



**The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association**

# Vibrations

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## Save Owasippe Update

*by Susan Derby  
OSA Member*

There has been much activity since our last newsletter surrounding all aspects of the potential sale of Owasippe. The four main points are that a public zoning hearing has been set, a letter of intent to purchase was sent by the OOEC to the Chicago Area Council, two mediation sessions were conducted between the CAC and Blue Lake Township, and a new board was approved by election to the CAC Executive Board.

**The Hearing:** The Blue Lake Township's Zoning Board of Appeals is holding an open meeting on April 19 at 1 p.m. at the Blue Lake Township Hall for the purpose of setting specific definitions of the Forest-Recreational Institutional zoning designation. Because this was a new designation years ago when it was applied to all camps in Blue Lake Township, the zoning board has been challenged to set definitions of what specifically is permitted under the FRI category. With those definitions now agreed upon by the zoning board, the open meeting is seeking public comment before those definitions are made permanent. These definitions will be applied generally to all land zoned FRI throughout the township, including Owasippe.

This meeting is open to all and will contribute to laying the groundwork for a later hearing set currently for May 22 at 1 p.m. at the Blue Lake Community Church. In that May hearing, the ZBA will hear directly from the Chicago Area Council regarding their specific rezoning request. The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center will also present its plans to the ZBA for informational purposes. Other members of the public are welcome to make presentations at that meeting as well.

The May meeting is a result of the ongoing court case in Muskegon County Circuit Court in which the CAC is suing Blue Lake Township claiming a "taking of the land" when it was rezoned years ago. The judge in that case ordered that the CAC exhaust all avenues of resolution through the township zoning process, including an appeal to the ZBA, before the case would be heard in court. The CAC filed their case before attempting a zoning variance or an appeal on their rezoning request from the ZBA.

**The Letter:** As many people heard at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance, the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center has submitted a letter of intent to purchase the entire Owasippe

Scout Reservation. The letter was presented to Jack Jadel, Mike Hughes, Glenn Emig and Jim Stone of the CAC. It spells out some key points for a possible purchase of the property:

- The buyer would be a partnership between public and private entities including individuals, not-for-profit agencies and local government agencies
- The buyer would include at least one tax-collecting entity (a township, city, county, state or federal agency) so as to be eligible for funding through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)
- The price would be set based on the current zoning (i.e. no need to rezone from its current designation) and determined by an independent party based on MNRTF processes

The MNRTF was created so that companies have to pay into the fund before extracting natural resources from land in the state of Michigan. The state then uses that money to protect land deemed important to the people or state of Michigan.

The council replied to the letter with a series of questions, which the OOEC has answered. No other reply has been received at the time this article was written except that they are discussing it. It is important to clarify that this is not an offer for purchase, but a letter of intent, which opens a dialogue and moves the process forward.

We see this as a chance for the CAC to to relieve themselves of the "financial burden" of owning the camp while still protecting it from development and ensuring that Scouts can continue summer camp at Owasippe for many years to come. The OSA is in full support of the OOEC's letter, plan and proposal, and we hope the council views this as a chance to reach a solution that is a "win" for everyone involved.

**The Meetings:** Representatives from Blue Lake Township and CAC have met twice over the past few months in mediation to try to establish a dialogue between the two sides. Though the mediation was court-ordered as a result of one of the lawsuits put forth by the CAC, both sides approached it with an open mind for discussion.

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# President's Perspective

by Tricia Monahan  
OSA President

I am very proud to be a member of the OSA. I served on Owasippe staff for nine years, beginning as a CIT in 1996. I have been a member of the OSA for seven years and am now serving my fifth year on the Board. The OSA is an incredible organization, comprised of people who truly love Owasippe.



I was honored to be elected President of the OSA, and I am prepared to lead the OSA as we get ready to celebrate our 30th anniversary. I hope to continue much of what Ron Derby began during his tenure as president and also enact new initiatives. Ron provided effective leadership during a difficult time for Owasippe, while at the same time helping to enhance the camp program with the construction of a new COPE course and the climbing tower. I want to thank Ron and Susan for their continued dedication to the OSA and Owasippe.

In 2008, the OSA will celebrate its 30th anniversary, and we have a lot to celebrate. I am pleased to say that the OSA has about 400 active members. We have steadily maintained this membership level for about five years. I think it's time to build our membership.

The Board is working on a few ways to achieve this goal. We're making it easier, and cheaper, to become an OSA member. First-time members can join at any OSA event for \$15, a \$5 discount off the usual fee. We've also enlisted new board member Andy Lukasiewicz as our recruiting chairman. He is going to contact people whose memberships have become inactive and recruit from the current staff.

