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Community members enjoyed ice fishing along with other winter activities on Saturday, February 5.

## OSGC again selects new location for plant

By Nate Wisneski  
Kalihwisaks

Oneida Seven Generations Corporation's (OSGC) renewable energy project is once again on the move as a new location has been selected within the boundaries of the City of Green Bay.

The plant, to be located at 1230 Hurlbut Street on the city's northwest side, will take municipal solid waste otherwise placed in local landfills through a gasification process generating power that will be sold to Wisconsin Public Service.

"This renewable energy project will now have 150 tons less of garbage coming on the reserva-

tion," said OSGC's Chief Executive Officer Kevin Cornelius. "The project will also create 22 full-time jobs and eight part time jobs."

The new location, which is zoned general industry, is surrounded by a power plant, cement company, construction company and city dump.

Construction is expected to be swift as many necessary utilities are nearby. "The parcel location is adjacent to major transportation routes as well as electric transmission lines, which will make operations much easier. It's already on a truck route and creates

• See 2A, OSGC



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Oneida Seven Generations Corporation announced the new location for their renewable energy project at 1230 Hurlbut Street in Green Bay.

## Holding abusers accountable



Kali photos/Nate Wisneski

Members of the Coordinated Community Response (CCR) team stand in front of a banner that will hang at the Norbert Hill Center to remind the community that options are available for victims of domestic abuse.

The CCR team consists of area agencies from Brown and Outagamie Counties developed to protect victims of domestic abuse on the reservation and hold abusers accountable for their actions.

The group promotes training and cultural understanding for surrounding agencies to help them understand the Oneida community. The CCR was established in 1994 and is considered as a model program by the United States Justice Department.



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## Oneida Food Distribution serves up nutrition

By Dawn Walschinski  
Kalihwisaks

*The Kalihwisaks will be focusing on the effects of the economic downturn and sharing stories of Oneidas struggling in these financially hard times. This is the third story of the series.*

Don't use the term "comods" around Oneida Food Distribution Manager Don Miller.

"I can't say commodities anymore - it's USDA foods," he said. "They want to take away that stigma."

Oneida Food Distribution was started in 1983 by Nori Damrow under the federally funded Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) pro-

gram. "This was because of complaints that were received from potentially eligible clients who had no transportation, no phones and oftentimes they suffered discrimination or mistreatment when they visited the government run food stamp offices," said Miller.

The program distributes food packages to any eligible people living within the reservation boundaries and to eligible Native American households in rural Brown, Outagamie, Door and Kewaunee Counties. A rural area is considered a town of 10,000 people or less, however, Oneida Food Distribution has a waiver so



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Oneida Food Distribution Manager Don Miller gives a tour of the warehouse at N7360 Water Circle Place, Oneida.

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## Wis. Senate committee passes voter ID requirement

By Scott Bauer  
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ A Wisconsin state Senate committee passed a bill Tuesday that would require voters to show photo identification at the polls, approving it over the objection of a Democratic state senator who wasn't allowed to vote.

Sen. Jon Erpenbach, one of the 14 Senate Democrats who skipped town last week rather than vote on a bill taking away collective bargaining rights for public employees, joined the committee meeting by phone. He and other Democrats have been participating and voting in committee meetings by phone ever since they left on Thursday.

Republican Sen. Mary Lazich, chairwoman of the Elections Committee, refused to let Erpenbach ask questions or vote on the voter ID proposal.

"Seriously? I'm not going to be able to ask my questions?" a surprised Erpenbach said over the speakerphone set up for the meeting.

Lazich repeatedly asked Erpenbach where he was and whether he was on his way to the Capitol.

"You can come in at any moment," she said. "We want you present. We want you to have a full discussion."

She accused Erpenbach of an ethical violation for

not being in Madison to take up the union bill that has led to eight straight days of protests in which demonstrators have filled the halls of the Capitol, noisily banging on drums, chanting and displaying signs calling for the proposal to be killed.

The meeting on the voter ID bill was held under the watch of four state patrol officers in the parlor of the state Senate chamber. A limited number of members of the public were escorted in to watch.

Erpenbach called in and asked a couple questions early in the meeting, but was later cut off by Lazich.

"I answered the roll call. I'm here," Erpenbach said.

"I'm not going to allow you to participate," Lazich said. "You are not here."

She argued that because the Senate was under a call of the house for consideration of the union bill, and Erpenbach was ignoring that, she was under no obligation to allow him to take part in the meeting. His name was not called as the three Republicans present for the meeting voted to pass the bill.

"I vote no," Erpenbach said. "Erpenbach votes no. I vote no."

Erpenbach and Democrats have opposed the voter ID bill for years, arguing that it will

make it more difficult for college students, senior citizens and minorities to vote. Republicans argue it's needed to combat voter fraud.

Wisconsin voters currently are not required to show any form of ID before casting a ballot.

The new requirement would be in effect for the April election, but voters who don't have IDs would still be allowed to cast their ballots and would be given information about the new law that would fully take effect in 2012.

The committee voted to expand the number of acceptable IDs to include U.S. passports and tribal IDs. Also allowed is a driver's license, a military identification card or a state identification card or certificate issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

The proposal comes with a cost, which means the Senate couldn't take it up before at least one Democrat returns because at least 20 lawmakers have to be there to take up budget bills. But Sen. Joe Leibham, the Republican sponsor, said all the parts except those that cost money could be passed as soon as Thursday.

Republicans are forging ahead with other business in the Senate while Democrats stymie their efforts to pass the union bill.

## Barton and Cornelius honored for work on bonding



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Chief Financial Advisor, Terry Cornelius (left) and Chief Financial Officer, Larry Barton (center) were honored by tribal Treasurer, Tina Danforth (right) for their roles in securing an AA- rating from Standard's and Poor rating services during the February 23 Oneida Business Committee meeting at the Norbert Hill Center. The rating assisted in the issuance of municipal bonds that will fund community based projects on the reservation.

## From 1A/OSGC

easy access for trucks," said OSGC's Project Manager Pete King.

With expressed public concern over the site on Packerland Drive in Ashwaubenon the city of Green Bay approached OSGC with multiple alternative sites last month.

"We had to do the due diligence on each site and see how they fit into our business model. We had to see what advantages did one site have compared to another. We had to look at it from a business standpoint to see if it made sense to change. We are here to create revenue streams for the tribe," said King.

Though OSGC acknowledges the public concern, it wasn't the main catalyst in the move.

"We certainly heard from a small but vocal group of people that they did not want to facility in Ashwaubenon," said King. "Many told us they don't oppose the technology, but do oppose the site."

OSGC feels the amount of individuals opposing the project will decrease but predict some pushback. "We expect a small group (of opposition) from folks who just don't support these types of technologies," King said.

The latest move is not expected to affect the project's lending agreements and completion date of December of this year. The project received a temporary permit from the city's

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-Pete King III, OSGC Project Manager

Planning Commission on Monday, February 21. It will move to the City Council on March 1 for consideration.

Though the plant will be categorized as tax exempt by Wisconsin tax regulations, OSGC is working with the city of Green Bay on a payment in lieu of taxes to compensate for the non-tax status. The land or facility cannot be placed into trust.

King hopes the latest move will ease the concerns community mem-

bers have and lead to success of the project.

"It leads the way in renewable energy, it is safe and will meet all regulatory agency requirements for construction and operation," he said. "We're here to develop economic revenue streams for the tribe, we have stay focused on that. Politics came into play and that is not why we moved, it made economic sense. The most likely success we would have would be at this new site."

## The Oneida Election Board

is looking for individuals interested in serving as alternates for the 2011 General Election.

Applications can be obtained from the Norbert Hill Center Main Office. Any questions or to request an application, please contact Racquel Hill, Election Board Vice Chairperson at 920.869.4388 or via e-mail at rhill2@oneidation.org or Kitty Melchert, Election Board Secretary at 920.869.4026 or via e-mail at kmelcher@oneidation.org

Please submit applications to the Norbert Hill Center Main Office or mail to the Oneida Election Board - PO Box 413 Oneida WI 54155 or scan to the above mentioned e-mail addresses.

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## Passing On...

### Daniels, Sr., Herbert "Herb" N. May 22, 1947 – February 12, 2011

Herbert "Herb" N. Daniels, Sr. "Wa Se Gishkek," 63, Stone Lake, passed away at his home on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011. He was born in Hayward on May 22, 1947, to Ned and Josephine (Johnson) Daniels.

Herb met Beverly Stevens on June 4, 1989 and were married on May 13, 2000, at the Potawatomi Cultural Center. He enjoyed fishing, ice fishing, golfing, watching football (especially the Packers), dogs (Pittbulls), Bingo, boxing, watching UFC fights, his grandkids and having family around him. Herb enjoyed listening to his brother-in-laws' bands, Cherry Bounce, Big Snake and Rockin' Daddies.

He is survived by wife, Beverly; children, Kim Stevens, Chicago; Paul D. Shegonee, Blackwell; Renee A. Daniels, Stone Lake; Klynt L. E. Brown, Oneida; Denise L. Daniels, Stone Lake; Sonya M. Daniels, Stone Lake; Seagram C. Stevens, Stone Lake; Shasha M. Malone, Milwaukee; Shawnaway T. Malone, Crandon; John T. Malone, Jr., Spooner; Herb Daniels, Jr., Stone Lake; Lynn M. Daniels, Stone Lake; Jack D. Daniels, Stone Lake; 29 grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Robert J. Daniels, Sr., Stone Lake; Steven Daniels, Stone Lake; Ned Daniels, Stone Lake;

Lola Haskins, Ashland; Joseph Daniels, Sr., Stone Lake; Michelle Daniels, Stone Lake; Matthew Daniels, Stone Lake; Caroline Johnson, Green Bay; sisters-in-law, Antoinette Y. Whitaker, Chicago; Kathy Calkins, Oneida; Robin Soldier, Green Bay; Roxanne Katers, Oneida; Debby Stevens, Blackwell; Jackie Connors, Tennessee; Jean Stevens, Green Bay; brothers-in-law, William "Buck" Stevens, Oneida; James L. Stevens, Oneida; Craig "Pork" Stevens, Oneida; Glen "Stein" Stevens, Oneida; Raphael "Ray" Stevens, Oneida; Quinton "Caveman" Stevens, Oneida; Warren "Barn" Stevens, Oneida. Further survived by many, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ned and Josephine; son, Jeffrey A. Shegonee; daughter, Danielle Josephine Daniels; and two grandchildren.

The Traveling Feast started at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15, and the Native American Church Service was held at 1:30 p.m. with Mr. Geronimo Powless leading the services. Interment was in the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Stone Lake.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon, assisted the family with the services. Online condolences can be expressed at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

### Smith, Geraldine M. October 13, 1923 – February 20, 2011

Geraldine 'Gerry' Smith was born on October 13, 1923 to the union of Lillian and Lawrence John of Seymour, Wisconsin. She was a proud member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

Gerry accepted Christ as her Savior early in life. She relocated to Milwaukee in 1940 and soon became a member of First United Methodist Church. Gerry gave her life, heart and soul to God.

Gerry was united in holy matrimony to Louis Smith on August 26, 1944 in Milwaukee, WI. To this union four children were born.

Gerry was employed by Wisconsin Electric for 12 years in food service and retired in 1986. She was an active member of Circle, Senior League and the Sunshine Committee chairperson at church where she was responsible for sending warm wishes to those in need of a little extra warmth and heartfelt support.

Gerry enjoyed preparing meals for her family, baking and doting on her grandchildren. The 'ultimate caregiver' she was at her best providing support for her three granddaughters who were raised in the home with her. Gerry was also an avid reader who had a special gift with words which might have been an extension of her love of word searches and playing Scrabble. She also enjoyed traveling and visited many locations across the United

States through the Senior Adult Ministries. Gerry also loved participating in events organized by the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Service office and attending Powwows.

Gerry departed this life peacefully on February 20, 2011 surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lillian and Lawrence John; her husband, Louis Smith; her sister, Myrtle King; her granddaughter; Shawnee Decorah; her great granddaughter, Ciara Nutt and her great grandson Geronimo Cruz.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children; Bruce Smith, LeaRae (Floyd) Carter, Jerrlyn (Juan) Muniz and Bonnie (Israel) Smith; her grandchildren, Rick (Hinu) Smith, Kachina Smith, Nelson Smith, Levi Smith, Kalonji Carter, Karen (Mark) Lyman, Luis Muniz, Carmen Muniz, Jean (Avery) Mallett, Sara Cordova, Naomi Cordova; 19 great grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brother, Larry John; sister, Neva Mae John and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Gerry was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother who will be deeply missed.

Services will be held Friday, February 25, 2011 at 12:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 7520 W. Lapham Street, West Allis Wisc. Rev. Susan Lockman officiating.

### Waubano, Sr., Wayne "Little Bear" A. November 6, 1975 – February 16, 2011

Wayne A. "Little Bear" Waubano Sr. age 35 passed away Wednesday February 16, 2011. Loving father to Desiree, Wayne, Riley, Quinton, Melanie, and Payton. Devoted son of Candy and Leroy. Special brother to

Jennifer, Leroy, Jolene, and Anthony. A service to honor Little Bear's life was held at 11am at the funeral home. The Oneida Hymn Singers sang at 10:30am. Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences.



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## In Loving Memory

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#### In Loving Memory of

*Angeline Brocker*

Who passed away 1 year ago on  
February 26, 2010

We think about you often,  
which is nothing new  
We think about all the love  
you gave  
And all the joy you brought  
into our lives  
And everyone you knew.



We think about all the times  
we shared laughter  
And good times.

But most of all, we think  
about the love we shared as  
Mother and Grandmother  
and how your smile  
could light up the room.

*Rest in  
Peace until  
we meet  
again.*

*Love your  
Children and  
Grandchildren*

## Thank You!

### Joshua Lambert Christjohn

We would like to give thanks to all who shared their kindness, their thoughts, prayers and assistance during the time of the loss of our Josh. Special thanks to Jennifer, Cornelius Singers, Bob, Sonny, Fire Keepers, Cooks, Ryan's Funeral Home, the anonymous and the beautiful poem and flute.

We express profound gratitude to those sharing their lives that were touched by our Son, Brother, Grandson, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, and Friend: Joshua L. Christjohn, father of Lyla and Levi.

There were so many it would be too hard to recall and too overwhelming to personally address each and every one. I saw Love like I've never seen before. We were deeply moved by the number and the distance traveled, by the people that came to stand at our side as we sent Josh on his journey.

We were extremely honored that Joshua's friends expressed and reached out to include each and every one of us with their love and respect. The range of age was not without being surprisingly comfortable and with great understanding for anyone of us that knew Josh and his style, true leadership by friends.

I asked the young men that I knew were Josh's friends and those I felt were Josh's friends to walk behind Josh and in front of us and our families, as each one were Pall Bearer, and that even though they may not get to carry Josh it would be the same as they were all Josh' Pall Bearer. They honored our family with tremendous solidarity. I was told there were close to 40 young men standing tall and very respectful and waited to be the last at the gravesite. We give you Thanks, each and every one of you.

The personal request for permission to play his flute for Josh was heartfelt even after we learned the flute was broken, and yet another flute player came forward and shared his, and we were captivated with then the two flutists. We give you each our Thanks.

The many stories and experiences shared with us all will never be forgotten and will be of great help to keep moving forward knowing of Josh's experience of great friends, good family and many travels.

We are extremely thankful for that special and personal gift of kindness given by a truly rare and gifted Veteran Friend who at times may personify himself as a brother, uncle and father figure for many on his own life journey. We give Thanks to you and your family.

Josh had many extended brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, grandmothers, grandfathers, mothers and fathers throughout his entire life. We will have fond memories forever.

It is said that it takes a community to raise a child and we were blessed with and unforgettable and continuously compassionate support of close friends, close family, close extended family and friends.

For those I may have failed to mention, it is not intentional, only out of overwhelming circumstances of our great loss.

We give you Thanks, Each and Every One, from our hearts to all, near and far and dearest of sister(s).

Cathy L. Metoxen, Dan, Kris, Carissa, Jacob, Mary, Andrew, Makenzie, Jolina, Lois and for Lyla and Levi

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Oneida Tribal General Election Primary

#### How will the election process be different for the 2011 General Election?

In 2011, a Primary Election will be held. In years past there was no primary election.

#### What is a primary?

Excerpts from Oneida Tribal Election Law: **2.12-2.** There shall be a primary election for Business Committee positions whenever there are three (3) or more candidates for any officer positions or sixteen (16) or more candidates for the at-large council member positions.

- (a) The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for each officer position shall be placed on the ballot.
- (b) The fifteen (15) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the at-large council member positions shall be placed on the ballot.
- (c) Any position where a tie exists to determine the candidates to be placed on the ballot shall include all candidates where the tie exists.

**2.12-3.** The Election Board shall cancel the primary election if the Business Committee positions did not draw the requisite number of candidates for a primary by the petitioning deadline set for the primary.

**2.12-4.** In the event a candidate withdraws or is unable to run for office after being declared a winner in the primary, the Election Board shall declare the next highest primary vote recipient the primary winner. This procedure shall be repeated as necessary until the ballot is full or until there are no available candidates. If the ballot has already been printed, the procedures for notifying the Oneida public in section 2.5-11 and 2.5-12 shall be followed, including the requirement to print a notice in the Tribal newspaper if time lines allow.

#### Why have a primary?

To give members a chance to select from fewer candidates or the Business Committee positions in the General Election.

#### Will there be a primary for all vacancies?

No. The primary election is for Business Committee vacancies only.

#### When will the primary be held?

On Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the Oneida Health Center and the SEOTS Building in Milwaukee. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### If there are only two candidates running for an officer position, will a primary still be held for that position?

No. The primary is designed to get the top two candidates for each officer position. If only two applicants run for that position, each applicant will automatically be placed on the General Election ballot as a candidate.

#### If a candidate didn't advance in the primary, can I write their name on my ballot at the General Election?

No. Write-in candidates are not allowed.

#### When will the Caucus be held?

On Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Norbert Hill Center at 1:00 p.m.

#### Is the Caucus just for vacancies within the Business Committee?

No, the Caucus will be for ALL vacancies of all boards, committees, and commissions with elected positions to be filled at the 2011 General Election.

#### When can I submit application for candidacy?

Officially this is done at the Caucus by being nominated and submitting the required application by the deadline date to the Tribal Secretary's Office.

#### If I can't attend the Caucus, can I still submit my application to be a candidate?

Yes. You will need to complete a petition and submit the required application by the deadline date.

#### How long do I have to submit an application to become a candidate?

All applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011 to the Tribal Secretary's Office.

#### When is the General Election?

On Saturday, July 16, 2011 at the Oneida Health Center and the SEOTS Building in Milwaukee. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### When can I begin campaigning?

Whenever you wish.

Excerpt from Oneida Election Law: **2.5-9.**

Campaign Signs and Campaigning:

- (a) Placement of campaign signs:
  - (1) Campaign signs shall not be posted or erected on any Tribal property except for private property with the owner/tenant's permission.
  - (2) No campaign sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. A maximum of seven (7) such signs may be placed on a building or on a lot.
  - (3) No campaign sign shall project beyond the property line into the public right of way.
- (b) Removal of campaign signs. All campaign signs shall be removed within five (5) business days after an election.
- (c) Employees of the Tribe shall not engage in campaigning for Tribal offices during work hours. Tribal employees shall be subject to disciplinary action under the personnel policies and procedures for political campaigning during work hours.
- (d) Enforcement. The Zoning Administrator shall cause to be removed any campaign signs that are not in compliance with this law, in accordance with the Zoning and Shoreland Protection Law.
- (e) Fines. Violation of the campaign sign restrictions shall result in a fine imposed by the Election Board in an amount specified in a resolution adopted by the Business Committee.

#### Can I vote by absentee ballot?

No. Article III Section 2 of the Constitution states "All enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin who are 21 years of age or over shall be qualified voters provided they present themselves in person at the polls on the day of election."

#### Will the Milwaukee voting site be open for both the primary and general election?

Yes. Business Committee Resolution 03-13-2002-O states: "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that an approved facility; compliance with the Oneida Election Law, 2.8-0, Section B, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is hereby designated as a second polling site for Oneida triennial elections, beginning with the July, 2002, election." The SEOTS Building is located at 6820 West Wedgewood Drive, Milwaukee, WI.

Should you have further questions please contact any of the Election Board Officers: Leyne Orosco, Chairperson @ **920-362-0890** or at [lorosco@oneidanation.org](mailto:lorosco@oneidanation.org) Racquel Hill, Vice Chairperson @ **920-869-4388** or at [rhill2@oneidanation.org](mailto:rhill2@oneidanation.org) Kitty Melchert, Secretary @ **920-869-4026** or at [kmelcher@oneidanation.org](mailto:kmelcher@oneidanation.org)



## Calendar

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### February 25

#### Family Fun Night - Hillcrest Elementary

**WHEN:** Friday, February 25  
**TIME:** 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
**PLACE:** 4193 Hillcrest Road, Oneida  
 Be part of the Super Bowl excitement and let your kids be pilots for a day as they fly paper airplanes from the second level landing to the atrium floor below. Fun for the whole family! Carnival games & prizes, silent auction, Sweet Walk, karaoke, Wii gaming, face painting, and food (available for purchase). The event is open to the entire community and admission is FREE. Tickets for carnival games are \$.25 each and everyone who plays wins a prize! Silent auction includes signed Packers items, tickets to local athletic events, jewelry and much more. Bring the family and enjoy an evening of carnival fun. For more information, contact Stacy McNeil at [stacymcneil5@yahoo.com](mailto:stacymcneil5@yahoo.com)

### February 26

#### Menominee Casino Resort Welcome Powwow

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 26  
**TIME:** 11:00am - 10:00pm  
**PLACE:** Five Clans Ball Room, Menominee Casino Resort, N277 Hwy 47/55  
 Celebrating our new convention center. Public welcome! Grand Entries at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Dancer honorariums. Call **800-343-7778** or visit [menomineecasinosort.com](http://menomineecasinosort.com) for more info.

