



Photo courtesy Jim Kelly

Oneida Nation citizen and UWSP graduate Karen Ann Hoffman was a stalwart in the drive to have a permanent memorial placed on the campus of UW-Stevens Point (UWSP) commemorating a large, unacknowledged Indigenous burial ground on the land.

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An Indigenous burial site on the grounds of where the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP) now sits will finally be given the respectful recognition it's been denied for nearly 150 years. Oneida

Nation citizen and former UWSP student Karen Ann Hoffman, along with retired UWSP history professor and archaeologist Dr. Ray Reser, spearheaded an effort to get the university to finally acknowledge the existence of the site.

"Honestly, I feel like the ancestors led the charge on this one," Hoffman said. "I feel our dead deserve to

## TALK BACK

**PG 6** 

Ask the Business Committee Tehassi Hill

rest because daily, weekly, people walk on their graves and they don't even think about it and that level of disrespect is disturbing to me and our deceased."

During the mid-1800s Native people from many tribes including Menominee, Ho-Chunk, Potawatomi, and Ojibwe were on the move after being forcibly removed from their ancestral homelands by the United States Government. An encampment had been established at the current UWSP site where a prehistoric Menominee village once stood. The encampment was home to an estimated 1,000 inhabitants at various times. A Scarlet Fever epidemic broke out in Stevens Point between 1863 and 1870 and soon spread to the camp, taking the lives of many of the Native population.

Stevens Point residents of the time refused to allow their bodies to be buried in area cemeteries, so they were buried in a common grave in an old quarry without any traditional ceremonies, feasts, or prayers. Following the epidemic, the remaining Natives at the site moved on, and locals began using the quarry as a garbage dump. The State of Wisconsin eventually took over the land and UWSP was established on the site in 1894.

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### **UWSP Burial Ground**

## ELDERS VIDEOS

We are made of Stories - Elder interviews return

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CULTURE

Ceremony Celebrated

Tshatekoáshélha Midwinter

## **PG 7**

## Kindness' work takes 1st Place at Woodland Indian, Hodinöhsö:ni' Art Shows

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Inspired by an unwavering desire to inform, discuss, and promote Indigenous rights, Oneida Nation artist and environmentalist Sayo':kla (It Snows Again) Kindness utilized a four-month isolation last year in Canada to begin work on a beaded sign. Titled 'LAND BACK: Thanksgiving Haudenosaunee Land Protectors/Defenders,' the sign was designed to recognize those who raise awareness of Indigenous rights, and it would eventually garner Kindness 1st Place finishes in two esteemed art shows. Her work was made possible through an Artist Development Grant from the Oneida Nation Arts Program.

"This work honors Haudenosaunee land protectors who stand up for the rights of Indigenous peoples on Turtle Island and support other First Nations peoples across Canada from the Wet'suwet'en in British Columbia to the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia," Kindness said. "I witnessed this firsthand while I lived there while my sons participated alongside me during various protests."

The Six Nations Reserve in Canada was in the midst of a shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Kindness was prevented from entering or leaving the reservation, forcing her family to briefly reside in nearby Brantford, Ontario. "Blockades were set up at the edge of the reserve and nobody could enter unless we lived or worked there," Kindness said. "So, in isolation I decided to create the 'Land Back' sign using photos from protests.

"The Land Back protest occurred at Six Nations because the leadership of the Six Nations Band Council illegally sold land



Photo courtesy Robert Dalimonte

Oneida Nation artist and environmentalist Sayo':kla Kindness displays her beaded 'LAND BACK' sign at Tuscarora Woodworkers in New York. Her work earned her 1st Place finishes in two esteemed art shows.

to developers for a housing project without the consent of the people," Kindness said. "The land has been reclaimed by Six Nations land protectors and the struggle continues in the courts."

Kindness began beading when she was eight years old. At the time she couldn't have known she would one day use her skills to help educate people. "My beading teachers were Benjamin Cannon from Oneida and Gerald Hawpetoss of the Menominee Nation," Kindness said. "I became a land protector more than 20 years ago when I was hired by the Indigenous Environmental Network. Today, I continue my beadwork/regalia art and combine both worlds to inform, discuss, and promote Indigenous rights. It also aids in the fulfilling of Turtle Clan responsibilities as protectors and caretakers of Mother Earth."

Following her participation in numerous Indigenous rights activities in Canada, Kindness returned to Oneida and was able to complete her beaded 'LAND BACK' sign in time for submission in the 2021 Woodland Indian Art Show.

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## Oneida Nation Public Health Officer Extends Face Covering Requirement Through March 24, 2022

For immediate release: January 18, 2022

(Oneida Reservation) -The Oneida Nation Public Health Officer has extended the Public Health Order requiring facial coverings on the Oneida Nation Reservation. The extension is based on current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and increasing COVID-19 infection rates.

In summary, the mandate continues to require individuals: Regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face covering in settings where two or more people not living in the same house occupy the same indoor or enclosed space located on the Oneida Reservation or location(s) otherwise subject to the jurisdiction or authority of the Oneida Nation.

This requirement is to protect all Oneida Nation employees, customers of the Oneida Nation, and the general public.

Please do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Get vaccinated and wear a mask. Working together as communities, we can end the pandemic.



## HISTORY

## This week in Oneida history: From February 6, 1997 Dream comes true as doors to new police facility open

#### By Kevin Moore Kalihwisaks

"I dreamt about this at one time," Jim Danforth said at the ribbon cutting for the new Oneida Law Enforcement Center South, "but I wasn't sure I would see it."