One remarkable thing about the OSA is that we have consistently served the three purposes laid out in the original bylaws. The first purpose is to "preserve and promote the bond of friendship forged through Owasippe." The Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance in March did just that. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun. I'd like to thank Candy Merritt for organizing another wonderful event. I hope to see more OSA members take advantage of these events. Join us at the pub crawl in June or the family picnic in August and meet up with some old friends or make some new ones.

Our second purpose is to "offer the time, talents, resources and assets of the Association and its membership to Owasippe." I see the OSA doing this at every fix-it. Tim Toerber is doing a great job organizing the Spring Fix-it, where we plan to finish painting the Reneker B-side cabins and paint most of A-side as well. We'll also send out a road crew and do various odd jobs to get Owasippe ready for campers.

The final purpose is to "provide ... for the continued experience of both campers and staff of Owasippe." Last year, we renovated the sailing base and purchased new boats. The OSA has again committed to funding sailboat and sailing base repairs this summer. This final purpose is the most challenging, especially today, with the future of Owasippe being so uncertain. However, right now it is even more important to build our membership and continue our fundraisers so we are prepared to invest in the Owasippe facility in support of Scout camping. I look forward to an outstanding 2007 camping season and a year of accomplishments for the OSA. ♣

# Save Owasippe (cont. from pg. 1)

We have little information about the events or discussions within those meetings because all parties signed non-disclosure agreements and are not permitted to discuss specifics. We do know however that no agreement was reached in terms of rezoning the Owasippe property. The stalemate means that the court hearings will continue as scheduled. The next set dates are hearings in the Muskegon County Circuit Court Aug. 8-10 and 14-17.

**The Election:** By a vote of 26 to 17, the membership of the CAC approved the Officers Slate proposed by the Council Nominating Committee. The vote was held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza on March 15th.

This most recent vote was focused solely on the Officers Slate, the only slate to not be approved by the membership at the January elections. After the results were read at that January meeting, a representative of National Council BSA reportedly threatened those present that one more failed slate for the officers would result in National taking control of the CAC and installing their own leadership.

The CAC Nominating Committee did make some changes to the officers slate that were requested by the membership after the January meeting, but the low turnout and close vote are proof that not all requests were granted.

**The following officers were approved:** President, Michael Hughes; Council Commissioner, Charles Beavers; VP Program, William Hooks; VP District Operations, Glenn Emig; VP Finance, Kirk Brannock; VP Membership/Relationships, Ron Temple; VP Properties, Jack Keenan; VP Administration, Tom Thilman; VP Learning for Life, Reginald Hill; VP Planning, George Walper; Treasurer, Harvey Camins.

The new officers took office at the close of the meeting. No definitive action has been taken by this board yet as to their position on the divisive issues in recent history, such as the sale of Owasippe or an overhaul of council governance practices. They have promised a more open dialogue between volunteers/Scouts and the Council. ♣

For the latest official info on the Save Owasippe Campaign, visit: [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com) or [www.ooec.org](http://www.ooec.org)



## Vibrations always needs copy!

Send your Owasippe memories, stories, pictures, news items, grapevine tidbits, or editorial comments to:

→ OSA Vibrations  
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## Added Bonus for the Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

by Tricia Monahan - OSA President

Last year the OSA raised almost \$1,500 by selling shopping/gift cards. This fundraiser is easy and costs nothing. The OSA buys the gift cards at a discounted price and sells them to you at face value. You can spend money you would normally spend and give back to the OSA at the same time. This fundraiser can be significantly more profitable if we can get more people to place orders. Here are three ways we are trying to accomplish this.

1) We made the order form easier to use. There is only one side to fill out, and there are no percentages to worry about (the OSA earns money no matter what type of gift card you buy). The new form includes only the top-selling gift cards, so you can easily find the cards you want to buy.

2) We added a second order form for you to give to a friend. All you need to do is cut the gift card form in half, fill out the return date, and give the bottom portion to a friend (or copy it and give it to many friends). This second

order form includes a letter explaining the fundraiser and identifying the OSA. Friends, family members and coworkers are often happy to help out the OSA and they too can save time buying graduation gifts and Father's Day presents. Plus, you will only have to pay shipping once when you bundle orders together, so it will save everyone a little money.

3) For every order you turn in (your own plus any additional orders from friends and family), we will enter you in a raffle for a \$50 Amazon.com gift card. The winner of the raffle will receive a \$50 gift card along with his or her regular gift card order.

So now there's an added benefit to plan ahead for your regular shopping and to spread the word of this simple fundraiser. This round of gift card orders needs to be postmarked by May 9th. The orders will be delivered at the Spring Fix-it on May 19th. ♣

## Free Music, Great Fundraiser

by Michelle O'Connor - Board Member

If you can't make it up to camp this summer but still want to do your part to help Owasippe, the OSA's concert fundraiser is for you. Join us in selling concessions at the First Midwest Bank Amphitheater (formerly Tweeter Center) in Tinley Park. Last summer, the OSA raised more than \$4,500 selling concessions and had a really fun time volunteering. Twenty-five volunteers worked concession stands at a variety of different concerts, including Warped Tour, Ozz Fest, Jimmy Buffet and Toby Keith.