### March 2

#### Under the Sea Adventure Family Fun Night

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 2  
**TIME:** 4:00pm to 6:30pm  
**PLACE:** Turtle School Gyms and Cafeteria  
 Fun activities and prizes for all! Inflatable play yard, inflatable bouncer, potato sack races, DJ Dance, OFF-Drums Alive, Oneida Adventure, bean bag toss, Health Promotions, 5-2-10 Get Healthy, and box lunches provided to feed all the healthy little fish. Sponsored by Oneida Comprehensive Health and Diabetes Grant.

### March 12

#### 6th Annual Flap Jack Flippin' Larry

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 12  
**TIME:** 8:00am-11:00pm  
**PLACE:** Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road  
 March of Dimes fundraiser. All the pancakes you can eat! Includes porkies and beverage. \$6 per person, \$5 for seniors, children 4 and under free. Enter the pancake eating contest and win a prize! Raffles, bake sale, and more! Fun for the whole family! Sign up with Team Oneida to join the March of Dimes Walk on Saturday, April 30.

### May 20-22

#### Tunica-Biloxi Powwow

**WHEN:** Fri. May 20 - Sun. May 22  
**TIME:** Various  
**PLACE:** Chief Joseph Alcide Pierite Powwow Grounds, Marksville, Louisiana  
 Dance competition with up to \$28,000 in prizes. For lodging or general information call 1-800-946-1946 or visit [tunicapowwow.org](http://tunicapowwow.org). Vendors must apply in advance. Contact Sharon at extension 2523 or email [avosar@pargoncasinosort.com](mailto:avosar@pargoncasinosort.com).

### Tuesdays

#### Compassionate Friends - Oneida Chapter

**WHEN:** 3rd Tues of every month  
**TIME:** 6:30PM - 8:00PM  
**PLACE:** Parish Hall, 2936 Freedom Road  
 Compassionate Friends is a support group supporting family after a child dies. Questions contact:

### Tuesdays

#### Women's Talking Circle Group

**WHEN:** Every Tuesday!  
**TIME:** 6:00PM - 7:30PM  
**PLACE:** Wise Women Gathering Place, 2483 Babcock Rd.  
 Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle Group. Come and enjoy a cup of hot tea in the presence of women of all ages sharing and caring. Talking circles and fun activities. FMI contact Julia McLester or Emma White at Wise Women Gathering Place **920-490-0627**.

### Thursdays

#### Wise Youth Group

**WHEN:** Thursdays  
**TIME:** 4:00PM - 6:00PM  
**PLACE:** Three Sisters Center  
 FMI: Jacqueline Ninham at (920) 272-7040, Isabel Parker at (920) 498-2011 or Bev at 920-490-0627.

### Fridays

#### Women's Support Group

**WHEN:** Fridays  
**TIME:** 12:30PM - 2:30PM  
**PLACE:** Three Sisters Center  
 For more information contact Isabel Parker or Georgia Burr at (920) 592-8682 or (920) 412-0396.

To include events in this section please call the [kalihwisaks](http://www.kalihwisaks.com) office at...  
 (920) 869-4280, 4279, 4090 or 4277  
 Announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.

## 2011 Election Dates to remember...

A look at key dates to remember regarding the new primary laws and the 2011 Tribal General Election

### Caucus

**March 12, 2011** Business Committee Conference Room, Norbert Hill Center, 1:00pm

### Primary Election

**May 7, 2011** The primary election will narrow the list of candidates to the top two vote-getters for each officer position and the top 15 for the 5 council seats

### General Election

**July 16, 2011**, The two top vote getters of the Primary Election will appear on the ballot  
**NO** Write-in candidates will be allowed

### Campaigning

Anytime - Campaigning can begin and take place at any time

## Authors meet and greet readers



Submitted photo

Laurence M. Hauptman (left) and L. Gordon McLester III (right) signed copies of their book "A Nation within a Nation" Saturday, February 12 at the Oneida Nation Museum.

## 2010 Oneida Quality of Life Results

### By Oneida Statistics Office

The Quality of Life survey gathers information from Oneida Tribal members regarding their views on various social, cultural, health, economic, educational, governmental and other Tribal related issues. The survey was mailed to all member households in Brown and Outagamie Counties. A total of 433 completed questionnaires were returned giving an overall response rate of 14% and a margin of error of +/- 4.3%.

The Quality of Life survey was extensive, so it will take many articles to present all of the results. This first article will just give an overview. The following are the key findings of the survey.

1. The top three goals for the Oneida Tribe as identified by respondents were Employment, Finance, and Healthcare.
2. Overall, the vast majority of respondents are satisfied with their lives.
3. The majority of respondents positively rated the Reservation overall as a place to live, place to retire, and place to raise a family.
4. Only 38% of respondents rated the health of the economy in their areas as excellent or good, while 55% rated it fair or poor. Although respondents did not rate the economy favorably, the majority are positive that they will be better off financially this time next year. The majority of respondents are satisfied with the income they have. The median family income reported by respondents was \$33,452.
5. The majority of respondents are satisfied with their personal health, and a much higher percentage believe their mental health is excellent or good. The vast majority of respondents believe their access to health care services is excellent or good, and a similar percentage rated the quality of

health care services available as excellent or good.

6. The majority of respondents agreed that Oneida provides good employment opportunities for members. 38% of respondents did not rate their current job, because they are retired, disabled, or unemployed. Of those who are employed, the vast majority are satisfied with their job.
7. The majority of respondents consider their current housing situation as excellent or good. More respondents are satisfied with the variety of housing options on the Reservation than those who are dissatisfied. The majority of respondents own their current place of residence. The average household size is 2.8 with an average of 2.0 enrolled Oneida members in each household.
8. Of the educational programs, respondents were most satisfied with the Oneida Community Education Center, followed by the Oneida Head Start Program, then the Oneida Higher Education Program. The Oneida Nation High School had the same percentage of respondents who were satisfied as those who were dissatisfied. The majority of respondents rated the quality of education where their child/children attend schools as excellent or good.
9. The majority of respondents believe that Oneida is fair in the amount of services and benefits offered to members. The majority also feel supported and cared for by the Oneida Tribe in times of need. The vast majority of respondents believe that the Oneida Tribe is making improvements to enhance the quality of life of Tribal Members. When asked specifically about the quality of social services available from the Oneida Tribe, the majority rated them excellent or

good.

10. The majority of respondents feel very connected to the culture of Oneida, but only slightly more are aware of Tsi'nyukwalihó'ta than those who are not. Over three-quarters of the respondents believe that the Oneida Reservation provides a strong sense of place and identity. A higher percentage of respondents rated cultural events like art, theater, and music in their area as fair or poor. The majority of respondents were satisfied with the Oneida Nation Museum.
11. The majority of respondents rated the water quality of the Reservation's surface waters as fair or poor. Overall, though, respondents rated the quality of the natural environment on the Reservation positively.
12. A higher percentage of respondents rated the availability of trails and bike paths in their neighborhood negatively than positively. For those who rated the condition of trails and bike paths, a slightly higher percentage rated them positively than negatively.
13. The majority of respondents rated the condition of roads in their neighborhoods positively. Positive ratings were also given to transit in their area. Over half of the respondents do not have sidewalks in their neighborhoods. Of those who do, they are split over positive and negative ratings.
14. The vast majority of respondents rated garbage collection at their homes positively. Wastewater sewer services were also rated positively. Drinking water quality was also rated positively, but not by as high of a margin.
15. Fire protection, law enforcement, and emergency medical

response were rated positively by the majority of respondents. Half of all respondents rated community patrolling positively. The vast majority of respondents feel safe being alone in their neighborhoods at night, and the majority of respondents do not think gang activity is a problem in their neighborhood. The majority of respondents believe that the Oneida Reservation is a safe place for children.

16. The vast majority of respondents believe that it is important to attend General Tribal Council (GTC) meetings, and the majority also think they receive enough information to make good decisions at GTC meetings. Just over half of the respondents believe they can have an impact on decisions made by community leaders in Oneida. A slightly higher percentage trust Oneida community leaders to do what is best for Oneida. Of those who responded, the majority do not believe that the Oneida government is open and honest.
17. The majority of respondents, 65%, have a personal computer in their homes. Of those who have computers, 87% have internet access in their homes. Almost all respondents use the Kalihwisaks to receive information about the Oneida Nation. The next most common method is word of mouth followed by direct mail.

Upcoming articles will go into detail for each of the key findings. Future plans to address the issues in the survey will be included in those articles. If you have any questions or would like a complete copy of the results of the Quality of Life survey, please contact the Oneida Statistics Office at 920-869-4564 or stats@oneidana-tion.org.

## Bay Bank's TIPS Get on top of credit



An old proverb goes like this: "The best time to plant a tree is ten years ago. The second best time is today." That not only holds true for tree planting, but for making changes in how you deal with credit card debt as well. Too often consumers who are dealing with significant levels of debt feel overwhelmed by their situation, unsure if they can ever get control again. Regret and guilt are common feelings, too - "How could I have let this happen? Will anything I do make a difference now?"

To paraphrase another wise saying, "A long journey starts with a single step." What seems impossible can become manageable when you break things down to make small but effective changes in your financial life. Here are some practical steps to shake off that debt paralysis and get started on your journey to a debt-free life today:

- Think this is happening to you? Start by reviewing your financial situation (with help from a trusted source, if you need it) and set reducing debt as a goal.
- Look for ways to free up more money to pay down your debt. Track your spending and write out your monthly expenses. Create a spending plan (otherwise known as a budget) which includes your debt-reduction goal. Prioritize your expenses now and see if you can cut back on some of the less important items. Involve the whole family in making changes.
- Identify how you are using credit and make

changes. Don't use credit to supplement your income. Establish an emergency fund. People who have a rainy day fund are less likely to rely on credit when the unexpected happens. Don't carry your credit card when you shop. You'll be less likely to make impulse purchases.

- Make more than the minimum credit card payment. Credit card statements now tell you how long it will take to pay off your balance if you only make the minimum. That can be a real eye-opener. Even an extra \$10 can reduce pay off time by months.
- Create your own debt repayment program. Try to pay a set amount each month on your credit cards and stick to it. As one card gets paid off, put that payment onto the next card with the highest balance or highest interest rate. Keep going until you are putting the entire payment on the last remaining card.
- Look for automatic and easy ways to pay. Once you've identified how much you can pay each month, consider setting up on-line bill paying or direct account withdrawal to make the payments automatic.
- Work with your creditors. If you encounter any problems repaying your debts, contact the creditor immediately and explain the situation. Creditors often will work with you to come up with an alternate payment arrangement for a short period of time.
- Seek help from a credit counselor. If you have been unable to resolve your finances on your own, consider working with a non-profit credit counseling agency.

### ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Effective April 1, 2011,

Oneida Housing Authority will no longer be open until **5:30PM** the first five working days of the month. The business hours will be **Monday-Friday, 8AM - 4:30PM**. OHA will be open during the lunch hour to service our customers.

#### Reminder to All Tenants

Spring is on its way, please check sump pump to make sure its plugged in and working. Also check the gutters to make sure they are clean and the extension to your down spouts are on and connected so the water will drain away from your house.

OHA is providing a two day training session on keeping water out of your basement. This session is scheduled for **Monday, February 28** and **Tuesday, March 1, 2011** from **5:00PM to 6:00PM** at the Oneida Housing Office on Commissioner St.

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## OBC Forum...

Wehnisli=y% Since the beginning of this term, the LOC has paid particular attention to legislation that renews and revitalizes our nation-building process. Along with the Judiciary, we have placed high priority on legislative efforts to amend the Tribal Constitution and to overhaul our Indian Preference laws - the next few months will tell us whether our efforts on those fronts have been successful. These laws reaffirm our sovereign status and support our identity as a People, and we must be vigilant about maintaining and updating them to best reflect our present needs

and abilities. I wish I could say that if these three proposals are passed, we have successfully reached the finish line. However, that isn't accurate. Nation-building is a continuous process, and we must strive every day - always - to build and expand upon a foundation that will best benefit not only who we are today, but also the seventh generation. As our nation grows and evolves, we must make sure our governing documents have grown and



**Trish King Councilwoman**

evolved alongside us. I am proud of the progress we have made so far, and I am excited to see what will happen in the future. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the GTC members who shared their views with us at the February 5 GTC meeting regarding specific options that were presented for the Judiciary. It was very clear that generally there is support to make adjustments to our current judicial system, and

that the details need to be worked out a bit. Per the direction of the GTC, the LOC is developing a volunteer work group to develop a more precise recommendation utilizing the discussion from that GTC meeting. To keep this as simple of a process as possible, a series of meetings have been scheduled to take place every Thursday night during the month of March, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room - second floor of Norbert Hill Center. I encourage any interested GTC members to join us at these meetings. The work group will be focusing on developing specific recommenda-

tions for judge qualifications and disciplinary panels. I hope this effort will provide good dialogue and that we can develop language to resolve these issues. Also, a petition has been submitted asking to lift the six-month deferral of the Judiciary, and to adopt specific language for qualifications and disciplinary panels for that law. This petition should also be taken into consideration by the workgroup. Once all these processes are complete, the law will be ready to be adopted and implemented. Speaking of petitions, we are all going to be very busy from now through September, both

in the operations of the Tribe and in the forum of the General Tribal Council. Four separate petitions have been submitted by GTC members, totaling 11 issues to be addressed and decided upon by GTC. All of the petitions are available in the Tribal Secretary's office. The impact statements from legal, financial, legislative and operational perspectives are currently being developed for each resolution and petition. We hope to have all this information available on the member's only website in the very near future.

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## Guest Editorial...

### What is this, the 1800s?

Wisconsin's new approach to addressing the culture, heritage, history and future of the State's Native American population here in 2011 makes me think they all stopped reading and/or acknowledging us after the 1800's. Think about this; all of a sudden we have no existence in their eyes. SB250, passed in the State of Wisconsin in May of 2010 was landmark legislation not only in the State, but across the United States. Now the Republican control of our State is braced to eliminate us. Or, as was done to our Nation, the Menominee, back in the 1960's, to, "Terminate" us, our cultures and more importantly our actual existence as a living culture.

The Republicans say SB250 gives too much power to individuals of this great State for a process of challenge. That challenge, of course, is using my name, image and culture as a school name, mascot or logo. I was raised Menominee Indian. Not far from here in Green Bay there are a lot of people who were raised, "Mishicot Indians". Do these Republicans know the legal difference between a Menominee Indian and a Mishicot Indian? I do. According to the United States Federal government, in order to be considered, "Indian" in America, we need to be able to show documentation proving we are ¼ bloodline of

any particular Tribe. Once that is done, we are issued a number on a card. I carry my card with me every day because that is what the Law dictates. I have met several, "Mishicot Indians", asked them to show me their cards, but I haven't seen one yet. But our new Republican leadership, trying to repeal SB250 are telling me, as a Menominee Indian, I may never be able to question or file a complaint on anyone else who identifies their communities and/or schools as, "Indian".

Many of us in the State of Wisconsin have been fighting for over forty years for legislation that would give us a sense of being able to teach our children that, "The system works". SB250 did just that. Native Americans in Wisconsin account for less than 2% of the total population. There were no Native Americans in the State Legislature when SB250 was passed. We had great and honorable support across the State, and as they say in the media, "Across the aisle" in getting this Bill passed. Plus, Jeff Ryan and his students from Prescott High School, none of whom are Native American, took on this cause and helped educate our State's leadership on the importance and significance of this Bill. Now, after last year's election, the Republicans are saying everyone's work, lives, education and honor don't count. I, for one, will not stand for it.

Treaties, the Termination Policy, removal, out-right killing and sending our forefathers and mothers to government schools didn't work. Here in the 21st century retaining, educating and supporting our children and elders is key to our culture. Listening to our Fathers, Mothers, Uncles, Aunties and Grandparents who were sent to government schools, who were removed from their and our homelands to urban settings teach us one valuable lesson that is in no history book; we are a living culture. We are human beings and deserve to be treated as such. SB250 gave us all the process to make our voices heard. Now the Republicans want to silence us, again. I for one will not stand for it.

I just looked at my calendar. It reads, "February 13, 2011". What amazes me is that the new Republican leadership has not gone past 1800. How can I say this? I've read some of the history books in America. I've seen far too many schools in Wisconsin using my name and image as their name, mascot or logo. I do not look like that. I do not act like that. And I, for one, will not stand for that.

**Richie Plass**  
Director or  
Education, Changing  
Winds Advocacy  
Center  
Curator, "Bittersweet  
Winds" traveling  
exhibit on Native  
American Imagery  
Enrolled member of  
the Menominee Nation  
of Wisconsin and also  
of  
Stockbridge/Munsee  
and Oneida bloodline  
Green Bay, WI.

## Letters & Opinions...

### Land Tenure

Open commentary to the GTC and the world....While the world is in the midst of change, evolution and revolution where is Indian Country in the USA in this matrix? The issue of land tenure and the Indigenous Diaspora looms in the larger equation of change....after over 25 years since the Oneida Nation won its land tenure case in the highest court in the United States land...there is still no justice...perhaps it is time to go to the streets of public opinion as much as the courts??? What does the world know of the Indigenous land tenure issues since discovery by the present occupation forces in the USA? Perhaps this time of awakening will reach the soil of the Americas....we shall see....as the unfinished business with Indigenous Peoples seems to tether the full progress of the Americas to a dark part of world history...

**CFW Wheelock**  
Oneida Nation  
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### Budget Thoughts

This article will address just a few issues as they relate to our budget. Please note, there's a 500 word limitation here and I have been told that I cannot reveal budget numbers here, so go to my blog to see the un-edited version of this letter. The blog site is located at: www.oneida2011.blogspot.com Here are just a few of my concerns: 1.) Why are there no pay raises

available for employees? And; 2.) There is a serious lack of programming, including homeless housing assistance. There are a number of homeless and unemployed Oneida people out here.

Upon a thorough review of the budget it seems we can afford raises and progressive programming to help tribal members, but a lot of our money is tied-up in very high salaries for a few. Honestly, why are all the top salaries in the tribe a secret? After looking at the budget I cannot understand why Oneida employees cannot get pay raises.

If you look at the budget packet for the last budget meeting, the Treasurer revealed in a letter to the GTC that the tribe is facing "extreme difficulty in keeping operational cost in line with FY2011-2013 revenue projections." The Treasurer went on to essentially say that we are going to experience record deficits over the next two years. If you go on to read the entire budget packet and sift through the budget, you must ask yourself, where are our priorities and who's running the tribe? Why can't the OBC keep operational cost in line with revenue projections?

For example, in this same budget packet, the OBC asked the GTC to support a bird farm proposal (Page 96) while a

majority of the OBC did not support a pay raise (Page 60) for the employees. How is this even a logical choice: Birds vs. Employees? When was the last time the employees had a pay raise? Luckily the bird idea lost, but so did the employees, no raises this year.

Obviously our finances need a serious level of attention during the next budget cycle. Clearly a shift in priorities needs to be considered. In the next year or so we need to address the very real needs of the people and re-look at wage issues.

Now, when I say needs, I'm not talking about charity, I am talking about assistance to tribal members. There is a difference between charity and assistance, when the people of this nation need help that is not charity, that's providing for our needs! In summary, many wages are very depressed and there are homeless and unemployed Oneida people. We simply cannot tell people to go to the Salvation Army. Likewise, we cannot keep telling the employees there is no money for raises, something has to give. The true measure of our nation is how we treat all our people. Likewise, many Oneida's are hurting, whether they're working or not. Think about it.

**Respectfully,**  
Vince DelaRosa

### Oneida Business Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 9, 9:00am

Wednesday, March 23, 9:00am

Norbert Hill Center

The OBC meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

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It seems like it was yesterday when we learned to ride our bikes **together**, discovered that we both liked to dance and speak our language. It seems like we were **never apart** and everyone knew we were **best friends**. When we decided to go to school, we made sure we were going to be roommates. When you finally landed that first job after all your hard work, I was the first to say **congratulations**. When you said you wanted to help the youth on the reservation, I said, **"Let's do it together."** Then came a time when you told me that you have a **mental health problem, like depression and anxiety**. Now I know that anyone can experience mental health problems, even **Native People**. We thought we knew everything, yet I really didn't understand what a **difference** my support can make in your recovery. Well, I am here for you. **I will be here for you.** And—as always—**we will recover together.**

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## OBC Meeting Results



The following meeting results have replaced the full minutes of the Business Committee meetings to help save space and reduce costs. These results entail the heart of the BC's actions in the meeting; however, the full version of the minutes can be accessed on the Business Committee's website at [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org) or by contacting the Tribal Secretary's office at 920-869-4451. The internet can be accessed at the Oneida Library and Community Education Center.

### ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE Regular Meeting 9 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2010 9:00am

**Present:** Kathy Hughes, Vice-Chair, Tina Danforth, Treasurer, Patty Hoeft, Secretary, Melinda Danforth, Council Member, Ed Delgado, Council Member, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Council Member, Trish King, Council Member

**Excused:** Rick Hill, Chairman, Brandon Stevens, Council Member

**Others Present:** Kitty Melchert, Tracy Williams, Barb Dickson, Margaret Stevens, Mirac Ellis, Steve Yahnke, Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Vicky Matson, RJ Webster, JoJo Santiago, Sue Daniels, Sabrina King, Tina Webster, Barb Kolitsch, Winnifred Thomas, Janice McLester, RC Metoxen, Linda Torres, Charlene Smith, Tami Hill, Marquita Hill

#### Recognition

40 under 40" awards presented to Councilwoman Melinda Danforth and Margaret Stevens by NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr.

#### Approve the agenda

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the agenda with the additions: Travel request by Tina Danforth to UTE Tribal Council meeting, and executive session report from Oneida Residential Community Care Center, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Oaths of Office

Administered by Patty Hoeft  
Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation: Steven Yahnke - present  
Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee: Loretta V. Metoxen - present

#### Minutes to be approved

**Jan. 12 Business Committee minutes**  
Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the Jan. 12 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Resolutions

**Amending the Corp. Charter of Oneida Seven Generations Corp.**  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt resolution 01-26-11-A Amending the Corporate Charter of Oneida Seven Generations Corporation and that official notice is sent from the

Chairman's office to Oneida Seven Generations that this has been done, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Amending the Corp. Charter of Oneida Airport Hotel Corp.

Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt resolution 01-26-11-B Amending the Corporate Charter for the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation and that upon adoption of the resolution that the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation be notified of this change, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Amending the Corp. Charter of Oneida Enterprises Development Authority

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt the resolution 01-26-11-C Amending the Corporate Charter for the Oneida Enterprises Development Authority and upon the adoption that Oneida Enterprises Development Authority is notified of the change, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Amending the Corp. Charter of Oneida Golf Enterprises Corp.

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt the resolution 01-26-11-D Amending the Corporate Charter of Oneida Golf Enterprises Corporation and upon the adoption of the resolution that the Oneida Golf Enterprises Corporation is notified of this change, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Amending the Corp. Charter of Oneida Nation Electronics, Inc.

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt resolution 01-26-11-E Amending the Corporate Charter of Oneida Nation Electronics, Inc. and upon adoption of the resolution Oneida Nation Electronics, Inc. will be notified of the change, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Amending the Corp. Charter of Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises, LLC

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt resolution 01-26-11-F Amending the Corporate Charter of Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises, LLC and that upon adoption this resolution the Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise, LLC shall be notified of the changes, seconded by Tina

Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Board, Committee and Commission quarterly reports

##### Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs

Sponsor: Chris Comelius  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Oneida Powwow Committee

Sponsor: Lloyd Powless  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Oneida Powwow Committee quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Oneida Powwow Committee

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request to post for one vacancy on the Oneida Powwow Committee, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft that the Powwow Committee Chairman bring back to the next Business Committee meeting the request regarding the second vacancy and the process on how to deal with that vacancy, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

##### South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services

Sponsor: Debra Fabien  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve to re-post one vacancy created by the resignation of Kim-Nash Walker, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Oneida Personnel Commission

Sponsor: Susan Daniels  
**Excerpt from Jan. 12:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Personnel Commission quarterly report to the Jan. 26 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to accept the Oneida Personnel Commission quarterly report and request the Oneida Personnel Commission to provide a statistical report on the overturn and remanded decisions from the Appeals Commission, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Standing Committees Legislative Operating Committee

**Dec. 15 LOC minutes**  
Sponsor: Trish King  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the Dec. 15, 2010 Legislative Operating Committee minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried un-

animously.  
**Jan. 7 LOC special minutes**

Sponsor: Trish King  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Jan. 7 Legislative Operating Committee special minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Jan. 10 LOC special minutes

Sponsor: Trish King  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Jan. 10 Legislative Operating Committee special minutes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Budget management act report

Sponsor: Trish King  
Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the budget management act report update, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Early return to work

Sponsor: Trish King  
Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to adopt resolution 01-26-11-G Early Return to Work Amendments, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Judiciary and LPA reports

Sponsor: Trish King  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Judiciary and LPA community meetings reports, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Vacation/Personal accrual memo

Sponsor: Trish King  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to forward a memo to General Tribal Council recommending support amend the personnel and policies and procedures to cap vacation and personal day accumulation and notifying them that the Business Committee is declining the amendment to decrease the number of personal day accrual, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Finance Committee Jan. 21 Finance Committee minutes

Sponsor: Tina Danforth  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Jan. 21 Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with two abstentions:  
Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

##### Travel requests Tribal Technical Advisory Group meeting Feb. 23-24, Washington D.C.

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Trish King to approve Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes to attend the Tribal Technical Advisory Group meeting Feb. 23-24, Washington D.C. and note all expenses are paid for by Tribal Technical Advisory Group, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

##### 13th National HHS Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation March 2-4, Washington D.C.

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes to attend the 13th National HHS Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation March 2-4, Washington D.C. and note that all expenses are paid for by Health Research Advisory Council, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

##### M.A.S.T. Impact week March 28-30, Washington D.C.

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Tina Danforth to approve Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes to attend the Midwest Alliance of

Sovereign Tribes Impact week March 28-30 along with Councilman Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Native American Finance Officer's Association conference March 21-24, Pala, CA

Sponsor: Tina Danforth  
Motion by Trish King to approve Treasurer Tina Danforth to attend the Native American Finance Officer's Association conference March 21-24, Pala, CA along with Chairman Rick Hill, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
King  
Abstained: Tina Danforth

##### Retro-approve Bio-Energy Council bi-monthly meeting Jan. 25, Madison, WI

Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Ed Delgado to retro-approve Councilman Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to attend the Bio-Energy Council bi-monthly meeting Jan. 25, Madison, WI, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention.

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

##### Fee-to-Trust Environmental meeting Feb. 10, Ft Snelling, MN

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes to attend the Fee-to-Trust Environmental meeting Feb. 10, Fort Snelling, MN along with Councilwoman Trish King, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

##### Community meetings for tribal constitution secretarial election process for Councilwoman Danforth and Assistant Lisa Summers in Chicago, IL, Minneapolis, MN, Phoenix, AZ, Albuquerque, NM, Oakland, CA, San Bernardino, CA, Oneida, WI, Milwaukee, WI

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Councilwoman Melinda Danforth and Assistant Lisa Summers to attend community meetings for the tribal constitution secretarial election process in Chicago, IL, Minneapolis, MN, Phoenix, AZ, Albuquerque, NM, Oakland, CA, San Bernardino, CA, Oneida, WI, Milwaukee, WI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention.  
Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Melinda Danforth  
Amendment by Tina Danforth to ask Councilwoman Melinda Danforth to provide a plan of action with specific location and information and that any other council members be allowed to attend in the event it fits their schedule or if they are available to participate, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Melinda Danforth

##### General Tribal Council Request special GTC meeting date of Feb. 5, 2011

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft  
Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the special General Tribal Council date of Feb. 5, 2011, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5, 2011, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

##### GTC Approve Aug. 27, 2011 GTC FY2012 budget meeting date

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft  
Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the date of Aug. 27, 2011 for the GTC FY2012 budget meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one opposed:  
Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Opposed: Ed Delgado

##### Follow-ups/BC directives

##### Proclamation of Purcell Powless Remembrance Day Every Nov. 5

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes

**Excerpt from Jan. 12:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer to the Jan. 26 Business Committee meeting for consideration, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt the proclamation setting Nov. 5 as the Purcell Powless Remembrance Day, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tina Danforth that the responsibility for the annual fundraiser and assuring that the \$100 general fund donation is made and administered is through the Treasurer's office or his or her designee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one abstention:  
Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Trish King  
Abstained: Patty Hoeft

##### Proposal and cost analysis to require all Oneida employees to use Oneida language starting in FY2011

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud  
**Excerpt from Nov. 24, 2010:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt the implementation plan with follow-up back in 30 days on how to phase in this expectation as a performance requirement in the organization so that it's not viewed as a punishment but to create some incentives to make this happen, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the verbal update and to refer it back to the General Manager to provide a written report on how it will be implemented to be brought back in 30 days, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one opposed:  
Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Opposed: Ed Delgado

For the record: Ed Delgado said I will not support any plan unless it is clear to me that employees will not be punished and that the cost of this plan is not unreasonable.

##### Parent Policy Leave Emergency Amendments

Sponsor: Executive Managers  
**Excerpt from Sept. 22, 2010:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve to accept the recommendation to allow the Parent Policy Leave Emergency Amendments to expire and to direct the executive managers to require detailed documentation of how the .

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Check out the OBC Government website at...  
[www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org)

Check out the  
**Government Calendar**  
for important meeting dates  
Sat., March 12 - Election Caucus, 1:00pm,  
OBC Conference Room, Norbert Hill  
Center  
Sat., May 7 - Primary Election,  
Sat., July 16 - General Election  
Mon. July 4 - Annual GTC Meeting,  
10:00am, Radisson Hotel and Conference  
Center, registration begins at 8:00am.  
Click on Calendar and choose  
the "Government" filter option

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*Parent Policy Leave is implemented and to report those findings to the Business Committee in 90 days, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Parent Policy Leave Emergency Amendments to the Feb. 9 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

### New Business/Requests Re-establish the Oneida Health Board and by-laws

Sponsor: Ed Delgado  
Motion by Ed Delgado that the General Manager and Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes get together to provide a report within the next 45 days regarding how we could establish some kind of health board or review board for the Oneida Tribe and Oneida Health Center, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### OBC resolution 11-24-10-C Sole source contracting for Oneida and Indian owned businesses

Sponsor: Ed Delgado  
Motion by Ed Delgado that the quarterly report on the Sole Source come back in 45 days that it contain any concerns from Purchasing, Accounting, Management, Gaming and vendors, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously

### Additions Travel request to UTE mountain Feb. 8

Sponsor: Tina Danforth  
Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Treasurer Tina Danforth to attend the UTE Tribal Council meeting, Feb. 8, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft,  
Abstained: Tina Danforth, Trish King

### Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of Jan. 25, 2011 Gaming General Manager bi-monthly report

*Excerpt from Dec. 8, 2010: Motion by Trish King to support gaming to move forward with initial On-line Gaming development contract as phase I to not exceed \$35,000 for the first six weeks to include the deliverables of the following operating model, infrastructure model and business and technical requirements that identify resources in the community and Oneida organization to assist with carrying out the tasks, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention.*

*Excerpt from Dec. 8, 2010: Amendment to the motion by Ed Delgado to approve the contract contingent upon background check by the Oneida Gaming Commission, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention.*

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Gaming General Manager bi-monthly report,

seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously

### Bally and Marketing Presentation

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Bally and marketing presentation, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

### Chief Counsel report

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Chief Counsel report on the status of litigation, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Melinda Danforth

### Follow-ups/BC Directives Oneida Health Center evaluation

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

*Excerpt from Jan. 12: Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the General Manager to bring back in two weeks an evaluation of the Oneida Health Center's current procedure on diagnosing open sores on clients and such an evaluation to include recommendations to ensure that diagnosis and treatment are timely, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with two abstentions.*

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the verbal report from Dr. Vir on the Oneida Health Center evaluation, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### Tax Exempt Revenue Report

Sponsor: Larry Barton

*Excerpt from Nov. 10, 2010: Motion by Trish King to direct the CFO to put a team together for the purpose of accessing and identifying tax exempt revenues with a report due back in 60 days, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one abstention.*

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the tax exempt revenue report as information, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### Legal Resource attorney contract extension for Charlene Smith

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

*Excerpt from Dec. 8, 2010: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Legal Resource contract extension for 45 days, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with two abstentions.*

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the Legal Resource Attorney contract extension for Charlene Smith retroactive to Oct. 1, 2010 with the contract ending Sept. 30, 2013, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Melinda Danforth,

Motion by Trish King to accept the presentation as information, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### New Business/Requests Enterprise and Governmental 401(k) plan renewals

Sponsor: Larry Barton/Terry Cornelius

Motion by Tina Danforth to adopt resolution 01-26-11-H to Approve Restatement of Tribal Retirement Plans and Authorize IRS

Determination Letter Applications, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

### Descendants and Indian preference in hiring

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Melinda Danforth to accept the descendants and Indian preference in hiring as information, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### BC direct reports annual evaluations

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth

Motion by Trish King to approve to proceed with the annual evaluations beginning Feb. 1, 2011, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### Reconsider Seven Generations Corporation Board appointment

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Motion by Patty Hoeft to deny the reconsideration of the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation Board appointment, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

### Enrollment issue

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Trish King to have the Business Committee review the materials submitted and for follow-up on three directives: no. 1: Request a legal opinion regarding the authority of the Trust Committee to over-turn a Business Committee 1971 decision, no. 2: Request a recommendation from the Trust Committee regarding the enrollment at 4/4, and no. 3: Request a legal opinion regarding the applicability of the base rolls and that this be brought back at the Feb. 9 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the legal opinion regarding the authority of the Trust Committee to over-turn the Business Committee 1971 decision due at the Feb. 9 Business Committee meeting. Motion failed due to lack of seconded.

Motion by Trish King to request a recommendation from the Trust Committee regarding the enrollment at 4/4, seconded by Melinda Danforth. No vote.

*Motion by Tina Danforth to recess at 11:57 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m., by Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes.*

*Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to go into executive session at 1:35 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Trish King to come out of executive session at 2:31 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Trish King to direct the Law Office to provide a legal opinion on the validity of the base roll of the tribe and the validity of any entity to modify the base roll of the tribe and for that opinion to come back at the Feb. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Tina Danforth

### Oneida Personnel Commission appointment out of compliance with by-laws

Sponsor: Susan Daniels

Motion by Patty Hoeft to deny the request from the Personnel Commission, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King  
Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

### Audit Committee Oct. 28, 2010 Audit Committee minutes

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Oct. 28, 2010 Audit Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

### Internal Audit Report of October and Attachment A

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Internal Audit report of October 2010 and Attachment A, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

### Player Tracking Compliance Audit

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to lift confidentiality and to approve the Player Tracking Compliance audit, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### Bingo Compliance Audit

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to lift confidentiality and to approve the Bingo Compliance FY2010 audit, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### Information Technology Compliance Audit

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Information Technology Compliance FY2010 audit, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trish King that the information technology compliance audit be referred to the MIS Steering Committee for follow-up and compliance, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### Authority to waive Tribal Regulations

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado that the Tribal Chairman write a letter to Gaming management directing that they reinstate variance investigations regarding the waiving of tribal regulations, seconded by Patty Hoeft.

Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ed Delgado to have the Tribal Chairman write a letter to Oneida Gaming Commission informing them that waiving regulatory requirements exceeds authority of the Commission, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### Additions ORCCC report

Main motion by Trish King to support the continuing of the project as priority for all involved and for that to include a limited redesigning staying on schedule for construction to begin late summer or early fall, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to the main motion by Tina Danforth that a report brought back on Feb. 9 giving us the detail to address the redesign and re-engineering issues that were in the report submitted to us and that the guaranteed maximum pricing be considered, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

### Adjourn

*Motion by Trish King to adjourn at 2:43 p.m., seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Feb. 09, 2011.*

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE



*is pleased to Host...*  
**"Guardian ad Litem Training"**  
*Presented by a Team of Oneida Service Providers*

### A Three Day Presentation and Training Session

**When: Monday, March 14, 2011, 8:30AM – 4:30PM**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 8:30AM – 4:30PM**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 8:30AM – 4:30PM**

**Where:** Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 4, 3759 W. Mason, Oneida WI 54155

**Who:** Community members interested in serving in the capacity of a special guardian appointed by the court to represent the best interests of an infant or child in particular litigations and specified timeframe. Preference will be given to new students.

Attendance at the full training is required for certification to serve as a Guardian ad Litem in the Oneida Tribal Judicial System. A background check will be done for all applicants.

**Cost: No Charge. Pre-registration is required.**  
**Lunch on your own. Snacks will be provided for breaks.**  
**Deadline to Register: March 9, 2011.**

Registration is limited to 16 participants. You will receive an email confirmation. If the training is full, you will have the option to be on stand-by status.

*For further information, please contact the Oneida Tribal Judicial System at 497-5800*

**REGISTRATION FORM** – Complete and mail to:  
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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**• NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE •**  
**2011 General Election Caucus**  
*Scheduled for:*  
**Saturday • March 12, 2011**  
**1:00PM**  
**Business Committee Conference Room**  
**Norbert Hill Center**  
*Note: Those Individuals Nominated at Caucus MUST be present to accept Nomination*



## Oneida Tribal Judicial System

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criteria of Rule 9(D). This case denied.

**Susan Danforth vs. Oneida Housing Authority.** Docket No. 10-AC-025, November 9, 2010. Judicial Officers Winnifred L. Thomas, Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless presiding. Motion to join additional cases denied. Cases listed in Appellant's brief are not eligible for appeal at this time because they are either past the 10 business days to file a Notice of Appeal or are still in litigation.

**Kenneth Stevens vs. Division of Land Management.** Docket No. 10-AC-024, November 29, 2010. Judicial Officers Stanley R. Webster, Linda Cornelius, Lois Powless presiding. Appellant has failed to allege one or more of the required elements for acceptance under Rule 9(D) and (E). Denied.

**Joleen Kaquatosh vs. Oneida Bingo & Casino, Table Games, Jill Jordan.** Docket No. 10-AC-031, December 3, 2011. Judicial Officers Winnifred L. Thomas, Janice L. McLester, Stanley R. Webster presiding. Denied according to Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rule 2(G). Untimely.

**Ana Ramirez-Barton vs. Oneida Housing Authority, Dale Wheellock.** Docket No. 10-AC-026, December 15, 2010. Reconsideration. Judicial Officers Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless, Winnifred L. Thomas. Denied in accordance to Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rule 24(B) Reconsideration will only be granted under the circumstances where the moving party proves by a substantial weight of the evidence presented in the motion that there is new evidence in existence which was not considered by the appellate court and which is likely to have altered the final decision if this evidence had been (sic) introduced.

### Appellate Court Decisions

**Shannon King vs. Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Oneida Housing Authority.** Docket No. 10-AC-013, November 18, 2010. Judicial Officers Janice L. McLester, Linda Cornelius, Lois Powless, Winnifred L. Thomas and Jennifer Webster presiding. This case involved the default judgment issued on June 24, 2010 to Appellant, Shannon King, Trial Court Docket No. 10-TC-131 and affirmed on July 1, 2010 for failure to appear at a pre-trial hearing on June 17, 2010. Ms. King appealed, asserting she was not formally noticed of the hearing date.

Evidence presented indicated on May 20, 2010 Ms. King signed for Certified notice of summons to appear. Trial Court default judgment upheld.

**Department of Public Works, Kevin Rentmeester vs. Patrick Madrid.** Docket No. 10-AC-007, November 23, 2010. Judicial Officers Janice L. McLester, Anita F. Barber, Lois Powless, Winnifred L. Thomas and Jennifer Webster presiding.

This case was an appeal of an Oneida Personnel Commission decision which had reversed the termination of Respondent, Patrick Madrid based on procedural irregularities and the employer's failure to address the violation in a timely manner. Mr. Madrid was terminated for being in violation of Oneida's Vehicle Driver Certification Policy after his driver's license was revoked after receiving a citation for Operating While Intoxicated, 3rd Offense. Mr. Madrid appealed asserting while hired as an Electrician, he had been re-assigned into the HVAC area which did not require a valid drivers license. It was determined this "re-assignment" had not been formally completed thru the Human Resources Department and was normal practice within the DPW department. It was determined the Disciplinary Action form did not list the time, date or specific policy section under which action was taken or lack of notice to Mr. Madrid. Mr. Madrid was out of compliance with the Tribe's Vehicle Drivers Certification Policy. The Personnel Commission decision overturned, termination upheld.

**Oneida Tribal School, Sharon Mousseau, Superintendent vs. John Beaulieu.** Docket No. 10-AC-022, December 9, 2010. Judicial Officers Winnifred L. Thomas, Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless, Jennifer Webster and Stanley R. Webster presiding. This case was an appeal by Sharon Mousseau, Superintendent of the Oneida Tribal School, of an employment decision issued by the Oneida Tribal School MOA Appeal Panel. Ms. Mousseau filed a timely appeal on October 5, 2010. On October 26, 2010, the Oneida Nation School Board moved to intervene and filed a Memorandum in Support. On November 4, 2010, Ms. Mousseau's attorney filed the Appellant's Brief. On November 5, 2010, Ms. Mousseau filed a letter stating she wished to withdraw from the appeal and does not wish to proceed. Motion to Dismiss granted.

**O-Tech Solutions, LLC, Mr. Curtis Danforth vs. Oneida Bingo & Casino, Oneida Indian Preference Department.** Docket No. 10-AC-017, December 10, 2010. Judicial Officers Winnifred L. Thomas, Pro Tem, Linda Cornelius, Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless and Stanley R. Webster presiding. This is an appeal of a dismissal of Oneida Tribal Judicial System, Trial Court, Docket No. 10-TC-168 which involved an alleged violation of the Oneida Indian Preference Law. Appellant, O-Tech Solutions, LCC, contends Respondent, Oneida Bingo & Casino and the Oneida Indian Preference Department erroneously denied Appellant's opportunity to bid for a surveillance system contract at the Casino. The Oneida Trial Court dismissed this case on August 16, 2010. The Appellant failed to persuade the Appellate Court. The Appellate Court upheld the Trial

Court's decision.

