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Swimmers go to state competition



After an outstanding season in which the team took three first-place trophies and numerous seconds, one individual and one relay team advanced to the state level swim competition.

This season Oneida swimmers took home more trophies and medals than they had in multiple past years combined. OBI won second overall at the ECU Relays meet, with the boys taking first and girls third; first overall at the Somerset meet and first in the Barbourville Snowball Invitational.

At the regional meet, one of our seniors, **Robera Legesse** from Ethiopia, punched a ticket to state in the 100-meter butterfly and again with his relay team for the 400-meter free style, where they came in second. This relay team consisted of junior **Ivan Gonzales** and seniors Robera Legesse, **Daniel Fonseca** and **Everett Kirkman**.

Daniel has been swimming for two years, Ivan for four, Robera for one, and Everett for nine. This is the first time any of them have made it to a state competition, and the first

time in many years that OBI has sent athletes to state in swimming.

Coach **Kirbee Parkhouse** said, "I think this is a huge accomplishment. It'll be an eye-opening experience for everyone who is going. I think [the underclassmen] will work a lot harder to make it there again."

There were also six first-time swimmers who made it to the regional meet and swam like champions. Assistant Coach **Amy King** said, "If they stay, they've all got potential. They'll really go far."

When asked how she felt about the teams overall and compared to last year, King replied, "The team was much more cohesive this year and worked well together. The team captains, **Stephen King** and **Megan Stiles**, helped hold the team together and really made them feel like a family."

Coach Parkhouse added, "Every year...the teams have gotten better, but this year there were more goals set and more goals accomplished!" □

*Written by Everett Kirkman
Senior, Oneida Baptist Institute*

OBI student represents Clay County in Georgia

Our local pupils are important to the diversity of our student body. On January 28-29 one of our day students, **Sierra Dunzweiler**, served as an ambassador of Clay County at the Creative Communities Conference in Colquitt, Georgia.

Sierra represented the county, OBI, and "Monkey Dumplin's," a local folk art theatre group. She, three other youth and six adults worked at an in-

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Sierra has been involved in drama on the Oneida stage as well as in "Monkey Dumplings."

Oneida Baptist Institute Athletic Hall of Fame 2016 nomination form Deadline for nomination is June 1, 2016

Name of nominee _____

Decade of participation: 1930's 1940's 1950's 1960's 1970's 1980's 1990's 2000's 2010's

Sport(s) nominee participated in or coached _____

Your name _____

Your complete address _____

Your phone number _____

Why you are nominating this person (awards, records set, etc.) _____

See criteria on page 3. Fill out the above form, clip and mail to OBI, Attn: Athletic Director.

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formation booth and attended the conference. Sierra said the focus of the conference was on building a community. "I learned immensely," she said. "It helped me understand how we can grow as a community and become more of a family than individuals."

The conference included sharing stories and then putting the stories into a play -- all in one day. Sierra explained, "I very much enjoy drama. I've been in some church skits and in two OBI plays." The story-to-play experience of the conference was quite similar to what Sierra has done in Monkey Dumplin's, in which Clay County stories are loosely scripted and staged. "I've been in all of the Monkey Dumplin's productions so far," she stated. "I'm an actor, but we also help put the stories together and then get them on stage."

Next fall, Monkey Dumplin's plans to go into elementary schools in Clay County and Jackson County, helping the children stage productions in an after-school program. For more information on Monkey Dumplin's, go to <https://www.facebook.com/Monkey-Dumplings-214878168636061/?fref=ts> to check them out on Facebook. □

Giving time and talent



Our full-time volunteers are always a blessing to us. **Dr. Dean Wilson** is no exception, and his ministry keeps diversifying.

When Wilson and his wife, **Nona**, first joined the Oneida ministry team, he worked in new construction. With a lifetime in education, it didn't take long for him to be asked to teach U.S. History. Wilson had 15 years as a public school principal under his belt, and he soon moved from the classroom to serve as OBI principal and then as middle school principal.