As in the past, we are committing to work mostly Saturday afternoon and evening concerts. Here's a look at the current concert lineup so far:

Sat. June 2 – Alan Jackson and Brooks & Dunn  
Sat. July 21 – Jimmy Buffet & The Coral Reefer Band  
Sat. Aug. 11 – Kenney Chesney (with Pat Green & Sugarland)  
Sat. Sept. 8 – Rush  
Sat. Sept. 15 – Toby Keith (with Miranda Lambert & Flynnville Train)

The Vans Warped Tour, an all-day concert, is also scheduled for a Saturday this year, and has been one of our largest revenue generators in the past.

This summer we are trying to raise more than \$5,000. In order to meet this goal, we will need to bring more volunteers to work concessions at each concert. Volunteers arrive one hour before each concert to set up the concession stand, and then we sell beer and other refreshments while listening to the music. Some concerts last only four to five hours, and the festivals run all day long. Check your calendars now and let one of our co-leaders know what Saturdays you are available.

If you are at least 18 years old and interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions, please contact Michelle O'Connor at osafundraising@gmail.com or call her at (773) 718-1524. As more concerts are set, we'll update www.owasippe.com so you can see what bands are coming to town on which dates. The First American Bank Amphitheater is located near the intersection of I-80 and Harlem Avenue in Tinley Park, IL. ♣

## CITs NEEDED!

by Ron Kulak - Board Member

Owasippe's greatest staffing need right now is for Counselors-in-Training (CITs). There are not as many signed up as in past years, and this group is critical to an ongoing line of regular staff returning to Owasippe. CITs just don't magically appear. They come on the scene because of YOUR recommendations. CITs are the budding junior leaders from within your Scouting district and from within your own troop...so, share the wealth for the benefit of all.

It's an awesome leadership development tool as well. The CIT will be a better Scout and will become more mature as a result of his experience. The home unit can only benefit by this Scout's involvement and training over this 4-7 week term. Scouts who serve as CITs also have a wonderful personal

opportunity to continue their merit badge advancement while at camp and to perhaps experience program areas that they have yet to attend as campers (for free).

All applicants must have completed the 9th grade by the start of camp (June 16) and be 15 years old by Aug. 1; male applicants must also be Star Rank. CITs receive a training/living allowance of \$25/week for the time they are in camp after staff training week.

Interested candidates should apply ASAP directly to Chauncey and Mary Beth Niziol at (708)562-4874 or to Chaunceyn@aol.com or to Bookwormom@aol.com. Please take this opportunity to recruit qualified candidates from within your Scouting circles. Skilled candidates are needed! ♣

# My Favorite Place

by Lauren Sullivan - Owasippe Camper

I wrote this paper as an entry for the "Reflections" project at my school. It is going on to the state level, and I thought it would fit well in *Vibrations*.

**Home:** My favorite place lies in Western Michigan. This place is known by many as Owasippe, but for me, it's home. Owasippe is America's oldest Boy Scout camp. It is the place I go to every summer for about seven weeks. At Owasippe, I found who I really am. I met friends who I will have forever, who I can look to for help. The friends I made there I never would have thought to be friends with here. Owasippe is the place that made me realize that it is okay to laugh at myself and just have fun. Owasippe is where I always spend my summers, no matter what. While at Owasippe, I learned that the greatest things in life aren't things.

The first time I ever went up to Owasippe, I was five years old. My dad and brother had already been up for a week, and I was going for a week. I was going up with the rest of my family. I was too little to know what to expect. When I got there and started program in the morning, I started to meet other kids my age. I loved my counselor. I made many new friends in my group. A couple of the people I still talk to today. I used to love to go camping and still do. I cherish all my camping experiences and will never forget them. When I left camp the first time and since then up to present year, I have always cried. I cried because I had such fun and memorable times. I always know that I will be coming up the next year though, so that helps. After my first year up to Owasippe, I went for two weeks until I was ten.

When I was ten years old, my mom got a job at Owasippe. This meant I would be going up for seven weeks. To me, seven

weeks seemed like a long time, but once I got there I realized it really wasn't. In the morning and afternoon I stayed at Reneker, but at night I helped my mom at Blackhawk. I did everything from swimming to hiking. Since I was ten, I have been going up for seven weeks and helping at Blackhawk until last year. Last year I still went up for seven weeks, but I helped at Wolverine. I was able to do so much more because I was older. Up in Michigan the older boys on staff acted like my bothers, and that's just what I consider them. They help me when I need it, make me happy when I'm sad, and when I'm injured or sick they make sure I'm getting better and help to keep me going. The staff truly is my family.