**Trial Court Decisions**  
**Ana Ramirez-Barton vs. Dale Wheellock, Oneida Housing Authority.** Docket No. 10-TC-192, October 6, 2010. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Sandra Skenadore and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. This case involved a request for Temporary Restraining Order for an Eviction. Petitioner argued according to the NAHASDA rules, a person cannot be evicted before the end of the lease without "good cause". This means you cannot be evicted from tribal housing in the middle of the lease unless there are serious or repeated violations of the terms or conditions of the lease, such as continued failure to pay your rent. Respondent claims according to the OHA Admissions and Occupancy eligibility, "I. Enrollment Qualification: A minimum of one person in the household must be an enrolled, or eligible to be enrolled, member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin". Respondent contends according to his Exhibit #1, Ana Barton signed an acknowledgement that she is not an enrolled Oneida Tribal Member and, in the event that the enrolled tribal member departs the premises for whatever reason, she must vacate the premises within (30) days after said tribal member's departure. The Court upheld Respondent's eviction notice to Petitioner to vacate premises by October 31, 2010.

**Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Oneida Housing Authority vs. Evelyn Elm.** Docket No. 10-TC-101, October 29, 2010. Judicial Officers Stanley R. Webster, Sandra L. Skenadore and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. This case arose as a result of the Bain Petition GTC meeting held in December of 2006 and correspondence from Kevin Fitzgibbons, HUD/ONAP questioning information contained in the FY2006 Audit of the Oneida Housing Authority.

The Oneida Housing Authority claimed Ms. Elm committed violations of OHA travel policies and procedures during her term as a member of the OHA Board of Commissioners from 2005-2007 and is seeking to recover alleged overpayments of travel and per diem reimbursement made to Respondent Evelyn Elm in the amount of \$4,776.93. The court found that while Ms. Elm may not have been directly at fault for the excessive overpayment, she did receive and accept the overpayment an incurred personal expenses above that allowed by OHA travel regulations. The court finds the Respondent owes the Oneida Housing Authority \$3,592.62.

**Debra Danforth vs. Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI, et al, Lloyd Powless, Assistant General Manager, Deborah Thundercloud, General Manager, Barbara Kolitsch, Interim Area Manager, Human Resources, Oneida Business Committee, Initiative One Consultant, Tracy**

**Felmer, COO, Initiative One Consultant, Dr. Fred Johnson, CEO.** Docket No. 10-TC-195, October 26, 2010. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Pro Tem Gerald Cornelius, Pro Tem Robert Miller presiding. Petitioner was requesting a temporary restraining order against Respondents to cease and desist her termination until a full investigation can be conducted. Petitioner's case failed to meet the standard for a temporary restraining order in accordance with Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 31(B). Petitioner's facts must be specific and show that if a temporary restraining order is not given it will then result in immediate and irreparable harm, loss or damage will result. This Court has never intervened in an employment case in these circumstances. If Petitioner is terminated, there is a well-established process for adjudicating the validity and legality of the employer's action. At this point, Petitioner's case can not be accepted for review and it was dismissed. The court cited *04-TC-097 Metoxen v Oneida Health Center, 01-11-2005*.

**Oneida Housing Authority vs. Jennifer Hill.** Docket No. 09-TC-135, November 8, 2010. Judicial Officers Leland Wigg-Ninham, Sandra Skenadore and Stanley R. Webster presiding. This was a case out of the Oneida Housing Authority seeking to recover alleged overpayments of travel and per diem reimbursement made to Respondent Jennifer Hill. Respondent claimed that all her trainings were approved by the Oneida Housing Authority and claims there were no personnel policies for the travel for Oneida housing Authority Board Members. Furthermore, the Respondent does not agree with the accounting records submitted by the Petitioner. The Court found, the Oneida Housing Authority Tribal Travel Ordinance, does apply to the Respondent. The court found that the preponderance of the evidence favored the Petitioner. The court finds the Respondent owes the Petitioner, \$5,185.83.

**Oneida Housing Authority vs. Kathleen Stevens.** Docket No. 10-TC-027, November 10, 2010. Judicial Officers Leland Wigg-Ninham, Sandra Skenadore and Stanley R. Webster presiding. This case arose out of the Oneida Housing Authority seeking to recover alleged overpayments of travel and per diem reimbursement made to Respondent Kathleen Stevens.

Respondent claims she does not agree with the accounting records submitted by the Petitioner. Respondent further claims that she was told by an Oneida Housing Authority Staff person that she did not have to keep her receipts for her travel, hotel and per diem. Finally, the Respondent claims she is not responsible for the charges on the Oneida Housing Authority credit cards. The court found in favor of the Petitioner by the preponderance of the evidence submitted by the Petitioner and that the

Oneida Tribal Housing Authority Travel Ordinance does apply to the Respondent. The court finds the Respondent owes the Oneida Housing Authority \$1,513.54.

**Division of Land Management vs. Matthew Ellis.** Docket No. 10-TC-140, November 12, 2010. Judicial Officers Jean M. Webster, Mary Adams and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. This case arose as a request for a money judgment based on contractual obligations arising from an Agricultural Lease between the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Division of Land Management and Respondent, Matthew Ellis. The Tribe alleged Respondent failed to make lease payments as required under the lease. Petitioner requested a money judgment against the Respondent in the amount of \$8,936.40 for unpaid rental payment. Respondent's representative presented the following issues; how trust land impacts the leasing practices; not being afforded the opportunity to present a business plan; a payment plan; and only given a one year lease at a time. As outlined in the Division of Land Management Standard Operating Procedures for Due Process, the Respondent was provided three certified written notices regarding the Respondent's failure to make rental payments. The third and final notice provided notice to the Respondent that the lease would be forward to the Land Commission meeting on April 12, 2010 requesting the Division of Land Management be authorized to terminate the lease and provide a 30-day notice to vacate the premises. Furthermore, the Law Office be authorized to pursue a money judgment. The options were to make payment bringing the account current (paid in full) or make payment arrangements which included signing a Lease Agreement to Cure Default. Respondent failed to bring the account current and signing the Lease Agreement. Petitioner's request for a Money Judgment was granted and this case was dismissed with prejudice.

**Oscar S. Schuyler vs. Deanna Lee Stevens.** Docket No. 10-DI-001, December 23, 2010. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Jean M. Webster and Stanley R. Webster presiding. This is a divorce action. All of the requirements for the Court to grant a divorce under Sec. 72.8-2(b) have been met. The Court found the marriage as irretrievably broken. The 120-day waiting period has expired. The Court granted the divorce and that it is effective immediately. Pursuant to Sec. 72.9-5(d), neither party may re-marry for six months.

Complete copy of the decisions can be obtained at the Oneida Tribal Judicial System office and can be viewed from the Oneida Internet. Submitted by Janice L. McLester.

# Neither side budging in Wisconsin union fight

By Scott Bauer

Associated Press  
MADISON, Wisconsin (AP) ~ Republican backers of the Wisconsin governor's plan to eliminate collective bargaining rights for most public employees are trying to move the explosive proposal closer to reality, even as Democratic lawmakers remained on the run and protesters filled the halls of the Capitol for a second week.

The dispute in the Midwestern state is being watched across America because if Republican Gov. Scott Walker prevails in Wisconsin, other conservative Republican governors may try to go after powerful public employee unions as part of their budget-cutting policies.

The Republican-controlled Assembly planned to debate and possibly vote on the measure Tuesday, but Democrats said they would offer more than 100 amendments in an attempt to improve the bill or at

least drag it out in the hopes concessions will be made. Things are even more chaotic in the Senate, where Democrats have halted the measure with a dramatic decision not to show up since Thursday. That has left Republicans, who control the chamber, one vote shy of the quorum needed to take up the plan.

Republicans planned to forge ahead with other business Tuesday, including a resolution honoring local football team the Green Bay Packers for winning the Super Bowl and a bill extending tax breaks to dairy farmers. Those bills have bipartisan support, but Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald has tried to put pressure on Democrats by threatening to take up more controversial matters.

Defeating the Wisconsin bill and others like it is crucial for public-sector unions, an important part of the

Democratic Party base. President Barack Obama and other Democrats will need the strong support of unions in the 2012 elections - especially in key swing states like Wisconsin - to counter a huge influx of corporate funds allowed under a Supreme Court decision last year.

The high-stakes showdown in Wisconsin has riveted the nation and led to ongoing public protests that drew a high of 68,000 people on Saturday. Neither Republicans nor Democrats are budging: Walker says he won't negotiate, and the 14 missing Senate Democrats say they won't return until he does.

Public employees have said they would agree to concessions Walker wants that would amount to an 8 percent pay cut on average, but they want to retain their collective bargaining rights. One Republican senator also has floated an alternative

that would make the elimination of those rights temporary. Walker has repeatedly rejected both offers, saying local governments and school districts can't be hamstrung by the often lengthy collective bargaining process. He says they need to have more flexibility to deal with up to \$1 billion in cuts he will propose in his budget next week and into the future.

On Tuesday, Walker warned that state employees could start receiving layoff notices as early as next week if the bill isn't passed soon. Walker said in a statement to The Associated Press that the layoffs wouldn't take effect immediately. He didn't say which workers would be targeted but he has

repeatedly warned that up to 1,500 workers could lose their jobs by July if his proposal isn't passed.

"Hopefully we don't get to that point," Walker said.

As the Senate Democrats have stayed away, Republicans have accused them of sidestepping their jobs. Fitzgerald said he may move ahead Tuesday with some contentious issues, such as a Republican-backed proposal requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls.

"You have shut down the people's government, and that is not acceptable," Fitzgerald said to Democrats during a brief meeting Monday setting the Senate's agenda for Tuesday. Two

Democratic senators participated in the meeting by phone.

Democrats counter that Walker could compromise and put an end to the stalemate.

"It's right in front of the governor," Miller said. "He just needs to pick it up and allow us to move on. ... This is a no-brainer."

As Walker spoke under heavy guard at a late Monday afternoon news conference inside his conference room, thousands of protesters could be heard through the doors blowing whistles, banging on drums and chanting "Scott Walker has got to go!"

Associated Press writer Ryan J. Foley contributed to this report.

## From 9A/OTJS

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## Cornelius attends protest at Capitol



Photo courtesy of JP Leary

By Dawn Walschinski  
Kalihwisaks

Oneida citizen Sylvia Cornelius traveled to Madison, Wis. with fellow students in her University of Wisconsin-Green Bay masters class to check out the ongoing demonstration taking place to protest Gov. Scott Walker's plan to end collective bargaining for most public employees.

"We didn't know how big it was going to be," said Cornelius who joined a crowd of approximately 70,000 on Saturday, February 19. "My first concern was 'are we going to get trampled?'"

However, Cornelius stated she was amazed at how calm most of the protesters were.

"Even though they were there for their livelihood, they weren't

angry ... It was a very peaceful protest, that really struck me," she said.

Cornelius was neutral before going to the capital, but then sided with the public workers.

"They're not willing to give up their collective bargaining rights. They're making a concession, it's money out of their pockets, and the governor won't listen," she said.

## Board Vacancies

### Oneida Pow Wow Committee Two (2) vacancies

**Qualifications:**

- Shall serve a three (3) year term.
- May be required to perform supervisory duties in regard to a powwow.

**Deadline:**

4:30, March 24, 2011

### Oneida Library Board One (1) vacancy

**Purpose:**

To monitor and advise programs, services and acquisitions of print and non print materials provided to library clientele.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be an enrolled Oneida Tribal member.
- Must reside on or near the reservation.

**Deadline: 4:30, March 24, 2011**

### Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board: One (1) vacancy

**Purpose:**

To set missions and goals for the delivery of services; to act as liaison between the Oneida Social Services program serving Southeastern Wisconsin and the Oneida people residing therein; to review the programs budget; to guide and advise the programs administration; provide guidance in all the functions of the SEOTS Board; and to adhere to the appropriate chain of command in any and all relative communications.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be an enrolled Oneida Tribal member.
- Resumes will be required for appointments.
- Applicants must agree to firm commitments for attending training, Board and General Tribal Council meetings, functions and other events established by the SEOTS Advisory Board or the Oneida Tribe.

**Deadline: 4:30, March 24, 2011**

Applications and vacancy information can be obtained from the Tribal Secretary's office at the Norbert Hill Center or online at [www.oneidana-tion.org](http://www.oneidana-tion.org). For more information about vacancies, please contact Delilah Mckinney in the Tribal Secretary's office at 920-869-4421.

## Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

P O Box 257, Oneida, WI 54155 • Phone: 920-347-0500 Fax: 920-347-0504

February 18, 2011

Dear Oneida Tribal member,

Over the past few months, Oneida Seven Generations Corporation has strived to provide the public, both tribal and non-tribal, with accurate information about the proposed renewable energy project. While we were awaiting a Department of Energy environmental assessment of the Ashwaubenon site to be completed, we were made aware of a number of different parcels of land in other locations that might be even better suited for the project. As a result, we have decided to pursue locating the facility on a site in the City of Green Bay. This is a business decision based on several factors:

- It makes economic sense
- It is a good location
- We have a positive working relationship with the City of Green Bay

While we respectfully listened to those who did not want the facility located in Ashwaubenon, it was not a major factor in our decision. OSGC has to do what makes business sense and generates revenues for the Oneida Nation. This new site offers us the best opportunity to be successful.

The site is on the city's far northwest side in a remote area; removed from residential neighborhoods. It is surrounded by a city dump site, a dredge material dump site, several construction firms and I-43. It is also close to transmission lines, which is an important consideration. The site, which does not need rezoning, will require a conditional use permit from the City, which we are in the process of obtaining. We have had great cooperation and support from the City, and it is good to be working positively and cooperatively with an entity that understands the many benefits of a renewable energy facility.

As we move forward, we will continue to keep you informed through the Kalihwisaks. For more information about the facility and our project, please visit our website, [www.osgc.net](http://www.osgc.net) or feel free to contact our office at (920) 347-0500, our door is always open to those who are interested in our projects or have concerns.

**Yaw^ko,**  
/s/ Pete King, III  
Oneida Seven Generations Corporation  
Project Manager

Authorized and paid for by Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

[www.osgc.net](http://www.osgc.net)

# More than 100 elders, parents, children uprooted after fire ravages homes on Yakama Indian Reservation

By Darla C. Leslie  
Yakama Nation Review  
Community seeks support for survivors

The Yakama Nation is seeking help and support to aid the survivors of a wildfire that destroyed 20 homes, burned parts of several more, and displaced over one hundred people from the small town of White Swan, Wash., in the heart of the reservation in central Washington state.

In an open letter dated Wednesday, Feb. 16, Yakama Tribal Council Chairman Harry Smiskin wrote of the need for outside assistance from the United States and other governments to help in the care for the displaced and the immediate cleanup in White Swan. The Yakama Nation has been in a state of emergency since the fire began in the afternoon on Saturday, Feb. 12. The Yakama Nation estimates the cost of rebuilding is at least \$4 million, and with other emerging environmental concerns, that sum will only increase.

"We are grateful for the miracle that everyone got out alive, including the people who ran into the street on bare feet as their homes went up in flames, and the babies, the elders and three people with profound disabilities who all survived because the community pulled together," Chairman Smiskin said. "We cannot overlook that blessing as we turn to the difficult work ahead of getting people securely housed for as long as it takes to clean up and rebuild a beautiful White Swan."

A chimney fire is believed to have started

in one home and quickly spread by wind and 50-mph gusts that carried the fire from house to house, down a dry, wooded creek bed and then to more distant homes. The vibrant town of White Swan is devastated by the damage to a total of 24 homes, including some multi-family residences, and destruction of other property including cars, bicycles and all personal belongings, for many. Now members of this tight-knit Yakama community are scattered across the large reservation, some staying with family and others housed in motels.

Few of those whose homes burned could afford homeowner's insurance, and few have savings to fall back upon, making recovery of families and housing in this tribe of 10,000 even more challenging, said Chairman Smiskin. In his letter, Chairman Smiskin states a request for the following kinds of help:

Skilled volunteers who can assist in cleanup, including certified asbestos remediation experts, heavy equipment operators and home builders;

Donations of money, clothes, food and other household goods, including diapers and supplies for babies and children;

Temporary housing for displaced people, and assistance with rebuilding the destroyed houses, a responsibility that the Yakama Nation has undertaken for the victims of the fire.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is expected to bring 10 or 12 trailers to the reservation, which is about half the number of the Yakama Nation's 22 displaced households. It

and other governments, including Washington state, have committed to building strong and lasting relationships with Yakama, and now in the face of disaster the Yakama Nation calls on these relations for help.

Chairman Smiskin states: "These are lands that the United State government holds in trust for Indian people and we hope that the Federal government in the form of the U.S. Congress and the various agencies will respond as they have to other disasters. We believe that more homes have been destroyed by this fire than on any Indian reservation in the history of this country."

Complicating the cleanup, many of the homes were built in the era when asbestos was commonly used in insulation, drywall and floors. Now, Chairman Smiskin said, "the mere potential presence of asbestos among the ashes and debris now littering White Swan presents a serious, time-consuming and expensive environmental dilemma."

In the immediate term, the Nation is worried about getting safe housing and collecting money, food, clothing and other essentials for those who lost their homes or are displaced until cleanup and repair can occur. One of the most pressing needs is for diapers, formula, bottles, baby food, clothing, bedding and other baby supplies. The Indian Health Service opened after the weekend fire to replace medicines for survivors, but it will take far more to help the displaced people for the months or years that it takes to rebuild White Swan.



Photo by Darla C. Leslie, Yakama Nation Review

Ten-year-old Lorelei Eli stands with her siblings surveying the damage to her aunt Georgi Ike's house that burned in a wildland fire that swept through White Swan, Wash. on Feb. 12, 2011.

While the Yakama Nation, its people and its neighbors have responded over the past few days with open hands and hearts, the needs in the short term and the long term are great. The Yakama Nation looks to the United States to uphold its trust responsibility, and to the generosity of the American people to support those affected by this disaster on Yakama lands.

In addition to the local

businesses and centers that are accepting donations, the Yakama Nation has set up the following ways for people across the country to contribute to the community's recovery:

The White Swan Fire Relief Fund at Bank of America, with donations accepted at branches nationwide.

Donations also can be made at the Toppenish Armory, 326 S. Division St., Toppenish, WA

98948.

Donations can be mailed to Yakama Nation CFO Henry Roy, P.O. Box 151, Toppenish, WA 98948.

For more information please contact:

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509.865.5121 ext. 6004 (office)

# Feds kill Catskill casino proposal by Indian tribe

By Micheal Gormley

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) ~ The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on Friday rejected a proposal to build a Native American casino within driving distance of New York City in the storied Catskill

mountains.

The decision ends the effort by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians in Wisconsin to open a casino in the long economically depressed area, once a destination for top celebrities at

world-class resorts in what was known as the Borscht Belt.

The proposal was made in the waning days of former New York Gov. David Paterson's administration last year as a way to bring much-needed jobs to the area and

revenue to the state. But state and federal officials gave it long odds in recent weeks. The effort sought to combine two complex and usually separate issues - a casino application and settlement of ancestral land claims - in a novel legal approach.

"It is disheartening that the U.S. Department of the Interior has done an 11th-hour about-face by failing to support and finalize these agreements," said Kimberly Vele, president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band. "While we believe the department's rationale is weak, we are committed to resolving the issues."

She tribe said the project would have generated \$925 million a year in economic activity and "removed a cloud over thousands of acres" in central New York state while creating a world-class casino creating thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in annual payments to the local county.

"This project would have created jobs and economic development in a region that desperately needs it, but it's not the end of the line," said

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat who supported the effort. "I will continue to work with local leaders and the state to pursue all available options."

The Oneida Indian Nation, which is based in the central New York region where the Stockbridge-Munsee claimed territory, applauded the decision.

"The Stockbridge-Munsee have no legitimate claims to the lands of New York," said Oneida Nation Representative Ray Halbritter. "The process was always destined to fail."

"The elected officials that tried to push this deal through did a disservice to all people in New York by attempting to rewrite history to fit their narrow political interests," Halbritter said in a clear jab at Paterson, the former Democratic governor.

Officials in the Catskills turned to Indian tribes after efforts aimed at amending the state constitution to legalize casino gambling failed. Those efforts suffered a major blow in 2008 when the Bush administration's

Department of Interior rejected plans for separate Catskill casinos involving the St. Regis Mohawks of northern New York and the Stockbridge-Munsee. The federal government cited the great distance between the two tribes' reservations and the casino sites.

So the Stockbridge-Munsee tried to merge its land claim and the casino effort, but it was met with great opposition by the Oneidas, who have a world-class casino in central New York, and by racetracks that operate video slot machine centers, which also provide the state with a cut of the proceeds.

"This is a battle for everybody," said Bennett Liebman, executive director of the Government Law Center at Albany Law School, "and part of it is to block and part of it is to put yourself in a position where you can become fully operative commercial casinos."

Associated Press  
Writer Michael Hill contributed to this report.