Danforth's dream is now a reality. The new building is beautiful and roomy. His vision of building a police station that is inviting to the public is one he said he hopes other police departments will emulate in the future.

The building reflects the

growth of the tribe he said. "Without the growth of gaming, the opportunity wouldn't be possible," he said of the \$4 million, 22,000 square foot structure, with an exterior of wood and glass.

The front of the building is a large community room. "It's for the public," Danforth said. "I hope it allows people to look at us as a friendly place."

He reflected on the growth of his department, saying, "I look back, when we were working out of a two-room office at the Norbert Hill Center, and this has been a dream come true. The smiles on the faces of the personnel says it all."

Danforth thanked the 1985 Business Committee for establishing the Oneida Police Department.

He remembered Jeff Skenandore, an Oneida police officer who died from injuries in an automobile accident while performing his duties. His parents Frank and Yvonne Skenandore donated a flag which was raised to honor their

#### son.

Danforth also thanked past Oneida Chairman Purcell Powless and Norbert Hill Sr., "who gave me a lot of courage to take the bull by the horns with this law enforcement agency, which is an honor to be chosen for."

He thanked area law officers for their support, including Ashwaubenon Police Chief John Konopacki; Leon Pieschak, former Brown County Sheriff; Bob

### See Page 2/ New Police Facility

Phobo by Kevin Moore



Assisting in the ribbon cutting were (front to Brad back) Gehr n Outagamie Sheriff; Tom Hinz, Brown Co. Sheriff; Councilmember Sandy Ninham Governmenta Services Div. Director Don White, Ron General King, Manager Artley Skenandore Robert Barr of Kahler-Slater Chief Asst. of Police Dennis Powless, Chief of Police Jim Danforth. and Vice-Chair Gary Jordan. Kalihwisaks Archives 1997



## CULTURE

# Midwinter Ceremony Tshatekoáshélha

u·wé·, the real tobacco, is collected from all of the people. Through the burning of the tobacco, an acknowledgment, a thanksgiving, and an encouragement are conveyed to all of creation for the renewal and continuation of their responsibilities.

After the tobacco burning, the **Hatu** wá, the men's songs, are sung. This a time when our real names are uplifted (put through to the Creator for recognition). Faithkeepers can also be "put up" during this time, and the Friendship Medicine Society can also be renewed. **Oneho·lú**, the Water Drum Dance, is then done and everyone dances. A speaker is chosen to give thanks to all things on earth.

**Getty Images** 

The Midwinter ceremony is celebrated

five days after our new year moon

(January). This is a time of renewing

our responsibilities for the coming year.

Feather Dances that are done. The first

one is in honor of all of the title holders:

Lotiyanéshu (the chiefs), Kutiyanéshu

(the clanmothers), and Kayé Niyolí wake

Lonatlihu·tú (the faithkeepers). The

second is in honor of Kaytohkwake·kú,

all of the people who hold no title from

the youngest newborn to the eldest. The

last one is in honor of Shukwaya?tísu,

The SECOND DAY is atwakhala wáli,

"Stirring the Ashes". The ashes from

the wood stoves are used to symbolize

our Mother Earth. Wooden paddles are

used to turn the ashes over and replenish

our Mother Earth so that she can renew

The THIRD DAY starts out with

Kayu?kwithu, the Tobacco Burning

Thanksgiving Ceremony. Oyu?kwa?

our Creator.

herself.

The FIRST DAY, there are three Great

The significance of the drum is that it is round, representing everything in creation and the connection between everything on earth, including the human family. The beating of the drum and the people dancing in a circle, constantly moving in a circle, symbolizes the ongoing cycle of life. **Sayes**, the wild blackberry is mixed with water and made into a drink which is used as a medicine at this time.

The FOURTH DAY is KayAtowa·ná, the Peach Stone Game. Lotiskle·wáke, the Bear Clan, and Latinyátha, the Turtle Clan, play against Latikwáho, the Wolf Clan. Things that are highly looked upon to bet are wampum, traditional clothing, lacrosse sticks, or turtle rattles. Things not to bet are anything that is solid red in color, which represents anger, anything black, which represents death, or anything is shiny, which represents greed.

After the Peach Stone Game is done, **Ohstowa<sup>9</sup>kówa**, the Great Feather Dance, is done as a thanksgiving. Following this dance, Kunukwehné, the Old Woman's Dance, and Osahé·ta Aotila·ná, the Bean Dance are performed.

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Lastly, **hatúwi**, the False Face Medicine Society, and **Shatsitsísha**, the Cornhusk Masks Medicine Society, come in to remind the people of their day of renewing themselves.

The **FIFTH DAY** is set aside as a renewal for these and other medicine societies.

### Midwinter Ceremony 2022 by Tsyosha?aht Delgado

Due to a surge in Covid-19 infections, the Faithkeepers met on December 9, 2021. With the safety and health of the community in mind, we decided to do a tobacco burning on January 7, 2022. This date was 5 days after the New Moon. The community was invited to come out to the Longhouse on January 6 to offer tobacco. They placed their tobacco into a basket that was provided for that day. On Jan. 7 at 7:00 A.M. the tobacco was burned by Leander Danforth, Faithkeeper of the Wolf Clan with other Faithkeepers were present. Two containers of Blackberry drink were placed at the Longhouse for families to take and share with their family. The community was encouraged to participate at home with some of the ceremony parts. The Great Feather Dance was the first day. If you had a singer in your family, they could sing, and everyone could dance at home. The second day was stirring the ashes. Families could make a fire outside. Then they would put 2 cups of ashes on each side of a room and use a wooden spoon to stir the ashes. The third day was when you would have blackberry drink and finally the fourth day is the day to play peach stone to entertain the Creator. Keeping our families and elders safe was our number one priority. We wish you a happy and healthy new year.

