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# **GBCC Eliminates** marijuana possession fines **Methodist Church pastor charged** with possession of child porn, meth By Christopher Johnson Senior Reporter/Photographer

The part-time pastor of Oneida United Methodist Church (OUMC) was taken into custody by law enforcement officials February 24 on 20 counts of possession of child pornography and one count of possession of methamphetamine. Rick Haberland, 48, was booked into the Outagamie County Jail just after noon after investigators received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Search warrants were executed at the church as well as a residence



**Rick Haberland** 

across the road from the church where the pastor resided. Haberland was a reverend for the church for less than two years. Prior to his arrival at the Oneida Methodist Church, he worked as pastor at both Suring and Hickory United Methodist Churches in Suring, Phillips United Methodist Church in Phillips, as well as Tabor United Methodist Church in Eden. At the time of his arrest Haberland was also working as a pastor at New Hope United Methodist Church in Ashwaubenon.

Investigators allege in the criminal complaint that Haberland admitted to having at least 20 videos of child pornography on

> **Continued on PG 15** Haberland

# **Oneida** Nation citizen deploys to European hot zone

## By Christopher Johnson Senior Reporter/Photographer

Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine is prompting condemnation and a worldwide response from many nations including the United States. Since the invasion President Joe Biden has deployed several thousand United States troops to neighboring European countries to help train NATO forces and serve as a deterrent. And while there is no intent on the part of the U.S. to join in the fighting against Russia, that news is still unsettling for one Oneida Nation mother whose son was just deployed to the region.

Army Specialist Tyrel Miller, 26, shipped out in mid-February as Russian President Vladimir Putin

## continued his build-up of troops on the Russian/Ukrainian border. Miller's mother, Michelle, says the 2013 Preble High School graduate deployed with his Wiesbaden, Germany-based unit and is currently serving as a Chaplain's Assistant at an undisclosed location.

"I really thank all of our family and friends who have been reaching out," Michelle said. "I really appreciate that from everybody, and not just for my son but for all of our military families because this is a rough time not knowing what is going on when we don't hear from our loved ones. I did ask him to contact me, even if it's only a two-second phone call, to let me know he's all right but have yet to hear from him."

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Spc. Tyrel Miller

As the situation in Ukraine continues to evolve the United State's mission in the conflict will continue to be one of deterrence and training for the foreseeable future.

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**PG 7** Green Creek & Bread

### **PG 14** Creek Village HBO Lots

# CULTURE

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# **Green Bay Common Council eliminates marijuana possession fines in private spaces**



### By Christopher Johnson Senior Reporter/Photographer

The City of Green Bay Common Council voted unanimously to drop all local fines for adults older than 21 for possessing small amounts of marijuana in private settings during their March 1 Common Council Meeting.

General Ordinance No. 06-22 essentially eliminates fines for possessing and consuming less than 28 grams (just under one ounce) in private settings like a residence within the city. The previous city ordinance set the maximum fine at a \$500.00 forfeiture for the same amount. The default forfeiture amount was \$350.00 and there was no distinction in penalties for minors. Anybody over the age of 21 caught in public with pot may still be subject to a fine ranging ranging from \$1 to \$500.

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An informational memorandum brought forward by the Green Bay Law Department and Green Bay Police Department shows the new ordinance will also address persons under the age of 21, setting fines between \$100 to \$200. Fines would increase with any subsequent offense. Community Service is also a viable disposition for the offense.

Paraphernalia citations carry their own sets of forfeiture amounts, and this ordinance will not be affected by any decisions made around the pot possession ordinance proposal. This means while an individual may not receive a fine for actually possessing less than an ounce of pot, they could still receive a citation for possessing paraphernalia.

The memorandum also clearly states these changes have no effect on the actual legalization or use of marijuana. These changes are focused solely on the forfeiture amounts which are based on the circumstances surrounding the offense. This ordinance does not apply to incidents of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence or instances of possessing more than 28 grams of marijuana, both of which are criminal offenses.

Marijuana possession, in every form, remains illegal in the state. The state of Wisconsin, which has become Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos' own private island of prohibition, is losing out on at least \$165 million in estimated yearly tax revenue. Vos has repeatedly stated publicly across the years that he supports medical marijuana, but he continues to shoot down any and all marijuana reform legislation, including all bipartisan medical proposals, that cross his desk.

Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) has introduced several marijuana reform bills to the Wisconsin State Legislature calling for the legalization of both medicinal and recreational use of pot. All of her attempts are essentially ignored by Vos.

"This is a great step in the right direction," Agard told the Kalihwisaks regarding the Green Bay Common Council decision. "I'm thrilled to see more and more communities in Wisconsin prioritizing the reduction or elimination of fines for cannabis possession."

Medical marijuana is a proven hot button topic in Wisconsin, with 83 percent of registered voters showing support according to the latest Marquette University Law School poll, released March 2. At least 51 percent of state Republicans and 75 percent of Democrats want full-scale legalization, while more than 61 percent of all eligible Wisconsin voters favor legalization.

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# Sheku,

As leaders of Oneida Nation, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to you. As employees of the Oneida Nation, you have gone above and beyond this past year, displaying dedication and perseverance through this ongoing pandemic.

We acknowledge it may have not been the easiest at times, yet you kept the Nation as a priority and kept the success of our beautiful organization alive through your dedication. New employees, as well as those who have been with us for many years...your contributions and time are truly valued.

As we all continue our journey of rebuilding our Nation and our fire within, we hope you are staying safe and masking up. Please find this winter gift as a recognition of your hard work and commitment to the Oneida Nation.