## ONEIDA FAMILY FITNESS

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

### Skills, Drills and More!

This program is designed to condition and teach Oneida youth the fundamentals of basketball in a non-competitive fun environment. These Saturday sessions will focus on skills, drills and more. No registration or Fees are required for this program. This program is for youth ages 5 and older (children under the age of 9 must have a parent present while in the facility)

Dates: Saturdays: January 8—March 12  
Location: Oneida Family Fitness Gymnasium  
Times: 8:00am – 9:00am





In the News with...

## Cultural Heritage

### NICOA workers

Shirley Johnson is one of the Museum's National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) workers. She has been with the Museum for nine months. Shirley is helping to re-house and inventory some of the manuscript collections. She has also been helping out in the gift shop by greeting customers, handling sales and assisting with merchandising.

Robert Metoxen is another NICOA worker. He has been with the Museum for a year and two months. Robert has been a big help with organizing and re-housing our photograph collection as well as assisting in the inventory of our manuscript collection.



Contributed photo

**Back Row, L to R:** Sara Summers, Josh Geretich, Arlie Doxtator, and Eliza Skenandore. **Front Row, L to R:** Shirley Johnson, Robert Metoxen, Rita Lara, and John Mencheski. Not Pictured David Doxtator and Sue Peterson.

David Doxtator is our third NICOA worker. He has been with the

Museum for a year and two months. David has been helping us get our

display cases ready for our new exhibits. He also assists in organizing

and inventorying our manuscript collection. David uses his skill in

woodworking to create items for our hands-on collection.

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- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Language House
- Library & Language 3:30–4:30PM at the Oneida Library
- Evening Language 6:00–7:30PM at the Language House

**WEDNESDAY • FEB. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Language House

**THURSDAY • FEB. 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Language House

**FRIDAY • FEB. 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Skenandoah Complex

Classes as scheduled every week starting the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Anyone questions, please call Tracy Williams at 920.490.2472

### From 1A/OFD

that it can help eligible Native Americans living in Green Bay.

The food packages consist of a variety of fresh and packaged vegetables, fruits, meats, pasta, and other staples.

"I believe we have a very good food package; they're nutritional, they're healthy, they're fresh."

Oneida Food Distribution helps approximately 400 clients a month. Lately, many people have been choosing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) over food distribution because it issues an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card that can be used at grocery stores. However, Miller believes Oneida Food Distribution has a few advantages over SNAP.

"A lot of elderly, a lot of disabled that we service benefit from our program because we offer delivery services to those individuals who qualify for it," said Miller. "In the winter they can't get out, and you don't want them out in the weather."

Another advantage is that Oneida Food Distribution attempts to have a one day turn around for applying and receiving services. "If you come in here

and you have an emergency and you qualify, we'll get you done in the same day. We'll get you groceries and get you on your way," he said.

Finally, while some people may think of the limited food selection as a disadvantage, Miller sees an opportunity for individuals to make better choices.

"Our program is geared primarily towards (nutrition). They heavily feature the food pyramid," he said.

Oneida Food Distribution also offers nutritional education classes and recipes.

"We're trying to make inroads with the younger generation to get them to understand the importance of a longer life, healthy living and values that make their life much easier, because if you've got your health, you've got pretty much a lot of good things going for you," he said.

As part of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance, Oneida Food Distribution warehouses a 90 day supply of food in case of emergencies such as storms or floods.

For more information, contact Oneida Food Distribution at 920-869-1041.

## Oneida Nation Museum

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**• 1:00PM, Oneida Color Guard**

(Snow date: Friday • March 4, 2011)

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**Oneida Community Library  
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**STAFF CHILI COOK-OFF!**

**Saturday, April 16th**  
11 AM - 1 PM

## March Lectures at College of Menominee Nation

### Featuring... Robert W. Wheeler, Biographer of Olympian Jim Thorpe

#### Special to Kalihwisaks

The College of Menominee Nation is presenting a series of lectures at the Green Bay and Keshena campuses by Jim Thorpe biographer, Robert W. Wheeler. The public is invited to hear the author discussing Thorpe's life and sports accomplishments at these sessions:

- **Green Bay Campus** – Tuesday, March 15 from 1:30 to 2:50 P.M. and from 6 to 7 P.M. at the College of Menominee Nation campus, 2733 S. Ridge Road, Green Bay (parking off Allied Street cul de sac)
- **Keshena Campus** – Wednesday, March 16

– from 6 to 7 P.M. at the Cultural Learning Center. State Hwy 47/55 seven miles north of Shawano (first right after reservation boundary)

Wheeler hitchhiked over 12,000 miles to interview Jim Thorpe's contemporaries for his book which was dubbed the "definitive volume on Thorpe" by NFL's Pro Magazine. The book, *Jim Thorpe: World Greatest Athlete*, was first published in 1975 and is now in its 21st edition. Wheeler interviewed Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jack Dempsey, Burt Lancaster, Thorpe's children and his teammates from the Carlisle Indian School. The author, who will share wonderful stories about the athlete and

many of his contemporaries, is to this day the only author allowed access to Thorpe's private papers.

Reviews of the book over the years have praised the meticulous research and Wheeler's sympathetic and understanding approach to Thorpe's life. Rose Robinson, Hopi, (The Exchange: a Journal of Native American Philanthropic News) has noted that, "The importance of Wheeler's work is that he was able, before their deaths, to talk to people who had known Thorpe from childhood to the end of his life. Biographies of this depth are practically nonexistent." LaVonna Ann Weller, Caddo, and formerly of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said: "Jim Thorpe: World's Greatest Athlete deserves the accolade as Thorpe's best biography. In my estimation, it should be required reading for every American student." And the late Dick Schaap, author and ABC-TV and Radio sports commentator, called Wheeler "Jim Thorpe's Boswell."

In 1982, Wheeler and his wife, Dr. Florence Ridlon, co-founded the Jim Thorpe Foundation. Armed with the information gathered for the Jim Thorpe biography and additional research findings from the Library of Congress, they set out to achieve the restoration of Jim Thorpe's Olympic honors, a goal which eluded others for 70 years. In 1982, the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee voted unanimously to return Thorpe's awards.

In January, 1983, Thorpe's children were presented with duplicate gold medals by the President of the International Olympic Committee. This reversal of their 70-year position was credited to the efforts of the Jim Thorpe Foundation.

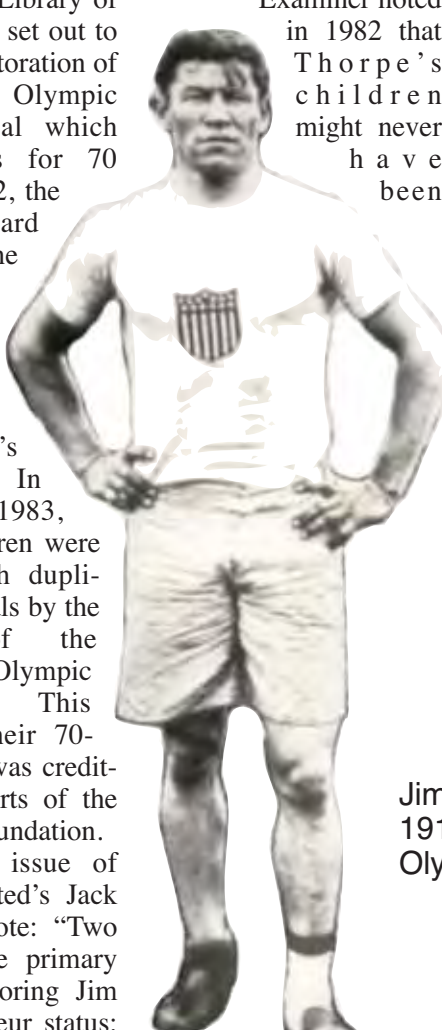
In a 1982 issue of Sports Illustrated's Jack McCallum wrote: "Two people deserve primary credit for restoring Jim Thorpe's amateur status:

author-historian Robert W. Wheeler and arm twister William E. Simon, President of the United States Olympic Committee." Another writer, Richard Levin of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner noted

in 1982 that Thorpe's children might never have been

awarded their father's medals had it not been for the detective work of Florence Ridlon since it was she who uncovered a technicality in the rules of the 1912 Olympics that rendered Thorpe's disqualification invalid and illegal. Levin wrote, "Compassion, a sense of justice, a change of heart or whatever you want to call it, probably had little bearing on the International Olympic Committee's decision to give the medals back to what is left of Jim Thorpe."

The visit by Wheeler is sponsored by the CMN library.



Jim Thorpe at the 1912 Summer Olympics.

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March 6 - 8 • 9:00pm
- **MAVIS STAPLES**  
March 13 - 15 • 7:30pm
- **RAY PRICE**  
March 20 - 23 • 7:30pm

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



## Outdoor Fun at Winter Fest!

Yaw^ko to all those who were able to join us for the first annual Winter Fest at Osnúhasa? Kanya tála! After getting a stamp on their post-cards for trying an activity participants dropped them off in one of the log homes for a chance at prizes. Prizes included a Pendleton blanket, Kayak tour, One Year Fitness Membership and three pairs of Nike N7 shoes! Activities included ice fishing, snow snake, snow shoeing, cross country skiing and getting a blood pressure check. Participants were able to learn about the Just Move It campaign, Healthy Heart, Oneida language ANA grant, Oneida Adventures, Osnúhasa? Lake History, tour the Oneida log homes and try some corn soup. Thank you to the Oneida Departments and staff that made the event possible! Oneida Adventures, Cultural Heritage, Environmental Health & Safety, Oneida Family Fitness, Health Promotions, Health Center, Oneida Tourism, history volunteers and Jr. Miss Oneida. We had a great first year and look forward to seeing you at next year's event.



**Submitted photos**  
 Top: Cliff Cornelius, far left, and family enjoy a chance to go ice fishing on Osnúhasa? Lake as part of the Winter Fest activities.  
 Right: Ice fishing was enjoyed by all. A variety of outdoor activities were offered such as snow shoeing, cross country skiing, and the ancient game of snow snake, as well as indoor tours of the Salt Pork Lane houses.



## Farmers' Market On Broadway 2011

### Application Now Available

GREEN BAY, Wis.— The snow is melting and birds are chirping, it must mean one thing—the Farmers' Market On Broadway is almost here! Farmers' Market On Broadway presented by BayCare Clinic, is now accepting applications for the 2011 season.

The application can be found online at [www.farmersmarketonbroadway.com](http://www.farmersmarketonbroadway.com) or at the On Broadway, Inc. (OBI) office located at 117 South Chestnut Avenue. If you would like an application sent via US Postal Mail, please e-mail [events@onbroadway.org](mailto:events@onbroadway.org) or call (920) 437-2531 with name and address.

The eighth Annual Farmers' Market On Broadway Presented by BayCare Clinic starts Wednesday, June 1, 2011. Farmers' Market On Broadway runs every Wednesday evening June through October from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in September & October), rain or shine. Located on Broadway between Walnut and Dousman Streets in the Broadway District in downtown Green Bay, the market features locally grown produce, artwork from area artists, ready-to-eat food items, beverages from local brewers and vintners, live music, and more.

The Farmers' Market On Broadway is organized and supported by On Broadway, Inc. (OBI). OBI is a non-profit community-based program dedicated to the enhancement of the Broadway District in downtown Green Bay. The Farmers' Market On Broadway was created in an effort to showcase the best of local goods—from fresh produce to original works of art—and connect them with the downtown community. Market resources are provided by OBI and its supporting volunteers and sponsors.

## ~ONEIDA ADVENTURES~

### INVITES YOU TO PADDLE LAKE SUPERIOR!

**The Apostle Islands Are Calling You....**  
 ~ August 5th-8th, 2011 ~

Surround yourself in the breathtaking beauty while paddling crystal clear waters, exploring sea caves, hiking an island forest by wood plank trails, exploring historic Island lighthouses, and enjoying a prepared meal by your campsite fire. Discover the adventure and tranquility that the Apostle's can provide under the instruction and guidance of our staff. Beginners welcome as the trip price includes a pre-trip instruction! We will paddle to Sand Island where nature has carved sea caves consisting of delicate chambers and honeycombed arches into its cliffs. Walk through virgin forests of white pine and hemlock along the wood plank pathways to explore the Apostle's only brown stone lighthouse dating back to 1881. An option of day trips for exploring nearby Islands, mainland sea caves/waterways are possible.

\*Cost includes kayak instruction & pre-trip planning night (required attendance for training), camp fee, guide, kayak, paddling gear, and camp meals. Additional gear may be available.  
 \*Cost: \$375 \*Trip Dates: Aug 5th-8th, 2011  
 \*Cost: \$200 (Oneida Tribal members, Oneida Employees, Oneida Fitness Center Members)

Contact Oneida Adventures for registration/questions: Mark- (920) 490-3846  
 Evening Tours/Classes: Looking for an evening tour, other trips, or kayak classes? Classes on strokes, rescues, roll, and navigation are also available!

## ONEIDA RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Birds chirping can only mean one thing; the Oneida Recreation Summer Program is closely upon us.

**SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE**

Don't let your child miss out!

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
 Location: Civic Center  
 Time: 9 a.m. until filled (phone registration is not allowed)  
 Fees: \$5.00 Recreation membership  
 \$10.00 Summer Program Fee

All Summer Program participants must be members of Oneida Recreation, membership forms can be picked up at the Civic Center or County H.

This year's programs consist of sessions for the following age groups:

- 5 & 6 Year Old
- 7 & 8 Year Old
- 9 & 10 Year Old
- 11-12, 13-16 Year Old

Session I June 13<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Session II July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Session III August 1<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

# Hunter's Safety Course

To register, for one of the following classes, contact the Oneida Conservation Department at (920) 869-1450.

**Class Requirements:**

- ~ \$10.00 fee per student
- ~ Must be 10 years old

## Language 101

with Randy Corneilus

Thursdays from 12pm-1pm at the Norbert Hill Center executive conference room (2nd floor)

N7210 Seminary Rd. Just off Hwy 54 in Oneida

Class Location: Oneida Community Education Center ~ 2632 Packerland Dr., Green Bay

Time: 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Dates:

<u>1st Class:</u>	<u>2nd Class:</u>
February 28 and March 2	March 21,23,28,30, April 4, 6 11 and 12

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1973, MUST pass this course in order to purchase an Oneida Sportsman License.

## Oneida Nation High School Honors, Quarter 2

**Highest Honors**  
Chanel Garcia, grd. 12 - 3.945  
Shalynn Webster, grd. 9 - 3.833  
Fredrick Miller, grd. 10 - 3.833

**High Honors**  
Jessica House, grd. 10 - 3.667  
Kylene Welch, grd. 9 - 3.667  
Ululani Nunies, grd. 12 - 3.571  
Kanani Nunies, grd. 11 - 3.524  
Johnny Big Medicine, grd. 12 - 3.500

**Honors**  
Noelle Metoxen, grd. 10 - 3.477  
Marcus Tucker, grd. 10 - 3.429  
Mason Powless, grd. 11 - 3.429  
Tyler Stevens, grd. 9 - 3.390  
Mary Powless, grd. 12 - 3.277  
Eva Powless, grd. 12 - 3.239  
Shane Skenandore, grd. 12 - 3.191  
Emmitt Big Medicine, grd. 10 - 3.055  
Natasha Stevens, grd. 9 - 3.055

## Oneida Elementary School Honors, Term 2

**Honors**  
Tate, Nathaniel, grd. 4 - 3.418  
Doxtater, Summer, grd. 3 - 3.335  
Jacobs, Malia, grd. 3 - 3.333  
Christjohn, Fox, grd. 4 - 3.250  
Metoxen, Lexandria, grd. 5 - 3.250  
Saldana, Xavior, grd. 3 - 3.168  
Wilbanks, Zhaida, grd. 5 - 3.168  
Fish, Morgun, grd. 4 - 3.085  
Ventura, Ariana, grd. 3 - 3.085  
Cornelius, Aaliyah, grd. 3 - 3.083  
Sitting Bear, Jada, grd. 5 - 3.083  
Smith, Vaniecia, grd. 5 - 3.083  
Stands, Maria, grd. 4 - 3.003  
Barber, Tiara, grd. 4 - 3.000

Danforth, Tekaluhiyaks, grd. 5 - 3.000  
Hill, Cameron, grd. 5 - 3.000

**High Honors**  
Smith, Vianna, grd. 3 - 3.668  
Red Hail, Shienne, grd. 5 - 3.585  
Stevens, Ian, grd. 3 - 3.583  
Cornelius-Daubon, Jenna, grd. 5 - 3.503  
Cornelius, Joseff, grd. 5 - 3.500  
Hill, Justin P, grd. 4 - 3.500  
Hill, Kain, grd. 5 - 3.500  
Runningbear, Jermaine, grd. 5 - 3.500

**Highest Honors**  
Torres-Mejia, Iselena, grd. 4 - 3.918  
Danforth, Eleciah, grd. 3 - 3.835  
Stevens, Lexus, grd. 5 - 3.835

## Oneida Middle School Honors, Term 2

**Honors**  
Hill, Brittney J, grd. 7 - 3.466  
Tate, Yakira D, grd. 6 - 3.466  
Cornelius, Mitchel A, grd. 8-3.418  
Mehojah, Louisa M, grd. 7 - 3.418  
Smith, Synala, grd. 7 - 3.402  
Barton, Ayashe C., grd. 8 - 3.400  
Doxtater-Hill, David J., grd. 7 - 3.334  
John, Florence L., grd. 6 - 3.333  
Bissonette, Brianna E., grd. 7 - 3.266  
Frederick, Taliah R, grd. 6 - 3.266  
Cornelius-Daubon, Jade A., grd. 7 - 3.200  
Denny, Clara A., grd. 6 - 3.168  
Stanton, Tessa D, grd. 7 - 3.168  
Stevens, Shelia B., grd. 8 - 3.134  
Doxtater, Makayla L, grd. 7-3.066

Berg, Akasha C, grd. 7 - 3.003  
Dick, Jeanette A, grd. 8 - 3.000  
Powless, Grace L., grd. 7 - 3.000

**High Honors**  
Halona, Byran K., grd. 8 - 3.668  
Robinson, Michael I., grd. 6 - 3.668  
John, Ruby M, grd. 8 - 3.602  
Danforth, Yohnehtote G., grd. 7 - 3.600  
Doxtator, Briana L, grd. 8 - 3.600  
Torres-Mejia, Sandra G., grd. 6 - 3.600  
Miranda, Mariah M, grd. 6-3.534  
Metoxen, Saquoia R., grd. 6 - 3.500

**Highest Honors**  
Muscavitch, Akacia B, grd. 8 - 4.000  
Escamea, Aleena, grd. 6 - 3.868

## ONSS Perfect Attendance

**Elementary**  
Acosta, Guillermo, grd. 1  
Andre, Trinity R, grd. 2  
Barber, Mariah L., grd. 1  
Barber, Shania C., grd. 2  
Barber, Tiara J., grd. 4  
Danforth, Eleciah M., grd. 3  
Danforth, Evan T., grd. 3  
Doxtater, Elysia N, grd. 3  
Hill, Justin P., grd. 4  
Ortega-Stevens, Vicente M., grd. 3  
Ramirez-Gilsoul, Noemi E., grd. 3  
Saldana, Xavior J., grd. 3  
Smith, Vaniecia D, grd. 5  
Smith, Vashantai M., grd. 2  
Stands, Maria L., grd. 4

Stevens, Arianna M., grd. 1  
Stevens, Christian R., grd. 2  
Torres-Mejia, Iselena T., grd. 4  
Torres-Mejia, Yanet M., grd. 2  
Villalba, Alejandro, grd. 4  
Webster, Kateri L., grd. 4

**Middle**  
Beechtree, Kyle B, grd. 7  
Dick, Jeanette A., grd. 8  
John, Ruby M., grd. 8  
Robinson, Michael I., grd. 6  
Torres-Mejia, Sandra G., grd. 8

Scholarships... & Internships...

## American Indian Journalism Institute

An academic, scholarship and newsroom internship program of the Freedom Forum

AI Neuharth Media Center, University of South Dakota 555 Dakota St., Vermillion, SD 57069 June 15 - 24, 2011

**Submit by postmark deadline March 1, 2011**

The American Indian Journalism Institute offers a concentrated 10-day journalism course and paid summer internships for college students. The institute is funded by the Freedom Forum, an organization promoting employment diversity in America's newsrooms. AIJI students may be eligible to earn three hours of college credit if they successfully complete the class, which is taught at the Freedom Forum's AI Neuharth Media Center on The University of South Dakota's Vermillion campus.

Students attend AIJI for free and receive other financial assistance. Applications are welcome from any Native American college student hoping to become a journalist.

In its first 10 years, more than 170 students have completed the program.

Application forms are available at [www.freedomforumdiversity.org](http://www.freedomforumdiversity.org). Preference will be given to those applicants interested in journalism careers and who show the greatest potential.

AIJI graduates compete for six-week paid

internships as reporters, copy editors, photographers and multimedia journalists in daily newsrooms and with The Associated Press. The internships begin about July 1.