## FEATURE



## What is the most exciting 2022 project happening in Oneida?

I really enjoy being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and gathering, I am impatiently waiting for Oneida Lake to open! With the newly expanded lake and amenities, it's going to be a great community gathering place. A lot of work has gone into this project over the years to make what our families can enjoy in the near future. Fishing is and has been a significant part of our culture, way of life and nutrition. Fishing is a great way for families to come together and make those fun fish stories.



Chairman Tehassi Hill



**Oneida Lake** 

## **Featured Writer – Norbert Hill**



Norbert Hill

## QUALITY, QUANTITY AND QUANTUM

Has the Oneida Nation surrendered Longhouse values and government to the politics of entitlement? Has our identity has been reduced to have "enough" Oneida blood" to claim personal benefits? What does Oneida mean to each of us? This article focuses on the hard questions, but they must be answered to secure our future.

Oneidas are losing the wisdom of our forefathers. They had the quality of community living in shared living space, the Longhouse. For many years we knew our relatives; we saw them every day. Today, however, Oneidas are spread far and wide across the world. We become acquainted with our relatives by reading obituaries. Community among the living is missing.

Oneida descendants want to be recognized and enrolled, but they are the elephant(s) in the room. Demographic shifts confirm that mortality is increasing, and birth rates are decreasing. Can you imagine what "7 Generations" might look

Norbert Hill

like in 120 years with generational loss through blood quantum rules?

Many folks want to tinker with the Oneida Constitution by varying blood quantum mixes while maintaining the old value and practices. We can't have it both ways. We need to re-examine our citizenship criteria. We must decide if citizenship is more important than benefits. The rush to obtain a Christmas \$500 gift food card from the Oneida Nation is an indication how we value what we receive in benefits. I admit the cards made the holiday season a little easier on the pocketbook, but what is your responsibility to community in exchange for monetary benefits?

On a larger scale, America's political challenges suggest the Oneida Nation should not wait to get its act together. We were here before the United States. Our decisions today regarding the elements of community and related benefits will determine if we persevere into the foreseeable future.

If you are an Indian, prove it—by action and deed—not by drops of blood. Honor our heritage but have the courage to evolve. Searching for a new beginning joining our hearts and minds. Oneida cannot more forward without looking back. We must have the bravery to reinvent ourselves. We need to find a seat at the table for all without sacrificing each other. That is the challenge.

In March Native citizens from the Great Lakes region will gather with other Natives from across the

country to take up the blood quantum question.

## ELDERS





(Oneida Reservation) - January 26, 2022: Mark and Shirley Powless are sitting for their second elder interview 20 years later. Interim Cultural Heritage Director Tsyosha<sup>9</sup>aht Delgado spearheaded the project to bring back the elder interview videotaping. Ms. Delgado had a personal connection to Gordy McLester who passed in 2020 due to Covid-19 and other complications. Gordy had originally organized and interviewed 500 elders between 1996 and 2007. Also present at the interviews was videographer Chris Powless, interviewer Michelle Danforth,

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She took a 1st Place ribbon home in the Theme: Thanksgiving Category. She then followed this performance up by submitting it to the Ganondagan's fifth juried Hodinohso:ni' Art Show in Victor, New York, in late 2021. There she also took 1st Place in the Beadwork category.

"I had to apply to be accepted into the New York show," Kindness said. "They have pretty high standards for the artists they receive so all the artwork we saw was just incredible. We use to have to go get our water from my aunt's pump. We would get a milk can and fill it up. Ma always called it running water.

### **Mark Powless**

and project organizer Irene Danforth.

"It is exciting and interesting to hear their stories and how different it is today," Irene commented.



Photos Courtesy of Chris Powless Shirley Powless and Mark Powless

"For me it is so exciting to see this work come back and thank goodness Tsyosha?aht pushed this forward for funding. When the elders are gone so are their stories," Michelle said.

"The group wanted to put me on the elder interview list," Said Powless with a sigh and an eye roll. "So it was the realization that now those of us who are elders are now the elders."

If you are an elder 60+ and are willing to be a part of this project, we'd love to hear your story. Please feel free to contact Irene Danforth at (920) 496-5386.

"I travelled with one of our Faithkeepers, Gail Danforth, and it was my first time ever setting foot on our original Oneida homelands," Kindness said. "Being able to reconnect with the land was a very emotional experience. We even went to a gorgeous site where an actual Oneida village once stood overlooking a large valley."

Kindness, a former two-time Miss Oneida, is the current Indigenous Coordinator of the Western Mining Action Network and a member of the Board of Directors for the Indigenous Environmental Network. Her burgeoning business, called Skywoman Beadwork, contains many of her works which can be seen and purchased virtually on her personal Facebook account at Sayokla Kindness.

Her maternal grandparents are Harry DeCoteau and Vivian Danforth. Her paternal grandparents are Lloyd Kindness and Cynthia Antone.