With a Good Mind, a Good Heart, and a Strong Fire.

# Yaw^ko,

## **Oneida Business Committee**



# HISTORY

# **Historical Headlines: This week in Oneida History**

### 2 KALIHWISAKS March 17, 1992

# Oneida's presence at capitol pays off

### Keith Skenandore

Approximately 75 Oneida tribal members traveled to Madison to lobby against a referendum that would eliminate gaming in the State of Wisconsin.

The referendum, Senate Joint Resolution 73, was passed by a vote of 27 to 6, and was to appear before the assembly on March 3. It was at the assembly were the Oneida's made their presence known. Whether is was talking with legislators or just standing there, the Oneida's were recognized.

"It's really hard to screw somebody over when you have to look them in the face," said Cindy Broydrick, lobbyist for Broydrick, Broydrick and Dacy.

The assembly broke into a Senate Caucus and it was there that the referendum was the topic of discussion. The referendum proposed that gaming be eliminated in Wisconsin except for bingo, lottery, dogtracks and horsetracks.

John Medinger, Representative of the 95th Assembly District, expressed his views on why the referendum should be voted against.

"We need to realize how complex this issue is," said Medinger. "Its not whether your for or against gambling, or whether your moral or immoral." "We don't want to leave out the minority viewpoint. Hasn't the white man broke the Indians back enough already. Don't break their gaming compact."

Throughout the caucus disputes surfaced on whether the bill should go before a public hearing.

"I see nothing wrong with a public hearing," said James Holperin, 34th Assembly District representative. Mary Lou Van Dreel, 90th Assembly District representative agreed with Holperin and asked for a public hearing.

The results from the caucus put the referendum back on to the assembly floor that afternoon. It was there that a decision was made for the referendum to be put in the Rules Committee. Currently the bill is still sitting there awaiting its destiny. It's possible that the bill or another bill may be taken up in a Senate Caucus, which may once again move into action on the floor. There are a number of ways this bill can go and the Oneida Tribe is monitoring its path, as well as watch for any other bills that may affect the tribe.

There is also another threat over the legislature. That is the Governor is threatening to call them back into a special session if they do not address the gambling issue. This increases the likelihood that it will be addressed before the end of the session, which ends the week of March 27.



Above: Oneida Business Committee member, Mark Powless, presents a gift to a good friend, Wisconsin State Legislator, Cletus Vanderperre Acts of friendship and conversing with legislators was a few ways c. lobbying as a group of approximately 75 Oneidas made their presence known when they traveled to Madison on March 10 to lobby. Insent: Representative John Medinger expresses his views at the Democratic Caucus against the bill proposed to eliminate gaming. Kalihwasaks Archives 1992

# **Oneida Nation praises "Purple Heart Reservation" Bill** A special thanks to Lead Authors Rep. Jim Steineke and Sen. Robert Cowles

(Oneida Reservation) – On Wednesday, February 23, 2022, the State Assembly concurred passage of Senate Bill 969 that will allow the Oneida Nation to erect Purple Heart signs on state highways within the Nation's reservation. SB-969 passed the State Senate the day before on February 22, 2022.

In 2019, the Wisconsin State Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 164, led by two of our cherished Purple Heart recipients, the late George Greendeer Sr. and Cletus Ninham, worked with the Nation's leadership and veteran's groups to declare the Oneida Reservation a Purple Heart Reservation. Subsequently, a community event was held by the Military Order of Purple Heart to erect a monument honoring our veterans and recognizing Oneida purple heart recipients.

"The Oneida Nation is proud of our military service, as Oneida people have served in every war on the side of the United States since the Revolutionary War," stated Oneida Nation Councilwoman Marie Summers. "We hold our veterans in the highest regard. On behalf of the Oneida Nation, I wish to also express our appreciation to Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) and Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) for taking the lead to ensure timely passage of this legislation.



# CULTURE

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Moon Calendar 2022

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### By Tsyosha?aht Delgado Area Manager Cultural Heritage

The Moon is significant to the Oneida people. It is acknowledged in our Kanehelatuksla -Thanksgiving Address and Creation story. In the Thanksgiving address, we give thanks to the Moon, our Grandmother. She is the nighttime light giver and is the leader of female matters.

Our first ceremony of the year Mid-Winter is in line with the moon. Five sleeps after the New Moon is the date that the Mid-Winter ceremony would be set. This year the New Moon was on January 2. Counting that day, the 6th day had been designated as the day to do our Mid-Winter Ceremony, which was January 7th. We did a Tobacco Burning on behalf of the people due to the pandemic.

We also acknowledge our grandmother moon at the time she's full. Women come together, bringing a clear glass of water and place it in the moonlight for the full moons energy to go through it. Women will sing seed songs, or women's songs to the Moon, and after, drink the water to consume her energy. If a woman doesn't know a song, she can say a thanksgiving to our Grandmother Moon before drinking the water to consume her energy.

To find out more information about Oneida Culture and Traditions contact Cultural Heritage at 920-496-5395.

# NEWS

**MARCH 2022** 



# TO REGISTER CALL: 920-869-4940

- For due dates in April 2022 through July 2022
- Support person encouraged to participate
- Participants encouraged to attend all three classes
- Need a cell phone, laptop or computer with internet

Instructors are lactation counselors: Oneida Prenatal Nurse Candi and Oneida WIC Dietitian Kelly

### Class 1: TUE., MARCH 15, 2022 • 5-7pm

Topics: 3rd Trimester, Nutrition and Childbirth History; Normal Labor and Delivery (COVID precautions; Labor Positions and Coping Methods; & Labor Pain Medications and Procedures

### Class 2: TUE., MARCH 22, 2022 • 5-7pm

Topics: Postpartum Care & Infant Care (COVID precautions)

### Class 3: THE MARCH 29

TUE., MARCH 29, 2022 • 5-7pm

Topics: Breastfeeding Basics (COVID precautions)







# **PROTECT AGAINST FRAUDULENT COVID TESTING** Protect Yourself from Fraudulent Testing Providers

## Do not pay with cash:

Most insurances will cover the cost of COVID-19 testing. Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) also cover COVID-19 testing. Ask the provider if they accept health insurance.