Applicants must submit a signed application and:

- A written essay (at least 500 words). The essay will be read for content and to determine ability to think and to express thoughts and ideas cogently. The essay should be autobiographical, with an emphasis on interest in journalism and what the applicant hopes to accomplish through AIJI.
- A color headshot photo in JPEG format e-mailed to [jharris@freedomforum.org](mailto:jharris@freedomforum.org)
- Two letters of recommendation, preferably from teachers, work supervisors, former employers and members of the journalism community. (No letters from relatives.)
- A copy of a current college transcript.
- A resume or year-by-year listing of education and work history.
- Four to six work samples of any writing/editing/photography/Web experience or classroom assignments.

For more information and to download the application, please visit the following page:

<http://freedomforumdiversity.org/american-indian-journalism-institute/>

## Finish GED this year

The GED (General Education Development Testing Service) will be introducing a new series of exams on January 1, 2012. GED candidate candidates who have begun testing under the current series are being urged to try to pass all five tests by December 31, 2011, otherwise, they will be required to re-take the entire new exam series.

If you or someone you

know has begun GED tests now is the time to complete. It would be a good idea to review before testing if you have not tested or studied in a while. The ONCEC is open to help you. Our hours are 8 to 8 Monday through Thursday; 8 to 4:30 Friday; and 8 to 3 Saturday. Occasionally we have a day off so check our monthly calendar.



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For more information please contact Higher Education Advisor Nicole Stroobants (920) 869-4033 or [nstrooba@oneidanation.org](mailto:nstrooba@oneidanation.org)



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### Public Notice

**Agricultural Land for Lease**  
**Premises considered for bid:**  
**Reference Number:**  
3-4-2011-1  
**Total Tillable Acreage:**  
113 acres more or less  
A map of the location is available.

**Located at:**  
4853 State Route 31  
Vernon, NY 13476  
**Length of Lease:**  
5 years with 5 year option

Applications to be picked-up and dropped off at the D.O.L.M. office located at:  
*Division of Land Management*  
470 Airport Drive  
Oneida, WI 54155  
On our website:  
<http://land.oneidanation.org>

**Mail applications to:**  
*Division of Land Management*  
P.O. Box 365  
Oneida, WI 54155  
**Attn: Sheila Huff**

All applications must be turned in by **March 4, 2011 no later than 4:30 P.M.** No applications will be accepted after this date and time. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked with the reference number. **Opening bids on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 10:00AM @ D.O.L.M.**

**Method of determining who will be awarded the lease:**

- Application enclosed in a sealed envelope with reference number written on the outside of the envelope.
- If the case of a tie, Tribal Member & Tribal Department will be given priority
- Credit score of 600 or better and a maximum debt to income ratio of 36%
- Following the SOP: Distribution of Tribal agricultural leases

Minimum Bid: \$28.00 per acre for the first year then \$38.00 per acre for the second year and thereafter.

PUBLIC NOTICE 01-21-2011

### Notice of Availability

**Purpose:**  
The Oneida Tribe of Indians (Tribe) is proposing to construct an approximately 18,000 square foot addition to the existing casino located at 2020 Airport Road. The expansion will include a sports bar, food court, poker room, smoke shop, combined with other renovations. The project will be funded by the Tribe. The intent is to improve the economy of the Tribe and increase short and long term employment opportunities.

No federal involvement or action has been identified for this project.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by the Oneida Tribe (Tribe) in 1992 for the construction of a gaming facility at 2020 Airport Road. A finding of no significant impact (FONSI) was made by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in March 1993. This addendum for the proposed expansion of the existing casino is in compliance with the Oneida Environmental Policy Act (2-13-93B) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA and addendum contain project information, affected environment, project alternatives, consequences, and consultation.

**Location:** The proposed expansion is planned to connect on the east end of the existing casino located at 2020 Airport Drive, on the Oneida Reservation, located in Township 23 North, Range 20 East, Section 6, Brown County, WI.

**Alternatives: Preferred Alternative:** The preferred alternative is for the Tribe to construct an addition of approximately 18,000 square feet on the east side of the existing. It will include a sports bar, food court, poker room, smoke shop, and other renovations. The addition will be located on what is currently a flat paved valet parking area; approximately 24 parking spaces will be removed. The valet parking will be moved to the south side of the building. No additional parking areas will be added with this proposal. Construction will occur on previously disturbed areas. The area of impervious surface is not expected to increase. Construction is planned for Summer 2012.

The applicant expects 20-25 short term jobs during the construction activities and 25-30 full time jobs resulting from the expanded services.

**No Action Alternative:** To not construct the proposed expansion to the existing Oneida Main Casino location. This will not assist in the goal of expanding gaming operations and improving the economy of the Oneida Nation.

Comments were requested from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding possible impacts to threatened and endangered species, Oneida Cultural Heritage Department for possible impacts to culturally significant areas, and the Environmental Protection Agency for possible permitting needs regarding in-stream development

**Comments and Availability:** Interested parties may obtain copies of these documents from the address below. Comments regarding the proposed action may be submitted within 14 days of the date of this NOA. Contact Lisa Miotke at (920) 869-4582 or write Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 for additional information.

[kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org](mailto:kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org)

### Have You Been Injured?

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### For Sale

**Mini-Lube Garage,**  
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**Sale Price: \$136,500**  
• Buyer must enter into a Commercial Lease with the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin – Division of Land Management. Please contact **Chris Coppens @ Bay Bank 920-490-7600** for further details.



### For Sale

**2000 Dodge Caravan Voyager SE** 152,000 miles, silver – \$2800  
Small utility trailer, 3/6" bed/2'6" sidewalls, \$300  
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### Notice of Availability

**Project Description:**  
The Oneida Tribe is proposing to remove some 1.75 million cubic yards of sand, silt, and clay from a 59.83 acre, tribally owned surface mine. Once the surface materials have been removed, the site will be reworked to form a fishing lake and recreation area for tribal members. The property is located in Outagamie County, north of Crook Road, west of County Highway U, in Township 23 North, Range 19 East, Section 16, in the Town of Oneida. It is two miles south of Central Oneida.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared regarding this proposed action in compliance with the Oneida Environmental Policy (2-13-93B) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The draft EA contains project information, affected environment, project alternatives, and consultation letters.

Comments were requested from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding possible impacts to threatened and endangered species, Oneida Cultural Heritage Department for possible impacts to historic properties, the Army Corps of Engineers for wetland concerns, the United States Environmental Protection Agency for permitting, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Air Management for diesel emissions. Recommendations from the above contacts will be followed, but no significant resource impacts are anticipated.

**Need for Project:** The Oneida community has requested improved fishing opportunities on the Oneida Reservation. Some funding has been provided for restoration of a fishery through compensation for the ecological damages caused by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) contamination of the Fox River and Bay of Green Bay. The former 59.83 acre Binkowski sand and gravel mine was chosen as the potential lake site. The site was mined for sand in the past and provides an opportunity for additional mining. Once the surface material has been removed, the site will be developed for a warm-water lake fishery and recreation area.

**Alternatives:** The *PREFERRED* alternative will be to remove approximately 1.75 million cubic yards of sand, silt, and clay from the site. The Mining Plan details suggest removal strategies and recommend the appropriate equipment for the operation. A plan for stockpiling is being developed to minimize material handling. Once a sufficient amount of surface material has been removed, the area will be developed as a warm-water fishing lake and recreation area. A local construction firm has received a 5-year contract for mining, dredging, and shaping of the site.

The NO-ACTION alternative does not move the tribe forward with the goal of providing recreational fishing opportunities. No further mining or reclamation of the site would pose a safety hazard and potential for illegal dumping.

**Comments & Availability:** Interested parties may obtain copies of these documents from the above address. Comments regarding the proposed action may also be submitted within 30 days of the date of this NOA. Contact Bill Koonz at (920) 869-4569 or write Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 for additional information.

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**kalihwisaks**  
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is...  
**Wednesday**  
**March 2, 2011 @**  
**4:30 P.M.**  
with a  
**PUBLISH DATE of...**  
**Thursday**  
**March 10, 2011**  
Questions, please call: **920-496-7318, 7317 or 7319** or email us at: [kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org](mailto:kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org)

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## New Arrivals

If you have a birth announcement, please send it to the Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or call Yvonne Kaqatosh at (920) 496-7317 for more information. There is NO CHARGE for birth announcements. However, if you would like to include a photo, please send a SASE with your submission. Please include baby's full (first, middle & last) name, parents (first & last), d.o.b., weight (lbs. & oz.), length, grandparents (maternal/paternal), siblings (first 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!

**Otcigae-gon:wah Ronin McLester**

Congrats to KalhaKu' McLester and Marcia Lyons on the birth of their son Otcigae-gon:wah Ronin McLester born Jan. 18, 2011, weighing 7lbs. 15 oz. and 20" at birth. She is welcomed by her sister Ileigh. Proud grandparents are Tsyosha?ah C. Delgado and Eric McLester, and Fran and Kent Lyons. Paternal great grandparents are Gordy and Betty McLester.

**Mariana Llana Nieto**

Mariana Llana Nieto was born to proud parents Maria Bain and Ramsey Nieto on February 12 at 11:22am at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wisc. She was 6lbs, 6oz and 19inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Nina D. Mares and Linden Bain. Paternal grandparents are Elidia Murrillo and Arturo Nieto.

**Avery Vivian Marion Doxtator**

Avery Vivian Marion Doxtator was born to proud parents Jean Hoffmann and Jonathan Doxtator of DePere, Wisconsin. Avery was born at Aurora Medical Center in Green Bay, WI on January 17, 2011 at 7:11am. She was 20in long and weighed 7lbs, 1oz at birth. Paternal great-grandparents are Betty and the late Leo Doxtator of Oneida and the late Frank and Marion Scotka of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Maternal grandparents are Steven and Debbie Hoffmann of New Franken, Wisc. Maternal great-grandparents are Marvin and Patricia Hoffmann of Green Bay, Wisc. and Shirley and the late Andrew Machurick of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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# Thunderhawk

## ONHS yearbook cover winners announced

Winners of the Annual ONHS Yearbook Cover Contest were announced by Art Teacher Becky Anderson.

All art students had to submit a cover and the covers were voted on by ONHS staff.

The winners were:  
 First – Kalene Beechtree, \$75. Second – Shanna Jourdan, \$50. Third – Kanani Nunies, \$25.

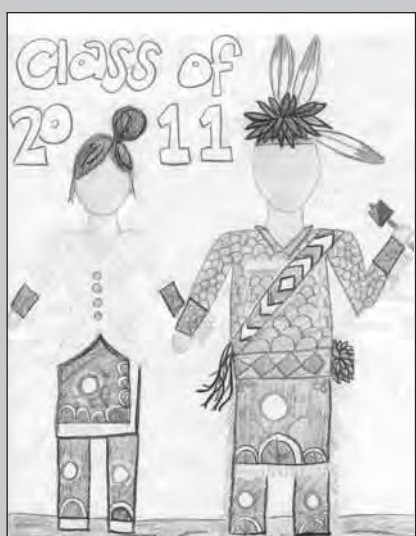
Anderson said that the covers this year were “so good, that all of them will be displayed somewhere in the yearbook.”



1st



2nd



3rd

## Get to know Shanna Jourdan

By Billie John

Thunderhawk Times

Q: What is your favorite color[s]?

A: Green, & Purple.

Q: When is your birthday?

A: February 15th.

Q: How old are you?

A: Seventeen.

Q: Who is your favorite singer?

A: Everyone!

Q: Do you have any brothers/sisters?

A: Yes.

Q: How many brothers/sisters?

A: Two of each.

Q: What is your favorite season?

A: Spring.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Chillin' with family, listening to music, texting.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Great Dane Dog.

Q: What is your favorite class in school?

A: Journalism!

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Ace Ventura & When Nature calls.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Basketball, Volleyball, Softball.

Q: Who is your hero in your family/

## Press skip on Paramore's Brand New Eyes

By Jade Doxtater and Thunderhawk Times Staff

Thunderhawk Times

Paramore is an American rock and roll band from Tennessee. The band was formed in 2004 and is made up of lead vocalist Hayley Williams, bassist Jeremy Davis, and guitarist Taylor York.

The group's 2005 debut album was All We Know is Falling. It's second album was Riot! Released in 2007, it went Platinum in the U.S. and Gold in 4 other countries.

The band's third album, Brand New Eyes, was released in 2009 and has exceeded sales of the other albums. This album is new music. It doesn't sound like anyone else. It's unique. Original.

I am not recommending that you listen to the band Paramore. I like the idea that I'm the only one who seems to listens to it.

## What's happening at ONHS

By Joelle Thomas and Thunderhawk Times Staff

Thunderhawk Times

There has been a lot going on at ONHS this month.

Classes are having a competition for a pizza party, based on overall attendance. Something else exciting is happening: Andrew Bogut of the Milwaukee Bucks is supporting good attendance by giving away tickets for every student with perfect attendance for the month. If you qualify, you will actually get two tickets for free. One for the student and the other, paid for by the ONHS student council, for an adult.

All you need to do is be at school, and be on time. For those who aren't at school and those who are late, you are automatical-

ly disqualified.

On February 22, teachers Becky Nutt and Lynn Adrian took four students on a trip to Madison for the Junior Science Engineering and Humanities Symposium. Earlier in the month students also went to Lakeland College for the next step in the Science Fair.

On Monday, February 28, Lynn Adrian and Denis Gullickson will be taking twenty students skiing to Pine Mountain as an incentive for good work during the first semester.

We also had Parent-Teacher Conferences in early February.

It may be the shortest month, but there has been a lot happening.

## Biodiesel project underway

By Jason Skenadore and Thunderhawks Times Staff

Thunderhawk Times

The use of vegetable oil as fuel in diesel engines is just about as old as the diesel engine. It's only recently that there has been an emphasis on using plant oils and animal fats as biodiesel fuel.

Biodiesel fuel is quickly becoming popular among people who are trying to replace the highly expensive petrol

fuel. They are hoping to save money in gas as well as save the world from the pollution that is pushed into the air.

Through research they are finding many things that show biodiesel to be more useful than just saving money.

The ONHS science class has a project underway involving biodiesel fuels. Watch for the next few issues of Thunderhawk Times for updates on this project.

## Our take on snow days and school closing

By Jo Jo Santiago and Thunderhawk Times Staff

On Monday, February 21, we had a snow day, just as most area schools did. With a big snowstorm on the way, many schools had already announced that Monday classes were canceled on Sunday night.

According to our handbook, the school is “closed during inclement weather by the School Administration, by their discretion if the weather conditions are such that it endangers the students' well being and safety.”

The handbook outlines a plan of action put into effect “when it is neces-

sary to call school off due to inclement weather or other justifiable conditions.” 1. The decision to close will be made at the earliest possible time, utilizing all available information regarding conditions.” 2. Advance notices will be given via the radio whereby parents will be informed so that they many make necessary measures.

The radio stations that are contacted are the most-listened to in the area. All areas TV stations are contacted. Usually, the school informs the radio and TV stations by 6:30 on the day of inclement weather. These days, a lot of people find out via the internet, even over their cell phones.

These same radio and TV stations are contacted if school is closed during the course of the school day.

With a foot of snow on Monday, most ONHS students said they slept in. Others said they had to get out and shovel, so

they were up earlier than they wanted to be.

Junior Shanna Jourdan said she likes snow days because “We work hard and deserve a break once in awhile.”

Freshman Billie John said, “On snow-days I usually sleep until noon to catch up on my sleep. I look forward to them by staying up late the day before.”

Making up snow days is always a concern for students because it makes the school year longer. Usually making up snow days depends on how many there are in a year.

Billie said, “I don't think we will make this one up in June because the past one on February 21 was the first one we had this year.”

Usually a certain number of snow days are “built into the calendar” said Principal Bob Ganka. So, if there aren't too many or any more, it shouldn't be a problem for Thursday, January 10.

## 48th Annual Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Thunderhawk Times

It's a mouthful, but it is also a sign that exciting things are happening in the ONHS science department.

After school on Tuesday, February 22, ONHS teachers Becky Nutt and Lynn Adrian took four young ladies from school to the 48th Annual Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Students going on the trip were Noelle Metoxen, Rachel Ninham, Allie Spruce, and Evyanna Ortega.

Nutt was excited about the trip because, she said, “For the first time we will have students presenting their science research in a poster session.”

It looks like an action-packed two days with Student Visits to various science, engineering, and humanities sites sched-

uled already for Wednesday morning.

Wednesday afternoon was set aside for student presentations.

In between, students got some recreation time and the chance to hear several key speakers, including science and engineering students from the university. There was also some time for recreational activities such as swimming at Madison's Lowell Center.

The ONHS group will return to school on Friday morning.

## Meet Billie John

By Shanna Jourdan

Thunderhawk Times

Well, today is Billie John's fifteenth birthday.

She was born on February 22, 1996.

A few of her favorites include: Her favorite color, which is red. Her favorite singer is Bone Thugs.

Billie's favorite season would be fall. Billie's favorite animal is a Panda.

Her favorite TV show is “Keeping up with the Kardashians.”



Billie John

She has a favorite class in school, it is Science.

Her favorite movie are Friday, Cakers Love, and bas-ketball, when madia goes to jail.

Her hero in her family is her grandma.

Her hobbies would be volleyball, shopping, and texting!

She has two brothers. She says her life is “going good” and she plans “on graduating and going to college.”

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# Myths vs. Facts: Renewable Energy Facility: Part II

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There continues to be a considerable amount of misinformation circulating about the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (OSGC) Renewable Energy Facility. It's intended to scare and mislead people. We live here too and would not undertake a project that would be harmful to people or the environment. Our business philosophy maintains an eye toward the future, focused on sustainable growth for both our tribal economy and that of the surrounding area.

It's important to have a thorough understanding of what the project is and isn't. We hope you will find the following information helpful as you learn more about the facility. We have grouped the myths and responses to make it easier to find answers to your questions.

## Transportation and Operations

### Myth:

There will be 40 trucks per day coming into the facility

### Fact: This is misleading.

There will be a maximum of 20 trucks coming to the facility every day. Yes, they do need to leave the facility as well, but it is inaccurate and misleading to say it's 40 loaded trucks per day. Currently, the proposed site has a daily traffic count of 10,000 vehicles.

Source: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/counts/docs/brown/ash-waubenon2009.pdf>

### Myth:

There will be daily transportation of 150 tons of bio-waste though a dense population center. This waste will be sorted by hand, by one person in a biohazard suit, to search for toxic material.

### Fact: This statement is false.

The waste that will come to the facility is Municipal Solid Waste (MSW); typical household waste. This is the same waste that goes to our landfills and is not a hazardous waste. Yes, the waste will be sorted to eliminate inappropriate materials (such as household paint, etc. that residents sometime throw into the garbage). Plant employees will not need to wear biohazard suits since there will be no toxic material brought to the plant.

Additionally, the plant will increase the rate of recycling by removing #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum and various other metals. Approximately, 8% of all MSW is still recyclable.

Sources:

Hazardous Waste Definition by EPA: <http://www.ehs.ohio-state.edu/docs/envaff/cmguide/chapter3.pdf>

MSW Definition: <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/solidwastesummary.htm#waste>

### Myth:

Leaching of toxic metals cadmium, lead, and mercury occurs more rapidly at low pH, and contaminates groundwater.

### Fact: This is false and misleading.

The proposed Pyrolysis System is a completely closed loop system so all gases are contained. Likewise, all wastewater will be contained. It will also be filtered to a level that it can be disposed in a public sewer, just like dish, shower and sink water.

### Myth:

The facility will generate toxic ash (one ton of ash for every four tons of waste).

### Fact: This is false.

The fact is, for every 10 tons of waste, one ton of a byproduct called carbon ash (not toxic ash) will be produced. The byproduct is completely inert and the remainder can be, and is used in numerous industries.

### Myth:

The process is very inflexible and stifles innovation

### Fact: This is false.

Pyrolysis gasification is an alternative to incineration, a better and cleaner method of creating renewable energy; therefore it stimulates innovation and opens the door to advancing current waste-to-energy technologies.

### Myth:

The number of inbound trucks is will range from 25-48 trucks during business hours Monday through Thursday, and 75-144 trucks during Friday business hours to stock up for weekends.

### Fact: This is false.

The maximum number of inbound trucks will be 25 per day. The claim that there will be 75 to 144 trucks on Fridays is false and based on no data or actual information.

Simple Math:

- The facility will process 150/tons of MSW per day x 7 days a week = 1,050 tons/week.
- Maximum 20 trucks per day (Monday through Friday) x 13 ton average capacity = 260 tons/day x 5 days (Monday through Friday) = 1,300 tons/week
- Maximum of 20 trucks per day can supply more than enough MSW for the week in five days (Monday through Friday).

### Myth:

The number of outbound trucks carrying the plant's toxic nano-particulate byproduct may range from 7 to 12 per day, Tuesday through Friday, and 21 to 36 trucks on Mondays to remove each weekend's accumulated byproduct.

The remainder is blown by prevailing winds over a distribution area that includes most of Brown County.

### Fact: Both statements are false.

Again, this is speculation and conjecture which is not based on any factual information. The byproduct, Carbon Char (not toxic ash), will be shipped in sealed containers at an anticipated rate of one, to a maximum of three, trucks per day. The byproduct is completely inert and can be used in numerous industries.

Source:  
 "Yes, waste-to-energy ash is safe" (<http://www.energyrecoverycouncil.org/faq>)

The statement that the rest of the byproduct will be "blown away by prevailing winds," is false. It would be impossible considering the byproduct, as well as the waste and everything else in the plant, will be in a closed loop system at all times.