From the time I was five till present day, I have always been in the closing campfire. When I was younger, I was scared to go up and sometimes forgot the words. Then I started to become much better at memorizing the lyrics and words I have to speak. Now I am able to go up with one or two other people and lead songs for hundreds of people. I make myself look like an idiot sometimes, but I am always able laugh at myself. I do skits, songs and cheers. I just have to remember I'm there to keep the Scouts and families entertained.

So, does your favorite place have to be known by many people? No, but mine just happens to be. As E. Urner Goodman once sang, "Owasippe, you're the place for me." This is a very true quote. Owasippe is a home to me and many others. I have been going up to Owasippe since I was five and plan on going up tomorrow. At camp, people help each other just because we think they need it. This is the place I learned what was important to me and what really matters in the world. I discovered the person inside who I really am. ♣

## An Unusual Attraction on the "Black Trail"

submitted by Jim Schlichting - OSA Member

*Editor's Note: We want you to share your favorite pit stop on the way from Chicago to Owasippe! Write us a quick note with the location (including exit if you have it) plus why it's a favorite place to stop. Send it to vibrations@owasippe.com today! Restaurants, stores, ice cream parlors, cheap gas stations... you name it!*

Perhaps this might be of interest to some members. It has Chicago origins and is along the way between Chicago and Owasippe! Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until mid-April, but summer hours are extended after that. See [www.cranespiepantry.com](http://www.cranespiepantry.com) for their current hours.

### Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant Fennville, Michigan

The winter of 1937 was nasty in the upper Midwest. It trapped a bus full of tourists, or a few truckers (accounts vary) in Glenn, MI, forcing them to eat whatever was on hand, thus creating the nickname that Glenn still carries as "The Pancake Town." Glenn is just down the road from Fennville, home of the real star attraction, Betty. It was in 1937, perhaps during that same winter storm of the trapped bus, that a seven-year-old dog named Betty died.

Betty lived in Chicago with a lady with no children. The

lady loved her dog, and when Betty died the lady had her stuffed. When the lady died, she willed Betty to a niece named Kate. Kate worked part-time on the pie crew at Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant, a family-owned business that was decorated with old farm junk and goofy mannequins. Kate kept Betty for a while, but she got tired of vacuuming the dead dog. She asked the Cranes if they'd like to take Betty. The Cranes said yes. And that is when Betty, 50 years after she had died, finally reached the spotlight.

Betty has become the mascot of Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant. She sits in a sleigh on the enclosed porch. A sign around her neck gives the sparse facts of her life. Aside from Betty, the restaurant is known for its delicious food, pies, cider, preserves and bakery items.

To see Betty for yourself – and maybe enjoy a great meal or slice of pie – Take I-196 to exit 34, take Hwy 89 (124th Ave.) east about three miles to Crane's Pie Pantry on the right. ♣



# Owasippe 2007 Wish Lists

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The Camping Committee and Owasippe Staffers have compiled the following lists of program needs for this summer at Owasippe. If you would like to donate these items, please contact the Council office at 312-421-8800 or bring your donations up to camp when you come up for the Spring Fix-it.

## Reservation-wide Scoutcraft Supplies

- Compasses
- GPS Receiver
- Demonstration Tents (Dome, Backpacking, Wall, Ridge)
- Cast Iron Dutch Ovens
- Dutch Oven Lid Lifters and Pliers
- 1/4" Manila Rope (1000 ft. per camp)
- 1/2" Manila Rope (500 ft. per camp)
- Backpacking Stoves
- Water Purification Pumps
- Frame Backpacks (internal and external)
- Binder's Twine
- Burlap Sandbags
- Cook Kits (pots, plates, frying pans)
- Cooking Grates
- New Patrol Boxes (at least 3)
- Updated Merit Badge Books (at least 3 per badge)
- Spars, 10 ft. tall
- New Floor Boards (6-8 per camp)
- New Duck Boards (3-4 per camp)
- Survival Kits
- Picnic Tables
- Fireguard Tools (shovels, rakes, etc.)
- Woodsman's Tools (3 of each... 3/4 axes, Bow Saws and/or new blades, hatchets)
- Sharpening Tools (Bastards File, wet stones)
- Laminated Owasippe Maps
- Plastic Tarps
- Lockable Storage Shed (1 for each camp)
- Crosscut Saws
- Sponsors for Campschool Training

## Camp Wolverine Supplies

- Florescent bulbs for North Lodge bathroom 24"
- New roll towel dispenser for North Lodge bathroom
- Inexpensive copier for camp office
- New program boxes for program areas
- Larger mantels than are issued currently
- Carport tarp for Eco-Con
- Rubber door mat
- Small air conditioner for photo outpost to keep building at a reasonable and safe temperature.
- Better rods and reels for Fishing Outpost
- Pool water temperature thermometer
- Functional head block for backboard
- 2 ring buoys for boat docks
- 3 throw bags
- 2 100-foot good-quality hoses and reels
- Additional canoe paddles, especially medium and large



# Ringling in Our 29th Year

By Candy Merritt - Board Member

Thank you to all who attended the 2007 Banquet. Good times and great fellowship was had by all. I would like to thank all the participants who were not able to attend but who took the time to send in their vote and purchase some of the raffle tickets Thanks!

