowledge and care of so many animals over the years. He taught many small children respect for nature and animals. Eric also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, beading and playing pool.



paternal grandfather, Harold Rasmussen of Antigo. He is further survived by many close cousins and friends, including three special friends, Merlynn, Frankie-Lee, and Teddy Ann.

Eric was preceded in death by: his parents, James A. and Barbara; and grandparents, James and Emma (Reed) Miller and LaVerne Rasmussen.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, January 8, 2007 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit with the Rev. David Kiefer officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the parish cemetery. Family and friends may call at the Deborah Sanapaw residence located at N653 Chief Shunien, Schoolview Addition, Keshena (799-4557) after 6:00pm on Friday until the procession leaves for the church on Monday. The Oneida Singers will be at the residence at 2:00pm on Sunday and a Parish Wake service will be held at 8:00pm.

Swedberg Funeral Home, Shawano is assisting the family with the arrangements. [www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

Eric is survived by: his siblings, Deborah (Raymond) Sanapaw of Keshena, Connie (Elmer) Schuster of Keshena, Ernie (Amy) Rasmussen of Hunters, WA, Brian (special friend, Trisha) Rohr of Keshena, Bradley (Tracey) Rohr of Shawano; seven nephews; thirteen nieces; two great-nephews; aunts and uncles; one great aunt; and

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Governor's Highway Safety Council, called the drop in fatalities "definitely significant."

"We were all kind of holding our breath that it would be a triple number, 100 saved lives," she said. "It is encouraging when you know lives have been saved. Seat belt usage has increased. We know seat belts save lives."

The five-year average for fatalities is 787, with annual tallies ranging from 709 last year to 836 in 2003. The 2003 fatalities were the most since 1981 when 927 people died in crashes.

The fewest traffic fatalities in Wisconsin in modern times occurred in 1992, with 645 deaths, according to transportation department reports.

Daniel Lonsdorf, director of the state Bureau of Transportation Safety in Madison, did not immediately return a telephone message

Tuesday. In December, highway safety officials attributed the downward spiral in traffic deaths to several factors, including motorists' increased use of seat belts, better coordination between city, county and state police to enforce drunken driving laws, and drivers slowing down and reducing their mileage because of higher gasoline costs.

Lonsdorf has said the state's goal is to reduce the fatality rate to one per every 100 million miles driven in the state, or about 610 per year.

But 2007 has started off deadly.

There were five fatalities through Tuesday morning, compared with four at the same time a year ago, the transportation department reported. Still, the five fatalities for the first day of the year were down from the five-year average of nine.

Enrollment Update

To: All Enrolled Tribal Members

The Oneida Enrollment Department is providing the following information to help identify the services our office provides to the Tribal Membership.

**Our Department has had it's own website since May 16, 2006!** This means, most of the forms you commonly request can now be downloaded at your own convenience. Please visit us at <http://enrollment.oneidanation.org> and share with us how you like our website.

The Enrollment Department provides many services which include but is not limited to the following:

- Tribal mailings: Kalihwi-saks (newspaper), Annual/Semi-Annual GTC booklets, GTC notices/mailings, Per Capita Notices/Forms, Burial Information
- Certification/verifications of Enrollment
- Proof of Per Capita Income
- Tribal Identification Cards
- Genealogical Record requests
- Enrollment / Relinquishment / Blood Increase requests

Deadline Information:

- January 20, 2007: Last day to submit LATE (2006 Elder) payment forms. These late Elder payments will be mailed out on January 30, 2007.
- January 31, 2007: Last day to submit New Enrollment Applications, Relinquishment or Blood Increase Requests for review and/or approval by the Trust/ Enrollment and Business Committee's.

Please contact our department if you have any questions about the receipt of your payment or any other form(s). 1-800-571-9902 or 920-869-2083

Reminders:

- It is the responsibility of all tribal members and/or their parents/guardians to keep their address information current.
- It is recommended for persons that who may be unable to attend to their "enrollment matters" for an undetermined amount of time (such as military personnel or incarcerated persons), to assign someone as their Power of Attorney. This practice has proven to be the most effective way to keep you and your membership records/services current.

All this information and more can be located on our website. Please visit it and share with us how you like it or how we can improve it. Yawa'ko

**With Sincere Appreciation...**

The following is a message offered to "Thank You" to all the wonderful Oneida Community Members who came together to help us at the time of my Mother's passing (Amanda M. Summers). Relatives as well helped with everything from preparing the food to serving the food. I was just so wonderful.

A very special "Thank You" to the Patrick and Lisa Madrid family, and to Lisa's mother Marilyn King, who did an outstanding job of putting it all together. A huge and much appreciated "Thank You" to my brother Tom. He was not able to be with us physically but his spirit was strong and he kept in touch. The Oneida Singers were just wonderful, and "Thank You" Carol for all the good that you do and all of the singers do.

I know that we cannot name everyone who helped, but just know that I appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you again for your time, your generosity, and sincere love that you so effortlessly gave. We ask God's Blessing be upon all of you, now and always.

**With sincere "Thanks",  
Jan and Jim Skenadore and Family  
Summers Family**

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of  
**Bryan McLester**  
who died January 10th, 2003

Nothing can ever take away the love a heart holds dear. Fond memories linger every day. Remembrance keeps them near.

Love, Mom, Dad and Ronnie

In Loving Memory of  
**Josh Webster**  
who passed away on January 21, 2000

Josh...you are so loved, So Dear... Our hearts are with you.

I Miss you so... Grandma King

In Loving Memory of  
**Elaine Danford**  
who passed on one year ago January 1st

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I would walk right up to heaven and bring you back again.

Our heart still aches with sadness, and secret tears will flow.

Since you'll never be forgotten, we pledge to you today... A hollowed place within our hearts is where you'll always stay.

Love Always & Forever,  
Tim, Tonya & Kids  
A special thanks to Val and Marshall

In Loving Memory of  
**Little Gae Elijah**  
January 12, 1978 ~ October 9, 1998

Because she was so dear to us her memory will live on, Just as the fragrance of a flower still lingers when it's gone.

The beauty that was hers alone in thought is with us still, And in the hearts that love her

She lives on . . . And always will.

Sadly Missed and Loved by Family and Friends  
XXOO

## Local



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# BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

## Floral shop closes door at area mall

By Dawn Walschinski  
Kalihwisaks

Sometimes hard work isn't enough. Michelle Danforth took over her cousin Doug Schmidt's flower shop Roses, Etc. in the Bay Park Square Mall on October 1, 2006. The store, renamed The Flower Box, was doing well when the mall management ended the lease.

"It's kind of unfortunate, because I really felt that ultimately, we would be excellent," said Danforth.

According to Danforth, she had signed a one year lease with the mall in order to see how the store would do. Meanwhile, the neighboring Foot Locker store had a three year lease, which meant it was considered a permanent tenant by the mall as opposed to Danforth who was considered a temporary tenant.

When the Foot Locker wanted to expand, the mall ended Danforth lease to give the Foot Locker the space. The mall did offer Danforth another store front, but she



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Michelle Danforth works on a flower arrangement at The Flower Box in the Bay Park Square Mall in Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. The Flower Box closed on December 30, 2006. Danforth does not plan on reopening the business.

it down.

"We had kind of an open concept here where people can walk in and out, and you kind of lose that with a store front," she said. The store had been located in the Elder-Beerman wing of the mall.

Despite the set back, Danforth is keeping a positive outlook.

"The time that we were in business was not bad at all. It was a great learning experience.

It's a lesson that she's willing to share with others.

"If you are one of the individuals that are thinking

about starting a small business, it's not a cake walk. It is hard work, it is many hours, and you have to be very careful and really read the fine print of any contract that you sign," she said.

The Flower Box closed December 30, 2006.

## Comparison of the Oneida Tribal Judicial System to Typical Courts

Submitted by Mary Adams  
Judicial Officer

Oneida Tribal Judicial System or Oneida Court?

The question has been asked of Judicial Officers and personnel of the Oneida Tribal Judicial System (O.T.J.S.) whether or not the O.T.J.S. is a court. The answer to that question comes from a comparison between a typical "court" and the O.T.J.S.. It would be impossible to examine all of the aspects of a court and the O.T.J.S.. In this news letter, but a summary examination will be made.

One should first examine the components, powers and functions of a court. Courts do not stand alone. They are part of a judicial system. The judicial system's organization and authority are defined in the constitutions of the United States or individual states.

The state and federal judicial systems use a two or three tiered hierarchy. Three tier systems have a trial court, an appellate court and a supreme court. Two tier systems have just a trial court and a supreme court.

It is at the trial court level that all disputes are initially decided. Then there are one or two appellate courts which review the decisions of the trial court. This review is designed to ensure that the trial court followed the proper legal procedures for trials and interpreted the applicable laws to the particular case correctly.

For example, the federal system has one or more district courts in each state, which conduct trials. There are also circuit courts of appeals, which review the decisions of district courts

from several states. Finally, there is the U.S. Supreme Court, which reviews the decisions of all district and circuit courts.

The trial court typically consists of a single judge, who is assisted by a court clerk and perhaps a judicial clerk. Other court personnel consists of a bailiff and a court reporter.

The clerk of the court is the person in charge of maintaining the court's schedules and keeping track of pending cases. A judicial clerk is usually an attorney or law student working for the judge to assist the judge with research and writing of opinions. The bailiff is in charge of security for the court and opens and closes the court sessions. The court reporter records on tape or in writing or both everything that is said in the courtroom for the record of the proceedings.

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System original hearing body and its procedures are comparable to any other state, federal or tribal court.

The Oneida Judicial System, as organized under the Oneida Appeals Commission, is a two tiered system. What this means is that there are several original hearing bodies, which act as the trial courts and conduct hearings and deliberations. Decisions of these original hearing bodies are reviewed by the O.T.J.S. appellate body. In addition, the O.T.J.S. may form its own original hearing body to conduct trials for cases when another hearing body doesn't already exist.

First, the "judges" consist of three judicial officers, as opposed to one judge. Having three person hearing

bodies is consistent with the Oneida tradition of multiple decision makers for any issue.

Second, the Administrator acts as the clerk of the court. The administrator creates files for all of the O.T.J.S.'s cases and keeps track of the scheduling and time lines that must be adhered to by the parties and the Judiciary itself.

There is also a staff Attorney who does research on behalf of judicial officers and assists the officers to prepare written decisions.

When hearings (trials) are held, there is a security officer present and a program known as "For The Record" records the events that transpire at the hearings. That transcript is a complete record of the trial.

The staff and their job descriptions for the O.T.J.S. are virtually identical to that of a court.

To answer the question, "Is the Oneida Tribal Judicial System a court?", one must also examine the functions of a court as compared to the O.T.J.S..

Courts were created to serve as the judicial branch of government. The courts' basic organization (two or three tiered) and authority (what cases can be heard, who can come before the court) are set forth in the constitution that applies to the court's jurisdiction. Courts are where people who fall under the jurisdiction of the court can come to have their legal disputes resolved by an impartial authority.

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System was created to be Oneida's judicial branch of government. One of the O.T.J.S.'s primary objectives is to establish an independent and impartial dispute resolution forum that can adjudi-

cate the grievances of individuals and entities under the jurisdiction of the Nation.

Courts follow specific rules of procedure for handling the cases that come before them. Courts use these rules and examine the laws from their jurisdiction that apply to the facts of the cases. Courts then interpret the laws from their jurisdiction to determine the rights of the parties or how the laws affect the rights of the parties to the case.

Courts use their procedures and laws to determine the rights of parties that have a legal dispute. What this means, usually, is that one party owes the other party something or owes nothing to the other party.

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System functions in a similar way. The O.T.J.S. has developed rules of civil procedure which govern the original hearing body. In addition, the O.T.J.S. examines and interprets the laws of the Nation that apply to a particular case before the O.T.J.S..

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System also uses the rules of appellate procedure that are set out in the Oneida Administrative Procedures Act (O.A.P.A.). The O.T.J.S. is developing more extensive appellate procedures to cover situations that exist which are not accounted for in the O.A.P.A.

A final component of courts perhaps is recognition. State and federal courts follow principles of full faith and credit. This means that courts in one jurisdiction will acknowledge, respect, and enforce the decisions of courts in another jurisdiction.

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O.T.J.S.

## Entrepreneurship Week USA seeks big ideas

Submitted by Tony

Hozeny

Wisconsin Department of Commerce

MADISON-Organizations seeking to encourage entrepreneurial activities in Wisconsin will want to join a nationwide promotional effort called EntrepreneurshipWeek USA, February 24 - March 3, 2007.

"Throughout his tenure, Gov. Jim Doyle has strongly supported entrepreneurship with effective programs and resources," said Department of Commerce (Commerce) Secretary Mary P. Burke. "We'd like to encourage state and local government, schools, nonprofits organizations, entrepreneurs and community leaders to observe the week by hosting events that celebrate the power of entrepreneurship in Wisconsin."

With the theme What's Your Big Idea? Take it On!, EntrepreneurshipWeek USA will serve as an inspiration for young people to think creatively and to turn their ideas into action - whether that means starting a new business, developing an innova-

tion for an existing company or solving a problem that makes society better. Official events are being planned in cities across the country, culminating in Washington, DC, where the focus will be on the importance of policy to the nation's entrepreneurs.