Last May, Wilson retired from administration, but stayed on as a volunteer. He began making items out of wood and giving them to Nona to sell in the school's Gift Shop. Sometimes she requests a particular piece,

based on what she thinks will sell. "I work for my wife," Wilson quipped. "She's my boss." Frames, bowls, chessboards, and ballpoint pens are a few of his projects.

This has brought him full circle; Wilson majored in industrial arts in college and his first teaching job was in this field. Since he began crafting items to sell, Wilson has also begun teaching woodworking to some of our K-5 and ag classes.

Wilson said he loves working with wood. Unlike being in administration, "There's no pressure." □

Summer Dates



- May 16: Summer school starts
- June 17: Summer school ends
- June 20: Work program begins
- July 14: Day student registration
- July 15: Work program ends

Bits and tidbits

Our mission statement

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an *Education for Time and Eternity*.

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Does your church have a web site?

If so, ask them to link to OBI:

Web: www.oneidaschool.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/OBI.KY>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Oneida_Baptist

Connect with Mr. Gritton:

<https://twitter.com/Igritton>

Want an easy way to give?

Go to our web site and click the "Give/Volunteer" tab, then the "Donate now" button to give via credit card, debit card or PayPal: <http://www.oneidaschool.org/support.shtml>

OBI continues these programs:

Campbell's "Labels for Education"™

Send us the entire "Labels for Education"™ labels of Campbell's foods and others, like Vlasic®, Franco-American®, Prego®, Swanson®, Pace® & Pepperidge Farm®. Points earn free educational equipment and other items.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

Tyson's "Project A+"™

Send entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products. They are worth 24 cents each, and return to us as cash.

<http://projectaplus.tyson.com/>

General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™

Send specially marked box tops, each worth 10 cents with points-to-cash.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Do you know of a teenager who could benefit from the ministry we provide? Tell the family about OBI.

Oneida Baptist Institute is proud to be an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



The news in pictures

Clockwise: One of the many activities during FFA Week was the delivery of boutonnieres and coffee to the teachers. **Rev. Christian L. Thomas** (OBI '93) was our Spiritual Emphasis Week speaker. He was delighted to learn that **Martha Harmon** is still teaching in The Learning Center, and he thanked her for tutoring him when he was a student here. We started a "Pee Wee" sports program this year, including cheerleading. This season seniors **Madison Kehler** and **Ashley Booher** scored their 2,000th and 1,000th basketball career points, respectively.



Athletic Hall of Fame nomination criteria

The purpose of the OBI Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor our outstanding coaches and athletes. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of the President, Principal(s), Athletic Director and coaches who have coached a state-recognized sport for five years or more at OBI and are still employed by our school. Nominations may be made by any person. The inductees will be chosen by the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of an athlete:

1. The nominee must have been outstanding in one or more sports while a student at OBI.
2. The nominee must have left OBI in good standing.
3. A nominee must have graduated from high school--not necessarily from OBI--at least five years before he/she is inducted into the Hall of Fame. Only his/her OBI achievements will be considered.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of coaches:

1. Any coach whose team wins a KHSAA-sanctioned state championship is automatically considered for induction.
2. Any other coach to be considered must have been a varsity head coach at OBI for at least three years.

Additional requirements for eligibility for nomination:

1. Nominee must be present at the induction ceremony. If unable to attend due to illness, the nominee may be represented by a family member.
2. The nominee may be someone already deceased. In this event, he/she will be represented by a family member at the induction ceremony. Persons interested in nominating a former OBI athlete or coach should send information such as newspaper clippings, statistics, a picture of the nominee (preferably a photo made at or around the time the person was at OBI), and/or other items of documentation that make the nominee worthy of consideration. Enclose information with the nomination form on page 4.



Will you be joining us?

**Alumni & Friends
golf tournament
October 21
and
Homecoming
October 22**



Furnish a room!

After completion, Carnahan -Daugherty Hall will need to be furnished. We invite you, your church or other group to help. Donors giving \$2,500, the cost of completely furnishing one dormitory room, will be recognized with a plaque outside one of the rooms.