I send out my personal thanks to Elaine Pagels, Mike Romcoe, Bill Van Berschot and Chauncey Niziol for contributing or getting donations for our smaller raffle and silent auctions. Bill Tenner did a great job with supplying us with music all night through. My thanks goes out to Bill Van Berschot for doing a fantastic job as MC. He really kept our meeting going. Thanks to Mike Campbell for being available the entire night at the OSA apparel sales table. For those of you who weren't there, we unveiled a new line of apparel sporting cool designs on a variety of items. Bring some extra cash with you to the fix-it to buy the 2007 items including can coozies, water bottles, t-shirts, caps and the highly demanded hoodie sweatshirt. Thank you Pat Monahan for all the years you have put in as our elections chair. This is such an important role in our organization, and I thank him for doing one heck of a job and missing most of his meal while counting ballots.

The recent addition of a two-term limit on board seats in the OSA bylaws meant we had to say goodbye to board members Ron Derby and Mike "Buda" Campbell. Thank you both for all your hard work over the years. The two of you have been on the board for such a long time, and you will be missed even though I know you both have promised to continue to play an active role. Thank you for all your time and all those years of service!

We welcomed two new members to the Board of Directors – Andy Lukaszewicz and Michelle O'Connor – and welcomed back Steve Henclewski as a sitting Board Member. Thank you to all of our candidates, and congratulations to those three seat winners. The first order of business for the new board was to select officer positions. Tricia Monahan was voted as the new OSA President (as Pat Monahan mentioned, she is our first legacy president), Bill Van Berschot as Vice President, Tim Toerber as Secretary, and Ron Kulak continues as Treasurer. As an additional note, Ron Kulak and Andy Lukaszewicz are the first Scoutmaster/Scout combo to serve on the OSA Board of Directors together. This is an exciting time as the next generation is serving alongside those who founded the OSA.

Our raffle went off without a hitch. There were lots of winners throughout the night from table games, silent auctions and our popular night-of raffle, but our big raffle prize winners went home with some great items. Mary Tyeptanar won \$350 Cash, the Apple iPod went to Mike Finnegan and the Canon Digital Video Camera went to Ron Neibert.

We all know what follows 29 – the BIG 3-0. We are forming a 30th Anniversary Banquet committee. If there is anyone interested in helping plan the big party to celebrate the OSA's 30th anniversary, please contact me via e-mail or phone. [candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com) or (708) 354-9837. ♣

## Thank You

At the Dinner Dance I handed off the Presidential gavel and retired from OSA Board service. It was a liberating feeling but also a bit sad. After 10 years, I will definitely miss it. Throughout the evening I was approached by numerous OSA members who expressed a lot of gratitude for my years of Board service. My heart is full. I was truly moved, and I really appreciated all of your kind words. Thanks and best regards, Ron Derby. ♣

## Special Recognitions

This year, the OSA chose to honor two of its active volunteers with special awards at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance.

Nancy Romcoe was awarded the Honorary Life Member award, the OSA's highest recognition. Nancy has been a fixture in the Owasippe Trading Post for many years and has coordinated the other camp trading posts, inventory and ordering, warehouse supplies distribution, and so much more. This summer may be her last at Owasippe, as she is retiring from the position she has held for so long. We're all still holding onto the hope that she may change her mind and come back for many more years. Nancy also has been a longtime OSA Life Member and volunteer, attending and overseeing a warehouse crew at many fix-it weekends. She also has brought her children into the Owasippe staff family and may soon see her grandchildren take on staff roles.

Nancy is the first woman to receive of the OSA's Honorary Life Member award. Her decades of dedication have shown many staffers what it means to put in a hard day's work every day for the entire summer. We are grateful she continues to be active with the OSA and Owasippe.

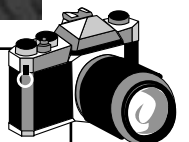
The 2006 Member of the Year award recognized Jim Adamitis and his stellar service during the past few years. Jim has been a lifelong Scouter, camper at Owasippe, OSA concert concessions volunteer, CAC board member, Scouter-11 member, and Save Owasippe t-shirt producer. Also, a generous gift from his family's holiday donation became the seed money for the OSA's sailing base repair fund. He has challenged many to support the Save Owasippe efforts, and he has been willing to stand up personally to voice his opinions. His dedication to Scouting, both within and outside of the OSA, has been phenomenal.