Organizations may sign up on the national website <<http://www.entrepreneurshipweekusa.com/>> [www.EntrepreneurshipWeekUSA.com](http://www.EntrepreneurshipWeekUSA.com) - to become program partners and list their events, activities and programs. A link to the national website can also be found on the Commerce website at <<http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/>> [www.commerce.state.wi.us](http://www.commerce.state.wi.us)

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### Calendar

2007

January

#### Public meeting for WIS 29 in Brown County

**WHEN:** January 10, 2007

**TIME:** 5-7 PM

**PLACE:** WisDOT Northeast Regional Office, 944 Vanderperren Way, Ashwaubenon.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Regional Office in Green Bay is announcing a public information meeting to discuss the recommended design concept for the reconstruction of WIS 29 from County J to US 41 in Brown County. If you are unable to attend the meeting, or would like more information, contact Project Manager Chuck Karow at (920) 492-5997. Written comments regarding the project can be mailed to Chuck Karow, WisDOT, P.O. Box 28080, Green Bay, WI, 54324-0080.

Jan./Feb.

#### Cook, Energize & Move the Oneida Way

**WHEN:** January 25 or February 7

**TIME:** 5-7 PM

**PLACE:** Oneida Turtle School Home Ec. Room.

\*\*\* To register call Diana Peterson at 869-4539 \*\*\*

Limit 14 families per class. **MUST Pre-Register.**

February

#### 13th Annual All Indian Bowling Tournament

**WHEN:** February 23-25

**TIME:** Various

**PLACE:** Lakeshore Bowling Lanes, Shawano, WI

Five person team event with \$100 team fee. There is an optional \$5 individual Hi-game/Hi-series. 100% payout. Contact Lakeshore Lanes 715-526-9300 to register.

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:** 12:30-2:30 PM

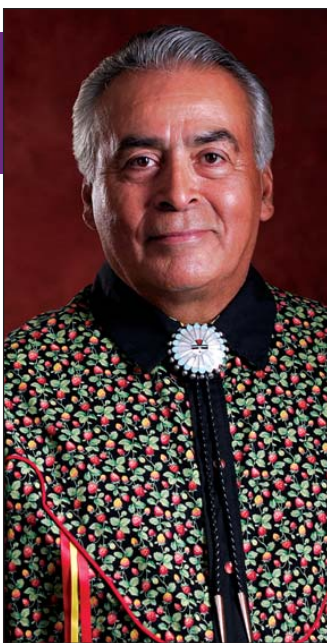
Please come and join us. We'll support each other. All women are invited. Free transportation, lunch, and child care provided. YMCA Swimming, Women's Closet. Hope to see you there! FMI, please contact: Isabel Parker at 498-3340 or Georgia Burr at 592-8682.

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.

# Legislative Review

## Chairman's Corner...



**Chairman**  
**Gerald Danforth**

HOYAN!

This past year has been great, and as I reflect on my past 1 1/2 years in office, it has had its ups and downs, but through it all one thing remains true and that is the dedication our community and employees have to keeping our commitment to the 7th generation philosophy. There are several examples of how our community and organization strives to ensure that all tribal members from young to old are cared for, and there are several examples of how the actions of our community directly and indirectly affect our tribal members.

The Elderly Services Department is one example of how a program directly

affects our community members, as they provide a wide array of community-based services which include:

*Congregate & home delivered meals, access to a Benefits Specialist, Respite Care, In-home & Home Chore, Advocacy, DRUMS newsletter, access to the Family Fitness Center, Lifeline, Senior Companion & Foster Grandparents and transportation services,* to name a few. The support the staff provides to the elders is endless and I congratulate them on their continuous efforts.

The Oneida Head Start program is another example of direct services provided to our community. With initiatives such as the "Fathers' Advisory Group," "Out-Reach" program for incarcerated parents and "Early Intervention," the Oneida Headstart is continuing to facilitate and develop ways to provide Oneida children with the best possible start on their education as well as keeping parents engaged in their daily activities. There are many examples of support programs for our community. Such programs include Recreation, the Family Fitness Center, Center for Self-Sufficiency, the Oneida Health Center, Tsyuhkwa,

Oneida Food Pantry and the Oneida Nation School system. These programs and many more are important to the holistic wellness of our community and we continue to make progress in the continuous development of quality services to the community.

Services to the membership are not the only items which have come before the Business Committee this past year. The dumping of toxic PCB's from the Fox River into the Georgia Pacific landfill, adjacent to Oneida Casino, is an example of the government and expert staff coming together to fact find, lobby and make decisions based on sound science. Oneida's Environmental Department staff researched and presented factually based environmental evidence which assisted the Business Committee in presenting the Tribe's decision to not sup-

port dumping PCB's in the landfill to local and state leaders. So far the case presented to the state has been successful, however it is anticipated this issue will come before our area again and when it does, we know that we can count on our staff to pull together and get the job done.

Oneida's governmental relationship with Hobart has also had its ups and down over the past year. Some interaction with the Village of Hobart during the past year has not been the best, as another lawsuit was filed by Hobart against Oneida, this time the suit is regarding the railroad property. Aside from litigation though, last fall Oneida participated in a celebration with Hobart, to honor our community's fighting men and women in the military. It is common interests such as this and interest in the good for all of our communi-

ty which gives us continued reason to leave the doors of communication open with Hobart so that we can continue to look to the future and nurture the relationship with our fellow government leaders.

To mention one last highlight of the year, I reflect upon the visit by United States President George W. Bush to Oneida in August. Having the president utilize our very own Oneida Police Department for his visit with families who have soldiers in Iraq was one of the greatest compliments we could have received. The fact the President and his staff had so much confidence in our professional capability affirms what is already known to us. There were many individuals who stepped up to the plate during the President's visit to Oneida and I again thank the staff of the Radisson, Police Department,

Communications, Department of Public Works, Legislative Affairs, Museum, Security and from the Oneida Business Committee for all of the hard work put into making the President's visit a huge success.

As we move into a new year and look to making decisions about our future, I realize that things will not always be exactly the way we want them to be. This holds true not just within our government, but our community and organization as well. However, no matter what issues we face as individuals, employees or government officials, the future continues to hold for us as Oneida's, a prosperity that we measure through the success of the next generation.

*Gerald L. Danforth,*  
**Chairman**

## Legislative Update

### Greetings and "Hoyan"!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends. As we enter another new year, let's take time and give thanks to the Creator for all the blessings and gifts provided to each one of us. With each new year brings our traditional cycle of ceremonies beginning with the Mid-Winter Ceremony (Tshateko?shelha), which is held 5 days after the new January moon. This is the time of renewing our responsibilities for the coming year. Here is a brief explanation of what occurs. Day #1 "Three Great Feather Dances", first dance is to honor all the title holders, chiefs, clanmothers, and faith keepers. Second one is to honor all of the people who hold no title from the youngest newborn to the eldest. The last one is in honor of our Creator. Day #2 is the "Stirring of the Ashes", the ashes from the wood stoves are used to symbolize our Mother Earth, wooden paddles are used to turn the ashes and replenish our Mother Earth so she can

renew herself. Day #3 starts out with the Tobacco Burning Ceremony which is an acknowledgment and encouragement are conveyed to all of creation for the renewal and continuation of their responsibilities. After the tobacco burning the Hatu.wa', the men's songs are sung. This is a time when our real names are uplifted (put through to the Creator for recognition). Day #4 is the Peach Stone game, the Bear Clan and the Turtle Clan play against the Wolf Clan. After the game the Great Feather Dance is done as a thanksgiving, followed by the Old Woman's Dance and the Bean Dance. The False Face Medicine Society and Corn Husk Masks Medicine Society come in to remind the people of their day of renewing themselves. Day #5 is set aside as a



**Councilwoman**  
**Melinda Danforth**

renewal for these and other medicine societies.

As we enter into our 2nd year in office, we have many legislative responsibilities and important challenges facing our own Nation. Myself and other

Council Members are diligently working and researching on bringing forth recommendations for the Judiciary Act and also researching and bringing forth amendments for the Law Enforcement Ordinance. One of my platforms, which I promoted during my campaign, was to promote for better communication with the membership. Beginning this spring, I will be hosting "house parties". My goal is provide an alternative method and atmosphere of providing information to the citizens and bring heightened awareness of issues affecting our Nation both internally/externally,

local, state, and on the national level. In return I would like to receive constructive input and maintain an open dialogue. Please watch for future announcements as we move this project forward. If you have topics of interest, please feel free to contact me at 920-869-4461 or my email is mdanforj@oneidation.org. Or you can contact my Assistant, Julie Denny at 920-869-4422.

This New Year will indeed be another interesting year as Indian Country gears up for the challenges of meeting and re-educating our newly elected 110th Congress. Several members of the committee will be participating in a Tribal Leaders Forum to gain a better understanding of some of those major issues which center around Indian Health Care, Trust Management, regulation of Indian gaming, global climate changes affecting tribal lands and resources. On a daily basis, Federal policy

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**Councilwoman**  
**Danforth**

## Letters...

### Thank You Oneida Community!

I want to say thank you to all of those people in our community that participated in one way or another in supporting the Oneida Pantry. There has been a tremendous outpouring of support for the Oneida.

The tribal employees were asked to bring food for the Oneida Pantry when they picked up their winter gift card during the week of November 27 thru December 1. When all was done there was over 1200 pounds of food donated. I wish I could thank all of the Employees, Staff and all of those people individually who were involved in making the food drive successful but that is

not possible because there were so many. The Staff and Volunteers of the Oneida Pantry want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. Two months ago we were trying to find a way to get food for our clients for the Holidays. With the help of the Kalihwisaks, Gaming Administration, Gaming Marketing, the Norbert Hill Center Employees, HRD, and the Green Bay Press Gazette the needs of the Oneida Pantry were sent out to our Community and surrounding Communities. The response has been overwhelming.

Some of those that gave in the last two months are The Turtle School Children (2000 food items), Hillcrest Elementary School Children (Money), Gaming (gift cards, money, and food-still giving), Terror on the Fox (Food & Money), Land Management ( Food & Money), along with other Tribal departments and individuals. I want to thank Ernie and Cheryl Stevens for the great gift of money they

donated to the Oneida Pantry. Joe Powless for going door to door asking for food donations. Some of the high school students who held a food drive. Gift of money from Harvey Cornelius. Oneida Health Center Employees (Food & Money). I apologize to anyone I failed to name in this article. There are many who are donating. We thank everyone of you.

Please keep giving when you can because there is a need all year round to feed the hungry in our Community.

*May the Creator bless each and every one of you and I pray you all had a wonderful Holiday Season.*

*The staff and Volunteers at the Oneida Pantry*

### Support from area business's and community is appreciated

The staff of Oneida Elderly Services would like to thank the following businesses, departments & individuals for their generous contributions & assistance in again making our December 15th, 2006 Elder's Christmas party a huge success:

Bear Paw Keepsakes, Ben Franklin Store, Blackhawk Co. Inc., Buffalo Creek Drummers, Neil Cornelius (Santa), Gerald Danforth - Oneida Tribal Chairman, Brian Doxtator, Fatzo's Pizza & Sub Shop, the Flower Box, Gitchi Gaming, Green Bay Gamblers, Green Bay Packers, Cherry Bounce Band, Heavenly Ham, Ray & Joyce A. Johnson, Konkapot Lodge, Martin's School of Hair Design, Menard's, Menominee Hotel & Casino, Oneida Bingo & Casino, Oneida Business Committee,

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**Letters...**

As we greet this New Year, I'd like to give thanks for 2006. Many good things happened in 2006. Foremost, Oneida babies were born and we all pray that these treasures from above will be blessed and protected. In 2006, we lost some of our people too. I lost an aunt, an uncle and a good friend, Keith Skenandore (Chief). They'll be missed but the lessons they provided when they were here will never be forgotten.

### Governmental Issues: Head Start.

In early May the Federal Review Team visited the Oneida Head Start program to do its triennial review. Head Start was notified shortly thereafter that the Review Team had found only one point of non-compliance. After carefully reviewing their finding, Oneida appealed the finding. After further review by the Federal Review Team, the Office of Head Start upheld Oneida's appeal and therefore the Oneida Head Start Program has had its second consecutive "Perfect Review".

According to Oneida's Head Start Director, "To have a perfect review is exceptional but to have two in a row is super extraordinary. It puts the Oneida Head Start Program among the elite programs in the United States."

On the downside, due to some quirk in the budgeting process, Head Start personnel were not funded for bonuses for FY 2007. That quirk needs to be fixed and Head Start personnel need to be granted bonuses as are other Oneida employees. The issue has been handed over to newly hired General Manager Debbie Thundercloud who had no part in the budgeting process that caused the problem.

### Food Pantry.

This past year afforded me the opportunity to meet some very interesting and courageous people from throughout Indian Country, none



**Councilman**  
**Ed Delgado**

more interesting and courageous than three Oneida elders who volunteer their time at Oneida's Food Pantry. Their concerns and dedication to providing quality services to the people of the Oneida community are priceless and appreciated. The concerns expressed to my Office by these Oneida elders are currently being reviewed by Tribal management and the Internal Audit Department.

### Tribal Elders and Safe Drinking Water.

Recently, my Office was notified that the well water of a recently deceased Tribal elder was contaminated. There was a time when the Tribe went around testing the well water that Oneida's elders were drinking. I have been told that a reduction in Federal funds has somewhat restricted the Tribe's ability to go out and test all the wells that our elders are using.