## Do You Have An Idea for an American Rescue Plan Act-Federal Relief Funds (ARPA-FRF) Project for the Oneida Nation?

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was designed to facilitate the United States' recovery from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It included \$32.5 billion in aid specifically for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal government programs. The Oneida Nation has received a substantial amount of aid from the set aside, a total of \$134,195,035.73. The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) acted once the funds were received and established eight categories for use based on the OBC Broad Goals. A percentage of the total that Oneida received was allocated into each category. These categories are:

- Direct Membership Assistance-45% (\$60,387,766.08); \$4,036,766.08 remaining
- Affordable Housing-16.84% (\$22,600,680.60); \$13,654,344.88 remaining
- Food & Agricuture-11.71% (\$15,712,002.10); \$8,557, 002.10 remaining
- Education-6.60% (\$8, 856,872.36); \$4, 856, 872.36 remaining
- Culture & Language-9.57% (\$12,837,991.75); \$12,837,991.75 remaining
- Revenue Generation-2.02% (\$2,706,266.55); \$706,266.55 remaining
- Government Roles & Responsibilities-3.30% (\$4,428,436.18); \$2,214,218.09 remaining

 Overall Priority-Land, Infrastructure & Sovereignty-4.97% (\$6,665,020.11); \$6,615,020.11 remaining

Since receiving the ARPA-FRF funds in 2021, the Tribe has undertaken several projects, these projects include:

- \$3000 GWA payment-Direct Membership Assistance, \$43,800,000.00
- \$500 Vaccination Incentive-Direct Membership Assistance, \$7,857,500.00
- Food Innovation Center-Food and Agriculture, \$7,155,000.00
- Residential Home Sites-Affordable Housing, \$1,579,000.00
- Multi-Family Housing-Affordable Housing, \$7,367,335.72
- \$500 Holiday Food Gift Cards-Direct Membership Assistance, \$4,693,500
- Pandemic Pay-Revenue Generation, \$2,000,000.00
- Adolescent Wellness Treatment Center Tribal Partnership-Overall Priority-Land, Infrastructure and Sovereignty, \$50,000.00
- Government infrastructure-Government Roles and Responsibilities, \$2,214,218.09
- Student Relief Fund-Education, \$4,000,000.00

The Oneida Business Committee will consider proposals for projects from Oneida Tribal members. In fact, two of the current projects were proposed by Tribal members, the \$500 Holiday Food Gift Card and the Student Relief Fund. If you have a project idea, you too can submit your ideas to the Business Committee during their regularly scheduled meetings held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. You will need to follow existing protocol on submitting an item to the agenda. You can find the directions on how to submit an item to the agenda online at https://oneida-nsn. gov/government/forms-applications/. In short you will need to:

- 1. Determine which usage category your project proposal corresponds to.
- 2. Prepare a cover letter or memo with your project proposal and usage category, it would be best to be detailed yet concise.
- 3. Complete the BC agenda request form.
- 4. Email both items to the following email address: BC\_Agenda\_ Requests@oneidanation.org
- 5. Make sure to provide your contact information.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, the BC meetings are held virtually. On the day of the meeting, you can join via a Microsoft teams link or you can request to be called into the meeting and can join via telephone. If you need further assistance with adding an item to the BC agenda, please contact the Government Administrative Office at (920) 869-4364

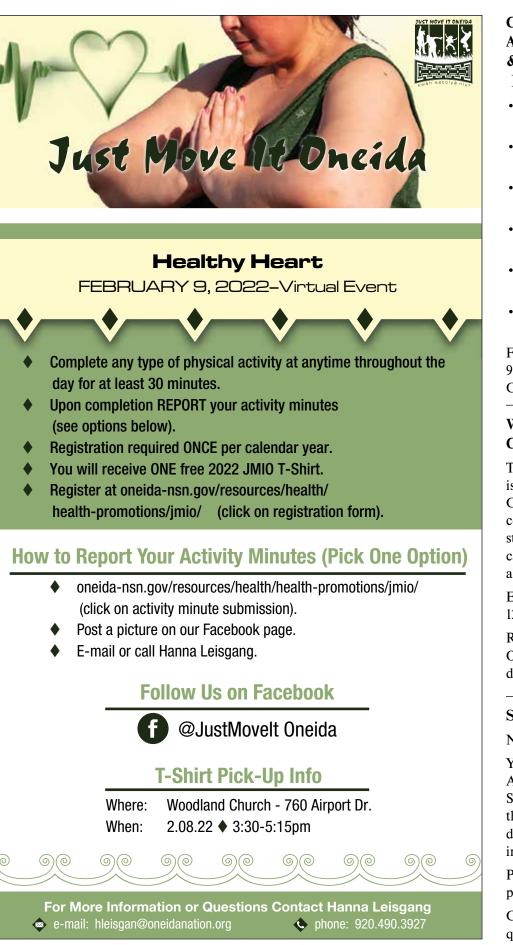
For more information contact Amy Spears, Strategic Planner, aspears@ oneidanation.org, (920) 869-4427

## FY-2021 Late 65+ Payment Per Capita Reminder!

The deadline to submit Late FY-2021 Per Capita Payment forms is: **Tuesday March 1st, 2022 4:30 P.M.**  Payments for all acceptable forms will be deposited/mailed on: Thursday March 31st, 2022

Please visit our website for more information: https://oneidansn.gov/resources/enrollments • Oneida Trust Enrollment Department • PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155-0365 • (920) 869-6200 • 800-571-9902

## COMMUNITY EVENTS JANUA



### **COVID-19 Vaccine Opportunities All Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Doses will be available** February 2022 • Health Center

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

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

### Wisconsin Virtual Tribal Caregiver Connect Session

The Tribal Caregiver Connect session is supported by the Tribal Dementia Care Specialist in the state. Caregiver connect sessions are a great way to share stories, get tips and strategies from other caregivers and discover that you are not alone in your caregiving journey

Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 12-1 pm Price: Free

Register, please contact: Deb Miller/ Oneida Tribal DCS @ 920-869-4854 or dmiller4@oneidanation.org.