Unfortunately a mixup with the plaque vendor meant the plaques weren't available the night of the Dinner Dance. Nancy and Jim have since received their plaques, and we are extremely grateful for their dedication to the OSA and its mission.

Also, the OOEC presented Ron and Susan Derby with a special recognition of their years of service with both the OSA and OOEC. As this year marks Ron's retirement as OSA President, the OOEC board wanted to recognize the leadership he offered on behalf of the OSA in the form of fundraising, volunteer labor and grassroots activity. Ron will continue to hold a seat on the OOEC Board of Directors and will serve as liaison between the two organizations. ♣



You can visit [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com) to see most of these pics (and many more) in color.



# Upcoming Events

## the 2007 Spring Fix-it

All persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Our primary project will be painting Reneker cabins getting camp ready to open. Other projects may include roofing, carpentry, painting and more. Don't forget to bring a trunk-load of tools for various projects!

**May 18-20**

Round up some friends & contact Tim Toerber at 312-545-6320 or [timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com](mailto:timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com) to reserve your spot today!



### Calumet Council's 18th Annual Boy Scout Memorabilia Show & Swap Meet!

#### Memorial Day Weekend

Friday May 25, 2007 • 6:00 p.m. - ???

Saturday May 26, 2007 • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### St. Christopher's Church Gym

147th (Sibley Blvd.) & Keeler - Midlothian, IL

#### More Details

General Admission - \$1.50 - Scouts in uniform - Free

Refreshments Available... Lunch & Soft Drinks

**Buy, Sell, Trade, Browse!**

## the Pub Crawl

**Saturday, June 9th  
starting at 7:00 p.m.**

**NEW LOCATION!**  
Forest Park, IL

on Madison  
between Harlem  
& Des Plaines Ave.

**7:00-7:45 Healy's Westside**  
@ 7321 Madison

**8:00-8:45 Kazzbarr**  
@ 7420 Madison

**9:00-9:45 Shortstop Lounge**  
@ 7425 Madison

**10:00-11:00 Doc Ryan's**  
@ 7432 Madison

**11:15-12:00 Duffy's**  
@ 7513 Madison

**must be 21  
or older  
to attend**

There will be beverage specials as well as raffles!

There's plenty of free street parking on Madison as well as lot parking for 25 cents an hour... and it's accessible via the CTA's Green Line.

Food will be provided at Doc Ryan's... & we are asking for a \$5 donation to cover Crawl costs.

Questions: contact Andy Lukasiewicz at 312-203-5534



## Annual Family Picnic

Sun. August 19th, 11:00 a.m.

### Arie Crown Forest

Entrance located on the west side of LaGrange Road just north of I-55

Questions: contact Candy Merritt at 708-354-9837 or [candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com)





# News & Notes

## **Go Wireless in the White Lake Area**

Looking for WiFi hotspots in the Whitehall/Montague area so you can stay connected even when you are at camp? Here's a brief list of free connection points. We do recommend you make a purchase if you use a place of business for internet connectivity...

- The Book Nook and Java Shop, 8726 Ferry St., Montague
- White Lake Library, 3900 W. White Lake Dr., Whitehall
- Pekadill's, 503 S. Mears, Whitehall
- McDonald's, 3038 Colby Rd., Whitehall

## **Be a Fisherman ...**

Bring your unit and join ESPN Outdoorsman Chauncey Niziol for a day of fishing hints and fishing! Chauncey will be hosting Boy Scouts of all ages on Saturday, June 9 at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary, located at 1000 E. Maple Ave. in Mundelein, IL.

This event is open to all Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs and Venture Crews! Bring your pole and bait! No fishing license required. Come out and explore the Catholic discipleship and priesthood while fishing on the beautiful seminary lake! This event is hosted by the Catholic Committee. Cost is \$5 per person and includes fishing, hiking, lunch, games, a special patch and much more! Questions, to register and/or for more information please contact Jeff Zondlo at [ainformatics@comcast.net](mailto:ainformatics@comcast.net).



## **Owasippe in the Montague Museum**

Ron Derby (on behalf of the OSA) is working with Chuck Townsend of the Montague Museum Board to establish a permanent Owasippe exhibit at the Montague Museum, located at 8717 Meade St., at the corner of Church and Meade streets. The museum features displays celebrating Montague's own Miss America 1961 Nancy Fleming, the logging era, Native American artifacts, and a real shrunken head in the Peruvian exhibit!



The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day. Group tours are available by appointment; call the Montague City Hall (231-893-3055) and leave a message to arrange a group visit or for more information. This is a great place to visit with your family or Troop while at camp.

Much of the items we'll be selecting for the museum exhibit will come from the generous donations of memorabilia from some of our members. We're hoping the display will be available at the start of the camp season this year. Thanks to all those who helped make this happen by making memorabilia donations!