However, the Tribal General Manager has assured me that Tribal members can have their well water tested if requested. I encourage Tribal members who rely on wells for their drinking water to have their water tested. Call the Utilities Department at 497-5806 (this service is provided free of charge).

### Tribal Employees: Another Try at a Fair Wage.

Last year the Federal Consumer Price Index showed that the cost of living for 2005 rose by 4.1%. Tribal employees, unfortunately, were granted only a 3% increase (with many employees receiving less than a 3% increase). When the FY 2007 budget was passed by the General Tribal Council in September, a couple of our Tribal members tried to put in a motion for a wage increase that would at least keep up with inflation. Our Tribal Chairman ruled both motions "out of order."

There was a time when

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**Councilman Delgado**

# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Minutes



## Regular Meeting • December 6, 2006

### Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Gerald Danforth—Chair, Mercie Danforth—Treasurer, Patty Hoeft—Secretary, Trish King—Council member, Vince DelaRosa—Council member, Melinda J. Danforth—Council member.

**Excused:** Kathy Hughes—Vice Chair, Paul Ninham—Council member, and Edward Delgado—Council member.

**Others Present:** Barbara Skenandore, Becky Edler, Sheila White, Peril Huff, Karen Katch, Brenda John, Laura Manthe, Norman Flauger, Marsha Danforth, Cathy Bachhuber, Lynn Franzmeier, Jason Denny, Brian Denny, Julie Denny, Wanda Diemel, Pete King III, Louise Cornelius, Eleanora Smith, Pat Pelky, Kurt Pelky, Cheryl Stevens, Michelle King, Linda Torres.

**Opening Prayer:** Curtis Summers

**Special Recognitions:**

### Check Presentation to American Indian Center of Appleton:

Administered by Gerald Danforth.

### Excellence in Action for July 10, 2006 Bad River Tribe's Medical Recovery Efforts/Volunteers:

Connie Danforth, Al Danforth, Brian Denny, Lynn Franzmeier, Cathy Bachhuber; Honorable mention for the following volunteers: Pearl Webster, Brandon Stevens, Norma Flauger, Jason Doxtator, Camille Silva, Lloyd Powless, April Skenandore, Carole Liggins and Jason Denny – Administered by Gerald Danforth.

## 1. Call to Order by Gerald Danforth

### 2. Oath of Office—None

**Miss Oneida Committee** – Heidi King

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

- Additions
- Deletions
- Moves

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the agenda with the deletion of Oath of Office for the Miss Oneida Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa, Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2006.

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to approve the November 22, 2006 minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

### 5. Tabled Business—None

### 6. Reports

- Bay Bank (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Bill Menacher – 2nd Meeting of the Month

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Bay Bank Quarterly report for quarter ending September 30, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vince DelaRosa that Council member Trish King's Office coordinate an assessment of the Small Business 2000 Project with Bay Bank staff, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Oneida Nation Electronics (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Jeff House—2nd Meeting of the Month.

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the O.N.E. Quarterly report for the November Quarter, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Note: There is further discussion into the agenda regarding this entity.**

- Environmental Resource Board (Quarterly:  
Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Ted Hawk – 2nd Meeting of the Month.

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the quarterly report for the Environmental Resource Board for August, September and October, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

- Oneida Personnel Commission (Quarterly:  
Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Brenda Skenandore – 2nd Meeting of the Month.

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the Oneida Personnel Commission Quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### 7. Travel Reports

- Kathy Hughes RE: Tribal Technical Advisory Group Meeting Travel Report

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Tribal Technical Advisory Group Meeting Travel Report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously. **Note:** No follow up is needed.

- Melinda J. Danforth RE: Long Term Care Conference

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the Long Term Care Conference travel report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### 8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

- Chief Counsel RE: Review of Fee to Trust MOU and any recommended changes

**Excerpt from November 8, 2006:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Fee to Trust Consortium travel report and direct the Law Office to review the draft MOU and recommend any changes to the Oneida Business Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from November 22, 2006:** Deferred

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Fee to Trust MOU, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

- Chief of Staff RE: Specific recommendations regarding dissolution of O.N.E.

**Excerpt from November 8, 2006:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to bring back specific recommendation regarding dissolution of Oneida Nation Electronics (O.N.E.) Charter, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from November 22, 2006:** Deferred

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item and have the Chair coordinate a meeting with the Chief of Staff regarding all the concerns and to bring back information so the Business Committee may proceed, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Trish King, Abstained Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

- General Manager RE: Print Shop Recommendations

**Excerpt from November 8, 2006:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Print Shop recommendation to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from November 22, 2006:** Deferred

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to the next Business Committee Meeting of December 20, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth: Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

- Melinda J. Danforth RE: Designation of Gaming Positions as available only to Oneida Tribal Members

### Excerpt from November 2, 2006, Executive Staff Minutes:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct liaison, Melinda J. Danforth to coordinate a meeting between the Gaming General Manager, Gaming Commission and the Tribal Chair and that the SOP's are brought back to the Business Committee Agenda in 30 days, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item for 30 days, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Patty Hoeft RE: Draft Proposed BC Regular Meeting Procedure

### Excerpt from November 2, 2006, Executive Staff Minutes:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept as FYI and that the Business Committee forward comments to the Secretary by the end of November. Draft proposed procedures will be brought back to the December 6, 2006 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to next Business Committee meeting of December 20, 2006, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### 9. New Business:

#### a. Resolutions

- Deborah Thundercloud RE: For Calendar Year 2007 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant for Brown County for an amount up to \$34,941

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to adopt Resolution 12-06-06 A, for an amount up to \$34,941, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- Deborah Thundercloud RE: For Calendar Year 2007 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant for Outagamie County for an amount up to \$34,677

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to adopt Resolution 12-06-06 B, for an amount up to \$34,677 seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### b. Requests

- Melinda J. Danforth RE: Indigenous Internet Chamber of Commerce

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the appointment of Melinda J. Danforth to the Indigenous Internet Chamber of Commerce Board, seconded by Trish King. For: Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

- Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation for Oneida Veterans Affairs Committee

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the recommendation for the Oneida Veterans Affairs Committee appointments for Carol Silva and Cletus M. Ninham, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation for Audit Committee

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the recommendation of appointing Karen Coffey to the Oneida Audit Committee, seconded by Trish King. For: Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Patty Hoeft. Motion Carried.

- Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation for Miss Oneida Committee

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept recommendation of appointing Raquel Hill to the Miss Oneida Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- Gerald Danforth RE: Oneida Child Protective Board Recommendations/Resolution 12-6-06-A

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the recommendation of Beverly A. Skenandore to the Oneida Child Protective Board, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this resolution to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation for Oneida Pow Wow Committee

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the recommendation of appointing John W. Teller to the Oneida Pow Wow Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

#### c. Travel Requests

- Melinda J. Danforth RE: Honor Our Youth Gathering, Hilo, Hawaii March 27 – 31, 2007

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request to the Honor Our Youth Gathering, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- Ed Delgado RE: Retro Approval for November 29, 2006, IRR Meeting, BIA Midwest Regional Office, Fort Snelling, Minnesota and Follow up Meeting IRR Program Coordinating Committee Meeting, December 11 – 13, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to retro-approve the travel request for November 29, 2006 and to approve Council member Delgado and the Chair or Vice Chair's travel request for December 11 – 13, 2006 to the IRR Program Coordinating Committee Meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### 10. Finance Committee—None

### 11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

**For Approval:** LOC Minutes of October 9, 2006.

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the LOC Minutes of October 9, 2006, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

### 12. Treasurer's Report – 1:30 p.m.

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

### 13. Oneida Business Committee Planning

- Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2006

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Oneida Business Committee Planning Minutes of November 14, 2006, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Vince DelaRosa, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

### 14. Executive Staff Meeting

- Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2006.

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Executive Staff Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2006, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### 15. Legislative Affairs Update

- Comments on the I.R.S. Proposed Rulemaking Regarding the "Essential Governmental Function" Test for Tribes Offering Tax-Exempt Bonds – **Retro Approval. Deferred.**

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro-approve comments on the I.R.S. Proposed Rulemaking Regarding the "Essential Governmental Function" Test for Tribes Offering Tax-Exempt Bonds, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- November Mid - Term Elections – Impact on Congress—FYI
- Letter - Re-establish House Committee on Indian Affairs – **Retro Approval**

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro approve the House Committee on Indian Affairs letter to Nancy Pelosi, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- Sate Budget Presentation (Verbal Update) – **FYI**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the State Budget Presentation to the next Oneida Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- Town of Lawrence Preliminary; re: Short Road – **FYI**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Legislative Update, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

### 16. Executive Session

#### a. Tabled Business – None

#### b. Old Business

- Vince DelaRosa RE: Gaming General Manager Contract

**Excerpt from November 8, 2006:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the Gaming General Manager Contract for two weeks for technical corrections, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from November 22, 2006:** Deferred

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Gaming General Manager Employment, Agreement with the recommended changes: paragraph K. would change the 1st sentence 1st line, "with" would be replaced by "to", to state "in accordance with the Oneida Nation policy" 4th line down, "Gaming Operations" would be the end of sentence and Employee shall comply with is now section L. New section L. shall run from "Employee shall comply with" all the way up to "of all contracts" the rest of this section will be stricken from "and Employee" all the way through to through the red language with ends with "expenditure of funds." Seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

#### c. New Business

- Louise Cornelius RE: William T. Cornelius Contract

**Action:** Motion By Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Special Counsel Legal Agreement for William T. Cornelius, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- Cheryl Skolaski RE: Approval of 74 new enrollment applicants

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the 74 new enrollment applicants, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mike Olujic RE: Loan Authorizations for FY 2006

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to authorize to utilize Excess Funds from 2006 in the amount of \$397,128.02 to be used instead of taking out loans and to authorize additional expenditures that are related to CIP items identified in the spreadsheet provided in the back up information, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### d. Legislative Affairs Update

- Report from Legislative Affair – Hobart Update (Verbal Update)

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the verbal Hobart report as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

#### e. Attorney Brief

December 6, 2006:

- Approve the acceptance of settlement offer \$.50 per dollar, or approximately \$5,675 on the estate of Pieschek - For action

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the settlement offer \$.50 per dollar, or approximately \$5,675 on the estate of Pieschek, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- Appeals Commission Cases

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the Chair to schedule a Special Business Committee meeting regarding Appeals Commission cases, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Attorney Brief of December 6, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

#### f. Audit Committee—None

#### g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1st meeting of the month)—None

#### h. Seven Generation Corporation Update (1st and 2nd meeting of the month)—None

### Recess/Adjourn

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on December 20, 2006.**

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## State/National

## From Page 5A/Councilwoman Danforth

affects Native governments (more than any other segment of American society) so it's very important for Oneida to stay engaged on what's happening on Capitol Hill and to ensure federal funding obligations continue to supplement our tribal initiatives for the long term growth of our own community.

Another area of concern across Indian Country is the influx of methamphetamine use. Just recently the federal government announced they will invest in a public educa-

tion campaign aimed at reducing the usage of this powerful drug. I'd like to congratulate Oneida Housing Authority whom recently sponsored a conference at the Radisson. As a Nation, we need to take a community approach to ensure the community and the youth receive education on the dangers and addictiveness of this drug. Currently, the meth problem is more prevalent along the international borders that cross federal or Indian land. Those dealers are directly tar-

geting reservations partially due to the remoteness and lack of law enforcement. It's very important for our community to be educated as it can affect our services such as our business's, environmental, law enforcement, health care, and other direct service providers.

In closing, I want to thank each and everyone for the opportunity to serve the membership and wish you and your families all the best in 2007.

## From Page 5A/Councilman Delgado

Tribal wages kept up with inflation. There was also a time when Tribal employee wages would not only keep with inflation, but would actually increase over time. Unfortunately, top Tribal management, and some Oneida Business Committee members, have not promoted such career development practices of late and as a result, many Oneidas working for the Tribe are seeing their wages diminish in real spending.

Accordingly, at the January 17, 2007 Business Committee meeting, my Office will be introducing the following initiatives for the 2008 budget:

- (1) Provide Tribal employees employed by the Tribe for at least 3 months prior to the passage of the 2008 budget, a 3% wage increase based on the Federal Consumer Price Index for 2006; and
- (2) Provide merit increases, based on an evaluation by their supervisor(s), of up to 1% for Tribal employees who have been employed with the Tribe for at least 3 months prior to the passage of the 2008 budget; and

(3) In addition to the COLA and MERIT increases provided in (1) and (2), to provide for all Tribal employees with at least one year of continuous employment with the Oneida Tribe, an increase in pay of % for each year of employment, not to exceed 5 years. (For example, the amount an employee with 5 years of continuous employment with the Tribe would receive is a 2.5% increase in addition to the COLA and Merit Increase);

(4) To provide a limit on bonuses given out to not exceed \$2000 annually (This request is based on my Office receiving reports that some top management officials were receiving bonuses between \$5,000 and \$10,000).

#### Tribal Members Starting to Speak Up and Become Involved

Over the past few years, members of General Tribal Council have not been very involved in Tribal issues. Very few "Letters to the Editor" have been submitted

to the Kaliwhisaks and few Oneida people have come forward publically and called for change. But I sense that Oneidas are once again coming out and speaking and writing for change in Tribal policies and renewed involvement of General Tribal Council.