### **Stroke Prevention Research Study**

Native American 55 and Over

You 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.

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



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

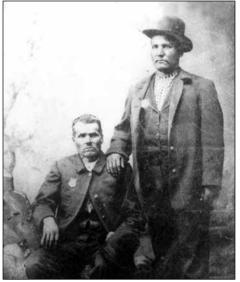
Getting COVID-19 can have real consequences for a child's health, from a hospital stay to living with "long COVID" symptoms. Taking simple steps as a family—like wearing a mask in class or getting kids the free COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5 and up—can help kids stay safe and in school.



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

## HISTORY

## John Archiquette – Happenings in Oneida



Oneida Museum photo John Archiquette and Jacob Hill

Beginning monthly the Kalihwisaks will share a piece of the John Archiquette (1847-1923) diaries. Archiquette, an Oneida Nation citizen educated at Carlisle Industrial School, returned to Oneida after serving in the Civil War where he began his career as the tribe's first constable. Among his many responsibilities as such was the maintaining of journals of daily activities, tribal purchases, births, deaths and happenings around the Reservation. John would also create a copy of letters submitted to the Indian Agent and other government officials.

For more information regarding John Archiquette and his life in Oneida during the 19th and 20th centuries feel free to visit ExploreOneida.com

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Statics Annual Rep	ort 188g
Number of births:	52
Death from all causes:	48
Killed:	1
Same Tribe :	None
Hostile Indians:	None
Soldiers:	None
Citizens:	1
White Persons Killed	
by Indians:	None
Criminals Punished:	${\mathscr C}$

## **Journal Entry**

Archiquette Transcription

Reported or written to Indian Agent Jennings.

January 6, 1890 - Thomas Jennings Esq.

Sir - By the name of Hendricks, keep a saloon 1 mile west of Duck Creek near Shawano & Green Bay. \_\_ has been selling spirituous liquor to several Oneidas this winter. Martin Hill is one that bought liquor of Hendricks. Have not get learned his exact months and dates they bought the liquor of Hendricks. Respectfully, John Archiquette



January 10th, 1890 - \$5.00 cash I paid to John Danforth for about 1 acre of meadow N.W. end of my farm towards Duck Creek, and 12 bushels of rye for \$5.00 and \$5.00 more to pay him on or about 5th of April 1890 in which \$15.00 is estimation of the improvements estimated by Sol Johns and Henry House as arbitrators. Then the case we called settled. John Archiquette.

## **OBITUARIES**

#### JESUS "JESSE" FRANCO July 26, 1951 - January 14, 2022



Jesus "Jesse" Franco, 70, of Oneida passed away on Friday, January 14, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. He was born

on July 26, 1951, a son of the late Jose and Alfreda (Danforth) Franco.

Jesse served in the US Army, and was honorably discharged. He began his professional career in Chicago, IL. working as a painter at the hospitals. He began working for the Oneida tribe in 2007 and worked his way up to painter with the Oneida Maintenance Department, and he enjoyed his work. He made lasting friendships here in Oneida; all the guys at work were like family to him. He also created lasting friendships with whomever he came in contact with. That is his amazing, genuine, warm heart that he walked with every day. He was always working on a home improvement project or helping others with their improvements.

On September 6, 2003, he was united in marriage to Maury Wynde, and they moved to Oneida a couple of years after. Although they had no children together, Maury and Jesse raised his grandson, Noah "Bear" Belgarde together. Jesse was more the parent/grandparent. He loved parenting and teaching Noah about cars, house projects and driving. He was a big part of Noah's schooling, and even went to his parent/teacher conference. Every morning he would get up early and watch the old wild west TV shows with his step/ daughter "Princess" (he nicknamed her) before he went to work. That was their thing every morning and they watched his favorite show "Yellowstone" together on Sunday night.

When he wasn't tinkering or fixing, he liked to get out fishing. Jesse also liked to visit a good restaurant for a bite to eat and stopping to play the slots. Most importantly, Jesse loved his family and you always felt important when he was with you.

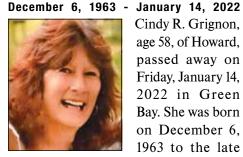
He is survived by his wife, Maury Franco; two daughters: Yvonne Franco and Crystal Stepien; his step-daughter, Marissa Wynde; grandchildren: Noah Belgarde, Amanda Vasquez, Jordan Vasquez, Davy Vasquez, Sebastian and Patryk Stepien; great-grandchildren: Mariah Johnson, Jayden Rodriguez, and Alany, Giselle, and Milani Vasquez.

Jesse is further survived by his siblings: Eugene (Andrea) Franco, Oneida; Helen (John) Arce, Oneida; William (Star) Acevedo, Chicago, IL; and Wilma (Christopher) Chavez, Chicago, IL; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Kenneth and John Franco.

Online condolences may be expressed to Jesse's family at www.muehlboettcher.com.

#### CINDY GRIGNON **R**.



Cindy R. Grignon, age 58, of Howard, passed away on Friday, January 14, 2022 in Green Bay. She was born on December 6, 1963 to the late

Jack Miller and Vernie Quinney-Waubano in Shawano. Cindy attended and graduated from Shawano High School. She later moved to the Fox Valley where she provided professional cleaning services for public and private businesses in the area. She also worked at the Fry Bread Heaven in Oneida. Cindy then settled and spent over 20 years in the Green Bay area. What brought the most joy to her life was attending pow-wows to watch her two champion fancy dancers. She also loved watching her sons play baseball. She was always their smallest but loudest fan. Cindy especially loved spoiling her grandchildren, who were the love and light of her life. She will always

be known as a lover of adventure and a speed demon on all vehicles including dirt bikes, motorcycles, fast cars, snowmobiles, and anything with a throttle!