## Community & Public

### Myth:

Incineration is extremely unpopular with the public; so much so that the industry uses misleading terminology and names.

### Fact: This is false and misleading.

Gasification is not incineration. Incineration is the burning of fuels in an oxygen-rich environment, where the waste material combusts and produces heat and carbon dioxide, along with a variety of other pollutants.

Gasification is the conversion of feedstocks into their simplest molecules: carbon monoxide, hydrogen and methane forming a syngas which then can be used for generating electricity or producing valuable products.

Source: [http://www.gasification.org/page\\_1.asp?a=79](http://www.gasification.org/page_1.asp?a=79)

Pyrolysis is not incineration. Pyrolysis technology is different from conventional incineration. There are a number of noteworthy, additional differences between pyrolysis technology and conventional incineration.

First, pyrolysis technology is an endothermic reaction (absorbs heat) while combustion is an exothermic reaction (releases heat).

Secondly, pyrolysis occurs in the presence of an insignificant amount of oxygen."

Source: [http://yosemite.epa.gov/r5/r5ard.nsf/2134f82000aa062c86257577004df4d77ea207b44e70abab862574c8006e223c/\\$FILE/kulp3.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/r5/r5ard.nsf/2134f82000aa062c86257577004df4d77ea207b44e70abab862574c8006e223c/$FILE/kulp3.pdf)

As for the assertion that the public is opposed to it; that is a generalized statement that cannot be factually supported. Arguments can be made to the contrary. Many believe, and science supports it, that this type of facility is safe and beneficial to the environment and community.

### Myth

The facility won't get rid of landfills.

### Fact: It has never been stated that the facility will eliminate landfills.

Oneida's renewable energy facility will be able to dispose of as much as 80% of local municipal solid waste that would otherwise be landfilled. The project's purpose is to extend life of current landfills so communities do not need to build new landfills in the future.

### Myth:

It wastes valuable time (25 yrs. or more) to pay off massive capital investment costs involved with building an incinerator.

### Fact: This statement is false.

Once again, OSGC is building a Pyrolysis System, not an incinerator, which solves two problems at once:

1. Producing electricity
2. Diverting waste from landfills and reducing emissions

Again, it is up to the private corporation (OSGC) to decide if the investment is worth it or not. OSGC believes it is a worthwhile investment from many perspectives.

Twenty-five years of disposing of waste, while generating electricity, is not a waste of time. According to the EPA, "A total of 230 million tons of MSW was generated in 1999." Most of this waste was land filled.

Sources: <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/solidwastesummary.htm#waste>

Waste-to-Energy Plants avoid methane emissions generated from Landfills:  
 "When a ton of solid municipal waste is delivered to a waste-to-energy facility, the methane that would have been generated if it were sent to a landfill is avoided

[http://www.energyrecoverycouncil.org/userfiles/file/ERC\\_2010\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.energyrecoverycouncil.org/userfiles/file/ERC_2010_Directory.pdf)

### Myth:

It is reckless to place a large, untried incinerator gasification demonstration project, that's the first system of its kind next to a large number of residential homes, churches and schools.

### Fact: This opinion is not based on factual information.

This WTE project is not incineration based nor is it a first of its kind. The Pyrolysis Gasification units have been used successfully in the U.S. and around the world.

"Demonstration Project" means the project will serve as an example to be followed by other communities willing to reduce methane emissions from landfills and CO2 emissions from coal burning plants.

### Myth:

WTE facilities are a burden in many ways:

- Plummeting property values
- Widespread air, soil & water contamination
- Adverse health impact
- Tax increases upon neighborhoods further from the facility to make up for tax revenues lost from properties rendered valueless
- Economic domino effect from chasing away business and residents due to the above.

### Fact: These statements are false.

• There is no data indicating property values decreasing because of light manufacturing/industry nearby. This is clearly being used as a scare tactic.

• There will be no widespread air, soil or water contamination. All EPA regulations will be strictly followed. Any wastewater (the same as residents' sink and bath water) will be threaded and properly disposed.. This is clearly being used as a scare tactic. Please see the health and safety section of this document.

• There is no adverse health impact data found at any other Pyrolysis operating facilities throughout the US or the rest of the world. This is clearly being used as a scare tactic. Please see the health and safety section of this document.

• No data indicates there will be tax increases in the Village of Ashwaubenon because of this facility. This is clearly being used as a scare tactic.

• No business has identified its intent to vacate their properties, because of this facility. Once again, the Ashwaubenon Business Park includes Light Manufacturing. The land is zoned light industrial by Oneida. This is clearly being used as a scare tactic.

## From 7B/Myths vs. Facts

### Construction

#### Myth:

The builder has only built one other building; this is the second one.

#### Fact: This statement is false and unsupported..

Alliance Construction and Design is comprised of more than 20 building professionals with an average of 23 years of experience each; completing more than 100 projects in the past year and a half alone.

This is the first facility Alliance is building in partnership with a highly experienced engineering firm (ACTI: American Combustion Technologies Inc.) from California; a firm that has constructed other similar facilities. The building itself is a simple commercial structure which will look much like other offices on Packerland Drive. The technology will be installed and monitored by engineers from both ACTI and Alliance.

### Regulatory & Legal

#### Myth:

OSGC has chosen to ignore the illegality of incinerators in the surrounding zoning by wrongly suggesting its incineration gasification scheme somehow fits with the clean corporate enterprises flourishing in Ashwaubenon corporate business park.

#### Fact: This statement is false.

OSGC is not building incineration facility. Gasification is not incineration. Incineration is the burning of fuels in an oxygen-rich environment, where the waste material combusts and produces heat and carbon dioxide, along with a variety of other pollutants. Gasification is the conversion of feedstocks into their simplest molecules - carbon monoxide, hydrogen and methane forming a syngas which then can be used for generating electricity or producing valuable products. Source: [http://www.gasification.org/page\\_1.asp?a=79](http://www.gasification.org/page_1.asp?a=79)

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In addition, according to the Municipal Code of the Village of Ashwabenon, The Business Park (Section 17-16- Business Park) allows Light Manufacturing.

Source: <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=14203&stateId=49&stateName=Wisconsin>, and "Light Industry District (LM)" is used interchangeably <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=14203&stateId=49&stateName=Wisconsin>

#### Myth:

There is no identified agency currently guarantying oversight and enforcement of Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act violations of this site.

#### Fact: This is false.

This project is, and will continue to be, subject to EPA, DOE (Department of Energy) and BIA oversight as appropriate and as outlined in those organizations /agencies rules and regulations.

The EPA has regulatory jurisdiction for pre-construction air permitting of facilities that are considered 'major sources' - that is with potential air emissions greater than 250 tons per year (each pollutant) for facilities located on tribal lands. The current OSGC project includes equipment and process capacity that would result in air emissions lower than the 'major source' level. Because the project is not a major source, no pre-construction permit is required.

As for an environmental assessment (EA): An environmental assessment was conducted by an independent third party for OSGC and submitted to the BIA, which is currently reviewing the EA. In addition, the DOE is currently preparing its own EA as part of the NEPA process.

A permit for operation, called the Operating Permit, will be required by the EPA for the facility once it becomes operational. The permit application will be prepared and submitted prior to the start of operation. This ensures all Clean Air Act requirements are met.

In fact, in a December letter to the Village of Hobart, the EPA stated: "The EPA is currently in the process of gathering information regarding this facility. Any permit issued by the EPA for such a project must ensure that the public health and welfare is protected pursuant to all Clean Air Act requirements."

## ND House says UND must keep Fighting Sioux name

By Dale Wetzel

Associated Press  
BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) ~ Setting up a potential clash with the NCAA, the North Dakota House on Monday approved a bill that requires the University of North Dakota to keep its Fighting Sioux athletics nickname.

The university has been preparing to drop the nickname and its American Indian head logo this summer as part of a negotiated lawsuit settlement with the NCAA, which considers both to be hostile and abusive to American Indians.

House members voted 65-28 to approve legislation Monday that requires UND to keep the nickname and logo, and directs Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem to consider an antitrust lawsuit against the NCAA if any penalties result.

The bill now goes to the North Dakota Senate for its review. An NCAA spokeswoman, Gail Dent, declined to comment on the House vote.

Supporters of the measure argued that North Dakota's Board of Higher Education, in deciding to discard the nickname and logo, ignored strong public sentiment in favor of both. Opponents of the nickname and logo say they are racist and demeaning.

"Overwhelmingly,

Native Americans and regular North Dakota citizens ... they said, we don't want the name to go away," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Al Carlson, R-Fargo, the House majority leader. "Are we supposed to ignore it, and say, we don't have the authority to do that?"

Separately, representatives voted down two related bills that required UND to keep the nickname unless the members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe voted to revoke permission for using it. Neither bill got more than eight votes in favor.

The tribe's governing council has approved several resolutions opposing the nickname, but it has never been the subject of a reservation vote. North Dakota's other major Sioux tribe, the Spirit Lake Sioux, endorsed the nickname and logo in an April 2009 referendum.

"If we keep the nickname, you get respect. If you change, you get ridicule," said Rep. Mike Schatz, R-New England. "A new nickname will make you the laughingstock of the conference, because you will have no will to stick to your tradition."

Opponents of Carlson's proposal said it would ignore years of review of the issue by the Board of Higher Education and UND that resulted in the decision to discard the nickname

and logo. "We will have decided that after five years of work on the part of the University of North Dakota's faculty, their staff, their students ...the higher education board and the attorney general to name some - they're all wrong. They didn't get it," said Rep. Phillip Mueller, D-Valley City.

The NCAA declared the American Indian nicknames of more than a dozen colleges, including UND, to be "hostile and abusive" in 2005.

The state sued, and the two sides settled out of court in October 2007, with UND agreeing to retire the nickname if the school could not get the consent of the Spirit Lake and Standing Rock Sioux tribes to continue using it. If UND keeps the Fighting Sioux nickname, the school may be barred from hosting NCAA postseason tournaments.

Rep. Eliot Glasheim, D-Grand Forks, said the "dominant feeling" at UND was that "we do not want two more years of legal battles. We do not want a divided campus."

"I certainly wish we could keep the name and logo. They are strong and meaningful," Glasheim continued. "But we cannot keep the name and logo without dooming the University of North Dakota to never-ending controversy."

## Echo Hawk Announces the BIE's Participation with PALA Challenge

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk announced today that the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools will participate in the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) Challenge inspired by the First Lady's Let's Move! initiative and commemorating the Let's Move! one year anniversary. PALA is a six-week long physical fitness challenge managed by the President's Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, & Nutrition (PCFSN) and is part of the First Lady's Let's Move! campaign to end childhood obesity within a generation. Levi Horn, a profes-

sional football player with the Chicago Bears, member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and representative of Nike's programs for Native American and Aboriginal communities, called Nike N7, will be the face of this program.

"I want to challenge every BIE school to join First Lady Michelle Obama in combating childhood obesity through the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) and help meet the million PALA challenge goal," Echo Hawk said. "Obesity and related diseases affect our communities and children in disproportionate ways that need to be addressed immediately, and this challenge is a great step in the right direction to help change the health and quality of life for our children in Indian Country."

"As a Native American, with most of my family coming from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, I've personally witnessed the effects of childhood obesity on my community," said Levi Horn. "I am encouraged by the efforts of the Bureau of Indian Education in fostering healthy lifestyles through the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award, and hope that my story will be an inspiration to native students around the country."

Today, obesity rates in Indian Country are high-

er than those of any other racial or ethnic group studied. Obesity is twice as common among four year old American Indian and Alaska Native children (31 percent) than among white (16 percent) or Asian (13 percent) children. This is a health and quality of life issue that cannot continue to go unaddressed.

The goals of the challenge are:

- Every person commits to participating in some form of physical activity five days a week, for six out of eight weeks.
  - Youth, ages 18 and under, have to complete 60 minutes of activity and adults have to complete 30 minutes of activity.
  - At the end of eight weeks, anyone who successfully accomplishes the challenge will receive a special presidential award.
- BIE schools will have 8 weeks to complete the challenge with incentives of special awards given to both students and schools. The goal is to get 25,000 people across Indian Country and to support the President's 1 million participants PALA challenge by August 2012.
- "This is a tremendous opportunity for our schools to participate in a positive and inspirational event," said Director of the Bureau of Indian

• See 12B, PALA

# www.osgc.net

It seems like it was yesterday when we learned to ride our bikes **together**, discovered that we both liked to dance and speak our language. It seems like we were **never apart** and everyone knew we were **best friends**. When we decided to go to school, we made sure we were going to be roommates. When you finally landed that first job after all your hard work, I was the first to say "**congratulations.**" When you said you wanted to help the youth on the reservation, I said, "**Let's do it together.**" Then came a time when you told me that you have a **mental health problem, depression and anxiety.** Now I know that anyone can experience mental health problems, even **Native People.** We thought we knew everything, yet I really didn't **understand** what a **difference** my support can make in your recovery. Well, I am here for you. I **will be** here for you. And—as always—**we will recover together.**

Visit [www.whatadifference.samhsa.gov/native](http://www.whatadifference.samhsa.gov/native) to learn how you can help support a friend.

## DRUMS Across ONEIDA

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Great Snow Moon

February, 2011

### Elder Services Tax Assistance - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

By Joyce Johnson

Elder Abuse Prevention Supervisor, Oneida Elder Services

Elder Services is working with UWGB-VITA tax representatives on scheduling tax assistance at the Elder Services building at 2907 S. Overland Rd. Oneida, WI 54155 in March 2011. We are working on setting up two mornings with the first appointment starting at 8:30 AM and last appointment being set for 11:30 AM. Appointments are expected to be about one hour. If you are interested in having your name put on a list for contact once definite dates are set please give Angela Ortiz, Benefit Specialist a call at (920) 869-2448 or (800) 867-1551. We are planning on have 20 – 30 openings pending volunteer availability. List will be first come first served basis.

### Medicare Part D and Related Topics

Hosted By: Oneida Elder Services

Thursday April 14, 2010

11:00 A. M. – 2:15 P. M.

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

2040 Airport Dr.

Green Bay, WI 54313

Do you know what Medicare Part D, Low Income Subsidy (LIS), Medicare Savings Program are? Come join us, learn what and how to access programs that may be able to help qualified consumers. Oneida's Contract Health will also be providing information on guidelines and qualifications for their services.

Space is limited to 20 people, elders 55+. You must sign up to attend, first come first served basis. Refreshments and a snack will be provided.

Please contact for sign up or questions: Angela Ortiz, Elder Benefit Specialist 920-869-2448 or (800) 867-1551

### 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease

- Have you noticed any of these warning signs?
1. Memory Changes that disrupt daily life
  2. Challenges in planning or solving problems
  3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure
  4. Confusion with time or place
  5. Trouble understanding visual images and shapes
  6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
  7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
  8. Decreased or poor judgment
  9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
  10. Changes in mood and personality

**Fact:** Alzheimer's Disease is the most common neurodegenerative disorder for individuals aged 65 years or older currently affecting 6.5 million individuals in the United States.

Call Linda F. Douglas at 920-869-2448 for more information.

### FREE AARP Tax Preparation Sites

#### DEPERE COMMUNITY CENTER

Distance: 3.87 mile(s)  
Address: 600 GRANT ST, DE PERE, WI 54115-1318

E-filing Status: Yes  
Contact Telephone: (920) 336-6054  
Handicap Accessible: Yes  
Site Schedule: Fri 9:00AM-12:15PM; WE 9A-12NOON  
Appointment: Appointment Required

#### Ashwaubenon Community Center

Distance: 4.33 mile(s)  
Address: 936 ANDERSON DR, GREEN BAY, WI 54304-5011

E-filing Status: Yes  
Contact Telephone: (920) 494-2828  
Handicap Accessible: Yes  
Site Schedule: Mon 12:30PM-3:30PM  
Comments: APPOINTMENT PREFERRED, Do not call the church  
Appointment: Walk-ins Welcome

#### Brown County Aging & Disability Resource Center

Distance: 7.47 mile(s)  
Address: 300 S ADAMS ST, GREEN BAY,

WI 54301-4516

E-filing Status: Yes  
Contact Telephone: (920) 448-4300  
Handicap Accessible: Yes  
Site Schedule: Tue 12:30PM-3:30PM; Thu 12:30PM-3:30PM; Sat 2/24 & 3/24 12:30pm - 3:30pm  
Appointment: Appointment Required

#### Bellevue Community Center

Distance: 7.96 mile(s)  
Address: 1811 ALLOUEZ AVE, GREEN BAY, WI 54311-6235

E-filing Status: Yes  
Contact Telephone: (920) 468-5225  
Handicap Accessible: Yes  
Site Schedule: Wed 12:30PM-3:30PM; 2/17 & 3/17 -12:30pm to 3:30pm  
Comments: APPOINTMENT PREFERRED  
Appointment: Walk-ins Welcome



### Meet your SSA Rep

Social Security Administration  
Chong Domaszek, SSA Representative

Will be at the

Senior Center

134 Riverdale Dr. Oneida, WI 54155

on

Wednesday March 23, 2011

at 12:00 PM

The Social Security Representative will be discussing retirement planning, financial guidelines while working and receiving benefits. They may also be able to answer general social security questions.

Any questions please call Angela Ortiz, Elder Benefit Specialist at (920) 869-2448 or (800) 867-1551

### Oneida Elder Services Library

Stop in and check out the Elder Service Library. Staff is well informed of responsibilities and ready to assist. Customers are our priority and excellent customer service is essential.

- Computers for customer use.
- Additional Library equipment available for customer use: copier, fax machine and Aladdin magnifying device. No large copying of data – no bulk copying.

#### Library at Oneida Elderly Services



Hours: Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

### Do you know who we are?



Photo courtesy of Lloyd Powless

These photos were given to the grandfather an area man. The grandfather lived near Paulson Farm and St. Johns Lutheran church on Babcock. The photo to the left has the names Robinson and Andrew underneath. The above photo has the names Andrew, Robinson and Louise, and in the lower right hand corner there's an embossment with a signature and underneath it appears to say Carlisle. Please contact Lloyd Powless at 920-496-7352 if you have information about the photos.



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## Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems

# Delicious, Healthy Meat Options from Oneida Farms and Tsyunhekw<sup>^</sup>

**By Alyssa Mannering**  
UW-Green Bay Dietetic Intern

There's something about fresh, local products that gets a dietetic intern excited! Oneida Farms and tsyunhekw<sup>^</sup> raise and offer excellent products, including grass-fed and free-range livestock. There are plenty of health benefits from consuming meat and poultry that are organic, grass-fed or free-range. Not to mention, buying locally from Oneida helps put money back into the tribe. It's like buying from your neighbor; you know the source of the meat and can feel safe and healthy eating it.

The certified organic 83-acre farm, tsyunhekw<sup>^</sup>, has been certified since 2001/2002. For livestock, certified organic means that there has to be access to the outdoors when seasonally appropriate; access to pasture; no antibiotics, synthetic growth hormones, slaughter byproducts, or genetically modified organisms (GMOs); and 100% organic feed. Basically, these animals are treated as if they were out in nature, plus some extra pampering.

Studies have shown that grass-fed cattle have a higher percentage of omega-3 fatty acids than

corn-fed cattle (the primary feed for non-organic cattle). Omega-3 fatty acids are heart healthy fats that are considered anti-inflammatory molecules that do not contribute to atherosclerosis, or the narrowing of blood vessels that can cause heart disease. On the other hand, corn-fed cattle have a higher percentage of omega-6 fatty acids that are pro-inflammatory—that is, they are “sticky” fats that can accumulate in artery walls leading to heart disease.

Tsyunhekw<sup>^</sup> also raises free-range poultry and sells farm fresh eggs. Free-range chickens have access to plants and seeds so they can eat as nature intended them to. Eating natural plants increases omega-3 content in poultry as well. Furthermore, free-range chickens lay eggs that have yolks that are brighter yellow than chickens that do not have access to eat plants in the farmyard. The bright yellow of the yolks illustrate that there is a high content of carotenoids, which are the antioxidants found in yellow-orange vegetables such as carrots.

The Oneida Farm raises cattle that, too, are not fed steroids, hormones, or antibiotics. It is a calf/cow operation

where the cattle spend much time in grassy pastures, though the calves get fed corn, grains and other nutritious foods as well. On typical large farms, steroids and hormones are injections used to make animals grow large quickly and can lead to an overall fattier meat. Additionally, antibiotics are used to prevent animals from getting sick. These harmful products that can be found in the meat of livestock affect those who consume this meat. Humans are building up a resistance

to antibiotics because of all the meat consumed that was injected with antibiotics. This means that when we get sick, our bodies require intense antibiotics to wipe out the bacteria causing illness, as well as the healthy bacteria our bodies need. The Oneida Farm does not use these products, so you can feel safe eating their beef.

Oneida Farm also raises grass-fed buffalo. Some say that buffalo is the “better red meat” because it contains a high proportion of pro-

tein, with tons of essential nutrients such as iron, zinc, selenium, niacin, and vitamins B6 and B12. What's more, buffalo is an incredibly lean meat, containing very little fat.

To sum it up, Oneida Farm and tsyunhekw<sup>^</sup> offer some fantastic, fresh, local, delicious, and healthy products. Where else can you find foods that have all that? Not only are you making a great choice for your body and health, it helps support the tribe by purchasing from a local place you can count on.