John Powless, who with the help of his son Jeremiah, is responsible for creating the Educational Resolution that so many of us have used to further our educational endeavors over the past years, is again speaking out and becoming involved. Chaz Wheelock, another Tribal member who has a long history of dedication to the Oneida people, has also recently become more involved and is encouraging and educating other members of the General Tribal Council members about their rights and responsibilities as Oneidas. Mr. Wheelock says that in order to fulfill our responsibilities to our children and grandchildren, this generation must discuss, debate and resolve some very important issues. I concur, and thank you.

## From Page 4A/O.T.J.S court or not?

Courts in Wisconsin are not required to interpret the same law in the same way as courts in Illinois. The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals for the federal system can and does interpret the same federal laws differently than other circuit courts. However, a court in Wisconsin will usually enforce a judgment for money damages or specific performance that was entered by an Illinois court.

Many tribal courts have state and federal recognition and receive full faith and credit from those systems. Wisconsin Statutes 806.245 list the requirements that a Tribe must meet before it will be granted full faith and credit.

These requirements are: That the tribe be organized under 25 U.S.C. 461 to 479; that the tribal documents are authenticated; that the court judgment is valid; that the tribal court is a court of record; and that the tribal court gives full faith and credit to Wisconsin's courts and other governmental agencies. There are additional criteria listed to determine if the documents are authentic and if the tribal court is a court of record.

Does the Oneida Tribal Judicial System have full faith and credit? The fact of the

matter is that the question has never been asked. To date, no one has tried to enforce an O.T.J.S. judgment in state or federal court. On paper, all of the requirements set forth in Wis. Stats. 806.245 are met. It remains to be determined if state or federal courts agree.

Of greater concern to the O.T.J.S. is recognition from the people and government of the Oneida Nation.

Is the Oneida Tribal Judicial System a court? The judicial officers are not attorneys, but they go through extensive judicial training before serving as hearing officers.

The rules of procedure and the laws of the Nation are not usually as complicated as those in the state or federal systems, making this a judicial system that is more user friendly.

The United States Congress, in 25 U.S.C. 3602, defined tribal justice systems as the entire judicial branch of an Indian tribe, including traditional methods and forums, lower and appellate courts, etc., whether or not they (the justice systems), constitute a court of record. Under this definition, the Oneida Appeals Commission is clearly a tribal judicial system. It consists of lower and appellate courts, and follows Oneida tradition by having

more than one judicial officer assigned to every case.

The answer to the question should be simple. The O.T.J.S. does everything that other courts do and is organized under tribal laws, just as any other court in another system. If a body looks like a court and acts like a court, should it be called a court? Does it need to be called a court? Does the word "court" really matter if the job is being done?

Other questions that should be considered relates to the proposed development of a more formal and complicated "tribal court". Should the Nation cast aside what has been in development for over fourteen years and replace it with a different system known for excessive complexities, or should what currently exists be built upon and tailored to the needs of the Nation?

In addition, consider whether it is appropriate that a court system is being developed and perhaps approved before the draft constitution for the Nation is formally presented and adopted. The courts of the Nation, in whatever form they may take, should be molded by the Oneida Constitution, not the other way around

## From Page 1A/Hard Rock Cafe

Seminole Hard Rock casinos and hotels in the Florida cities of Hollywood and Tampa.

The Cordish lawsuit said the company and its banker, Goldman Sachs & Co., were refused the right to bid for the business even though they could have made a larger offer. The lawsuit was filed late Friday in Broward County Circuit Court.

"We were declined the opportunity to bid, which is kind of amazing. We believe we would have prevailed," said Marty Steinberg, the Miami-based attorney for

Cordish.

The Seminoles agreed to keep Hard Rock managers in place and provide them with "additional financial benefits" if the tribe was the successful bidder, according to the lawsuit.

"Their actions were motivated by self-dealing and a desire to enrich themselves," the lawsuit says.

A spokesman for Hard Rock Cafe International declined comment Tuesday.

In a statement, the Seminoles accused Cordish of being "a sore loser" and insisted the deal went through "a lengthy and open bidding process."

"This is part of a pattern of Cordish obstructing the successful enterprises of Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment and the Seminole Tribe of Florida," the statement said. "The law-

suit has no merit."

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages, which could be tripled under Florida law.

The Seminole-Hard Rock deal includes 124 Hard Rock Cafes, four hotels, two casino hotels, two concert venues and stakes in three unbranded hotels. Rank shareholders are scheduled to vote next Monday on whether to approve the sale.

Allegations of bid-rigging were also made in a separate lawsuit by Power Plant against investment banker Merrill Lynch, which also was a financial adviser to the Seminole tribe. That lawsuit, filed in Miami-Dade Circuit Court in December, contends that Power Plant was stopped from making a deal to cash out its interests in the Florida casinos because of improper pressure from the Seminoles.

Send your email to:

**Kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org**

## Letters (Continued from page 5A)...

Oneida Cannery, Oneida Center for Self-sufficiency, Oneida Communications, Oneida Department of Public Works, Ron Summers-Oneida Gaming Division, Debbie Thundercloud-Oneida General Manager, Oneida Housing Authority, Oneida Nation Commission on Aging, Oneida Nation Museum, Oneida Nation Farms, Oneida Police Department, Oneida Nation Retail, Oneida Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Parmentier's Ninth Street Floral, PDQ Car wash, Florence Petri, Potawatomi Bingo & Casino, Rite View Restaurant, Trina Sanchez, Schroeder's Flowerland, Children of the Soaring Eagle School, Tsyunhehkwá, Walmart Store, and Wise Women Gathering Place.

May you all have a blessed & wonderful New Year. The Director of Oneida Elderly Services Florence Petri & Staff: Tina P., Joyce J., Angela O., Cheryl A., Claudia S., Lorna C.,

Connie V., Dale W., Michelle C., Cindy B., Sandy S., Amy S., Joanne C., Lorleen J., James S., Glory L., Rita S., Teresa S., Marty B., Carmen P., Wayne M., Jean D., Marie S., Barbara S., Jan M., Todd H., Ricky H., Brenda J., Loretta M., Betty J., Pat B., Alfrieda G., Robert L., Richard S., Lee D., Lloyd D., Lisa H., Don B., Harold D., Richard D., Cornelius H., Jeannine L., and Marena P.

#### Helping hand or hand out?

Good morning,

Before I started mine column, I will attempt to get one thing organize first: the past two season I miss Special Olympic base ball seasons in Milwaukee Wisconsin because mine involvement with our tribe, but not this coming season. (Joke - maybe I could have been a star before, having the ball hit the bat, having the ball catch the glove or having the bat running the bases for

inside the park home run.) And I couldn't wait to stand on third base again waited for my turn again. Sincerity side: every requested I made in any G.T.C. meeting or O.B.C. meeting were for others whom need more assistance from our government. I never indicated from mine lip any three words: me, myself, I. Oneida brother spoke to me the first time around five months ago asking me why I trying to be greedy and I attempted repair his mistake. (If they are one person thinking I am trying to be greedy, when I am not, they might be more. After today if any one speak to me about this matter I will tell any persons they are on the opposite side of me whom sided with any lying, cheated, unethical legal corrupted governments whom stand between their people with out justice, equalness, honesty and with out any opportunity for manies to better them shelf only because they needed a helper hand, not a hand out. All governments had for

shaken, defame and spit on the Great Law which came from heaven and now every governments working with out peace, power, righteous, with out any basic elements of good ethical (common sense all occupations deserve the same high wages because each job is very importance to one another in order for any one or family can have the best of life can offer instead of being force into debt or a unethical right to be born in poverty, just to die in poverty. Around four years ago on our res: in Oneida Wisconsin it were more than 700 persons living below the poverty level, now I believe this group had increase whom can not repair any basic around their house, such as heating, water, cooking oil and manies others brothers and sisters and family whom living below the poverty in this great country whom always did have enough to go around, but being legal prevented to share.

Kerry Rae Brunette



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If you have any questions, please feel free to call (920) 869-4277.

Next Regular Business Committee Meeting...

Wednesday • January 17, 2007 • 9:00 A.M.

Business Committee Conference Room

Norbert Hill Center • 2nd Floor

# State/National

## South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

**SEOTS Office Hours:**  
M-T-W-TH-F: 8-4:30PM  
Call for hour availability on the weekend, 384-7740

### Focus... Monthly Calendar



### Special Events... in February

**Contact List for Seots**  
Seots Board would like the community to sign up on a contact mailing list. This would help the office to inform you of any changes and or short notices for meetings and classes etc. Please call Seots at 414-384-7740

**Social Dancing**  
Come and learn traditional dancing. All ages are welcome! Potluck so bring a dish to pass! Randy Cornelius and folks from Oneida will show us the steps! Date and place are tentative. Please call SEOTS and look for an announcement in the Kaliwisaks or in the mail. Tentative dates are Saturday, February 10th or the 24th.

**It's Your Choice Program for Teens**  
Program for enhancing reading skills, home-work help, developing leadership skills, making healthy choices and also extracurricular activities. Incentives will be provided for attendance along with evening meals and bus tickets to attend

Please call the We Indians program for sign-up **414-304-6111**  
Date: Tuesdays, 6, 13, 20, 27, Time: 4 - 6:30pm, Place: Seots

**Craft Class**  
Date: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, Craft: Beginning Raised Beadwork, Cost: \$10, Time: 6 - 8pm, Place: Seots

**Cultural Heritage with Randy Cornelius**  
Date: Thursday, February 15, Time: 6 - 8pm, Place: Seots

**Native Film Day**  
Date: Friday, February 16, Time: 1:00pm, Place: Seots

**Diabetes Support Group**  
Date: February 15, Time: 10:30-12:00 - Lunch will be served  
Place: Seots - RSVP - 384-7740

**Digital Camera Class Taught by Jim Kelly**  
Date: Thursday, February 1 & 8, Time: 6-8pm, Place: Seots  
**Housing & Loan Program with Bay Bank**  
Information about 184 Indian Housing Program, Small Business Loans, Internet Banking, Saving and Checking. Questions and answers. Banking Manager from Bay Bank will be here to answer your questions.  
Date: Thursday, February 22, Time: 6:15pm, Place: Seots

**Attention: The SEOTS office will no longer be open on Saturdays except for Oneida Language Classes. Beginners- 9 am, Advanced - 10 am**

**SEOTS Mission...**  
*Our mission is to provide for the well-being of On'yote'a'ka in southeastern Wisconsin; preserving our culture and environment for the next seven generations.*

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you! Check your Kaliwisaks for SEOTS News once a month for a listing of events. The office is located at 2778 South 35th Street. Phone: (414) 384-7740

### For Your Information...

#### Housing Information

If you have any questions regarding housing in Oneida, please give the Housing Authority a call. Call **1-800-236-2214** and ask for the Housing Authority and ask to speak with Lisa Vega or Julie Cornelius.

#### FYI - Sweat Lodge

Women's Sweat Lodge in the community is held weekly by a community member. For information call 383-7072 and ask for Dona.

#### Attention all Community Members---

One of our young community members is in need of a kidney transplant. Jessica is now on the waiting list for a transplant. Its possible for any healthy person to be a donor. If you are interested, you can call Jessica's nurse Nancy at (414)385-2550. Tell them you are interested in being tested for a match for Jessica, that is on the kidney transplant list. You may also just call to ask questions of what criteria you must meet to be a donor. Who know's you may be a match?

Jessica will also appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

#### Information around the city

- 211 Impact** - Simply call 211 for help with life/food/shelter/health/crisis intervention, etc.
- Pow Wow AA Group** - All Welcome - Thursday's - 8:00pm, 1st Baptist Church, 1576 So. 78th
- Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center:** 383-9526
- Domestic Violence** - Milwaukee Women's Center: 272-5132/Ext.153
- Urban Circle of Voices** - Milwaukee's Native American Newspaper: 643-5510 - Vicky Rank
- Interfaith Program for the Elderly** - Meals on Monday and Friday -11:30am, 631 N. 19th St. - First Friday of the month at 5pm.
- Special Notice** -- Be sure to check your Kalihwisaks

### Regular Events...

#### Oneida Singers

Date: Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26th, Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Seots - Contact person John House (414) 443-0301

#### Oneida Language Class

Date: Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24th, Time: Beginners & 10:00 Advanced

**Veterans Walk-in with Rodney Pearsall - Benefits Specialist**  
Date: Tuesday, February 6, Time: 10:00 - 1:00pm, Veteran's contact person for Color Guard - Leon House (414) 543-1622

#### Circle of Healing Group Information

Please Call Rodney Pearsall for registration, information, and time of meeting, Rodney Pearsall - Milwaukee Vets Center - **414-536-1301**. Meeting will be held at SEOTS.

#### Computer Lab

Open Daily for use (unless reserved for class)

#### Mairn Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 28, Time: 12:00 - 2:00pm,  
Place: Ignace Indian Health Ctr. 1711 S. 11th St. - The Gathering Place

#### Seots Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 13 & February 27, Time: 6:00pm

#### Van Trip

Date: Wednesday, February 21st, Time: Departs Seots at 8am and returns by 6:00pm

#### Med Pick-up

Dates: Wednesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28

**MEDICATION MUST BE CALLED IN THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY PICK-UP**

### From Page 1A/Honor troops

of the Air Base. "We did just, I think, one German school and then we did one performance at a NATO base," Skenandore said. It wasn't all work for the dancers, though. They had some time to explore the country as tourists. "We danced for two weeks, we were over there for two-and-a-half, but the last five days was just on our own," said Skenandore. Those who traveled overseas wanted to express their gratitude to those from Oneida who helped in the coordination of the trip.

ly honors you . . . we just felt like we should be honoring them and they were standing up honoring us," said Skenandore. "They were excellent. They were very . . . just happy to see us, they just felt that we were amazing and interesting." As a token of appreciation, the dancers received the US flag that was flown during a rescue mission to retrieve injured US personnel in Bagram, Afghanistan on October 14, 2006. The mission transported the injured to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany.

