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## Chairman Hill Appointed to First-Ever Tribal Advisory Council



Photo Courtesy Dennis King

### By U.S. Govt. Accountability Office

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) marked its 100th year of existence in 2021 as an independent, non-partisan agency. GAO works for Congress by examining how taxpayer dollars are spent and provides Congress and federal agencies with fact-based information to help the government save money and work more efficiently.

In 2021, the GAO, committed to hearing from leaders of federally recognized Indigenous Nations with whom they have government-to-governments relationships, identified the need to form its first-ever Tribal Advisory Council to provide insights and recommendations on issues affecting Indigenous Nations and their citizens.

The GAO appointed 16 members of federally recognized Indigenous Nations. Among the esteemed list of members in the GAO's first appointments is Chairman Tehassi Hill, who is very enthusiastic to be a part of this council, "I look forward to working with GAO so that their work accurately reflects the needs of Tribes and how federal programs uphold the treaty and trust responsibilities."

According to GAO, they plan to stagger future appointments to provide continuity between incoming and outgoing members. Individuals selected for the initial council will serve two or three year terms. Learn more about the Government Accountability Office or to see the entire list of the first Tribal Advisory Council, go to [gao.gov](https://www.gao.gov).

KATHLEEN SAKS  
WISCONSIN

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Photo Courtesy of Garth Webster

## By National Indian Health Board

Congress enacted a Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 omnibus spending package in December 2022 that included a historic provision providing advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service (IHS). Prior to this change, IHS was the only federal healthcare provider without basic certainty of funding from one year to the next.

The Indian health system serves approximately 2.5 million patients at IHS, Indigenous facilities, and urban Indian organizations, and was created to meet the U.S. trust responsibility to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of all Native people to the highest standard. Unfortunately, Indian healthcare remains chronically underfunded – a U.S. policy exacerbated

by disruptions in the discretionary appropriations process.

With advance appropriations, American Indians and Alaska Natives will no longer be uniquely at risk of death or serious harm during delays in an FY 2024 funding agreement. Inclusion of IHS advance appropriations in the spending bill means that IHS services will be protected from the harmful effects of disruptions in federal funding for FY 2024 because Congress has agreed to an amount this year that becomes available immediately on October 1, 2023.

Debra Danforth, Oneida Comprehensive Health Department Manager, was very pleased with this decision, “The action in December to secure advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service is definitely a

historic moment across all of Indian Country. In the many years that I have worked in health for Oneida this has always been on our agenda for our elected officials to fight for IHS funding! The impact of the advance appropriations will have long term impacts as we move forward. It will allow us to improve our planning to continue to provide healthcare services to our community without worry of funding in the event of a government shutdown. Advance funding secures our ability to prevent having to prioritize services as we have had to in the past. This step is definitely something that has been fought for by many of our tribal leaders and the National Indian Health Board! Now we need to move forward with the next achievement of full funding for IHS!”

# Oneida Coach and Athlete Achieving Greatness



Kerry Danforth with wife Candace, and daughter Tiana.



Kerry "Bugs" Danforth

## By North American Indigenous Athletes Association

The North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame recently announced two Oneida members, Kerry "Bugs" Danforth and Ayanna O'Kimosh, as 2023 inductees into the Coach and Athlete Categories, respectively.

### Kerry "Bugs" Danforth

Danforth starting coaching in 1995 and was influenced by his dad, the late Bill Danforth, who coached Oneida Baseball in his early 30's until he was 50.

After his dad passed and he continued to play baseball and softball Danforth knew he was given a gift to help a player at any part of their game. He learned to help a hitter by just watching their hands, feet, and swing. As he, his wife Candace and three daughters, Nona, Olivia and Tiana, and son Jackson, got older, he stopped playing to coach. After 25 years of coaching, he's amassed over 600 wins compared to 100 losses, highlighted by an 85-6 record in 2009. Through the years, Danforth compiled a list of coaching accomplishments:

- 2006–Coached daughter Nona to win the Independent Softball Assoc. (ISA) Nationals.
- ISA world champions in North Carolina
- 2007–North American Fastpitch Assoc. (NSFA) National Champions
- 2011–His 18 & Under Team Wisconsin Indigenous Coach went undefeated to win the Gold Medal in the North American Indigenous Games.
- 2014–Assistant Coach at UWGB.
- 2016-2018–Assistant Coach at St. Norbert College.
- 2006-2019–Won six Wisconsin American Softball Assoc. (ASA) and NSA national titles for 10 & under to 18 & Under age groups while also placing as runner-up state champs in 2006 and 2018. At the national level, placed runner-up in 2010 and 2012.
- Coached several athletes to Collegiate level, including 58 athletes to the NCAA D1 level.