# Do not provide your personal information

Providers that ask about your Social Security number, passport, driver's license, or other personal information may be involved in identity theft scams. However, providers may ask for your ID to verify your information if they intend

# Ask when and how you will get your results

Testing providers should tell you when you will receive results, pr at least provide a range, such as 2-3 days. They should also explain how you will receive results, such as by email, mail, or phone.

# Ask about certificatio

The Federal government assigns a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) number to approved COVID-19 testing facilities that perform rapid onsite testing. You can learn in advance whether a testing lab has a CLIA number by typing in the lab name. The lab name will pop up if they have been assigned a CLIA number.

# Confirm that results will be reported:

Find out if the testing provider reports COVID-19 test results to state and federal agencies, which they are required to do.

# Buy FDA-authorized COVID-19 tests

Only purchase testing kits from reputable companies and be on the lookout for copycat company names with suspicious websites or spelling errors.

# Submit A Testing Provider Complaint

You can direct complaints about a COVID-19 testing experience to DHS' Office of Inspector General at 877-865-3432 or online. Examples of complaints could include incorrect results, missing results, fake results, testing quality, testing site cleanliness, insurance billing, inappropriate fees for tests, testing fraud such as fake test kits, and other related topics.

# ELDERS

We are made of Stories

# **Elder Quote of the Month**



Evelyn M. Danforth By Trista Cornelius-Henricks

Evelyn M. Danforth was born in March 1916, to Elias and Mary Skenandore. She lived in Brown County and remembered growing up around other Oneida people. Her father spoke fluent Oneida, as did her mother, until she went away to school where the language was lost. Though she could still understand it, her mother could no longer speak it. Neither of Evelyn's parents taught her Oneida, however, she picked up on some words because her grandmother didn't speak English. "I don't know it good, but I know some, I can remember some."

When asked about her schooling, she explains that when she was younger; she accompanied her older brothers and sisters on their travel to school, Red Springs Indian Mission in Gresham WI, but once there she wanted to stay, so her father let her. "Later, I thought I was six at that time, but my sister told me I was four." She doesn't elaborate on her time at the school, even with some gentle questions.

She remembers growing up without heat or electricity. They burned wood or coal, and when someone was sick or ill, her grandmother would use herbs, until later when they could seek treatment with Dr. Hill. While her mother was taught to use herbs, it was not passed down to her and the practice was forgotten. A typical Sunday for Evelyn and her family was company after church, with family and friends. They seem fond memories as she smiled while saying, "I thought it was fun." She also talked about her grandmother making cornbread early in the morning; they often ate cornbread and corn soup in winter. They planted plenty of white corn in her father's garden. Her mother used to tell her stories of how the land was before, how you could hear wolves howling at night, and how they would steal the farmer's pigs and chickens.

Evelyn did seasonal work in a factory until she married Dennison Danforth in 1944 and focused on raising their three children. She seemed the happiest when mentioning her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Later in life, she was a foster grandparent to many other children, and worked at the Oneida Elementary School. She enjoyed reading to children at the library. Far different from when she attended school at Trout Creek, where there was a single room with one teacher for about thirty students of varying grades.

Schools weren't the only changes she experienced. She says with amusement, "The one thing is roads" and how the landscape has changed. Her family went from her father's horse and buggy to her brothers, eventually getting cars. "And all these new homes and stuff" how Green Bay, Seymour, and Oneida itself have grown over the years. Thinking on changes and the future, when asked what advice she gives to her grandchildren, she says, "Get as much schooling as they can."

To find out more about Evelyn's life and other elder stories, check out Oneida Digital Media on YouTube. Big Bear Media will soon premier a database with all Gordon McLester's elder videos recorded between 1994 - 2007.

# VFW honors Wheelock and Parker

(Oneida Reservation) - The Oneida Nation VFW Post 7784 recently recognized warriors Hudson Wheelock and Andrew Junior Parker for their service to their nations during the Korean War.

Post Commander Cletus Ninham (right) and Judge Advocate Dave Cornelissen (left) presented each with an official Post 7784 Medal of Gratitude for their sacrifice.

Photos courtesy Cletus Ninham



Hudson Wheelock



**Andrew Junior Parker** 

# COMMUNITY

# Our family's decision? Stepping up her safety.



# → Because COVID-19 can be serious for kids, too.

Getting COVID-19 can have real consequences for a child's health, from a hospital stay to living with "long COVID" symptoms. Taking simple steps as a family–like wearing a mask in class or getting kids the free COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5 and up–can help kids stay safe and in school.



Get started today at dhs.wi.gov/covid19/parents

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

# Stroke Prevention Research Study

Are you Native American? 55 and Over? If So, I are invited to participate in the Native American Stroke Prevention Research Study. This study is a partnership between the Oneida Nation and UW-Madison to decrease Stroke and Stroke Risk Factors in the Native American population.

Participation is Free. All research is performed on the Oneida Reservation.

Contact Amanda for Sign up and questions at 920-490-3984.