"Thank you to Lloyd Powless and Communication's Mike Metoxen; Jenny Webster, she did all the travel and everything; April Skenandore, she was in on the coordination and Barb Reynolds," Skenandore said. A special thanks also went out to the General Manager's office which sponsored the cost of the airfare for dancers. According to Skenandore, they were all received very well by the military personnel at Ramstein AFB. "It's cool anytime when you dance, you come in and everybody stands up and real-

### General Tribal Council Community Meeting

**Subject: 2008 Tribal Budget Priorities and Process & Procedures**  
**Date & Time: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 • 5:00PM – 7:00PM**  
**Place: Oneida Police Department Community Meeting Rooms**

- AGENDA**
1. GTC Structure and Membership Representation Project Update
  2. 2008 Budget Priorities and Process and Procedures for Development, Design and Approval of Recommendations to GTC Budget goal for 2008 is One Billion Dollars
  3. 2007 Budget status update on \$411,134,099.00
  4. GTC other issues for consideration

**For more information contact:** General Tribal Council Committee of Correspondence, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI

### Special Business Committee Meeting

**When: Wednesday • January 17, 2007**  
**Where: Norbert Hill Center – Business Committee Conference Room**  
**Why: Proposed Elimination of Oneida Housing Authority's Community Program Area**  
**Time: 5:00 P.M.**  
*(Due to No GTC Quorum on December 4, 2006)*

### 2007 Meetings Oneida Business Committee

January 17, 2007	July 18, 2007
January 31, 2007	August 1, 2007
February 14, 2007	August 15, 2007
February 28, 2007	August 29, 2007
March 14, 2007	September 12, 2007
March 28, 2007	September 26, 2007
April 11, 2007	October 10, 2007
April 25, 2007	October 24, 2007
May 9, 2007	November 7, 2007
May 23, 2007	November 21, 2007
June 6, 2007	December 5, 2007
June 20, 2007	December 19, 2007
July 4, 2007 ★	January 2, 2008

★ Holiday

### PUBLIC MEETING Scheduled for WIS 29 in Brown County

*Focus is on preliminary designs improving safety and traffic flow*

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Regional Office in Green Bay is announcing a public information meeting to discuss the recommended design concept for the reconstruction of WIS 29 from County J to US 41 in Brown County. The meeting is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the WisDOT Northeast Regional Office, 944 Vanderperren Way, Ashwaubenon. The public is encouraged to attend.

### ONEIDA NATION SCHOOL PARENT COOKING CLASS

## Cook, Energize & Move The Oneida Way!

SPECIAL GUEST CHEF ARLIE DOXTATOR!

**FREE CLASS!!**

**WHEN: JANUARY 25 OR FEBRUARY 8, 2007**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**WHERE: TURTLE SCHOOL HOME EC ROOM**

**COOK A QUICK HEALTHY MEAL AND GET ACTIVE WITH YOUR FAMILY!**

**JOIN US FOR :**

- SNACK
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- PARENT COOKING & NUTRITION LESSONS
- FAMILY ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY FAMILY DINNER

**MUST PRE REGISTER AT LEAST 2 DAYS PRIOR TO CLASS**  
**LIMIT 14 FAMILIES PER CLASS**

To register call Sylvia @ 496-5352

*Sponsored by the Oneida Living in Balance Team and the Oneida Nation School System Parent Committee. Families must have a student in the Oneida School System to participate.*

## Fourth Annual Hand Drum Contest saves traditional songs and way of life

Submitted by **Jeff St. Germaine**  
Hand Drum Committee Chairman

**W**OJB 88.9 FM is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Hand Drum Contest on February 10, 2007. It will be held at the Lac Courte

Oreilles Convention Center located four miles southeast of Hayward, Wisconsin on Country Road B. Registration is from 11:00AM until 5:00PM, the contest begins at 1:00PM. We encourage all interested drum groups to participate in this cultural event. Each drum group can consist of three or more singers.

In 2003, through encouragement by community members, WOJB created the Hand Drum Contest. Hand Drums were originally used in native homes for personal singing, but over the past 50 years, the practice and its songs were in danger of becoming lost. Here in the Northwoods, it needs to be revived and pre-

served for all tribes in the listening area. It also serves as a family entertainment event for the community during the long winter months. Contestants and attendees come from all over the Great Lakes Region to take part in this cultural event. The cultural survival of our nations rests in the willingness of our peo-

ple to teach the youth of our nations our heritage and install pride of our traditions. We would love to raise the involvement of drum groups to encourage the continuation of community events such as these for generations to come. We would like to personally extend and invitation to the Oneida drum groups.

Total prize money is \$6,000 with Adult 1st Place at \$1500 and Youth 1st Place at \$750. Our emcee is Murphy Thomas and judges for this event are Myron Puywasit, Stony Larson, Hazel

Hindsley, Brian Poupart, and Becky Taylor. The Host Drum is the Little Otter Singers; invited Drum groups are Battle River, Midnite Express, Eyabay, and Leech Lake Nation. The evening competition is a live broadcast and web cast that will feature the finalists and winners awarded. Admission buttons are available \$7 Adults, Children 5-12 years old \$5, Elders and children under five are free.

For more information, contact WOJB at 715-634-2100 or [www.wojb.org](http://www.wojb.org).

### COME WHERE THE WINNING'S EASY!™



## ESCAPE TO THE CARIBBEAN JAN. 1 - FEB. 4

Bask in the sun at the luxurious Royal Beach Resort & Casino. You will travel Feb. 27-March 4; and your vacation package includes airfare and hotel accommodations for two! PLUS \$1,000 cash for meals and spending.

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## Win an MP3 player with InfoSoup and Overdrive

Submitted by **Kimberly Pelky**

Oneida Green Earth Branch Library Appleton, Wis - You received socks and turtle-necks again this holiday season? Here's your chance to win what you really wanted! Go to [InfoSoup.org](http://InfoSoup.org) and enter your name for a chance to win a new MP3 player!

InfoSoup will be giving away an MP3 player every week during the month of January in an effort to promote Overdrive digital audio books. Overdrive is a collection of digital audio books available via InfoSoup which you can download to your personal computer. Once downloaded, you can listen to

the audio books on your computer or transfer them to a compatible digital audio player.

Details on how to register to win a free MP3 player can be found on InfoSoup at [www.infosoup.org](http://www.infosoup.org). You must have an InfoSoup (or OWLSnet) library card to enter. Winners will be contacted on a weekly basis and will be posted on the InfoSoup website.

Access to Overdrive Digital Audio Books is made possible by funding from the Outagamie Waupaca Library System, the Nicolet Federated Library System, and the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium.



## Caretakers Corner

### Interest rate increase for new loans

With interest rates on the rise and the Division of Land Management loan funds at an all-time low, the Oneida Land Commission has approved the raising of the interest rates on new loans given through the Oneida Division of Land Management Loan Program. Any applications received after January 1, 2007, will be subject to the new rates. Oneida Veteran's and Oneida elders, 55 and older, will have a fixed 5% rate. All other tribal members will have a fixed 6% rate.

Existing loans will retain

their current rates. This change only affects new applications received after January 1, 2007.

This effort made by the Oneida Land Commission will insure the continuation of the Division of Land Management loan program. Keep an eye out for the announcement that Land Management is again accepting applications in the near future.

For any questions or concerns, please call the Land Management office at 869-1690.

## Friday Night Social Dance

January 12, 2007  
6:00 p m

Parish Hall

&

January 19, 2007

Oneida Longhouse-Reformatory Rd

Hosted by Onlvote?a ka High School

Ohuntsya kekha Kanunya?shuha Class

Pie Auction

Wear your moccasins

Come visit & enjoy the beautiful voices of our youth!

# T Thunderhawk

## Tribal Historian impresses Oneida Nation high school journalism Students

By Andrew Sitting Bear  
ONHS senior

Loretta Metoxen, Tribal Historian, met with ONHS journalism students on Monday, December 18.

The journalism students are beginning a project to produce a video on "Downtown Oneida." The video will incorporate old photos and interviews of elders who remember how it was "back in the day." The video will try to take viewers back to that time.

Loretta really impressed the students as she talked about "old Oneida." She lived a mile and a half down the road from the high school on a farm. She worked with horses that weighed 2,200 pounds and said she was "happy" to do the work.

Loretta described where the old railroad depot was. She also talked about the fact that way back there were no roads going in or out of Oneida.

She showed us pictures of



THT Photo/Joe Christjohn

Tribal Historian Loretta Metoxen shows pictures of "Old Oneida" to ONHS journalism students (l to r) Martin Stevens, Russell Powless, Debbie Santiago, Eldon Powless, Andrew Sitting Bear, Nic Cantu, John Christjohn and Twyla Danforth. Just off camera (on r) is Randall Danforth.

Native boys in laced collars when they were going to the BIA's Oneida Boarding School located directly on the site of the present high

school. The class will continue to work with Loretta. We are also looking for anyone who could help us with stories

about the old days in "Downtown Oneida." If you can help, contact our teacher, Denis Gullickson, at 869-4414.

## ONHS show Christmas spirit at Civic



THT Photo

The Oneida High School Student Council and Staff sponsored the first ever Oneida Nation High School Christmas tree at the Civic Center Breakfast with Santa event. From left to right: Becky Nutt, Science Teacher, Cynthia Thomas, Mentorship Coordinator, Andrew Sitting Bear, Senior, Carol Johnson, Language Arts/History Teacher, Carlos "Chuckie" Gonzales, Freshman. Special thank-you to Carol Johnson for coordinating the tree.

## Sisyphus

By Shakira Stevens  
ONHS senior

Sisyphus was a mortal who was viewed by the gods as the wisest and most prudent of all mortals. The gods didn't like Sisyphus because he said to have stolen their secrets. Sisyphus wanted to test the love of his wife on his death bed, by gaining permission from the God Pluto to return to earth after death. He returned to check if his wife fulfilling his dying orders.

Upon returning to earth, Sisyphus fell in love all over again with the sun and the sea and would not return to the underworld. Mercury then came to fetch Sisyphus and bring him back to the underworld where a rock waited for him. For the rest of eternity Sisyphus was sentenced to

push a rock up a hill and just before he reaches the top, the rock will fall, and he must start over again.

That's the story. But the question was asked, "When was Sisyphus at his best, given his fate?"

I think that Sisyphus was at his most successful in the moments when the rock falls back down the hill.

I think this because Sisyphus does not weep or mourn but follows the rock down the hill to repeat what he has done and will do for the rest of eternity.

The lesson that is learned in the story of Sisyphus, I believe, is even if you fail after you have gone so far, you must once again start at the bottom of the hill.

Sisyphus scorned the Gods and showed no respect for them. He proved this by stealing their secrets and chaining death itself. Yet the Gods could not punish him for this. So when Sisyphus asked to return to earth it was granted because they knew he would not be able to return willingly. They knew he would not give up willingly on the suns rays and sea's waves. When he had to be forced back to the underworld he was then punished for his wrongs. Sisyphus knew what he was truly punished for and everything he ever thought of the gods became true in his eyes.

That's why forever the rock will be weightless to Sisyphus and he will continue to return to the bottom and start over.

## Wayz to save on heating bill

By Randall Danforth  
ONHS junior

It's that time of year again. Even though the temps have been pretty warm, the average family's budget this time of year is impacted by expensive heating bills.

There are many ways to save on heating bills, so let me show you the top eight;

1. Cover electrical outlets with plastic plugs.
2. Use your blinds or curtains.
3. Change your furnace filter.
4. Use air vents properly.
5. Block breezes with towel.
6. Turn down thermostat.
7. Use fans wisely.
8. Turn down the water heater.

So, if you want save money, you should be doing at least five of these things. All eight would be even better. Then, you will have more money in your pocket.

## "Science"

By Russell Powless  
ONHS senior

2 cut down the trees deer don't have bark to eat and larva are planted on the deer carcass by adult flies. Beavers won't have trees to cut down. The birds won't have nesting sites their will be loss of oxygen. 3 the oxygen will be part of the package. Package of water package of food package of clothes system of waste removal package of books package of stereo package of tv anti gravity system

## Flushed Away

By Doug Reed  
ONHS sophomore

Flushed Away is about a rat, Rodney, who lives in a cage mansion with his owner.

The owner leaves Rodney by himself and then she goes with her parents. The little girl lives in France and her family is rich.

After they leave, Rodney hears a noise coming from the kitchen. So, he goes to look and see what it was making that noise. It was a sewer rat

coming from the sink.

The next day the sewer rat flushes Rodney down the toilet, to live the same life that he did.

At the end of the movie, Rodney and his friend save the sewer rat from flooding and killing all the other rats and his friend.

I would recommend Flushed Away. It's funny, but it also has lessons about life in it.