### Ayanna O'Kimosh

15 year old Oneida member and descendant of the Menominee and Arikara Nations, Ayanna "Naenwehtawukiw-Warrior Woman" O'Kimosh currently resides in Kashena, WI and attends Shawano Community High School. She began her journey in boxing in 2018 at the Menominee Indian Boxing Club.

As an amateur boxer, she won two Junior Olympic State Championships, two Silver Gloves State Championships, is a Silver Gloves National Champion, and is a two-time USA Boxing National Champion. In addition to her love of boxing, she spends a lot of her time training and playing softball for Impact Sports Academy in De Pere, Wisconsin.

Living up to her Menominee name, she is a warrior spirit who represents resiliency for her Oneida, Menominee, and Arikara lineage.

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Oneida Coach and Athlete  
Achieving Greatness

# Episcopal Church Holds Winter Talks Conference



Photos Courtesy Garth Webster

Conference attendees gathered for a group photo during Saturday morning activities just before breaking for lunch. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is shown at the center with Holy Apostles Deacon, the Rev. Deborah Heckel, to his left.

## By Garth Webster

Senior Reporter/Photographer

The Episcopal Church Office of Indigenous Ministries held their annual Winter Talk Conference, hosted by the Oneida Holy Apostles Church, at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center this past January 20-24, 2023 to discuss this year's theme, "A Chain Linking Two Traditions."

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and House of Deputies President Julia Ayala-Harris, were present January 21 as the Oneida community shared their experiences as members of the Holy Apostles Congregation. Part of these conversations also focused on the historical trauma caused by the treatment of Indigenous people at boarding schools like the one in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The Episcopal Church website (EpiscopalChurch.org) states, "As an institution, the church recognizes and repents of its harmful treatment of Native Americans." Thus, in 1997 a new Covenant of Faith was enacted to proclaim the church's approach to providing service to a diverse world. Part of this covenant states, "We are the Episcopal Church. We are a community of many cultures, many races, and many traditions, but this much we share in common: we are equal partners in the mission of Christ as it is proclaimed and lived out by the church we celebrate and serve."

The four-day event also featured a "State of the State Address" by the Rev. Brad Hauff, Indigenous missionary for the Episcopal Church and a Building the Alter ceremony on Sunday. This ceremony is the practice of creating an "altar" at the start of the gathering whereby participants bring items of significance to place on the altar. Each contributor then provides a brief summary about their gift.

Click or Scan  
the QR Code  
to view  
Covenant of  
Faith PDF



Above: The audience was regaled by Shoshonee Nation member, Ronald Braman (far left) providing songs of renewal for the upcoming spring season.

Below: Oneida Business Committee and Holy Apostles Congregation Members Kirby Metoxen and Jennifer Webster share their stories and involvement with the church.



# Conversation with Norbert Hill Jr.



By Norbert Hill

You elected me to serve as a responsible member of the Trust and Enrollment Committee. I along with other Committee members – both past

and present – take this responsibility very seriously. Our mission is to educate to the best of our abilities, and we have brought the community together for over 10 years to think critically about and discuss our future with the role of blood quantum. We have studied the limitations of blood quantum. We have worked with demographers to illuminate our population trends, which is available as a slide presentation at the Trust and Enrollment office or by scanning the QR code.

It is indisputable that using blood quantum to determine Oneida citizenship is not sustainable. With Oneida mortality rates higher than our birth rates, our population is declining. Doing nothing is a decision that will lead to our very demise. Time is not on our side.

Making all enrolled Oneidas full bloods is not doable. A language requirement is aspirational, but not

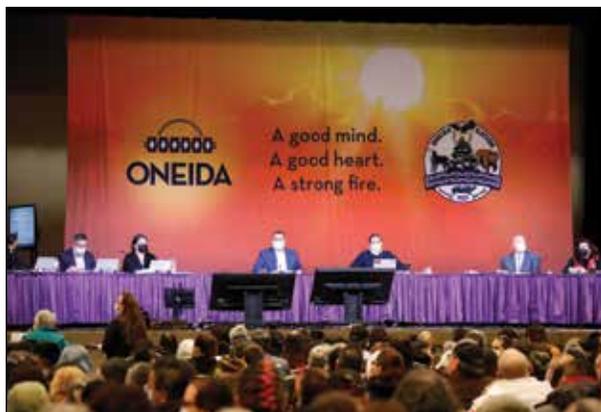
practical today. The core conversation comes down to this - *Are we members of a club with benefits or citizens of a nation with responsibilities?* I hope it is the latter. We must ask ourselves, which is more important – identity and belonging or short-term benefits?

