

Transportation Appreciation

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In the top photo, members of the Transportation Department got together for their annual picnic. Pictured, left to right: bus driver Lorrie Fredenburg (dark blue sweatshirt), bus aide Anne Pellicano, bus driver B.J. Wheeland, bus driver Nancy Signs, Dr. Bill Russell, OA superintendent of schools, and bus driver Nancy Legge.

In the photo above, from left to right: mechanic Randy Murray, mechanic Justin Williams, Amanda Eschler (whose boyfriend is former OA mechanic Chad Halliday, currently serving in the United States Marine Corps - Chad Halliday is also the son of head mechanic Cliff Halliday), mechanic Rob Truss, Kelli Halliday (Cliff Halliday's daughter) and head mechanic Cliff Halliday.

In the photo at left, Tony Quaranta, transportation supervisor, right, hands raffle winnings to mechanic Jeff Hiller.

On May 17, as part of the national School Transportation Personnel Appreciation Week, the Owego Apalachin Transportation Department held its annual department picnic.

Money was donated for the purchase of meat, condiments, rolls, soft drinks and paper products. Donations came from: parent-teacher groups at OAMS, OES and AES. OFA student council "extra classroom" fund also made a donation, as did the Owego Apalachin Teachers Association.

There was also a raffle with items donated by Matthews Buses Inc. and Tony Quaranta, OA transportation supervisor.



Pictured at top, members of the OA Transportation Department enjoyed their annual "appreciation picnic" on May 17 at the district's bus facility. At left, bus driver Mary Godfrey is shown with her son Colin (at right). She is holding Jamison Thompson, the grandson of bus driver Lucy Relyea. Above, bus driver Yvonne Eastman checks out the offerings.



Pictured at top, Tony Quaranta, OA transportation supervisor, is shown during the raffle, while bus driver Pam Krause (center) and driver/trainer Faye Waxman (right) enjoy the day. Pictured above and at left, folks from around the OA community were called in to man the grills and cook as a "thank you" to members of the Transportation Department. Above, Board of Education member John Crosby uses a casual approach at one grill, while Dan Whippo, OATA president (far left), and Ron Pierce, Owego Free Academy principal (left), have a more formal style.