## Local wrestling is worth a look

By Russell Powless  
ONHS senior

It's called NWA (National Wrestling Alliance) - Wisconsin and it's happening in town near you—Green Bay, De Pere, Oneida? Well, not yet. But who knows?

It bills itself as "A Party With Wrestling Thrown In."

The talent may not be as famous as Triple H and John Cena, but it's a lot closer to home, you can actually see it live without so much trouble.

Some of the wrestlers include Steve Stone, Disco

Inferno, Jose Guererro, Ruff Ryder, Lone Wolf and Tough Tom.

Most matches are at Baba Louie's, a bar on Main Street in De Pere. The action is so close you can smell "real" fear. The front row is only \$15. All ages are welcome.

The next big event is "Winter Warfare" on January 13. There's a match every month, so if you can't make it in January, you can always catch up in February for "Valentine Vendetta."

## My Water Drum

By Andrew Sitting Bear  
ONHS senior

Water drums can be fun to make. Be ready to dedicate time to doing one. It can take hours, a day, or two months.

A lot of time is spent chipping out and sanding the piece of wood you are using.

Cedar is the favorite wood to use.

Many of our Oneida people know how to make these drums. So, if someone wants to skip the fun and time put into one, they can buy one. But they can cost as much as \$150.



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THT photo/ Sophomore Leticia Behringer.

Daniel Gutierrez works on a hand drum with help from Andrew Sitting Bear. Daniel learned how to make hand drums from his Uncle Patrick.

## My Scoop

### Which Drum Group is Better?

By Daniel Gutierrez

ONHS sophomore

People of Oneida, I ask you, which drum group is better?

The Minnesota natives, also known as Midnite Express? Or the Washington natives also known as Black Lodge?

Black Lodge is fine, but in my personal opinion is that "Midnite" would have to take it.

I mean they both have different styles of singing—old school and new school.

But I like the way Midnite sings, with their unique style.

So, big shout out to Opie Day, my big homie. I say Midnite takes it.

# Education

## Job training grant helps partner CMN and health care

Submitted by: **Dr. Verna Fowler/Dr. Donna Powless**

College of Menominee Nation  
On December 11, 2006, College of Menominee Nation received a \$2 million dollar Community-Based Job Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Only 72 community college partnerships out of 429 proposed partnerships nationwide were awarded the Community-Based Job Training Grant that was first introduced in 2004 by President Bush. "There is an increasing demand for community colleges to meet the educational challenges of the growing local health care industries," said Dr. Verna Fowler, President of College of Menominee Nation. "This

grant will allow College of Menominee Nation to increase its ability to prepare students and workers to meet those educational demands."

College of Menominee Nation will develop a unique Tribal College Health Care capacity and training project through the joint efforts of a community partnership that also includes area hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, schools and job centers. Once completed, this project will stand as a model program and model partnership for other Tribal Colleges and minority serving community colleges to replicate.

The focus of College of Menominee Nation's project is the development of a bridge nursing program that allows

students to earn credentials as a Certified Nursing Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse, and Associate Degree Registered Nurse. "This new bridge program will allow students to work part-time in the health care field while attending school," said Dr. Donna Powless, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "This component is essential to College of Menominee Nation students who often must work while attending college."

Other project elements include the development of the Medical Assistant, Medical Coding Specialist Programs along with increased short term trainings such as First Aid, CPR and recertifications. The entire project will also be enhanced

with the development of a youth component that will introduce high school youth to various occupations in the Health Care Industry and create a nursing focused "Learn and Earn" program for high school juniors and seniors. Classes are anticipated to begin in 2008 as the College will spend 2007 completing its many strategies to implement these new programs.

"College of Menominee Nation is pleased to be nationally recognized and supported in its efforts to meet the needs of our local health care industry and students," said Dr. Fowler. "This opportunity will benefit the community for many years to come."

## High school students soar with Project Phoenix

Each year 15 high school students from around Indian country gather in one city to find out what it takes to put together their own newspaper. The students of Project Phoenix learn the basics of news writing and photojournalism. During the course of about a week students produce a 12-page newspaper called "Rising Voices". They do all the writing and photography for "Rising Voices".

Project Phoenix is the only national high school journalism camp of its kind. Project Phoenix meets in the host city of the Native American Journalists Association's annual convention.

In the past, Project Phoenix students traveled to such cities as Minneapolis, Tempe,

Seattle, Fort Lauderdale, Buffalo, San Diego, Green Bay, and Lincoln.

### History

Project Phoenix honors the first Native American newspaper, the "Cherokee Phoenix" which began publishing in New Echota, Georgia, Feb. 21, 1828, in both English and Cherokee using Sequoyah's Cherokee alphabet. In keeping with the mission of the NAJA, Project Phoenix seeks to expose Native students to the powerful world of journalism and how it can have a positive impact on Indian country.

A number of Project Phoenix grads have gone on to pursue journalism as their college major and career.

Students also learn about the diversity of Indian communities throughout the country.

### How to Apply

Project Phoenix offers an intensive week-long journalism camp called Rising Voices. Native American high school students learn news writing, photojournalism and will get exposed to broadcasting and radio. At the end of the week, the students' articles and photos will be published in the Rising Voices newspaper, and will later be posted on the Native Voice Online Web site.

The program provides travel expenses, housing, meals, and class materials.

Native American high school students in grades 9-12

are eligible to apply. Fifteen participants will be selected from across the nation based on an essay and application. Applications are available on line at [www.naja.com](http://www.naja.com)

The project in 2007 will run from June 1 to June 8.

**Deadline to apply: February 23, 2007**

Submit to:

**NAJA - 2006 Project Phoenix**

**555 Dakota St - Al Neuharth Media Center Vermillion SD 57069**

**Fax: 866-694-4264**

For any questions or inquiries about student-related programs, please contact NAJA national office at **605.677.5282** or email: **info@naja.com**.

## NAJA offers workshop for journalism students

Each year, Native students majoring in journalism are given the opportunity to get hands-on experience in producing a daily newspaper, radio or television newscasts, or a news Web site through NAJA's annual Student Projects during our national convention.

More than 30 college students are selected from a pool applicants to participate the weeklong journalism training workshop.

Participants learn basic and advanced journalism and reporting skills from Native and non-Native media professionals employed at newspaper, radio and television organizations across the United States.

Students selected for the newspaper project produce two issues of a student newspaper called Native Voice, which are printed, published and distributed at the convention site.

NAJA provides travel, housing and meals expenses, and class materials.

**Application deadline:** February 23, 2007

**Submit to:**

NAJA-2007 Student Projects, 555 Dakota St.-Al Neuharth Media Center Vermillion SD 57069 Fax: 866.694.4264

For any questions or inquiries about student-related programs, please contact NAJA national office at **605.677.5282** or email: **info@naja.com**.

## NWTC graduates

On Friday, December 15, 2006, at the Winter Semester Graduation Ceremonies held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI. A total of 165 NWTC Graduates received their Associate degrees having successfully completed their individual course of studies. Of that 165 number were the following Enrolled Oneida Nation NWTC students:

•Leon E. Adams, (Honors)n Native American Gaming - Casino Management  
•Sharon L. Cornelius, Leadership Development (Supervisory Management)  
•Ryan W. Gerhardt, Business Administration

Credit

•Bryant A. Hill, (Honors), Leadership Development, (Supervisory Development)

•Jason R. King, (Honors) Leadership Development - (Supervisory Development)

•Rosa K. Melchert, (Honors) Leadership Development - (Supervisory Management)

Congratulations Graduates! You've made us all proud by attaining this academic achievement. Best wishes to each graduate as these applied learned insights empower you to accomplish and achieve life's goals.

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Roberta J. Kinzhuma Memorial

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

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

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

1. Must be returning to school (Freshmen are not eligible)
2. Must be single and female
3. An enrolled member of Oneida Indians of Wisconsin
4. Must have a 3.0 or B cumulative grade point average
5. Seeking a degree or certificate in an accredited college and/or technical school

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

Applications can be pick up at: Oneida Elderly Services, 2907 S Overland Rd, Oneida WI 54155 or Oneida Higher Education, N7210 Seminary Rd, Oneida WI 54155

**Applications are due January 10th.** Winner will be announced via telephone and tribal group-wise one week before the AMVETS Community Service Award Banquet. Presentation will be at the AMVETS Community Service Awards Banquet.

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

## WIEA Indian Education Association Scholarship

**Scholarship Amount:** \$1,000 (\$500.00 a semester)

Four scholarships will be awarded, one in each category:

1. New or continuing student attending a vocational/ technical/ tribal college.
2. Entering freshman at a four-year college.
3. Undergraduate at a four-year college (second semester freshman, sophomore, junior or senior)
4. Graduate or Ph. D. student.

**Requirements:** Must be a Wisconsin resident and proof of Tribal Enrollment

Application Procedures:

1. Completed Application form.
2. Copy of current or most recent school transcript. GED/HSED students are eligible only as continuing undergraduate or continuing technical college students.
3. Two sealed letters of recommendation, one from a teacher, employer or other professional familiar with your academic potential.
4. A one-page typed only personal essay focusing on how you will apply your education.

**Application Deadline: March 16, 2007..Faxes will not be accepted!!** Only Complete applications will be reviewed and are based on a points system,

Letter of recommendation-10 points

Personal Essay- 25 points

GPA-2.5-2.99 5 -pts. / 3.0-3.49 -10 points / 3.5-4.0-15 pts.

Recipients will be announced at the Annual W.I.E.A Conference. Students Can Only Receive the Scholarship Award One Time!

For an application an contact:

**Virginia Nuske,  
Scholarship Coordinator-WIEA  
P.O. Box 910  
Keshena, WI 54135  
715-799-5110**

You may also contact the Oneida Higher Education office for an application.

## Informational meeting on going back to school at Silver Lake College

(Manitowoc, Wis.) — Thinking about going back to college? Come to an information session and find out how you can get your degree in as little as two and a half years.

A Silver Lake College representative will be available on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Oneida Community Education Center in Green Bay for a series of information sessions aimed at answering questions about the college. The next installments of the series will take place on January 11 and January 25 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Topics will include not only the more than two dozen undergraduate majors leading to a bachelor's degree, but also the four graduate level programs, adult accelerated programs, teacher certification and licensure offerings, on and off campus delivery options, and financial aid availability.

"This is a chance for prospective students to have one-on-one interaction with a knowledgeable counselor to find out more about the College's programs and offerings," according to Dr. George Grinde Vice President and Academic Dean at Silver Lake College.

Register online for a session near you at [www.sl.edu](http://www.sl.edu). If you are unable to attend and would like more information on the program offerings at Silver Lake College, contact the Admissions Office at 2406 S. Alverno Rd., Manitowoc, WI 54220. Call 920/686-6175 or 1/800-236-4SLC, ext. 175. Email [adm-sl@silver.sl.edu](mailto:adm-sl@silver.sl.edu)

## PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

**Subject: Wolf Path Pedestrian Pathway System**

The Oneida Nation is presently working with Clark-Dietz, an engineering consultant, on the design of the Wolf Path Pedestrian Pathway System.

These pedestrian pathways will connect Vandewalle East Subdivision and the residential areas of Path of the Wolf and Path of the Bear to the Turtle School.

Clark-Dietz will have survey crews working in th area starting **Monday, January 8, 2007**. If you have questions concerning this work please contact Mike Finn DPW Project Manager at **869-1059**.

## Wisconsin Youth Conference

Currently recruiting American Indian youth ages 14-17

**UW-Stevens Point  
June 17-22, 2007**

- Educational
- Fun
- Learn skills for school success
- Focus on cultural activities

Contact Sharon Cloud at: **715.346.3576** for application information.

# Bird feeding rewards, hazards, expectations, and responsibilities

By Bill Koonz

Specialist - Environmental Protection

Birds feeding has become a popular activity throughout the United States. Billions of dollars are spent annually on bird feed, feeders and equipment to identify birds. Reasons for the increase relate to both birds and people. More people live on large lots that provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species. Birds are adapting to these habitats and the food and cover they provide. Bird species diversity may be limited in dense urban areas or recent developments lacking sizable trees, but few habitats exist that birds are not able to exploit. Birds may fly large distances to find food, even if breeding or roosting habitat is lacking nearby.

The existence of nearby cover is important for escape and protection against the elements. If the food is too far from roosting or protected areas, it may not be worth the energy loss for birds to use it. If the feeder does not contain escape cover nearby, visiting birds risk being eaten by a predator. Predators like free lances; hawks and owls often make bird feeders part of their regularly patrolled hunting area.

Another factor in bird feeding success is the diversity of surrounding habitats. Are there large trees, conifers for escape and roosting cover; shrubs or vines for escape,

fruit trees that provide food, and mature or dying trees with nest cavities and food for woodpeckers and nuthatches? Try to establish your feeder close to cover so that birds using it can quickly find refuge if necessary.

A third factor is the type of food offered. Black sunflower seed is the universal food for bird feeders but it is not preferred by all species. Goldfinches prefer nyger, blue jays, corn, and suet is the food of preference for woodpeckers and nuthatches. Robins relish raisins, dried fruit and mealworms. People wishing to feed birds may need to experiment with different food sources. Identifying what species of birds are in the neighborhood and finding out what they prefer to eat will help you decide what types of food you wish to offer them.