Many of us are not going to be here in 50 years, but our children and grandchildren will be. We have an obligation to make a place for them alongside future generations. What will those ancestors – who are not yet born – think of our decisions today? Will we leave them with only memories of what was or what could have been? This is not an easy conversation, but it is necessary. Our great, great, great grandchildren are depending on us.

Click or Scan the QR Code to View Blood Quantum Demographics



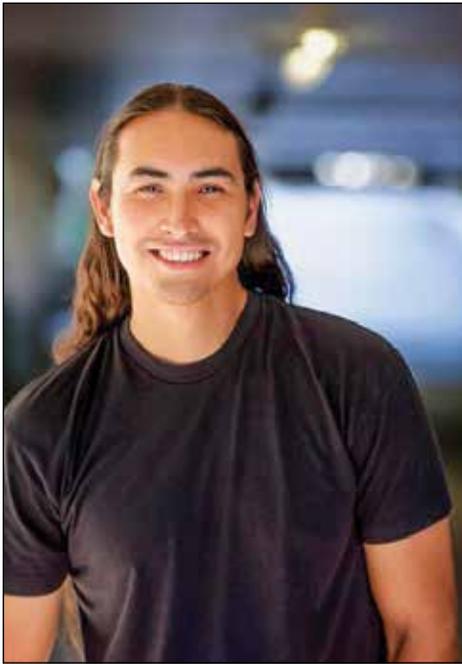
# January 30 GTC Packs the House



The January 30, 2023 GTC Meeting was attended by 2,072 Oneida members. Both the main Three Clans Ballroom and the overflow room at the Radisson were standing room only. The night began with the Robert Cornelius VFW Post 7784 color guard. Above right, Commander Deke Suri salutes all the veterans in attendance, who were asked to stand and be recognized.



## Tetwatatehsyne Keynote Speaker: Tatanka Means



**Tatanka Means**

Tatanka Means is an award-winning actor, motivational speaker, and stand-up comedian from Chinle, Arizona. He represents the Navajo, Lakota, Dakota, and Omaha Nations. His most recent film is “Killers of The Flower Moon” directed by Martin Scorsese and is set to be released in 2023. Means is currently filming in Utah on Kevin Costner’s new epic western saga, “Horizon.”

Tatanka performs stand-up comedy throughout Indian Country spreading laughter and messages of inspiration to all ages. He is one of the busiest touring Native comedians performing. Means has also developed his own apparel company, Tatanka Clothing. The company creates apparel to uplift and inspire cultural empowerment.

Tatanka was recently named “Entertainer of The Year” by the National Indian Gaming Association. Tatanka is proud to be an alcohol & drug-free sober performer.

# Tetwatatehsnye

## We all take care of each other

Hosted by:

**RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
Green Bay, WI 54313

**WEDNESDAY**  
March 29, 2023  
9:00am–7:00pm

### Agenda

**8:00 am** Registration & Continental Breakfast

**9:00 am** Opening/Welcome  
Drum • Veterans • Thanksgiving Address

**9:30 am** Presentation: Josephine Webster

**Breakout Session: 10:00am–12:00pm**

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Cultural Perspective on Healing	DIY Shekoli Wood Sign	Economic Support Overview	Oneida Recovery Nest
Bob Brown	Grace Mae	Della Smith Kim Ninham	Patrick Dantorth Stephanie Skenandore

**12:00 pm** Lunch

**1:15 pm** Presentation: Lenny Hayes

**Breakout Session: 2:00–3:00pm**

1	2	3	4	5
White Corn Workshop	Stigma	Drug Trends of WI Tribal Nations	MMIW/P	Healing to Wellness Court
Crystal Dantorth Tsyunbéhkwā	Kyle Brewer NAADAC	Chad Racine NADGI	Kristen Welch Waking Women Healing Institute	Simone Ninham Oneida Judiciary

**3:15 pm** Presentation: Dr. Lisa Poupart–Intergenerational Trauma

**4:30 pm** Dinner

**5:30 pm** Keynote: Tatanka Means

### REGISTRATION

Please register for your breakout sessions

2 Hour Session

1 Hour Session

# Wingate Hotel Sold



By Oneida Communications Department

Effective Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation (OAHC) has sold the Wingate by Wyndham Green Bay for \$4.1 million. It will remain open as a Wingate and all staff have been retained by the new owners/management company.