## **Scout License Plates a Possibility**

House Bill 3395 is making its way through the Illinois legislature, and Troop 7 of Springfield, IL, would love some help pushing it through. This bill would create specialty license plates for passenger cars in Illinois that would carry the Eagle Scout and Gold Award (Girl Scouts) logos.

The bill is being sponsored by representatives Jill Tracy (R-Quincy), Al Riley (D-Matteson), William Black (R-Danville), Rich Brauer (R-Springfield), Paul D. Froehlich (R-Schaumburg), and William Davis (D-East Hazel Crest).

Applicants would have to prove that they have earned the ranks associated with the license plates. Proceeds from the plate sales would be cycled back to the Boy Scout and Girl Scout councils based on the number of plates sold within their counties. This bill passed out of the House with only three "no" votes on March 29. It now proceeds to the Senate where Sen. Kirk Dillard, an avid Scout supporter, and Sen. Larry Bomke will carry this bill forward.

We encourage all Scouters to pass the word via their Troop e-mail lists and Troop newsletters to write your State Senator urging him/her to vote in favor of this legislation.

## **OSA Giveback for Home Improvement**

Bill Schaefer Sr. has extended a cool offer to all OSA members and friends. Bill does interior tiling at reasonable charge (very well too!) and is offering to donate 10% of the final price back to the OSA. That means you can have someone you know who will take the time needed to do the job right, plus you get the good feeling of knowing a portion of it is actually going to our great cause! He's even promising to make a copy of the check to the OSA and mail it to the paying customer so they can see that the donation was made. If you'd like to take Bill up on his offer, contact him at [wschaefer@comcast.net](mailto:wschaefer@comcast.net).

This is becoming a great (and popular) way to help out the OSA. Elaine Sweeney Pagels is offering a great giveback offer on each home closing just for using her realtor services. You can contact her via the Realty Consultants Inc. website at [www.realtyconsultants.biz](http://www.realtyconsultants.biz) if you happen to be in the market for a new home.

Thanks to Bill and Elaine (and Ron Kulak too who was offering this program for his mortgage services) for making these great offers.

## **Vibrations always needs copy!**

Send your Owasippe memories, stories, pictures, news items, grapevine tidbits, or editorial comments to:

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→ or e-mail: [vibrations@owasippe.com](mailto:vibrations@owasippe.com)

# Galloping Grapevine



## **Roger and Diane Bevans ~ Montague, MI**

There's a new grandbaby in the Bevans clan. Tressa and Albert had a baby girl, Ella Jean, on February 12th. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Diane says she's beautiful and is definitely "a keeper." Congratulations to the entire Bevans crew!

## **Philip Kaufman ~ Vero Beach, FL**

Phil checked in with us. He's having a great time living just two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean in Florida, but he's disappointed that the distance will keep him from visiting Owasippe this summer. He is working for a civil engineering firm where he focuses on grading, drainage design, site plans and utility plans for new development. It sounds like he's settling in nicely after almost half a year at the same company and in the same location. Soak up some sun for us, Phil, and you know how to get to camp in case you can make it up after all!

## **Ron Kulak ~ Oak Forest, IL**

Ron has landed a new job as the Branch Sales Manager for the Mt. Greenwood branch of Park National Bank. This is a newly created position there, so he has his hands full overseeing public relations, retail and commercial services, staff management, and mortgage offerings. Stop by 11159 S. Kedzie Ave. to see what he can help you with financially or just to share a cup of coffee. Best of luck to Ron in his new position.

## **Greg and Tracy Regalado ~ Streamwood, IL**

Tracy and Greg welcomed their beautiful baby boy on February 10th. Cole Charles tipped the scales at 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 22 inches long. Tracy and Cole are doing great and were home shortly after the delivery. Congratulations on the new arrival and all the adventures in store!

## Membership Corner

*presented by Hans Anderson - Board Member*

To help make it easier to get your friends and family to join the OSA and support our cause, we're reducing the price of a first-time membership when it is purchased at an OSA event. That means you should bring your family and all your buddies to the pub crawl, the fix-it, the picnic or any OSA event, and they can join for \$15 instead of \$20. Help us boost our membership!

**New Member**  
Debbie Elliott

**New Life Members**  
Anna Lucia Pappas  
Scott Oomens

} **Welcome to the OSA family!**

## From the Owasippe Tree Vol. 4 - 1991

### Top 10 Reasons We Don't Want to Leave Owasippe

10. We'll lose Medicare benefits
9. Without Steve's (Horvath) guidance, we might break into jail.
8. Paycheck is not enough to pay for gas on return trip.
7. Because #8 reason is actually true.
6. Where else can we "walk the dog" this much?
5. Didn't set up Carlen yet.
4. Don (Studaven) is too cheap to pop for "Magic Wands."
3. The shovelin' may not be complete.
2. Have to wait a whole year to be undernourished again.
1. Because in the end you'll see what Scouting can truly be, and pretty soon you'll find it's in your heart and mind. We love you Owasippe.