## **Wise Women Gathering Place**

Job Title: Shelter Working Kitchen Manager Salary: \$15/hour, plus \$3.50 an hour hazard pay while applicable

Hours per week: 20 -30 (3p to 7p Monday through Friday, flexible)



Reports: Executive Director, Job# 0103 Position Summary: This position provides meal planning, preparation of meals and clean-up of kitchen while adhering to the safety and sanitation standard of equipment and food for the Safe Shelter Program.

# MARCH 2022 COVID-19 Vaccine Opportunities

Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine/ booster doses will be available

Health Center

- 3/2 1-3pm Walk-in for people 12+ years
- 3/9 1-3pm Walk-in for people 12+ years
- 3/15 2:30 4:30pm By appt. for ages 5-11 yrs.
- 3/16 1-3pm Walk-in for people 12+ years
- 3/23 1-3pm Walk-in for people 12+ years
- 3/30 1-3pm Walk-in for people 12+ years

For appointment schedule, please call 920-869-4939. Please bring your Covid-19 vaccination card.



# APPLY TODAY Oneida Nation Boards, Committees, or Commissions

Vacancies and applications are posted on our website here: https://oneida-nsn.gov/ government/boards-committees -and-commissions/vacancies/

You can also contact the Government Administrative Office (GAO) at (920) 869-4364 for more information.



# READY TO QUIT COMMERCIAL TOBACCO?

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The American Indian Quitline offers free medications and supportive professional coaches who are experienced working with American Indian communities. They appreciate our culture and traditions, and can help you get back to a healthy, sacred relationship with tobacco.

# CALL 1-888-7AI-QUIT (724-7848) OR TEXT READY TO 200-400



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MARCH 9, 2022 | 11

Flood Safety Awareness Week in Wisconsin

As winter melts away to spring, it also marks a return to flood season. Flooding from melting snow or heavy rain is one of the most common and most costly natural hazards in Wisconsin.

Floodwaters can rise in a matter of seconds, creating a potentially life-threatening situation. "People often underestimate the force and power of water. Since 2010, more than a dozen people in the state lost their lives during flooding. The more people heed warnings and avoid flooded areas, the more lives we can save.

Much of Wisconsin is currently experiencing drought conditions, but heavy rainfalls can still produce flooding quickly. While you can't always stop the waters from rising, the following tips can help improve safety for you and your community before a flood:

 Know your flood risk. Assess the potential for flooding on your property if you live in a flood plain or near a body of water or have a basement. Plan with your family for what you will do if the floodwaters begin to rise.

- Build a "Go Kit." Include items such as food, water, cash, medications, and copies of important documents (personal identification like passports and birth certificates, medical records, insurance policies, and financial documents).
- Make an emergency plan If you can't make it home or need to leave quickly, identify a meeting place for your family. Make a list of emergency numbers and important contacts.
- Keep water out of your house. Clean gutters regularly, direct downspouts away from your foundation, repair cracks in your foundation, improve grading so water flows away from your house, and cover window wells.
- Investigate flood insurance. Standard insurance policies generally do not cover flooding. Most flood coverage requires 30 days to take effect. Find more information about flood insurance options at https://www.floodsmart. gov/.

# Follow these tips during and after a flood:

 Stay up to date on the forecast. Identify multiple ways to receive alerts about dangerous weather conditions and potential flooding, such as a NOAA Weather Radio, trusted local news outlets, and mobile weather apps.

- Never drive or walk-through flooded areas - turn around, don't drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can sweep adults off their feet, while 12 inches can carry away a small car. Be especially careful while driving at night.
- Stay out of floodwaters, which can contain bacteria from human and animal waste, sharp objects, hazardous chemicals, downed power lines, and other dangerous items.
- If your home floods, follow cleaning and disinfection guidelines to avoid mold growth.
- If the power goes out for more than four hours, throw out refrigerated food or any food that came into contact with floodwater.
- If your drinking water well is flooded, disinfect the well and test the water to make sure it's safe before drinking it.
- If you use a generator, keep it outside at least 20 feet from your home to avoid illness or death from carbon monoxide, which can occur in enclosed spaces.

For more information on Flood Safety Awareness Week, and for safety information throughout the year, go to http://readywisconsin.wi.gov.

# **OBITUARIES**

### BRUCELYN P. "BRUCIE" BENSON March 17, 1948 - March 1, 2022



Brucelyn P. "Brucie" Benson, 73, passed away surrounded by family on March 1, 2022. The daughter of Evan P. Jr. and Rosaline

(Denny) Smith was born on March 17, 1948. On February 11, 1994, she married Anthony Benson Sr. in Green Bay.

Brucie spent her career as an accounting clerk for the Oneida Nation. She enjoyed bowling, crocheting, reading, Scrabble and watching races, both local and NASCAR. Brucie was a member of the Oneida Hymn Singers and volunteered for many organizations over the years. She made the best corn soup and fried bread. The secret ingredient was only divulged to one family member. Who knows when or if it will ever be given up!

She is survived by her daughter; Melody R. Benson, Siblings: Joyce A. (Raymond) Johnson, Paul C. Smith, Christine R. Pociopa, and Vernon L. Smith. Sisters In-Law: Beverly Scow, Betty McLester, and Rose Benson, many nieces, nephews and cousins and very special friends Sally Salazar of Toledo, OH and Carol Elm of Oneida.

