

## District does away with Redskins mascot amid rivals' boycott

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LANCASTER, N.Y. (AP) ~ A western New York school district will do away with its Redskins mascot and nickname after other districts in the region turned up the pressure by boycotting games because of it.

The Lancaster Central School Board voted to retire the longtime symbol Monday during a special session called after three districts with sizeable numbers of Native American students canceled lacrosse matches.

The term Redskins is considered by many to be a racial slur against Native Americans.

While supporters of the nickname said it was a source of pride and never meant to offend, a resolution by Superintendent Michael Vallely said it has become a "symbol of ethnic stereotyping" and that keeping it could subject students to retaliation.

The unanimous vote was shouted down by Redskins supporters, many of whom wore past and present school uniforms and jackets with the Redskins logo.

"All of these years

we've never used it in a negative way," Lancaster High School senior Emily Koeppl said after the meeting. "It was never meant to be hurtful."

Numerous high schools and universities throughout the country have dropped the term in recent years and several Native American groups have begun a "Change the Mascot" campaign to press the National Football League to remove it from the Washington, D.C., franchise.

"There is no pride in having schools boycott playing our sports teams," board member Kimberly Nowak said. "There is no pride in winning by forfeit."

The lacrosse boycotts by the Akron, Lake Shore and Niagara Wheatfield districts in western New York followed a March 3 public forum in Lancaster that drew more than 100 people from both sides of the issue.

Several students said they would continue to wear their Redskins apparel and call themselves Redskins despite the vote by the board to begin a "student-centered" process to develop a new mascot.

"This is our school. We are Redskins," student

Torie Dombrowski said.

The school has been leaving the Redskins name off new uniform orders for the last three to four years, and a new football field scoreboard also is without the mascot, but district leaders had said they would take their time before deciding whether to do away with it altogether.

The boycotts and other pressure from the community hastened the decision, board members said.

A spokesman for the Oneida Indian Nation of central New York, which is involved in the NFL campaign, said districts that have replaced their mascots, including neighboring Cooperstown, have not seen a decline in school spirit.

"Not only did the school make a powerful statement to the Native American community that they no longer wanted to use a term that is a dictionary-defined slur against native people,"

spokesman Joel Barkin said. "But it made a statement to the kids in that school to be self-aware and have empathy and think about how the actions that you are engaging in affect other people outside of yourself."

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in 2001 called for an end to the use of Native American images and team names by non-Native schools, saying the portrayals "encourage biases and prejudices that have a negative effect on contemporary Indian people."

The American Psychological Association took a similar stance in 2005, citing harmful effects "on the social identity development and self-esteem of American Indian young people."

Said board member Michael Sage, "The students in this generation and those to follow need a new tradition."

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Oneida Judiciary Oneida Family Court Notice of Hearing

RE: Docket #10-CS-567,  
Diane G. Moore v  
Gordon W. Harrison

A diligent attempt was made to notify the above individual of a claim filed by the Respondent, Gordon W. Harrison, for a Notice of Motion & Motion to Modify Child Support. A hearing shall take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court; located at 2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Inquiries for additional information may be directed to:

Clerk of Family Court  
Oneida Family Court  
P.O. Box 19  
Oneida, WI 54155  
(920) 496-7200

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Oneida Family Court Original Hearing Body Notice of Hearing

RE: Docket #12CS173,  
Oneida Tribe Child  
Support Agency and  
Petitioner AISHA L  
LAROCK vs.  
Respondent JUSTIN  
LEE DICKENSON

A diligent attempt is made to notify the above individuals of an action filed by the Oneida Tribe Child Support Agency for an Order to Show Cause. A hearing shall take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the above captioned case at Oneida Family Court; located at 2630 W. Mason St, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Inquiries for pleadings and/or additional information may be directed to:

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## Seeking Student Volunteers

The Woodland Indian Arts Show and Market (WIASM) is looking for a student volunteer Program Coordinator and Program Coordinator. WIASM mission is to expand the awareness and appreciation of Woodland Indian arts and culture through education, events, and markets. The organization started in 2007 and continues to grow with more than 75 entries into the show.

The Volunteer Program Coordinator and Program Coordinator are 3 month positions, April – July. Estimated work time is 20 hours per week, with 40 hours the week of the Art Show, June 8-14. A monthly stipend of \$500/month before taxes and end of service cash gift will be provided.

We are looking for students studying business, communications, mar-

keting, arts administration, or arts. Students should have excellent communication skills and strong computers, database software, and organizational skills.

The Woodland Indian Arts Show and Market working with the Oneida Nation Arts Program provides a supportive work environment where creativity and personal initiative are appreciated. You will work with 6 Native professionals who donate their time and expertise to the project as well as many Native artists and volunteers.

For complete job description, application or more information, please contact the Oneida Nation Arts Program at (490) 490-3833 or stop in to the Arts Program Cottage, 1270 Packerland.

## Seeking Photographic Services

The Woodland Indian Arts Show and Market (WIASM) is seeking a professional photographer for services needed on June 12, 2015. Photographer should have experience in portrait/commercial/fine art photography. The photographer will provide photos of the art, artists, the event and the board to create promotional materials and advertising for the Woodland Indian Art Show and Market. Estimated work time is approximately 4 hours.

Details are available at:

<http://www.woodlandindianart.com>

Interested professional photographers must submit:

- A letter of interest
- Current professional resume
- Digital portfolio of photography work samples (10 to 12 images)
- Line item budget quote.
- Minimum of three client references related to previous photographic jobs performed

**Deadline:** Submittals must be received by Woodland Indian Art Show and Market by **5:00 PM on May 1, 2015.**

**Email submittal materials and portfolio samples to:**

[info@bearpawartgallery.com](mailto:info@bearpawartgallery.com)

**Subject line:** "Photographic Services"  
Questions can be directed to **Loretta Webster** at: **920-713-8030**

## Dairyland Greyhound Park back on the market

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) ~ The Menominee Nation's purchase option on the former Kenosha dog track property has expired.

But, tribal chairman Gary Besaw says that doesn't mean they're giving up on pursuing gaming in southeastern Wisconsin. The tribe's \$800 million casino and entertainment complex proposal for the site was approved by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs,

but rejected by Gov. Scott Walker. Besaw won't provide further details.

RIME Management Group has controlling interest in Dairyland Greyhound Park Inc., the corporation which owns the 220-acre property in Kenosha. RIME president Mike Hallman tells the Kenosha News they're interviewing real estate firms to prepare for a sale of the property.

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## 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION To Fill OBC Vacancy

**SCHEDULED FOR:**  
**SATURDAY – April 11, 2015**  
**7:00 A.M TO 7:00 P.M.**

**ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**  
**525 AIRPORT DR.**  
**ONEIDA WI 54155**

**SEOTS**  
**5233 W. MORGAN AVE.**  
**MILWAUKEE WI 53220**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
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**PICTURE IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR VOTING**  
**NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN VOTING AREA**

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