## Oneida Health Promotion employees



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Above, l to r: Dawn Krines Glatt, Tina Jacobsen, RD, CD, and Jenny Berna.

## Apple Orchard Winter Store hours



Winter store hours to:  
Thursday & Friday  
10AM–5:30PM  
Saturday 9AM–1PM  
Closed Sunday thru  
Wednesday.

*These new hours came into affect on Thursday, January 6, 2011.*

For more information check us out on-line at <http://ocifs.oneidationation.org> or contact the Orchard at 920-869-2468.



## Oneida Community Food Assessment Survey Results (Issue 4 of 6)



This is the fourth in a series of articles on the Oneida Community Food Assessment (OCFA) and the community survey information we gathered. We will be providing charts & data from the Community Survey that will show what we are learning in our final articles.

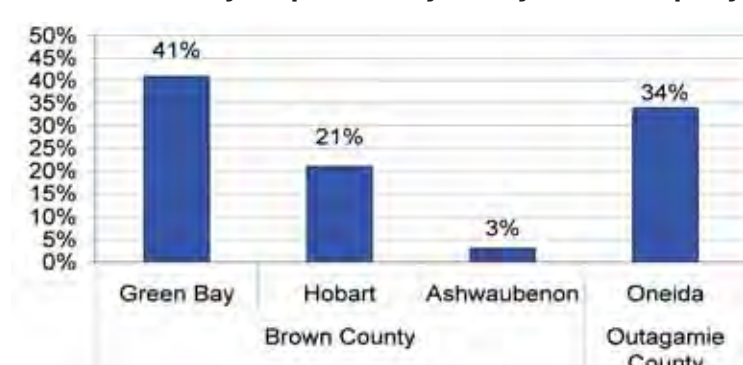
### What is Food Security:

When all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.

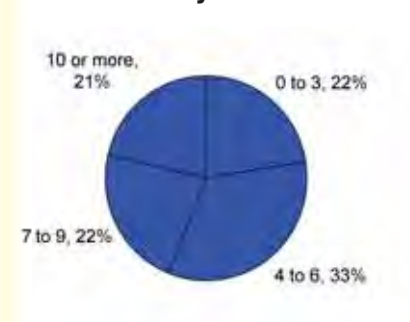
### What is Food Sovereignty:

The right of peoples, communities and countries to define their own agricultural, labor, fishing, food and land policies which are ecologically, socially, economically and culturally appropriate to their unique circumstances.

### Location of Survey Respondents by County and Municipality



### Number of meals eaten together as a Family each week



Oneida Famers market closed this year on October 14th. There was an average of 33 vendors weekly at this year's market. For further information contact Jeff Metoxen, Manager Tsyunhekw<sup>^</sup> 920-869-2141, [jmetoxen@oneidationation.org](mailto:jmetoxen@oneidationation.org)

*Watch for more RESULTS.*

## NEW Language Class Schedule

**MONDAY • FEB. 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Skenandoah Complex

**TUESDAY • FEB. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Language House
- Library & Language 3:30–4:30PM at the Oneida Library
- Evening Language 6:00–7:30PM at the Language House

**WEDNESDAY • FEB. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Language House

**THURSDAY • FEB. 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Language House

**FRIDAY • FEB. 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Lunch & Language 12:10–12:50PM at the Skenandoah Complex

*Classes as scheduled every week starting the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>*  
Anyone questions, please call Tracy Williams at 920.490.2472

### Departmental Staff Directory

For more information regarding the OCIFS programs please contact the appropriate person listed or visit us at our website

<http://ocifs.oneidationation.org>

### Oneida Nation Farms

- Jeff Scofield at 920-833-7952

### Oneida Tsyunhe'kw<sup>^</sup>

- Jeff Metoxen at 920-869-2141

### Oneida Food Distribution

- Don Miller at 920-869-1041

### Oneida Health Promotions

- Tina Jacobsen at 920-869-4899

### OCIFS Coordinator

- Bill Ver Voort at 920-869-1600, ext. 4530



*The Mission of the Church Restoration Committee (CRC) is organizing, planning, managing and raising funds that shall benefit the maintenance, historic preservation and restoration of the facilities and property of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Oneida, Wisconsin, a congregation of the Diocese of Fond du Lac.*

**www.holyapostlesoneida.com • 920.819.0563**



# Introduction of the Oneidas to Episcopalianism

By **Thelma Cornelius McLester**

*This Series briefly describes historical facts portraying the early settlement of the Oneidas in today's Northeastern Wisconsin. Looking at their past will include religion, land and leadership. This first effort today will explore the religion of Episcopalianism as it relates to a group of the Oneida populace.*

The very first introduction to the Anglican Episcopal religion was in 1702 when the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel from England sent missionaries to min-

ister to the Six Nations in New York. In mid-century, records show that most of the Nations were receptive to Christianity. Progress was made following Anglican Episcopal Minister Reverend J. Ogilvie ministering to the Six Nations at Niagara. After this The Reverend Bishop John Henry Hobart of the Anglican Episcopal religion visited the Oneida and from that point on ministrations continued. Bishop Hobart appointed Eleazer Williams to continue to teach and preach to the Oneidas. In 1816, a small church was built on Oneida lands.

## The Hobart Church On The Oneida Duck Creek Area

In 1825, three years after the Oneidas moved to Northeastern Wisconsin, then known as Michigan Territory, the Oneidas built a log church and named it "The Hobart Church". This group of Oneida's was known as the First Christian Party, made up of Anglican Episcopalians who had already accepted Christianity while living on their lands in New York. They traveled under the leadership of Chief Shenandoah,

(grandson of famed Shenandoah of the Revolutionary War) and Missionary Eleazer Williams, (whose true character came out after 1947). He was appointed Missionary to the Oneida as both a teacher and catechist of the Anglican Episcopal church. Another leader in New York at that time was Chief Daniel Bread (grandson of Chief Shenandoah) who remained behind in the first movement of the Oneidas, nevertheless he played an important role in all of the negotiations that took place prior to and including Oneida's travel. In 1829, Bread arrived in Oneida and became a prominent leader for the Oneidas. (For more information about the life of Daniel Bread, a recent book came out in 2009, published by Oklahoma Press).

The earliest known history of Missionary Eleazer Williams traveling with the Oneidas is now well documented, however, during this time period this did not appear to be known, that is there were several facts that need to be said about this period. In about 1811 when Williams, a Mohawk from the St. Regis Mohawk area in New York first arrived among the Oneidas, he was following a long line of missionaries who had already visited and preached among the Oneidas. Williams was well versed in both the Mohawk and English languages, therefore he was accepted by the Oneidas. Of all of the Iroquois, the Oneida and the Mohawk had a close relationship in language and customs. As part of the Iroquois League, there is more history related to this subject which will come out in later issues.

Williams was appointed by the Anglican Episcopalian Reverend Bishop John Henry Hobart of New York after Williams was shown to have had the background of Indian heritage which was thought to be helpful in working with the Oneidas. Also, William was successful in work-

ing with the Oneida due in part because the Oneida had already accepted Christianity under the Presbyterian Missionary Reverend Samuel Kirkland in earlier years. In addition, the Oneidas who accepted Christianity at this time, did not include all of the Oneidas. A second group called the Pagan Party/Orchard Party arrived this area in 1832 made up of the Methodist religion. All of the Oneidas were forced out of their homelands.

This period of time in the early 1800's was one of greatest upheavals in the lives of the Oneida. With greater migrations of Europeans arriving in this Country, Oneida homelands were being lost and the result was that the Oneidas could no longer carry on their previous way of life. The social networks were factionalized by outsiders and poverty was everywhere. They had lost many leaders during the Revolutionary and the War of 1812 that they were becoming leaderless and landless.

Williams was knowledgeable about Oneida's status with regard to the talk of removing them from New York. He was in contact with the Ogden Land Company who had pre-emptive rights of purchase of Oneida lands and so were anxious to have the Oneidas leave their homelands. He was also in touch with the governmental agency, The War Department, (which is where all Indians were placed). Both agencies were in agreement that the Oneidas should move out of New York.

Finally, Williams saw himself as the head of an Indian Empire in the West where other Indians could be placed. It was he who traveled with the members of the first Christian Party, Stockbridge and Brotherton Leaders, along with several other Tribal leaders in 1821 attempting to purchase lands for this movement. Traveling by ship they reached Detroit, Michigan when they learned that the lands they were seeking were

already sold to the Indian Agent located at Green Bay. Returning to New York, they learned this was not true and left again the following year. This time, agreements were made with the Menominee and at first the then Winnebago (Ho chunk) Tribes. However, history tells us that the Ho Chunk left the area and the final agreement was made only with the Menominee where the Oneidas were to live in a certain section of the entire Menominee lands. In addition, the Oneidas promised to make payment of money and goods.

Previously, Chief Daniel Bread had fought to keep the Oneidas on their lands in New York and even contacted the Governor of the State, but no help was provided. This last effort by Bread was due to the promises made to the Oneidas for their support in helping the Americans win the Revolutionary War. That is, the Oneidas were promised that they could retain their lands.

Even though Eleazer Williams supposedly was to serve the Oneidas, he lived in the Green Bay area since he arrived in 1822, and spent most of his time preaching and teaching the few citizens in Green Bay, as well as his frequent travels to and from the East, particularly New York. On occasion, he did provide church services at the Hobart Church in Oneida. On other occasions, traveling missionaries offered their services of preaching in the log church.

Since the Hobart Church remained under the Diocese of New York, the Oneida leaders eventually notified Bishop Hobart in New York about the lack of Williams's presence at Hobart church. By 1830, Williams no longer had jurisdiction over the Church. Shortly thereafter Williams left the area returned to the East. His wife, Madelyn Jourdan whose ancestry was part Menominee and French remained behind living in Lost Dauphin Park in Depere.

*To be continued...*

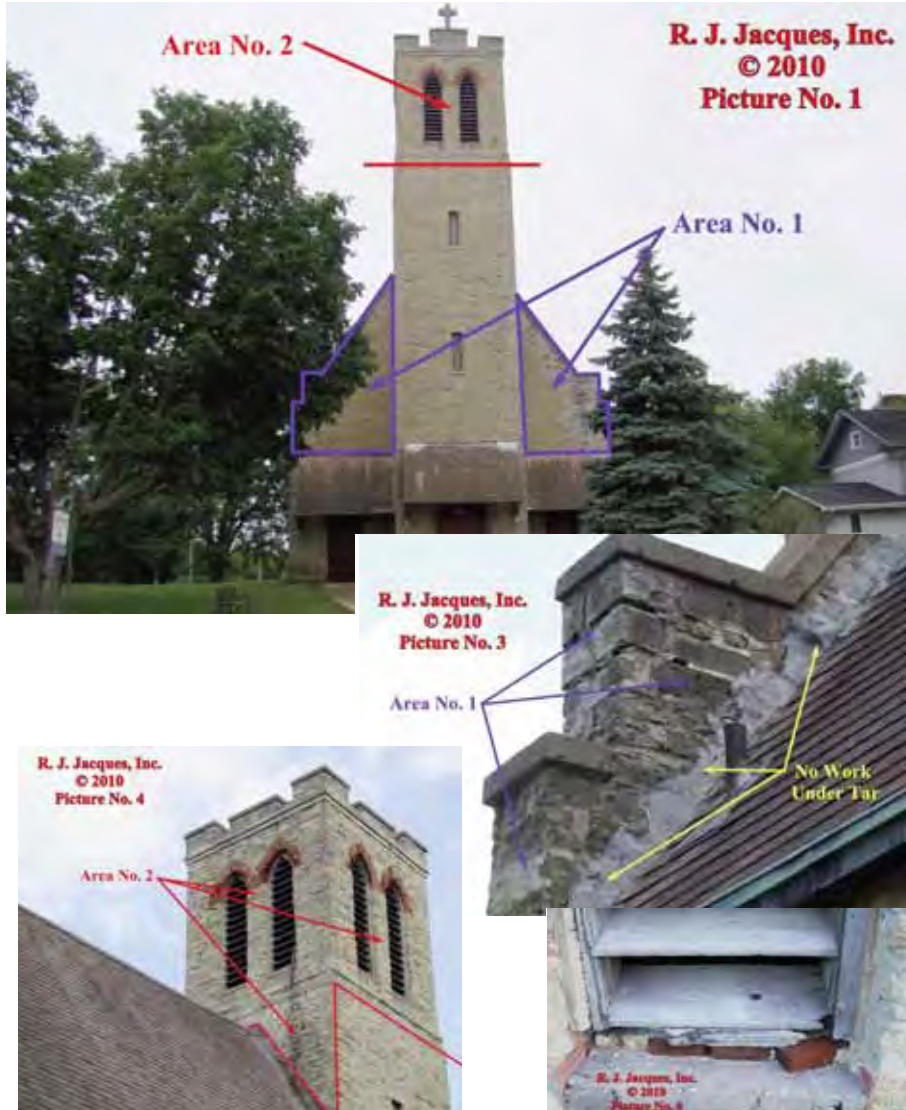
## First Fundraiser a Success



Contributed photos

A Valentine's Dinner fundraiser was held at the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 12 to benefit the restoration of the Church of the Holy Apostles. Winnifred Thomas volunteered her decorating expertise for the event. The ambiance set the mood for a very special evening for those in attendance. Attendance numbers exceeded expectations. Several volunteers made the evening event a success.

## Exterior Repairs Necessary for Restoration



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Enjoy a hearty meal with us on

# St. Patrick's Day

Thursday • March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
4:00PM – 7:00PM

Parish Hall • Oneida, Wisconsin

The menu will include:  
Corn Beef and Cabbage  
Steamed Carrots  
Boiled Bens  
Irish Soda Bread and Dessert

S.O.S. Sponsored Event

## Health Scholarship Grants

### HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The Indian Health Service opens competition for FY 2011 health professional scholarships. The programs are designed to financially help Native American students pursue health care careers, with an eye towards ensuring there are sufficient Indian health professionals to service Native American communities.

**DEADLINE:** Applications: **Feb. 28** for continuing students; **March 28** for new students.

Individual programs include:

- The Indian Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship: Awards are for a maximum of 4 years, and go to Indians or Alaskan Natives who have completed high school (or equivalency) a compensatory, pre-

professional general education course or curriculum.

- The Indian Health Professions Pre-graduate Scholarship: Funds go to Indian or Alaskan Natives who have been accepted for enrollment or are enrolled in an accredited pre-graduate program leading to a baccalaureate degree in pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-podiatry or pre-optometry.

- The Indian Health Professions Scholarship: Grants go only to members of a federally-recognized Indian tribes member who is enrolled in an appropriately accredited school and pursuing a course of study in a health profession field.

Overall, \$14 million is estimated to be available, though changes in the FY 2011 budget can reduce that amount. Up to 50

preparatory and pre-graduate awards are expected, which are only for tuition and fees; the average award for the full-time student \$10,191. An estimated 241 awards will be made under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program, covering tuition, fees and other costs, and averaging \$49,642.81 for a full-time student.

IHS is increasing the number of health professions scholarships (with a slight decrease in other awards) to better meet the needs of the IHS and its tribal and urban Indian health care system partners

Info: Appropriate IHS area scholarship coordinator; general info; Dawn Kelly, chief, Scholarship Program, **301/443-6622**; RFP, <http://tinyurl.com/4umz2rh>

## VA Expands Outreach to American Indians, Hawaiians, Alaska Natives

### New Office to Serve as Advocates for Tribal Veterans

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the creation of a new Office of Tribal Government Relations to ensure the more than 200,000 Veterans who are American Indians, Alaska Natives, Hawaiian Natives or are part of the Alaska Native Corporations receive the VA benefits they have earned.

“There is a long, distinguished tradition of military service among tribal peoples,” said Secretary

of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “VA is committed to providing these Veterans with the full range of VA programs, as befits their service to our nation.”

About 200,000 Veterans are represented by the 800 tribal governments officially recognized by the United States. Although VA has long provided benefits to Veterans in tribal lands, the new office will further strengthen and expand that relationship.

Stephanie Elaine Birdwell, an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation from Oklahoma, has been selected as the

office’s first director. A former social worker, she has spent nearly 15 years working on tribal issues with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and, most recently, the Bureau of Indian Education.

She will oversee a six-person office responsible for “establishing, maintaining and coordinating a nation-to-nation, federal-tribal relationship,” according to a VA briefing.

The office has a charter that officially extends to Veterans who are American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Alaska Native Corporations.

## From 8B/PALA challenge

Education Keith Moore. “I believe that physical fitness is a key component to a happy, successful life and I hope that the BIE schools and the PALA Coordinators will help lead the way in Indian Country to provide an example for all of our communities to follow.”

BIE is also engaging in Let’s Move Outside!, the outdoor activity component of the First Lady’s Let’s Move! initiative to end childhood obesity. Led by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture, Let’s Move Outside! is working with government agencies and other organizations to help America’s kids and families get moving in the great outdoors. Traditional outdoor activities such as archery, canoeing, and lacrosse, allow Native youth to improve their health, while connecting with their heritage.

Nike and BIE signed a Memorandum of Understanding in May 2010 to work together in

creative and inspirational ways to address health and social-lifestyle choices in American Indian and Alaska Native communities that contribute to disease and other medical conditions. Nike began its program for Native American communities in the U.S. and Aboriginal communities in Canada, more than 10 years ago with a commitment to bring sport and all of its benefits to members of these communities, with a focus on youth. The program allows Native American and Aboriginal health programs to purchase Nike products, including the specially designed Air Native N7, at reduced prices via nike.net as incentives for health promotion and disease prevention. The N7 fund provides grants to fund youth sports and physical fitness programs, and the N7 collection raises awareness for the N7 fund. For more information, visit [www.niken7.com](http://www.niken7.com).

The Assistant

Secretary-Indian Affairs has responsibility for helping the Secretary of the Interior to fulfill his trust responsibilities to tribal and individual trust beneficiaries and promoting self-determination and self-governance for the nation’s 565 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs oversees the Bureau of Indian Education which operates the federal school system for American Indian and Alaska Native children from the federally recognized tribes.

The BIE also serves post secondary students through higher education scholarships and support funding to 26 tribal colleges and universities. It directly operates two post secondary institutions: Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information, visit [www.indianaffairs.gov](http://www.indianaffairs.gov)

## Clinic Telephone Triage hours have changed

from 7:00am-4:30pm to 8:00am-4:30pm during regular business hours

After hours On-call RN staff are available from 4:30pm-8:00am

### 24 hour a day coverage remains

## WRESTLING TRY-OUTS

### US Indigenous Games 2011

<b>Date:</b>	<b>March 5th 2011</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Oneida Fitness Center—2640 West Point Rd. Green Bay WI 54304</b>
<b>What to bring:</b>	<b>shoes, singlet/shorts &amp; t-shirt, and headgear</b>

Age Groups: U14, U16, U19  
Your age on December 31st, 2011, determines the age category you will compete in at the 2011 Games.

WRESTLING TRY-OUT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3RD, 2011

Drop off this wrestling tryout registration form at the Oneida Fitness Center for Lori Hill or Scott Murray by March 3rd, 2011. Or Email to [lhil40@oneidanation.org](mailto:lhil40@oneidanation.org). OR Fax to 920.490.3814. We, as parents, agree to and understand that attending the activities provided on this day is a privilege. By signing this registration form, we support no tolerance for violence, drugs, alcohol and disrespect of staff as well as peers.

Participant Name: _____	Age on your birthday in 2011: _____
Tribal Affiliation: _____	Parent Name: _____
Home Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Address: _____	
Email address: _____	
Parent/Guardian Name & Contact Phone during clinic: _____	

Hold Harmless Agreement: I and my heirs hereby release the Oneida Nation and all it’s employees, officers, departments, Enterprises and agents from any liability for damages to or loss of personal property, sickness, and injury from whatever source, legal entanglement, imprisonment, death, loss of money, etc. for which the Oneida Tribe is not culpable, which might occur while participating in the above mentioned activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____	Date: _____
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For more information contact Dan Skenandore at 920.713.3317

## 6th Annual Flap Jack Flippin’ Larry Event

Saturday, March 12, 2010  
8:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.  
Oneida Parish Hall

(2936 Freedom Road, Oneida, WI.  
Across from the Holy Apostles Church)

MARCH OF DIMES FUNDRAISER

\*All proceeds of this event will be donated by Team Oneida

All the Pancakes you can eat!  
(Includes porkies and beverage)  
**\$6.00 per person**  
**\$5.00 for Senior’s**  
**Children 4 & under FREE**

Enter the Pancake Eating Contest and  
Win a Prize, Raffles, Bake Sale, and more!  
Fun for the Whole Family!

Looking to do something healthy?  
Sign up to walk Saturday, April 30, 2011 with Team Oneida

Larry Smith  
AKA Flap Jack Flippin’ Larry

## Under the Sea Adventure Family Fun Night 2011

Sponsored by: Oneida Comprehensive Health and Diabetes Grant

Wednesday, March 2, 2011  
4:30 to 6:30 pm  
Turtle School Gyms and Cafeteria

Potato Sack Races

Inflatable Play yard

Fun Activities And Prizes for All!

OFF-Drums Alive

Inflatable bouncer

Oneida Adventure

DJ Dance

Fun Tattoos

Box Lunches provided to feed all the healthy little fish

Guardian signature required to participate in inflatable activities

Bean Bag Toss

5-2-1-0 Get Healthy