Brucelyn was preceded in death by her husband Anthony "Tony" Benson, her paternal grandparents: Evans Smith Sr .and Alice (Parkhurst) Smith-Cornelius, maternal grandparents: Jemima Metoxen-Denny and Wesley Denny. Her siblings: Carolyn Sue ("Susie") VanEnkenVoort, and Wesley Smith, Sr. Also, nieces Yotsitsyakele Smith & Yosaline Smith, Sister-In- Law Eleanora Cornelius-Smith, and Brother In-Law John "Jack" Pociopa.

Burial will take place March 17, 2022 at Oneida Methodist Cemetery.

Thank you to the Bishop's Court staff, Heartland Hospice, Dr. Ravinder Vir, all of her caretakers, Ryan Funeral Home, the Oneida Methodist Church and the Oneida Hymn Singers, who all served her family with compassion and dignity.

Thanks also to the firekeepers, and Luanne King-Skenandore, Bev Scow, Kwnwahta Smith, Synala Smith, Qualayou Smith, Yanukwala Scow, Angela Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Adam Johnson, Chris Pociopa, Meadow Moore and Robert, Bonnie Nicholas-Marlewski, and Laneva "Kayo" Hill, who all provided for family needs.

# JOHN T. DENNISON April 3, 1932 - February 28, 2022



bruary 28, 2022 John T. Dennison, Oneida, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 28, 2022. He was born April 3, 1932 in Morgan Siding, Kentucky,

to the late John and Leva Dennison. John served his country in the U.S. Army from 1951 - 1952. He married Elizabeth "Betty" Smith. John worked for Yellow Freight as an over the road driver. He was a proud member of the Oneida VFW and the Masons, Lodge 851.

John is survived by his wife Betty, their children; John (Diane) Dennison, and Kenneth (Pamela) Dennison. Grandchildren; Linda Marie, John III, Billy, Timothy, Matthew, and Grace, as well as great grandchildren and two siblings, Betty Jean, and Donald.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Kenneth, and Randall.

The family requests no flowers or plants please, all memorials should be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

### CLARA M. (JOHN) KERWIN January 26, 1936 - March 1, 2022



- March 1, 2022 Clara M. (John) Kerwin, age 86, of Oneida passed on to meet her Savior Jesus Christ on March 1, 2022. She was born on January 26, 1936 to the late

Lomas and Nellie (Skenandore) John.

Clara was united in marriage to Harold Kerwin and he preceded her in death.

Clara served in the Air Force for 13 years. She enjoyed going on trips with the Elders and Friends. She was a faithful member of the Oneida Assembly of God. She also loved owl figurines. She loved to bowl and was always a great friend to many. Most of all she loved her family and enjoyed teasing them.

She leaves behind her son, James (Jessica) Kerwin of Elkhorn, Nebraska; three grandchildren: Clara, Hana, and Jack; siblings: Tom (Adela) John, Cora John, Andrew (Lori) John, and Myron (Judy) John. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by brothers: Benjamin John and Ernest John; sisterin-law, Selma John.

Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to Clara's family at www. muehlboettcher.com

Thanks to Dr. Flood, Unity Hospice, and Emily Johnson for all of their care and support.

### DOUGLAS SCOTT LASTER JR September 21, 1990 - February 18, 2022



Douglas Scott Laster Jr, 31, Green Bay, WI passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022. He was b o r n o n September 21, 1990 to Melissa

(Missy) Germait and Douglas Laster both of Green Bay.

Douglas attend Oneida Tribal School then continued to Seymour High School.

Douglas' life mission was to be the entertainer to any function. He was known to be a people pleaser and to go out of his way to make you laugh and if you didn't, he would find a way. He loved to crack jokes and sing. He was all about

# OBITUARIES

helping family and friends. Douglas was also fond of his Oneida heritage.

Douglas had one daughter whom he loved so much, Nayleigh Laster. Three sister's whom he loved dearly; Shannon (Eric) Micolichek, Green Bay; Scharlene Laster of Green Bay; and Twylite (Andrew) Beach from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Douglas had many Aunts; Uncles and Cousins that meant a great deal to him.

He was preceded in death by both sets of Grandparents: Scharlene Smith-Kasee; Luther (Buddy) Laster; Gerald (Bobo) Germait and Claudia (Kitty) Phillips.

We would like to thank Ryan Funeral Home in our time of need and the many friends and family that have reached out to us.

### LAURIE ANN METOXEN November 25, 1959 - February 27, 2022



Laurie Ann Metoxen, 62, "Lobie", of Oneida, died unexpectedly early Sunday morning February 27th, 2022, at St.

Vincent Hospital. Born November 25th, 1959, to Roy and Lida (Parkhurst) Metoxen.

She is survived by her children Margot A. Springer, Marjorie L. Springer, Freeman R. Peters, Raeanne P. Funmaker, Luanne E. Funmaker, and Richard J. Metoxen. Her grandchildren Maddox Metoxen, Burnie Murray, Aleena Funmaker-Adams, Amillia Funmaker-Adams, and Atunyute Funmaker. Her siblings Dale "Ricky" Metoxen, Lynn Metoxen, Kenny Metoxen, Lyle Metoxen, and Mitch Metoxen.

Known for her bead work, star quilts, creating all types of artistic creations. She was a kind & gentle soul who enjoyed having tea and visiting with friends. Employed within the Oneida tribe. Lobie, was an avid reader and enjoyed going for walks in nature. Lobie supported the recovery community and had 18 years sobriety. She followed Lakota Sioux ceremonies since the age of 18 and was honored as a "Pipe Carrier". As a member of the Native American Church, she lived and respected that way of life.

Preceded in death by her father Roy Metoxen, her mother, Lida Metoxen, brothers, Jeffrey Metoxen, Alphian Metoxen. Laurie endured many struggles in her lifetime and is now at peace.