OAHC was chartered under the Oneida Nation in 1985 and is responsible for the hospitality division. In 1986, the Oneida Nation opened their first hotel called the Rodeway Inn, which is now known as Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. In 2008, OAHC (wholly owned corporation of The

Oneida Nation) purchased the Wingate.

Kathy Hughes, OAHC Spokesperson said, “We believe we made a good business decision to sell this property and we are confident the new owners will be happy with the purchase as well. The selling price will cover all outstanding obligations. This property is on County land, and we are more interested in investing in businesses on our lands.”

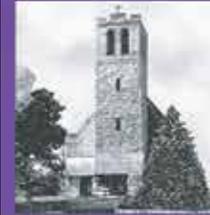
The Oneida Nation does not hold title to the land where the Wingate is located, and it has been determined in the best business interest to sell this business.

**ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Flying Leaf Park Shelter Demolition Project**

The Oneida Nation intends to demolish the Flying Leaf Park Shelter in Site II as it is structurally unsafe and the cost to preserve and stabilize the shelter is not feasible. Community members who have questions or wish to share information and stories about the shelter may contact the Oneida Tribal Historical Preservation Office by emailing [oneida\\_thpo@oneidanation.org](mailto:oneida_thpo@oneidanation.org), or call 920.496.5379 no later than thirty days after the first publication of this notice. Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to this project.

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES



Stations of the Cross –  
Fridays in Lent, 6pm  
with  
Deacon Deborah Heckel

## LENTEN FISH FRY<sup>9</sup> FRIDAYS

March 3	March 24
March 10	March 31
March 17	

At Parish Hall. 3pm until gone.  
Drive thru only.

**\$12 per Plate**  
Meal includes: Fish,  
Potato, Coleslaw,  
Bread, Pickle, Tartar  
Sauce, and Dessert.

Please wear a mask, stay in your vehicle.  
Do not pick up food if you/anyone in  
your family are ill.

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920.869.2565

# Lord Inspires Graduating Cadets, Personifies Leadership



**Gussie Lord**

**By Virginia Military Institute**

Gussie Lord, Oneida Member and class of 2001 graduate of The Virginia Military Institute, delivered the commencement speech to 22 cadets

receiving their degrees on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

The event marked the 25th anniversary of VMI's first co-educational class. Lord, as a member of the first class of females to attend the Institute, it was fitting that her words provided inspiration for the cadets, "Your experience here will not easily be forgotten. The relationships you have formed, the experiences you've shared, will endure. As VMI graduates, I believe, in many respects, you have an advantage over your peers. You have identified your capacity to persevere, and to be resilient. You understand what it means to lead, what it means to succeed, and to fail while others watch."

Currently, Lord serves on the VMI Board of Visitors, and is chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee and sits on the Audit, Finance, and Planning committee, as well as the Nominating/Governance Committee.

She is also founder and managing attorney of the Tribal Partnerships Program at Earthjustice, a nonprofit

public interest environmental law organization where she represents Indian tribes and Indigenous communities in their efforts to protect the environment and sacred sites. Prior to joining Earthjustice, Lord worked at the New Mexico Court of Appeals. She also spent several years in private practice representing tribes in environmental, administrative, and jurisdictional matters, and representing public housing authorities in efforts to expand affordable housing opportunities.

She graduated with distinction from VMI with a degree in English, with a concentration in writing. Lord was a member of the Institute's NCAA cross country and track and field teams. She also participated in cheerleading, soccer, the Promaji Club, and served as opinion editor of The Cadet newspaper and co-editor of the Sounding Brass. She graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 2006 and currently resides in Potomac, Maryland.

**ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**  
**COVID-19 CLINIC UPDATES**

**ALL AGES WALK-IN WEDNESDAY CLINICS**

3/15 – 9 am – 12 pm  
4/19 – 12 pm – 3 pm  
5/17 – 9 am – 12 pm  
6/21 – 12 pm – 3 pm

**PREFER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?**  
**CALL 920.869.4840 TO SCHEDULE**

Appointment For Covid-19 Vaccines Begin In March.  
Call For Availability As Appointments Are Limited.

**ONEIDA**

**COMMUNITY IMMUNITY DO YOUR PART**

**Do you know if you and your family are up-to-date with your vaccinations?**

During the COVID pandemic many people fell behind on their routine immunizations. Community Health Nursing (CHN) holds multiple, appointment based, vaccine clinics every month.