She is survived by her sons Darwin (Courtney) and Dawson (Kaylen); her grandchildren Cameron and Raelynn; her special nephews Robert Waubano, Anthony Waubano and Robert Little; father of the boys Brian Grignon; her sister Sharon Waubano; her special sisters Kathy, Dory and Netsie. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cindy is preceded in death by her parents Jack and Vernie; her siblings Dorothy Frechette, Leroy Waubano, Loraine Waubano, Earl Soman and Sharon Waubano.

#### EDITH "NINNY" NINHAM December 24, 1944 - January 11, 2022



Edith "Ninny" Ninham, 77, Crandon, passed away unexpectedly on the morning of Tuesday, January 11, 2022. She was born December 24, 1944, to the

late Augustine and Lillian (Crowe) Ninham. She was united in marriage to Abraham Ninham Sr., and he preceded her in death.

Ninny liked to rummage, going to casino, and her many cats and dog. It was the time spent with family though, that she looked forward too.

She is survived by her children; Joseph (Shelly) Ninham, James (Lisa) Ninham, Theodore (Lisa) Ninham, Patrick Ninham, Hope (Fred) Shawano, as well as her loving grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

Ninny was preceded in death by her parents, husband Abraham Sr., infant daughter Melissa, two sons, Abraham Jr., Timothy, and three grandchildren.

## **OBITUARIES**

### T R A C Y T H O M A S August 01, 1960 - January 12, 2022



Tracy Thomas, 61, of Green Bay, WI joined the spirit w o r l d o n W e d n e s d a y, January 12, 2022. Tracy was born on August 01, 1960, in

Chicago, Illinois. The son of Gary E. Thomas.

Tracy spent most of his childhood growing up in Oneida, WI. He moved to Oklahoma where he obtained his GED and took some vocational classes, before serving in the U.S. Army.

Tracy was active and to this day he would tell you he could outrun you. He enjoyed playing cribbage, shooting darts, beading and rummaging. He loved his football especially the Bedlam Rivary (OU & OSU) and his Green Bay Packers. Even though he belonged to Turtle Clan he loved his wolves.

In Oklahoma, Tracy met Lorene Chuculate and had 3 children, Patricia, Josh and Coty. When he moved to Green Bay, he met Karen Mills and helped raise her 4 children, Lolo, Catherine, Bobby and Mikey.

Tracy started installing flooring in Oklahoma, he also worked for Oneida then eventually became his own boss of 'Thomas Floors'. He did what he loved for 36 plus years.

Tracy leaves behind his partner, Karen Mills; 7 children, Patricia, Joshua Thomas (Becky), Coty Chuculate (Jeni), Lauren, Catherine, Bobby and Mikey Mills . He was "PAPA" to 16 grandbabies, Nayeli, Junior, Elianna, Ayden, Adrian, Dom, Anthoni, Carlial, Angel, Fuss, Marilyn and Mitchell Jr, Raymond Ruby, Ricky and Nipsey. His sisters, Rose Thomas (Red), Julie Thomas (Tom), Pete (Molly), 2 lifelong friends Jerry Perry and Curt Spaulding; along with many other nieces, nephews and family/loved ones.

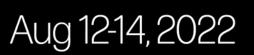
Tracy was preceded in death by his dad, Gary Thomas; brother, Jeff Thomas and other loved ones.



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.

WOODLAND INDIAN ART SHOW & MARKET



Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay, WI 54313

### From page 1/ UWSP Burial Ground



Photo courtesy Karen Ann Hoffman

UWSP has released a 'Call for Artists: Ancestors Buried Beneath Us.' Once selected, the winning memorial will be placed near the Communication Arts Center (pictured)

"There is no reason not to believe there was institutional knowledge of this burial site from the very beginning," Hoffman said. "There were rumors of this when I was a student there during the 1970s, but honestly does that really matter? Now that we all know, it would be silly to just point fingers or lay blame, but the question remains what will we do to honor these dead?"

Hoffman teamed up Reser (himself unaware of the burial ground's existence until 2016, even after having served as an archaeologist on campus for three decades), to compile the necessary information which eventually led the State of Wisconsin to declare the site an official burial ground. "The impetus since at least 2016 was to get the university to do some formal acknowledgement regarding the existence of this site."

A temporary memorial marker was placed on campus, and now Hoffman, a nationally renowned artist, is leading another effort to place a permanent art memorial on the site. Her persistence led UWSP to release a 'Call to Artists: Ancestors Buried Below Us' with the expressed goals of the project being to appropriately honor all of the Indigenous buried beneath the campus, to educate the university community about the tragedy that led to the disrespectful burial and years of neglect, and to engage the Native community through the solicitation of art.

> 'Honestly, I feel like the ancestors led the charge on this one,' Hoffman said. 'I feel our dead deserve to rest because daily, weekly, people walk on their graves and they don't even think about it and that level of disrespect is disturbing to me and our deceased.'

### Karen Ann Hoffman

"The exact details of the placement will depend on what is submitted and what is accepted," Hoffman said. "The acknowledgment could be 2D, it could be 3D, it could be landscape architecture, plantings, benches, alters, or even digital. This is why it's so important for our artists to weigh in on what our voices feel it should be. It's important for me personally, not necessarily the university, that a Native voice from our community of artists receives this commission, because I've seen what happens when other voices control our dead. This is long past time.