## Ways to Help

### Keep your membership dues current...

Dues cover numerous operational costs like liability insurance and postage. We simply cannot carry members that don't keep their dues current.

### Participate in the shopping/gift card program...

Buy cards for regular shopping trips as well as gifts. Get your family, friends and co-workers involved. The OSA gets a cut, and you get 100% value on what you spend. (see article on pg. 3 and green insert)

### Use GoodSearch.com to search the web...

Approximately \$0.01 is raised each time you search using Goodsearch.com. This means that if 100 people search two times each day, the OSA can earn \$730 in a year!

### Volunteer for the concert concession fundraiser...

This labor-intensive but fun program has helped raise thousands of dollars for the OSA and its programs. Some volunteer time can be worth a lot!

### Make cash or stock donations...

If you're looking for a charitable tax deduction or a break on capital gains tax, why not make a cash or stock donation to the OSA? You can make a general donation, or you can earmark it for a specific purpose. Here are just a few worthy programs... the Save Owasippe Fund, the Steve Schaefer Scholarship Fund or the Staff Development (CIT) Fund. If those funds don't appeal to you, pick your favorite section camp or program area and ask us to spend it there. If you donate it to the OSA, it WILL go to Owasippe and we WILL provide you with proper documentation for tax purposes... you have our word. Also, don't forget to see if your employer has a donation matching program!

Make checks payable to the OSA and be sure to earmark them for the fund you'd like to support or make a suggestion of your own. Mail to: OSA, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154.

# Hey! Are your OSA dues up to date?

**Membership dues cover a variety of operational expenses including but not limited to... insurance premiums, mailings, state & federal fees, accounting fees, printing costs, etc.**

PLEASE check the 4 digit number on your mailing label. According to our records, that is the last year you paid your dues.

**Please send dues checks to: OSA, P.O. Box 7097 • Westchester, IL 60154**

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

I hereby submit my request to register as a member and I certify that I am 19 or older at the time of my application.

Furthermore, as a friend of Owasippe, I pledge my support of the OSAs purpose. I also understand that I must stay current with my dues in order to remain a member in good standing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff, Service or Camping Years at Owasippe:

Year	Camp	Position

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Westchester, IL 60154

New Member	\$20	_____
Renewal	\$15	_____
Lifetime	\$350	_____

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## *Dates of Interest to OSA Members*

### *May*

- 9.....OSA Board Meeting & Gift Card Order Deadline
- 13.....Mother's Day
- 18-20.....OSA Spring Fix-it
- 25-26.....18th Annual Calumet Council Swap Meet
- 28.....Memorial Day

### *June*

- 9.....OSA Pub Crawl
- 13.....OSA Board Meeting
- 16.....Staff Week Begins
- 17.....Father's Day
- 24.....1st Day of Camp

### *July*

- 4.....Independence Day

### *August*

- 4.....Last Day of Camp
- 7.....Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 8.....OSA Board Meeting
- 19.....OSA Family Picnic





# Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

**Deadline:**

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by May 9th. Orders received after the cut-off date will be returned because the cards must be ordered all at once.

**Send checks only (no cash)  
& make them payable to the OSA**

**Mail entire form and check to:**

Tricia Monahan  
1044 Ontario, #2D  
Oak Park, IL 60302

**Questions?**

Contact Tricia Monahan at  
triciamonahan@gmail.com  
or 708-334-1100

**Please note:**

Shopping/Gift card denominations can change without notice. Orders must be made in multiples of the card amount. On rare occasions, cards become unavailable or are discontinued. If this occurs, we will refund your money.

**Pick Up or Shipping:**

You can pick up your order (free of charge) at the upcoming OSA Spring Fix-it on May 19th.

Please note: If you choose to have your cards shipped to you, we will send them via Priority Mail with delivery confirmation.

Unfortunately the USPS will NOT insure gift cards through the mail. That being said, Priority Mail with delivery confirmation is still a very safe way to send the cards, and it's a flat fee of \$4.05 no matter what!

I am selling gift cards as a fundraiser for the Owasippe Staff Association. These gift cards are accepted at stores where you normally shop, such as grocery stores and clothing stores. They can be used to fill up your gas tank, rent a movie, or pay for a meal at your favorite restaurant. They also make great graduation presents or Father's Day gifts.

If you'd like to place a gift card order, please fill out the form on the back of this page and return it to me by \_\_\_\_\_. Checks should be made out to the Owasippe Staff Association.

I will mail in your order and then deliver it to you by \_\_\_\_\_.

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If you'd like to find out more about the Owasippe Staff Association, please visit our website at:  
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