### MARENA ANNETTE PAMANET September 11, 1943 - February 19, 2022



Marena Annette Pamanet, 78, Oneida, passed away Saturday evening, February 19, 2022 at her home. She was born September

11, 1943 to Alfreda Smith and the late Carl Danforth.

Marena attended Cramoor grade school and John Edwards High School in Port Edwards, WI. After High School she went on to earn an Associates Degree in Accounting. Marena worked for the Oneida Nation for many years as a bookkeeper.

In her earlier years, Marena served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and PTA Treasurer. She was an member of Church of the Holy Apostles, Oneida.

She is survived by her son Walter Wilber, her mother Alfreda Green, her sister Carole Liggins, grandchildren, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her children, Carla J. Bridges, Scott H. Skenandore, Amy Allenby, and her father Carl Danforth.



## B L A N C H E A . P O W L E S S December 23, 1926 - February 21, 2022



Blanche A. Powless, beloved matriarch of the Powless family, entered Eternal life Monday, February 21, 2022.

She was born

December 23, 1926, in the town of Oneida, the daughter of the late Dennison and Sadie (Powless) Hill. She attended St. Mary's School for Native American Girls, Springfield, South Dakota and graduated from Green Bay East High School, Class of 1945. On September 22, 1945, she married her childhood sweetheart, Edmund C. Powless at All Saints Cathedral in Milwaukee and shared 62 years of "wedded bliss" with him along with raising five daughters.

Blanche was a member and active supporter of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Oneida, and of the Episcopal church, in general, her entire life, having served on committees at both local diocesan and national levels throughout her lifetime. She thoroughly enjoyed doing the church's work, most often beside her childhood sweetheart, Edmund. She will be greatly missed not only by her family and close friends, but also by all those who had the privilege of working with her.

Blanche is survived by four daughters, Theresa, Kathy, Dorothy (Dottie), and Barbara, seven grandchildren, Joe (Amy) Misikin, Tim (Shelly) Hughes, Henry (Wendy) Martin, Jr., Heather Martin, Sarah Miller, Katsi (Matt) Nichols, and Rachel Miller, eleven great-grandchildren, and six great great-grandchildren. She is further survived by a sister-in-law, Mary Hill, numerous nieces and nephews and extended family members Mrs. Beverly Skinner and family.

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# NEWS

# From page 13/ Blanche A. Powless

Blanche was preceded in death by her parents, Dennison and Sadie, her husband Deacon Edmund Powless, one daughter Patricia Hill, three sons-in-law, Douglas Krull, Corey Hill, and Rick Dickson, five brothers, Louis, Irvin, Sylvester, Charles, and Jerry, and three sisters, Catherine, Lorraine and Vivian.

In lieu of flowers, Blanche's wishes are for monetary offerings to be made to the Church of the Holy Apostles in her memory.

### JENNA WEBSTER September 2, 1987 - February 23, 2022



Jenna Webster, 34, Green Bay, passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2022. She was born on September 2, 1987 in Green Bay to Rodger Webster

and Elizabeth Matthews.

Jenna loved being the life of the party. She loved her kids and having family get togethers. It was never a dull moment with her!

Jenna is survived by her seven children, Charlotte, Darwin, Nataylah, Cheyenne, Acea, Malakye, Rosko and their father, Jeffery Fish; her mother, Elizabeth Matthews; siblings, Renee (Webster) Narayandas, Cheyenne (Webster) Hudson, Chad Webster, Jonathan Webster; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Rodger Webster.



# **Bread Creek Village HBO Lots**

by Lisa M. Rauschenbach Area Manager Residential & Finance



Applications can be found at: https://oneida-nsn.gov/ resources/housing/residential-leases/#Home-Building-Opportunity-HBO



or the Comprehensive Housing Drop Box located in front of building. Note: Applicants can submit applications for multiple lots/addresses, provided that a separate complete application is required for each lot/address.

## Bread Creek Village HBO Lots Available - Phase 1 Offering – March 2, 2022

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Lot Number	Lot Size (sq. ft.)	Lot Size (acreage	Maximum Buildable Area (sq. ft.)	Front yard setbacks (ft.)	Back yard setbacks (ft.)	Side yard setbacks (ft.)	Minimum Home Size (sq. ft.)	Street Address:
BCV-5	10,638	0.244	5,343	25	10	5	450	457 Elm Ridge Road
BCV-7	9,239	0.212	5,215	25	10	5	450	462 Elm Ridge Road
BCV-9	12,698	0.292	6,094	25	10	5	450	450 Elm Ridge Road
BCV-11	9,972	0.229	5,687	25	10	5	450	2787 Peter Hill Lane
BCV-13	9,219	0.212	5,275	25	10	5	450	2779 Peter Hill Lane
BCV-15	18,697	0.429	12,274	30	15	5	950	2771 Peter Hill Lane
BCV-17	13,134	0.302	7,502	30	15	5	950	2763 Peter Hill Lane
BCV-20	16,764	0.385	10,559	30	15	5	950	2751 Peter Hill Lane
BCV-24	6,167	0.142	3,256	25	10	5	450	2786 Peter Hill Lane
BCV-28	12,422	0.285	7,490	25	10	5	450	2756 Peter Hill Lane
Green Valley HBO Lots Available - Phase 1 Offering – March 4, 2022								
GV-21	21,482	0.493	12,719	30	30	10	950	2788 Metoxen Lane
GV-23	17,991	0.413	7,188	30	30	10	950	to be determined