"Although I am grateful on behalf of those who can no longer speak with their mouths for this small step forward, there is still so much that we can learn from this experience of our ancestors. This is the reason why I am so passionate about this. I truly believe they want us to learn how to treat one another. I'm actually hearing from Native artists already who are extremely excited about this opportunity so I encourage everyone, or even groups of everyone, to submit whatever they are moved to submit."

Submissions by Native artists for this 'Call to Artists' will be given preference for the project, and it is open to individuals who've demonstrated a deep understanding of Native American history, voice, and experience in Wisconsin. "If you're a Native artist and you make a submission, I would suggest including reference to your tribal identity because we would be able to understand the art a little more if we understand something about the artist," said Hoffman.

There is a firm deadline of February 14, 2022, for all submissions. The selected artist will receive a \$5,000 honorarium for their design. Groundbreaking for the permanent memorial is tentatively scheduled for sometime in 2023. For more information regarding this 'Call for Artists,' please visit www.uwsp.edu.

Submissions and questions can be directed to: Rob Manzke, 2100 Main St., Room 213 Old Main, Stevens Point, WI 54481 rmanzke@uwsp.edu • (715) 346-3738

## **EXAMPLE CAL NOTICE**

## **ONEIDA FAMILY COURT ORIGINAL HEARING BODY NOTICE OF HEARING**

Inquiries for pleadings and/or additional information may be directed to: Clerk of Court • Oneida Family Court • P.O. Box 19 • Oneida, WI 54155 • (920) 496-7200

## Case #21CU026 Elizabeth House v Janelle Cornelius & Aaron Ninham

A diligent attempt was made to notify the above Respondents of a Petition to Establish Third Party Legal Custody filed by Petitioner. A hearing shall take place on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court office located at 2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303.

## Case #21PA105, Oneida Nation Child Support Agency and Petitioner **MERLENE D JORDAN v. Respondent RAUL SADA JR**

A diligent attempt is made to notify the above individuals of an action filed by the Oneida Nation Child Support Agency for a Petition for Child Support. A hearing shall take place on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 2pm in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court; located at 2630 W. Mason St. Green Bay, WI 54303. Failure to appear may result in a default judgment.

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## **In A Weather-Related Situation**

**Trees Down** – You can call conservation to see if they can help. You can also call the Police if any of the trees down create a hazard or are in the roadway.

Power outage - You can notify your provider

**Storm Damage** – You can notify your insurance company.

You can call emergency management if you have any questions about where to report the information. (920) 869-6650.

## After Hours Emergency Contact

Emergency: 911

**Oneida Police Department:** (920) 869-2239

National Weather Service (920)494-2363 www.weather.com

**Oneida Health Center:** 920-869-2711

### **Roads, Snow Removal, and Concerns**

DPW/Groundskeeping contacts for Oneida Nation Roads: Mon- Fri: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

### **Emergency contact or after hours:**

Primary Contact: Suzanna Jordan 920-606-2216

Secondary Contact: Lloyd Ninham: 920-655-9714

### **Power Goes Out Call Your Electric Company First:**

WE Energies Power Outage: 1-800-261-5325

WE Energies Gas Emergency: 1-800-622-4797

**WPS Power Outage:** 1-800-450-7240

**WPS Gas Emergency:** 1-800-450-7280

### **Oneida Nation Departments:**

**Comprehensive Housing:** 920-869-2227 24hr on call number

**Conservation Department:** M – F: 8am - 4:30 pm 920-869-1450 After hours and Emergency: 920-613-6184

**Division of Public Works:** 920-869-1059 M – F: 8 am - 4:30 pm Emergency on call number 920-227-7389

Aging and Disability: 920-869-2448 24hr on call number

**Emergency Food Pantry:** 920-869-6165 M – Th: 8 am - 4:30 pm After Hours and Emergency: 920-532-3070 **Emergency Management:** 920-869-6650 M – F: 8 am - 4:30 pm After hours and Emergency: 920-366-0411

**Oneida Health Center:** 920-869-2711 24hr on call number

Public Health Emergency: 920-371-1890

**Oneida Utilities:** 920-496-5290 M – F: 8 am – 4:30 pm

**Emergency Septic Pumping:** 920-613-6790

Water and Sewer Emergency: 920-562-2911

**Transit Services:** 920-496-5770 M – F: 5 am - 9 pm

Furnace failure Economic Support 920-490-3939

Aging & Disability 920-869-2448. This would cover Plumbing, Heating, Electrical, for emergency situations.

# ONEIDA

## ONEIDA TANF PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TANF eligible families are defined as enrolled members of the Oneida Nation residing within Brown or Outagamie counties, or other income-eligible families consisting of enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe residing within the Oneida Nation reservation boundaries with minor child(ren) in the household. The household income must be at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) with a 30% deduction off earned income. The purpose of this assistance is to provide a onetime assistance to TANF eligible families with the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund who have been impacted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic.