A fourth factor in bird feeding success is the type of feeder used. Tube feeders designed for goldfinches may not provide the perches necessary for other bird species. Hanging feeders with narrow feeding platforms and/or overhangs may provide food for house sparrows, house finches, and chickadees, but prevent species such as grackles, blue jays or mourning doves from feeding there. Some people allow themselves to be so frustrated with unwanted species they do not appreciate what they have.



Kali file photo

Provide cover for wild birds visiting bird feeders to protect them from predators such as owls.

The joy is in seeing birds at the feeder, what species that feed there can be controlled by surrounding habitat, food and feeder type.

Birds habituate to food sources and may change their use patterns at different times of the year, depending on distances to cover or roosting sites for example. If a neighbor has an elaborate system of bird feeders and a heated birdbath close to cover and natural habitats, don't expect a high success rate, at least in the short-term.

Once bird feeders are

established and birds become habituated, they often ignore other food sources and rely almost completely on feeders. This is especially true for species like mourning doves, robins, goldfinches and juncos. If a feeder has been in use for several fall and winter months, those birds that use it may not find sufficient food elsewhere if the feeder is suddenly abandoned. Bird feeding can be a year-round activity but once spring arrives, food becomes more generally available and bird feeding is not as critical.

# Winter cold brings home heating concerns

Submitted by the Office of Emergency Management

*Precaution needs to be taken when heating a home using tools other than a home furnace, fireplace or wood stove. Dangerous levels of carbon monoxide is present when using generators, charcoal grills or other non-traditional heating methods. Take a look at the following story about the recent storms in Washington and please be safe during this winter season.*

## Storm claims 8th victim; 100 suffer poisoning

Associated Press

Published: Tuesday, December 19, 2006

SEATTLE (AP) - The death toll has risen to eight from a storm that knocked out power to more than a million homes and businesses, with health officials warning of a "carbon monoxide epidemic" from indoor use of generators and charcoal grills.

Falling trees, rushing water, burning candles and downed powerlines caused six of the deaths, while two other victims apparently succumbed to the odorless, colorless and highly toxic gas.

A 31-year-old man was found Sunday morning near a charcoal grill he was using to warm the bedroom of his home in Renton, and a 26-year-old man was found Saturday in the bedroom of his house in Kirkland, with a portable generator in a nearby room.

The "carbon monoxide epidemic" also came to North Burnaby on Sunday, when an elderly couple was found dead in their home after using a gas-powered generator during recent power outages in the wake of violent storms.

Burnaby RCMP were called to the couple's home and found the generator and the bodies of 66-year-old male and 65-year-old woman.

All of the windows and doors to the house were closed.

The city was one of the last areas remaining without power in the wake of the

storm which slammed the region with high winds. As of last night, the couple had not been identified.

In Washington state, at least 100 people have developed symptoms of exposure to carbon monoxide since the winds subsided Friday morning, including at least five admitted to Harborview Medical Center and more than 55 who have been treated in a hyperbaric chamber that re-oxygenates the blood at Virginia Mason Medical Center, officials said.

"We're dealing with a carbon-monoxide epidemic in Western Washington," said Dr. Neil B. Hampson at Virginia Mason's Center for Hyperbaric Medicine.

"This has the potential to be the worst case of carbon monoxide poisoning in the country."

Gov. Chris Gregoire has declared a statewide disaster, freeing counties to spend money necessary to help victims of the storm that hit late Thursday and early Friday, and the state National Guard has been mobilized to help get fuel and supplies to hard-hit areas.

Approximately 140,000 Puget Sound Energy customers and 18,000 Seattle City Light customers remained without power yesterday morning, primarily in east and southeast King County. Officials said it could be several more days before power is restored to all of them.

Also in the dark were 8,700 customers in the Snohomish County Public Utility District, 8,000 served by Peninsula Light Co. of Gig Harbor, 3,000 in Tacoma and more than 1,000 in Grays Harbor County on the coast.

About 5,000 King County residents were still without telephone service.

Four people died when the storm hit on Thursday.

One woman was trapped by suddenly rising water in the basement of her house in Seattle, and three people were hit by falling trees, two in vehicles south of Tacoma and one in a trailer park in McCleary.

# Breastfeeding Classes at the Oneida Health Center

Submitted by Beth

Scheelk, RD, CD, CLC

WIC/Outpatient Dietitian - Lactation Counselor

Whether you are expecting your first baby or adding to your family the Oneida Community Health Center wants to help you enjoy your breastfeeding experience. Classes will be led by Beth Scheelk, RD, Certified Lactation Counselor.

**Breastfeeding Basics Class - Pregnancy to the First 6 weeks**

The Breastfeeding Basics

Class will Discuss:

- How breastfeeding provides everything your baby needs for growth and development
- What to expect in the first few weeks after delivery
- How to properly latch your baby to the breast
- Advantages of Breastfeeding for Mom, Family, and Community
- Common Myths about Breastfeeding
- Common Concerns about Breastfeeding

**Next Class: February 21,**

**2007, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

**Breastfeeding Beyond the Basics - 6 Weeks and longer**

As your baby gets older and breastfeeding is more established you may be wondering how to continue breastfeeding to reach your goals. This class will discuss some of the common questions and concerns many new parents have about breastfeeding as the baby gets older.

The Breastfeeding Beyond the Basics will Discuss:

- When to start using a breastpump, if needed

- Going back to work or school
- Continuing to breastfeed as your baby grows
- Benefits of continuing to nurse your baby
- Common concerns with nursing an older baby
- Starting solids in a breast-fed baby
- How long it is recommended to breastfeed.

**Next Class: January 10,**

**2007, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

Please Call Beth Scheelk at

**869-4829** to reserve your spot

or with questions.

# Beware of Norovirus

Submitted by Oneida

Community Health

Services

The Wisconsin Division of Public Health has identified a significant increase in the number of outbreaks, clusters, and sporadic individual norovirus cases in Wisconsin. Norovirus is often referred to as the "stomach flu".

Symptoms of norovirus infection include nausea, "projectile" vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramping, body aches, chills and fatigue. These symptoms usually last for two to three days, although infected individuals may shed the infective virus particles for up to a week.

There is no treatment for this illness. Most people recover in two to three days after they become ill. Supportive treatment such as fluid replacement may be needed to prevent dehydration in severe cases.

During this time of the year, many people will entertain and attend holiday parties. If you develop any type of gastrointestinal illness, please consider staying home and most importantly, refrain from food preparation or food handling until after you recover. Good handwashing and disinfecting contaminated

surfaces will also help prevent the spread of norovirus particles.

Follow these steps for proper handwashing:

1. Wet your hands with warm running water.
2. Add soap, then rub your hands together, making a soapy lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 10 seconds, being careful not to wash the lather away. Wash the front and back of your hands, as well as between your fingers and under your nails.
3. Rinse your hands well under warm running water. Let the water run back into the sink, not down to your elbows.
4. Dry hands thoroughly with a clean towel. Then turn off the water with a clean paper towel and dispose in a proper receptacle when available.

Contact Michelle Myers, Community/ Public Health Nursing Team Leader at Oneida Community Health Services at **920-869-4840** or Eric Krawczyk, Health Officer of Oneida Community Health Services at **920-869-4840** for more information.

## ONEIDA Child Care Department

### Waiting List Updating

Oneida Child Care will be contacting each family currently on the waiting lists for Airport Road and Norbert Hill Child Care Centers. **If you are on the waiting list and haven't been contacted by January 15th, 2007, please contact ARCC to update your intent to continue to be on the waiting list.** Please provide current contact information as soon as possible.

**Families not contacted by January 30th, 2007 will be put on the bottom of the waiting lists.**

Call **(920) 869-1645 ext. 200**

**Dorothy A. Skenandore**  
Oneida Child Care Director  
**(920) 869-1645 Ext. 201**  
**Fax- (920) 869-1650**  
**P.O. Box 365**  
**Oneida, WI. 54155**

## Baby Grow...

### Mom and Baby Group

Sponsored by WIC/Nutrition and First Breath

#### Topic: Infant Oral Care

By Dr. Lisa Frechette, Oneida Dental Department

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

12:00 Noon to 1pm

WIC/Nutrition Office

Oneida Community Health Center

Reservations required. Please call **869-4829** to reserve you and your child's spot or with any questions.

Baby Grow is a new support group open to all Oneida community member to foster positive relationships between mom and baby as the baby grows and reaches new milestones in life. We will be focusing on healthy feeding relationships from infancy to toddler, as well as topics on growth, development and parenting. Each session will have a different topic as well as discussion time. A light lunch will be provided, children under the age of 5 welcome with reservation.

#### Future Topics:

February 28, 2007 - **Baby Care**

March 28, 2007 - **Developing a Healthy Home**

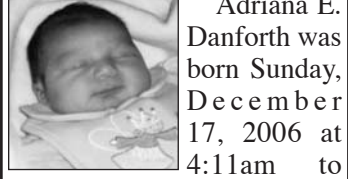
# Good News



## 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!

### Adriana E. Danforth

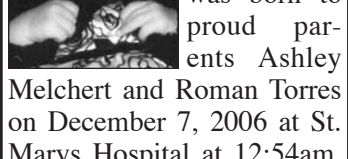


Adriana E. Danforth was born Sunday, December 17, 2006 at 4:11am to proud parents Janine Doxtator and Tim Danforth. Adriana was 7lbs, 15oz and 20in at birth.

The proud grandparents are Bonnie and Keith Bruneet, Clarence and Elaine Doxtator, Tom Danforth and Elaine Danforth.

Siblings are Saquoia, Jordan and Shanenea.

### Natalia May Torres



Natalia May Torres was born to proud parents Ashley Melchert and Roman Torres on December 7, 2006 at St. Marys Hospital at 12:54am. She weighed 8lbs, 8oz and was 19 inches in length at birth.

Her grandmothers are Brenda Melchert and Carmon Alvarez. Her grandfathers are Gary Webster and Rodrigo Torres.

Natalia is Ashley and Roman's first baby.

### Tune in to... Kalihwiyose WPNE 89.3

Thursdays 10:00PM to midnight

## Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Tsyatunhá' lak tsi' tesnohsliyá' ku  
You two be happy on your birthdays

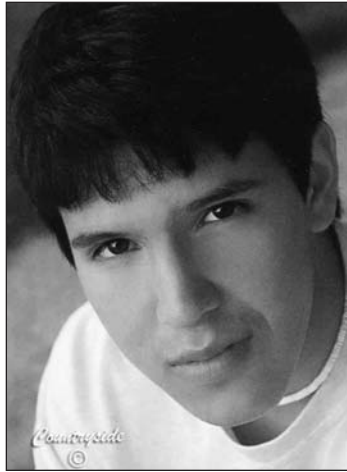


tesniyáhse?  
the two of you

kniyo'okúha?  
you are my two children  
Yóklote' okhále?  
Káhelote?

Ohsla'sé' wehni'tale?  
January (new year) Moon

Yá'yahk tshískale?  
Sixth date (day)



**Kunoluhkwa Sanulha & Kahny<sup>^</sup>**  
Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!  
Love Always Mom & Family

## Want to learn the ONEIDA Language?

Go to...  
[www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org)

Click on Departments (at the top).  
Select **Language Revitalization** and then  
language lessons.

### To our readers...

"Good News" submissions mailed in without payment will **NOT** be published. Payment for "Good News" wishes **MUST BE** made at time of submission. Please review the following price options:

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### Questions?

Call *Kalihwisak's* Toll Free at:

**1.800.236.2214**

Dawn-ext. 4277 • Phil-ext. 4279 • Yvonne-ext. 4280

## Congratulations

### Nigel

Nigel Perrote graduated on December 10, 2006 from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology of Law/Criminology/Deviance & Psychology



We're very proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad,  
Geoff & Amanda

## Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary January-February Calendar of Events

**Ice Fishing Workshop:  
Introduction to Ice Fishing**  
Friday, January 19, 2007  
from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Do you want to experience ice fishing, but not sure how to go about it or what equipment you need? Make sure to sign up for the Sanctuary's Introductory Ice Fishing Workshop. Participants will learn how to make their own fishing pole, what you need to ice fish and safety precautions. If weather permits, participants can test out their new fishing skills. This program is recommended for children between 8-12 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$5 per Green Bay resident and Friends member or \$7.50 per non-resident.

Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.  
**Public Snowshoe Hike:  
Walk through the Winter Wilderness**

Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. and again at noon  
Snow is on the way! Join the Sanctuary staff for a snowshoe hike of the

Sanctuary grounds! Snowshoes will be provided. Participants must wear flat-bottomed boots. Meet at the Observation Building. Cost is \$2 per Green Bay resident and Friends member or \$3 per non-resident.

Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

**Animal Stories for Preschoolers: Winter Animals - How do they live in the cold?**

Monday, February 5, 2007 at 10 a.m. and again Monday, February 19, 2007 at 1 p.m.

Children and their families can learn about winter animals during Animal Stories for Preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the stories "In the Snow" by Lindsay Barrett George and "When Winter Comes" by Nancy Van Laan. After the story, the youngsters will participate in a fun craft project. Cost is \$2 per Friends member and Green Bay resident and \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

**Public Candlelight Cross-Country Ski**

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Can you get your hands on a pair of cross-country skies? Have you ever wanted to ski on a beautiful winter evening? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then plan on skiing the Sanctuary trails on the west side of Danz Avenue. Cost is \$2 per Green Bay resident and Friends member and \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

For more information, call (920) 391-3671.