- Premium Application Period April 5, 2022 to April 6, 2022 (during normal business hours: 8:00 am. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Lottery Drawing for Premium Application -April 7, 2022 via Facebook Live at 10 a.m.
- Standard Application Period April 11, 2022 to May 26, 2022 (during normal business hours: 8:00 am. – 4:30 p.m.)
- For more information or to schedule an appointment for a showing, please contact a Loan Officer at:
- Michelle Hill, Sr. Loan Officer (920) 869-6182
  mhill@oneidanation.org

- Grace Delgado, Loan Officer (920) 869-6194 gdelgado@oneidanation.org
- For eligibility and other requirements, visit this website: https://oneida-nsn. gov/dl-file.php?file=2020/07/Leasing-Law-Rule-No.-4-Home-Building-Opportunities-Residential-Leasing.pdf
- Phase II Offering will advertise additional available lots in Bread Creek and Green Valley subdivisions.



# From page 1/ Haberland

his phone and arranging Zoom meetings to display child pornography. Law Enforcement located a profile on his phone in which Haberland writes he is "an active pedophile" who has molested children as young as 3 days old to 12 years old. Haberland says on his profile his motto is "molest, abuse, rape, and reuse."

Jeremiah Cottrell-Duebner, Lav Leader of the OUMC & Staff Parish Relations Chairman, said the church community is in a state of shock. "The Oneida United Methodist Church is shocked and heartbroken over the recent devastating news in regards to Reverand Rick Haberland," Cottrell-Duebner wrote in a statement. "The United Methodist Conference of Wisconsin does not tolerate any misconduct of this behavior or nature at all and takes this matter very seriously. At this time the pastor has been released of any and all pastoral duties and the church is working cooperatively with Outagamie County officials as the



investigation is ongoing."

Online court records indicate Haberland has so far been charged with 13 counts of Possession of Child Pornography and one count of Possession of Methamphetamine. He was due in Outagamie County Court March 10 for further proceedings. This is a developing story and more information will be released as it is received.

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# From page 2/ Marijuana Ordinance

Wisconsin's First Nations also stand to gain another source of valuable revenue through agriculture and other means as a result of legalization. In Indian Country, the cannabis industry is in its infancy with only a few Nations currently engaged in cultivating, processing, and retail activities. With two-thirds of all states now having legal cannabis in some form or another, tribes in Washington, Oregon, and Nevada have entered into state compacts and operate their own cannabis enterprises. Many other Native Nations across Turtle Island are currently in the process of doing the same.

Annually, the United States cannabis industry is worth an estimated \$61 billion. Every single state that borders Vos' personal feifdom has now reaped tens of millions of dollars in tax sales, with Illinois topping \$1 billion in its first year of legalization in 2020. Sales in Michigan topped \$1.3 billion in 2021. Medical marijuana sales reaped an estimated \$60-\$70 million in Minnesota just last year, and while recreational use remains illegal on their books, it has been decriminalized with low fines for possessing small amounts being the enforcement norm. Medical marijuana is allowed in Iowa with state legislation being brought forward this year for full recreational legalization.

Numerous municipalities in Wisconsin have taken steps to lower, if not eliminate, fines for possessing small amounts of marijuana (most notably Dane and Milwaukee Counties) due to Vos' refusal to join the rest of the nation in common sense legislation. "We are on the path to full legalization," Agard said. "It's clear that this is an issue that matters to the Wisconsin people, and an issue that I will continue to spearhead in the legislature. As policy makers, we need to listen to what the people want – it's no longer a matter of 'if' we legalize cannabis in Wisconsin, but when."

The Oneida Nation and its police department will continue to enforce state, county, and tribal laws for the foreseeable future, so the new Green Bay ordinance will have little to no impact on tribal enforcement, Assistant Oneida Police Chief Joel Maxam said. Tribal properties within the Green Bay city limits still fall under the Oneida Police Department's jurisdiction, so they will still have enforcement authority in these areas.

The new Green Bay ordinance goes before the Common Council for any revisions and final approval March 15, and should be officially on the books a few days after.

# **Register for MTERA's 2022 Virtual Annual Conference on March 29-31**

The Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA), with support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), will be hosting a three-day virtual conference on March 29th - 31st, 2022. The theme for the event is Building Resilient Communities.

Day 1 - National Tribal Energy Topics - March 29th, 2022

Day One will spotlight policies, programs, and federal funding opportunities across the nation. Several appointed agency leaders will describe their agency's energy vision and what Tribes can expect in the coming years.

Day 2 - Midwest Energy Topics - March 30th, 2022

Day Two will focus on the Midwest! Attendees will hear from State leaders and stakeholders in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin as they discuss their current energy initiatives, Tribal partnerships, a n d statespecific funding opportunities.

Day 3 - Midwest Tribal Energy Topics - March 31st, 2022

MTERA brings together Tribes to create a strong Tribal energy network, provide energy assistance to Member Tribes, and pursue collective action energy projects. Day Three highlights these key areas.

Hear from Tribal leaders, federal and



state agencies, educators, and energy industry experts as they discuss successful Tribal energy projects, state and federal energy policy, and strategic energy planning to help Tribes advance beneficial energy initiatives. Registration is FREE!

Learn more and register at https:// events.mtera.org/mteraconference/home



# COMMUNITY EVENT

# ONEIDA NATION SPRING PROGRAMS

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### Light-Up Stand Creation FOUR SESSIONS

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### Design Tech Intro Skills

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based) to create hands-on 3D printed or laser-cut projects. Beginners welcome!