<b>Gross Income Chart:</b>		
<b>Household Size</b>	Monthly FPL 200%	
1	\$2,147.00	
2	\$2,903.00	
3	\$3,660.00	
4	\$4,417.00	
5	\$5,173.00	
6	\$5,930.00	
7	\$6,687.00	
Each additional person	\$757.00	

If approved, applicants will be able to choose two of the five options:

- 1. Assistance w/household cleaning/ppe supplies (\$250.00)
- 2. A onetime payment of \$250.00 Towards Internet Service (assistance cannot be duplicated if received by any other program)
- Laptop reimbursement assistance up to a maximum of \$250.00. Receipts back dated from march 2020 will be accepted (assistance cannot be duplicated if received by any other program)
- 4. Oneida nation farm assorted buffalo/beef package (packages won't be available to applicants until march 2022)
- 5. Assistance for winter clothing needs (\$250.00)

Applications will be available in our pickup box located at door #5 and our website: https://oneida-nsn.Gov/resources/economicsupport/ you can return applications by placing them in our black drop box, fax to 920-490-6803, or email to: economic\_support@ oneidanation.org

\*\*This program is subject to funding availability. Applications will not be accepted after august 1st, 2022\*\*

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## NOTIFICATION

## ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Only Written Comments Will Be Accepted Until: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022

### Find Public Meeting Materials at

Oneida-nsn.gov/government/ register/public meetings

Send Public Comments to

LOC@oneidanation.org

## **BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL LAW AMENDMENTS**

The purpose of this law is to set forth the requirements to be followed by the Oneida Business Committee and Oneida fund units when preparing the budget to be presented to the General Tribal Council for approval, and to establish other financial policies and procedures for the Nation.

## The proposed amendments to the Budget Management and Control law will:

- 1. Expand the purpose and policy of this Law to address other financial policies and procedures for the Nation beyond just the budget process;
- 2. Eliminate the strategic planning provisions from this Law, instead providing simply that the Oneida Business Committee should develop and adopt a strategic plan, broad goals, or priorities for the Nation that the budget shall reflect;
- 3. Clarify the authority and responsibilities of those individuals who play a part in the Nation's budget process;
- 4. Simplify the budget process and procedure contained in the Law in an effort to improve the Nation's compliance with the Law and provide more flexibility to adjust the budget development and adoption procedure to meet the Nation's current circumstances; and
- 5. Include new provisions which address unbudgeted expenditures, obligated future expenditures, capital contributions, grants, debt, employment and labor allocations, and unbudgeted positions.

For more information on the proposed amendments to the Budget Management and Control law please review the public comment packet at oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public meetings.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022

The Nation's COVID-19 Team issued a declaration on March 27, 2020, titled "Suspension of Public Meetings under the Legislative Procedures Act." This declaration provides that the Legislative Procedures Act's requirement to hold a public meeting during the public comment period is suspended due to the COVID-19 pub-lic health emergency. Oneida Business Committee resolution BC-12-08-21-B, Updating Public Gathering Guidelines During Public Health State of Emergency - COVID-19, prohibits indoor public meetings from occurring when COVID-19 Case Activity rates are above low in Brown and Outagamie Counties, COVID-19 Percent Positive rates are above low in Brown and Outagamie Counties, COVID-19 Code in which the activity is being held, as identified on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website for the most recent period. The Nation has not yet met these thresholds for holding an indoor public meeting. Alt-hough there will be no in person public meeting, the public comments, questions, or other input via e-mail to LOC@oneidanation.org.

## EMPLOYMENT



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

Pool Positions – ongoing recruitment

Position Title	Department
Bartender (5pm-2am)	Food &Beverage
Bingo Cashier	Bingo
Cage Cashier	Accounting
Casino Server	Food & Beverage
Cook (4pm-1am)	Food & Beverage
Custodian	Custodial
Drop Count Team Member	Accounting
Oneida Retail Associate (Oneida One Stops)	Retail Enterprise
Players Club Representative	Marketing
Slot Representative (2nd and 3rd Shift)	Slots
Sports Betting Cashier	Sports Betting
Table Games Dealer	Table Games
Vault Specialist	Accounting
Vault Specialist II	Accounting
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Bingo Caller	Bingo
Custodial Supervisor (3rd Shift)	Custodial
Custodian Roving (2nd Shift) Custodial	Custodial
Maintenance Helper (2nd Shift)	Maintenance
Senior Custodian (3rd Shift) Custodial	Custodial

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Mobil - Hwy 54 W180 Hwy 54 Oneida, WI 54155 (Corner Hwy 54 & Seminary) 920.869.6292 Hours - Daily 5am-10pm Mobil - E & EE 790 County Rd. EE De Pere, WI 54115 (Corner of E & EE) 920.869.6720 Hours - Daily 6am-10pm

Mobil - Packerland 3120 S. Packerland Dr. Green Bay, WI 54313 (Corner of Packerland & Waube) 920.496.5601 Hours - Daily 5am-10pm

## Temporary Store Hours Until Further Notice For all locations

### Mobil - Oneida Casino Travel Center 5939 Old Hwy 29 Pulaski, WI 54162 920.869.6250 Hours - Daily Sat & Sun 7am-8pm

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Mon - Fri 5am-8pm

### Mobil - Larsen

501 Packerland Dr. Green Bay, WI 54313 (Corner of Packerland & Larsen Rd.) 920.496.5130 Hours - Daily 5am-8pm



Four Paths Shell 2597 W. Mason St. Green Bay WI 54303 (Corner of W. Mason & Packerland) 920.496.5120 Hours - Daily 5am-10pm



Main Casino 2020 Airport Dr. 54313 920.429.3136 Sun - Thu 12pm-10pm Fri - Sat 12pm-12am

Bingo Hall 2100 Airport Dr. 54313 920-429-3404 Sun - Thu 8:30am-1:30pm & 4pm-10pm Friday 8:30 am -10 pm Saturday 8:30am -12 am

### Isbell (Mason St. Casino) 2514 W. Mason St. Green Bay WI 54303 920.496.7872 ext. 5090 9AM-10pm Smoke Shop Hours will be adjusted as needed depending on staff availability.