You can check your vaccination status, online, at the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) or scan or click QR code

**CHN can also check your immunization status when you call to schedule an appointment: 1.920.869.4840. Clinic days, times, and vaccines available are as follows:**

1st Tue. of the month • 9 am to 12 pm  
2nd Wed. of the month • 1 pm to 4 pm  
\*COVID vaccines only\*  
3rd Thur. of the month • 1 pm to 4 pm  
4th Fri. of the month • 9 am to 12 pm

**NEWS RELEASE**

**DHS Expands Free COVID-19 Testing Program - Wisconsinites can order two free COVID-19 self-test kits every month.**

Click or Scan the QR Code to be directed to the DHS News Release Page and Click "Say Yes! COVID Test"

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES**



## JAMESON WILSON

Business Committee Council Member



Shekóli swakwek  
(Hello everyone)



Scan QR Code for full statement.

Since I was young, my mother taught me the significance of the GTC. Through her I've learned the importance of commitment, determination, leadership, and integrity while she devoted 30+ years to the Nation. Her passion for Tribal Governance has inspired me to pursue a councilman position on the OBC.

Our past leaders were resilient and have laid a solid foundation for our generation to build upon. I have so much admiration and gratitude for our ancestors that sacrificed everything so that we could be in a position to fulfill our responsibilities as Ukwehuwe (the Original People).

As an Oneida youth, I recall the joy and pride it brought me knowing the sense of community was strong! I lived my entire life in Oneida. I went to school and graduated from Oneida. I found my soulmate, we made a family, and were fortunate to build a home in Oneida. I'm also grateful to be an Oneida Nation employee.

My love for this community drives me to do everything I can to ensure our future leaders have better opportunities than we had, just as our elders provided for us.

Stay tuned to the Kalihwisaks for more of my campaign information, including my *Rebuilding our Nation* policy statements.

Yaw^ko (thank you) for reading and On^kiwah (see you later)!  
For questions, contact me via email at Jameson40BC@gmail.com.

Respectfully Asking For Your Vote

## Jennifer Webster

Oneida Business Committee

Primary May 13 • General Election July 15

EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Current BC Member
- Legislative Operating Committee
- Finance Committee
- Former Community Development Planning Committee
- Former Vice-Chair of Audit Committee
- ◆ 30+ years Oneida Employee
- ◆ 23 years business owner (Web's Kustom Touch Auto Body)
- ◆ State Committee:
  - MMW Task Force
- ◆ National Committees:
  - IHS Tribal Self-Governance
  - HHS Administration for Children and Families
  - HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory
  - CDC Tribal Advisory Committee



GOALS

- ◆ Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability
- ◆ Preserve our Language, Culture & Identity
- ◆ Protect our assets, Resources & Governance
- ◆ Protect, Preserve & Exercise Our Sovereignty

Wife of Don Webster  
Mother of Marcus, Zack & Olivia  
Grandmother to three grandchildren  
Daughter of the late Lee "Gordy" Gordon and Betty McLester

Respectfully Asking For Your Vote  
May 13 & July 15  
*-Jennifer Webster*

# WISCONSIN ELECTIONS 2022



## Spring Election Candidates within the Oneida Nation Reservation

Due to timing of the spring primary for local elections on February 21, 2023 and this issue of the Kalihwisaks being on press, we unfortunately could not print the candidate responses to critical issues within this issue. However, pending the results of the primary, the responses from the candidates that advanced to the general election for the Voices for Oneida questionnaire can be found at this link: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/elections-voting/#2023-Spring-Election>



For all your voter needs go to: [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) or email Tana D. Aguirre - [taguirre@oneidanation.org](mailto:taguirre@oneidanation.org)



Presented by *Mark Powless, General Manager*  
*Stacy Coon, Museum Director*



## Community Meal & Discussion

Discussion Topic:  
Oneida Museum

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Norbert Hill Center

5:30-6:30pm



Enter in the lower parking lot by the cafeteria door.



# Wise Women Announces New Exec Director



**Beverly Scow**  
WWGP Executive Director

By Brenda John

Wise Women Gathering Place (WWGP) is excited to announce Beverly Scow as its new Executive Director, bringing with her more than 24 years experience with WWGP's programs and services as Assistant Director. She was, in fact, a founding member of the grassroots circle of women gathered around Alice Skenandore's kitchen table and was also integral in the birth of the WWGP agency, developing and securing the funds for its well-known adult and youth programming.