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# EMPLOYMENT



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For a complete list of our positions and job descriptions please visit our website at: <u>Oneida Nation | Job Opportunities</u> <u>and Benefits (oneida-nsn.gov)</u> Or contact the Human Resources Department at 920-496-7000.

# Pool Positions – Ongoing Recruitment

Bartender Food &Beverage 84705

**Bingo Cashier** Bingo 83406

**Cage Cashier** Accounting 82234

Casino Server Food & Beverage 82701/84703

**Cook** Food & Beverage 84706

Custodian Custodial 82320

Drop Count Team Member Accounting 82220

Players Club Representative

# Until Filled – no closing date, apply as soon as possible

Maintenance Helper (2nd Shift) Maintenance 82302

Scan the code below with your smart phone to apply for any of these positions.



Marketing 82802 Promotions Coordinator -

INTERIM Marketing Closing Date: March 11, 2022

Slot Representative (2nd and 3rd Shift) Slots 82631

Sports Betting Cashier Sports Betting 82423

Table Games DealerTable Games82520

Vault Specialist Accounting 82230

Vault Specialist II Accounting 84202

Senior Custodian

(3rd Shift)

Custodial

82322

# ONEIDA

Oneida Nation Employment Opportunities

The following positions are open to: All Applicants & UNTIL FILLED unless otherwise stated

Accounting -Senior – Central Accounting – 01835

**Behavioral Health Supervisor** – Behavioral Health – 02402

Case Aide (Indian Child Welfare) – Family Services – 02402

**Case Manager** – Child Support/Social Services – 02146

**Certified Medical Assistant (Employee) –** Employee Health – 02398

Certified Medical Assistant (Nursing) – Nursing – 01101

**Childcare Teacher –** Oneida Childcare – 00109

Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor – Behavioral Health – 03156

Community Advocate (Women's Domestic Abuse) – Family Services – 03145/01772

Community Advocate (Women's Sexual Abuse) – Family Services – 03085

Community Support Case Worker (LT 8 Months) – Economic Support Services – 02427

Community Education Instructor – CEC – 03204

**Co-Teacher** – ONS – 07109

Customer Support Center Specialist I – MIS – Desktop Services – 01679 **Dental Assistant** – Dental 00168

**Dental Hygienist** – Dental – 00171

Desktop Support Specialist II (Programs) – MIS/Desktop Services – 02211

Desktop Support Specialist II (Gaming) – MIS/Desktop Services – 02212

**Dietitian Youth Consultant** – Community Health Services – 00007

**Dispatcher** – Oneida Police – 00757

**Dual Diagnosis Therapist** - Behavioral Health -02186

**Early Head Start Home Visitor** – Early Head Start – 02319

Food Service Worker – ONS – 00226

Full Stack Developer – MIS – 03194

**Groundskeeper** – Grounds Keeping – 03152

Guidance Counselor (High School) – ONS – 07005

Head Start Teacher – Head Start – 00253

Medical Benefits Coordinator – Business Operations – 00328

**Member Services Specialist** – Family Fitness – 03205

Museum Cultural Educator – Museum – 01825

**Office Manager** – Finance – 03202 – 3/7/2022

**Optometric Systems Coordinator** – Community Health – 01690

Physical Education/ Health Teacher (High School) – ONS – 03123

Physician – Internal Medicine – Medical – 09015 Physician – Family Medicine – Medical – 09079

Physician – Pediatrician – Medical – 09048

Programmer Analyst – MIS – 03193

**Police Officer** – OPD 00908 – 3/9/2022

Project Technician/ Manger – Eco Services – 02413

**Psychotherapist** (Limited Term) – Behavioral Health Services – 03155

Psychotherapist – Behavioral Health Services 00391

Recreation Specialist – Recreation – 01739

Senior Business Intelligence Analyst – MIS – 03121

Senior Programmer Analyst – MIS – 03130

Social Worker Case Manager – (Indian Child Welfare) – Family Services – 03146/02541

Social Worker (MSW) – Behavioral Health – 03157

Special Education Teacher – ONS – 07103

**Staff Attorney** – LRO 09075 – 3/11/2022

Systems Analyst – MIS – Gaming – 01715

**Teacher Assistant** – Head Start – 01025

**Triage Counselor –** Behavioral Health – 02023

Y.E.S Specialist (Middle/ High School) – YES – 00968

**Y.E.S Specialist** (High School) – YES – 00968 – 3/9/2022

Youth/Adolescent Social Worker – Behavioral Health – 02092

### The following positions are Open to Oneida Enrolled Tribal Members:

**Division Director** – Comprehensive Housing – Administrative – 02738 – 3/15/2022

**Division Director** – Public Works – Administrative – 02763 – 3/15/2022

Org/Dev/HRIS Support Specialist (Postgraduate) Human Resources – 05221

Water Wastewater Specialist (Postgraduate) Utilities – 05223

### The following positions are Open to All Applicants (Pool Positions):

Certified Nursing Assistant – Nursing AJRCCC 00333 – Ongoing Recruitment

**Custodian** – Roving – Custodial – 00160 – Ongoing Recruitment

**Custodian** – Stationary – Custodial – 01588 – Ongoing Recruitment

Dietary Aide Cook – Dietary – 00145 – Ongoing Recruitment

Licensed Practical Nurse – Nursing – 00311 – Ongoing Recruitment

**Registered Nurse** – Nursing AJRCCC – 00406 – Ongoing Recruitment

Retail Associate – Operations – 00448 – Ongoing Recruitment

**Security Officer** –Internal Security – 02798 – Ongoing Recruitment

Substitute Teacher – ONS – 07019 – Ongoing Recruitment

# COMMUNITY EVENT



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