Visit the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary web-site at: [www.baybeachwildlife.com](http://www.baybeachwildlife.com)

## Native American Coordinator/Crisis Counselor Sexual Assault Center

Exciting position is available at the Sexual Assault Center of Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin to work closely with the Native American Population.

### Responsibilities include:

Building relationships with community professionals within the tribal communities, providing direct services to sexual assault victims, providing prevention education to Native American students ranging in age from pre-school to high school, and providing community awareness on the issue of sexual assault.

### Requirements include:

A bachelor's degree or relevant experience, excellent public speaking skills, and organization skills. Cultural knowledge and experience in the Native Community required. Position is 30 hours per week with benefits.

Please submit a resume and philosophy statement on working with sexual assault victims.

### Send resumes to:

Lynn Nash  
PO Box 22308  
Green Bay, WI 54305-2308  
(920) 436-8890  
lnash@familyservicesnew.org

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## Kalihwisaks

### NEXT DEADLINE

is... **Wednesday**  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
@4:30 p.m.

with a  
**PUBLISH DATE**  
of... **Thursday**,  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Questions, please  
call: 920-869-4277,  
4279 or 4280

## You are Cordially Invited...

Please join the family of  
Ken & Betty (Honey) Hill  
in celebrating their  
54th Wedding Anniversary

The happy couple will be honored on  
their 80th and 75th birthdays as well

Ken ~ 80 years young  
Honey ~ 75 years young

A Dinner & Reception  
will be held on

Saturday January 20, 2007  
at Daxbee's Supper Club

Seymour, Wisconsin

Dinner ~ 5:00 pm  
Reception to follow



Betty & Ken Hill

If you wish to attend please RSVP by **January 16, 2007** to...  
Lisa Behringer, 920-869-1203 or Janice Cornelius, 920-491-9957



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Sports

## Seymour Thunders past Pulaski



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The Seymour Thunder shook Pulaski on Friday, December 22 in a huge 88-58 victory. The snowy Seymour night brought snow and a reign of three-pointers from the Thunder. (Above) Kahelote Cornelius fires a two-pointer over the outstretched arm of the Pulaski defender. The Seymour Thunder boys basketball team are the defending 2006 Division II champions.

## T-hawk girls beat buzzer



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

The Thunderhawks girls managed to squeak out a narrow victory against Laona on Tuesday, January 2nd in a non-conference match-up at the Turtle School. Twyla Danforth hit the game winner off an inbound pass from Thunderhawks teammate Lois Stevens to beat the buzzer and win the game 34-35. The Oneida Thunderhawks girls varsity basketball team now sits at a record of 5-6 on the year. The T-hawks try to get back to .500 at their next game which is at home on January 11 at 6pm against Bowler.

## 2007 Boys Basketball Schedule

- **Tuesday, January 9th**  
Green Bay NEW Lutheran  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- Tuesday, January 11th**  
Bowler (Away)  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- **Tuesday, January 16th**  
Goodman  
J.V.-5:30 PM Varsity-7 PM
- **Friday, January 19**  
Gibraltar  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- **Tuesday, January 23**  
Coleman  
J.V.-5:30 PM Varsity-7 PM
- **Friday, January 26**  
Milw. Destiny  
Varsity only - 7 PM
- Friday, February 2**  
Tigerton (Away)  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- Tuesday, February 6**  
Sevastapol (Away)  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- Thursday, February 8**  
St. Lawrence Seminary (Away)  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- **Friday, February 16**  
Lac Courte Oreilles  
Varsity only - 7:30
- **Thursday, February 22**  
Menominee Indian  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- February 27 - March 19**  
Regional, Sectional and State Finals - TBA

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## Big Foot High School in Walworth to reconsider logo, nickname

WALWORTH, Wis. (AP) ~ Big Foot High School is named after Chief Big Foot, the last chief of the Geneva Lake Potawatomi. The school uses his image as one of its logos and uses Chiefs as a nickname.

School officials plan to consider if any changes need to be made after teacher Marsha Ries presented a letter to the school board in December protesting the use of the chief's image on logos and the use of Chiefs as a school nickname.

Big Foot High School is one of 39 high schools in Wisconsin that use an American Indian related team name.

Last year, state schools Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster sent letters to the state's school districts asking that they reconsider the use of American Indian symbols and nicknames.

Since 1991, seven high schools have changed their team nicknames from Native American to some other symbol, said Ron Anderson, a

spokesman for the state Department of Public Instruction.

School board president Sue Pruessing said the school logo and team nickname are not at the top of priority list but she hopes to have a focus group start looking at the issue in the next month.

School principal Michael Hinske said he's not sure the chief's image is the official logo. The school uses several images.

But students and alumni are loyal to the Chiefs nick-

name and an attempt to change it will provoke a response.

"It is a big deal. It tends to generate a lot of emotion," Hinske said.

Barbara Munson, chairwoman of the Indian Mascot & Logo Task Force of the Indian Education Association, said the use of a historic individual to name a school is not

offensive, as long as the individual's family agrees.

But she said that young boys of American Indian ancestry are called "Chief" in a derogatory manner.

Calling sports teams the Chiefs trivializes Native American cultures, she said.

Information from: *The Janesville Gazette*

## The 2007 Indigenous Soccer Cup

**Submitted by Alec Rekow**  
Tournament Director, 2007 Indigenous Soccer Cup  
Co-Commissioner, 2006 NAIG Soccer Tournament

Dear Players, Coaches, and Parents,

It was a tremendous honor and privilege this past summer watching over 450 Indigenous soccer players compete at the 2006 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Denver, Colorado. Inspired by the success of the NAIG soccer tournament, I believe it is our responsibility to carry on the spirit of the 2006 NAIG while offering positive youth development training through soccer. Toward this goal, I am pleased to announce the 2007 Indigenous Soccer Cup, a US based soccer tournament, as a developmental event for the 2008 NAIG in Cowichan, British Columbia.

Hosts of the 2007 ISC include Southwest Youth Services (SYS), University of New Mexico American Indian Student Services (AISS), and the University of New Mexico Men's Soccer Team. Not only will the ISC offer the finest Indigenous soccer competition in North America, but it will also give Native youth athletes, coaches and chaperones access to powerful training workshops in life skills and college/university preparation.

In addition, all 2007 ISC participants will participate

in college/university preparation workshops directed by University of New Mexico American Indian Student Services. These workshops are designed to help Native students identify and develop their educational and career goals as the future leaders of the Indigenous community. Coaches and chaperones have the opportunity to serve as mentors throughout this process.

As the 2007 ISC Tournament Director, I invite you to participate in the inaugural 2007 Indigenous Soccer Cup at the University of New Mexico. The inaugural Indigenous Soccer Cup (ISC) is scheduled for July 28 - August 4, 2007 and will be held at Johnson Field on the campus of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque New Mexico.

The ISC soccer competition is a seven a-side tournament and consists of both male and female teams for U-14, U-16 and U-19 age classifications as per FIFA and USSF guidelines.

**Deadlines:**  
**March 1st:** Team Registration deadline & payment of \$200 x # of players, including 3 coaches/chaperones.  
**April 2nd:** Late Team Registration deadline & payment of \$250 x# of players, including 3 coaches/chaperones  
Go to [www.indigenoussoccercup.org](http://www.indigenoussoccercup.org) for details.

## 2007 Girls Basketball Schedule

- **Thursday, January 11th**  
Bowler  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- **Thursday, January 18th**  
Gibraltar  
J.V.-5 PM Varsity-6:30 PM
- **Friday, January 26th**  
Milw. Destiny  
J.V.-N/A Varsity-5:30 PM
- **Tuesday, January 30th**  
Tri-County  
J.V.-6 PM Varsity-7:30 PM
- **Friday, February 2nd**  
Milw. Maasai Institute  
J.V.-N/A Varsity-6 PM
- **Friday, February 16th**  
Lac Courte Oreilles  
J.V. - N/A Varsity-7 PM  
only - 7:30
- February 22 - March 12**  
Regional, Sectional and State Finals - TBA

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## 2007 Wrestling Schedule

- **Saturday, January 6th**  
Whittenburg  
Away 10:00AM
- **Saturday, January 13th**  
Peshtigo  
Away 10:00 AM
- **Saturday, January 20th**  
Fox Valley  
Away 10:00 AM
- **Saturday, January 27th**  
Sturgeon Bay  
Away 10:00 AM

# Oneida Family Fitness

## Swim Lessons

### January 15, 2007 through March 10, 2007

Class:	Day:	Time:
Parent Tot	Thursday	5:35-6:00pm
Pre-School ALL LEVELS*	Wednesday	4:15-4:40
Pre-School ALL LEVELS*	Thursday	5:10-5:35pm
Pre-School ALL LEVELS*	Friday	3:30-3:55pm
Youth Level I & II	Wednesday	4:40-4:30
Youth Level III	Friday	4:30-5:05pm
Youth Level IV	Friday	5:05-5:40pm
Youth Level V	Friday	5:05-5:40pm
Adult ALL LEVELS	Friday	5:40-6:15pm
Competitive Swim	Saturday	9:00-10:00am

All instructors are Certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors  
Class sizes are limited  
\*Is not a recognized American Red Cross Class  
Class fees: \$20 members, \$30 non-members  
(Payment due at the time of registration)  
Register at: Oneida Family Fitness Center's Front Desk  
2640 West Point Road, Green Bay, WI 54304  
920-490-3730



# Community input needed on lake project

**ENTER to WIN an ONEIDA PENDLETON BLANKET!**



Oneida Tribal members are being asked to comment on two revised concept plans for the lake site. At a community meeting at the Radisson in November, those in attendance overwhelmingly favored the concepts in these plans over the others presented.

The main goal of the project is to create a sustainable fishery with clean, safe fish for future generations. The current concept plans and outside funding opportunities focus on the fishery and its related amenities. As suggested by many community members, future phases of the project may include other recreational amenities such as picnic shelters, maintenance buildings, playgrounds, and athletic fields.

Some of the main differences between the two plans are the shape of the shoreline, arrangement of roads and parking lots, and location of fishing piers, forests, and wetlands.

The size of the lake is about 37 acres for both Plan 1 and Plan 2. The length of the lake is about 2700 feet and the width is about 850 feet. The length of 2700 feet compares to eight and a half football fields laid end to end.



**LEGEND**

- Shore Fishing Spot
- Water (37 acres)
- Wetland
- Sand
- Mowed Lawn
- Native Prairie
- Intermittent Creek
- Woods - Existing
- Woods/Planted Screening
- Fishing Trail (2.7 Miles)
- Road
- Parking Area
- Fishing Pier
- Slope
- Gas Line R.O.W.
- Site Property Line



Input from the Oneida community is very important as the lake site plan is finalized. By completing the comment card below, you will be entered in a prize drawing. Poster size versions of these two plans can also be viewed at the Oneida Community Library, Norbert Hill Center lobby, and Ridgeview Plaza (Suite #5) during regular business hours.

The grand prize is an Oneida Pendleton blanket. Other prizes include Gander Mountain gift certificates, a picnic table donated by the Oneida Conservation Department, fishing pole, and promotional items with the Oneida Fishery Restoration project logo. Enrolled tribal members are eligible to complete one survey per person. They can be dropped off at Ridgeview Plaza, Suite #5, 3759 West Mason Street OR mailed to the Oneida Environmental Health & Safety Department at P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155.

Funding for the planning and design of this project was supported by the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council. For more information on this project, contact Betsy M. Galbraith, Environmental Specialist - Restoration at 496-5327.



**Fishing Opportunities**

- Shore Fishing
- ADA Accessible Fishing Piers with and without Rails and Rod Holders

**Boat Launch**

- Pier
- Fish Cleaning Station and Scale
- Ice Fishing Access



**NOTES**

- All prairie and wooded areas will be wildlife habitat.
- Wildlife food plots will be added to prairie areas.
- Culturally important plants will be incorporated throughout site.
- Fish habitat will be created within and around the lake.



CLIP & MAIL

**COMPLETED surveys to be entered into prize drawing!**

<p>1. What features do you like in <b>PLAN 1?</b></p>	<p>1a. What features do you <b>NOT</b> like in <b>PLAN 1?</b></p>	<p>2. What features do you like in <b>PLAN 2?</b></p>	<p>2a. What features do you <b>NOT</b> like in <b>PLAN 2?</b></p>																		
<p>3. How do you prefer to fish? (check all that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> from shore    <input type="checkbox"/> from pier    <input type="checkbox"/> from my boat</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> from a rented boat    <input type="checkbox"/> through the ice</p>		<p>6. Any other comments or suggestions you would like to provide?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p>																			
<p>4. Who do you like to fish with? (check all that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> alone    <input type="checkbox"/> with one other person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> with a small group of friends    <input type="checkbox"/> with a large group of people</p>																					
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**PRIZES**

- Oneida Pendleton Blanket
- Oneida Conservation Picnic Table
- Gander Mountain Gift Certificates
- Fishing Pole
- Oneida Fishery Restoration Promotional Items

Twenty prizes total. Must be an enrolled Tribal Member to participate in the drawing. One entry/prize per person please. Drawing will be held January 25, 2007.

Mail completed survey to: Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or deliver to our offices at: Ridgeview Plaza, 3759 W. Mason Street, Suite 5, Green Bay.