Scow's background includes apprenticing and practicing as a traditional lay midwife with Alice Skenandore in the Oneida and Green

Bay areas. She is certified in Technology of Participation Facilitation Methods as a facilitator, a trainer of facilitators, and training others to become trainers. She helped develop the *Discovery Dating: It's not just about dating!*<sup>®</sup> healthy decision-making and relationship-building curriculum and also trains facilitators and other facilitator trainers of this curriculum.

Her goal for the next generation of WWGP is to continue the work, which is also WWGP Mission, started by Alice Skenandore: *To serve Native Americans and others in the Greater Green Bay area, promoting Peace, Respect, and Belonging through skill building, sharing of resources, and caring support for the community.* "That mission is just as applicable today as it was when we first developed it 24 years ago," says Beverly. She's also working to grow WWGP's resources for homeless families with a 50-unit permanent supportive housing project in Green Bay. She's always excited to find new, innovative solutions like WWGP's Safe Place Parking Program, the only safe parking program in the state. "Everyone deserves a safe place to live, a living wage, and a belonging that allows them to heal and thrive."

Beverly is passionate about social justice and raising diversity, equity, and inclusion in Green Bay's private, public, and non-profit sectors. Here are few ways she's pushed to make this happen:

- Helps to design and presents yearly to Green Bay's Implicit Bias Conference.
- Graduate of Leadership Green Bay's class of 2014, then coordinated Diversity Day for the following six years of classes.

Beverly is also passionate about the connection between violence against women and the environment, "How Women are treated reflects the state of a society's wellbeing. How we treat our Mother Earth reflects the wellbeing of all Creation. It's all connected, and I see the willingness to abuse one is a willingness to abuse the other. If we are going to create a community of Peace, Respect, and Belonging, we have to do better. It's one of the reasons I'm dedicated to the work Wise Women Gathering Place does."

Beverly is Kwakwakawakh First Nation in the territory now known as British Columbia, Canada and has lived in the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin community for over 30 years with her children and grandchildren. She is active in Oneida's culture with her family and is a founding member of Ohelaku, a group reviving the traditional practices of growing Oneida's heirloom white corn.

Wise Women Gathering Place has provided advocacy, healing, and prevention to Green Bay community members harmed by trauma and violence for over 24 years. Learn more at [wisewomengp.org](http://wisewomengp.org).





## SENIOR PICTURES

SUBMISSIONS, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

Attention parents / guardians /students: It's almost that time of year again! If your high school senior is graduating this year, the Kalihwisaks would like to recognize them in our annual High School Senior edition. Please send their senior photo (or a nice photo from your phone), the name of their high school, and one brief sentence of post-high school plans. Send all submissions to [Kalihwisaks@oneidationation.org](mailto:Kalihwisaks@oneidationation.org) by end of day Thursday, May 4, 2023 for the June Edition. Reminder this is for high school seniors only.

**GREAT NEWS!** 

**We're Offering  
Free Rides**

**To Elders (55+) Starting On  
January 3, 2023**

For more details and to schedule a ride  
Contact Oneida Public Transit at 920.496.5770



**ONEIDA PUBLIC TRANSIT**  
is not available to give rides  
11am-1pm on the Fourth  
Thursday of every month.  
\*This non-availability has  
changed to 10am-2pm.\*

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**\*Thursday, March 16th**

(Unavailable Hours 10am-2pm)

Thursday, April 27th

Thursday, May 25th

**\*Thursday, June 22nd**

(Unavailable Hours 10am-2pm)

Thursday, July 27th

Thursday, August 24th

**\*Thursday, September 28th**

(Unavailable Hours 10am-2pm)

Thursday, October 26th

**\*Thursday, November 16th**

(Date Change Due to Thanksgiving)

**\*Thursday, December 28th**

(Unavailable Hours 10am-2pm)

\*\*Occasional changes may occur and will  
be communicated as soon as possible\*\*  
Any questions, comments or concerns –  
Please contact OPT at 920.496.5770.



**Sunday, March 12 - Saturday, March 18**

**SPECIAL GAMES PAY ADDITIONAL**

\$200 at AM Express Session

\$600 at PM Quest Session

\$1,000 at PM Regular Session



**Friday, March 24 • PM Session Only**

10 Drawings for \$100 Cash!

Players Club Membership required. Excludes Early Birds. Promotion and Progressives are inactive if Tier 1 is played.



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## HERE AT DUCK CREEK ALU?KOWA·NÉ

**By Michelle Danforth-Anderson,**  
*Marketing & Tourism Director*

Here at Oneida "Happenings" will give readers updates on all the amazing projects that are happening at Big Bear Media / Tourism.

**Amelia Cornelius Culture Park** expansion is one of the big projects happening and has several parts. Veterans Wall – restoration, new letters and sealing complete. New engineering contract has been completed and will focus on the veterans area parking lot, sidewalks, eagle statue, and other requests from the all Veterans meeting held in November 2022. Next steps: Lighting for wall cap. The second part of the contract focuses on the asphalt pathways around the long house, log homes, and ramps to log homes.

To see more updates on a variety of projects use your phone and scan the QR Code.

Click OR Scan  
the QR Code to  
View Explore  
Oneida Project  
Updates



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ALL CLASSES HELD  
AT INWARD BOUND

# TRI-FESTA

FRIDAY NIGHT

**\*FRIDAY NIGHTS 7-9PM**

Friday Night Tri-Festa combines three unique activities for a one-of-a-kind gathering. Your evening will include:

- 1) CREATIVE MAKE & TAKE - We'll supply everything you'll need to create and go home with something cool you made yourself.
- 2) METAPHYSICAL TEACHING - An informal sharing of a little piece of knowledge to help you on your Life Path.
- 3) FOOD - You'll be treated to a delicious snack.

**CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SCHEDULE**

## INTERESTED?

Check the Turtle Island Gifts Facebook page for exact dates, topics and descriptions for both the Friday Night Tri-Festa and the Pathways offerings. Most classes are limited to 12 participants. Stop in or call the store to sign-up.



Pathways Presentations is an ongoing series of classes and workshops that provide a variety of ways or pathways to wellness for the Body, Mind and Spirit.

**\*SUNDAYS NOON-2PM**



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**Ayanna O'Kimosh,**  
Impact Sports Academy, De Pere, WI

Her platform, inside and outside the ring, is to bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/Girls/People epidemic that plagues Native American communities throughout the United States and Canada.

Another motivation for O'Kimosh is to be a positive role model and break down barriers by challenging the statistics and injustices to change the narrative for future generations for other native youth.

Some notable awareness work includes local and national collaborative events with professional women boxers, including



**“Naenwehtawukiw-Warrior Woman” O'Kimosh**

2x Junior Olympic State Championship, 2x Silver Gloves State Championships, Silver Gloves National Champion, 2x USA Boxing National Champion

local and international interviews, presentations, keynoting for 2021 Girls Summit, and using social media to spread the word.

When not training at the gym for future boxing matches or playing softball, she enjoys reading, singing, playing the guitar, painting, baking, creating art, and crocheting.

## Oneida Healing to Wellness Court

By Simone Ninham, Oneida Wellness Court Coordinator

The issue of opioid has devastated countless families and negatively impacted our society as a whole. The Oneida Nation has taken proactive steps to address this epidemic and is creating a comprehensive approach to shift this tide in a positive direction using multiple coordinated partners. The Oneida Healing to Wellness Court (OHWC) will provide a culturally responsive alternative to incarceration for those living with the legal and personal impacts of substance abuse.

Oneida Judiciary's Healing to Wellness Court program began development in 2018 utilizing a three-year Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Implementation grant. The program is anticipated to be operational in the spring of 2023.



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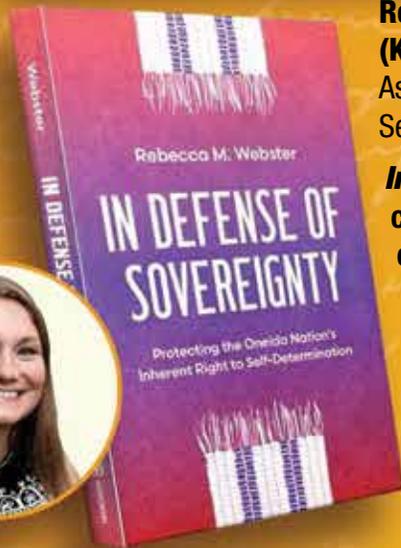
## Building Legacies, One Book at a Time

### Rebecca M. Webster, J.D., Ph.D (Kanyah̄take•lu)

Assistant Professor, Univ. of Minnesota Duluth and former Senior Staff Attorney for the Oneida Nation.

***In Defense of Sovereignty*** describes the decades long chaos that can ensue when one local government abandons cooperation and relentlessly challenges the rights of a tribe to self-govern. This book is told from the perspective of those fighting on behalf of the Oneida Nation in pursuit of defending tribal sovereignty.

Book is available at <https://UWPress.Wisc.Edu/Books/6135.htm>

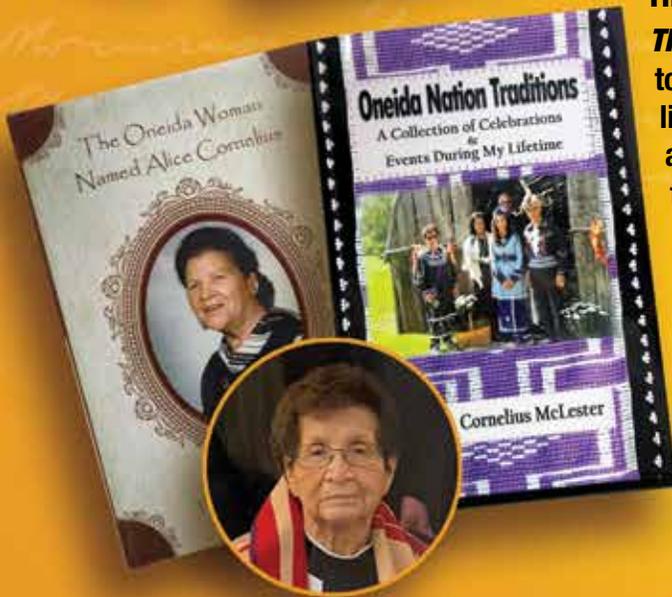


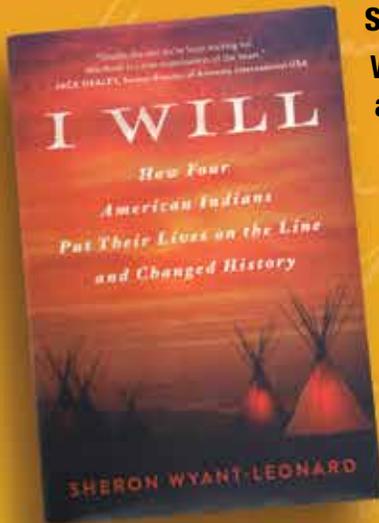
### Thelma Cornelius McLester

***The Oneida Woman Named Alice Cornelius*** is a tribute to Thelma's mother, Alice King Cornelius. It's about Alice's life in Oneida, WI who devoted her life to her family and, who also retained her beliefs throughout her life following the religious teachings she was given.

***Oneida Nation Traditions*** is a collection of celebrations and events during McLester's lifetime. It begins with a historical perspective on Oneida, followed by her recollections of growing up on a farm, religion, roles of Oneida Women, and many more.

Book is available at the Oneida Nation Museum.





### Sheron Wyant-Leonard

When the last gunshots of the Indian Wars of the nineteenth century faded away, a dark and desperate time began for Indigenous people. Poverty, neglect, and hopelessness hung over the land. But as the 1970s dawned, a powerful movement for change by newly urban Natives was born, American Indian Movement.

In *I Will*, Sheron Wyant-Leonard weaves the personal recollections of four members of the American Indian Movement (AIM), Leonard Peltier, Dennis Banks, Dorothy Ninham with her then husband, Herb Powless, into a unique narrative to expose their trials and tribulations over the course of two decades.



### Dr. Carol Cornelius

In an interview with the Green Bay Press-Gazette's Frank Vaisvilas, Cornelius says that so much of what we know about the time in the 1800s when First Nations ceded their lands in Wisconsin is told from non-Indigenous perspectives. Cornelius aims to change this through her book, which is expected to be published this year by the Wisconsin Historical Society. The book which currently has a working title, *History of Indigenous Voices During the Removal Era*, focuses on the writings of Indigenous leaders of this time to reveal what our elders were actually saying during treaty negotiations.

As we continue to Honor our *Past, Present, and our Future*, we commend those that uplift our community.



Join us for *An Evening with Oneida Authors* and those that were instrumental in the book they were involved with.

This event will be free and it will include a meal. Time, Date and Registration Details TBD. Follow the Kalihwisaks on Facebook for updates. If you know more Oneida authors, please email [Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org](mailto:Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org).

## Asylum Rage Room Hopes to Become a Smashing Success!



Photos Courtesy of Garth Webster

Left: Cunningham in front of artwork created by Big Cheddaz by the front entrance of his Asylum Rage Room.

Right: St. Vincent de Paul is Cunningham's business partner and primary supplier of his destructibles.

### By Garth Webster

Senior Reporter/Photographer

Oneida member, Cameron Cunningham, bashed open the doors to his Asylum Rage Room business, located at 790 Borvan Avenue in Green Bay, Monday, February 13, 2023.

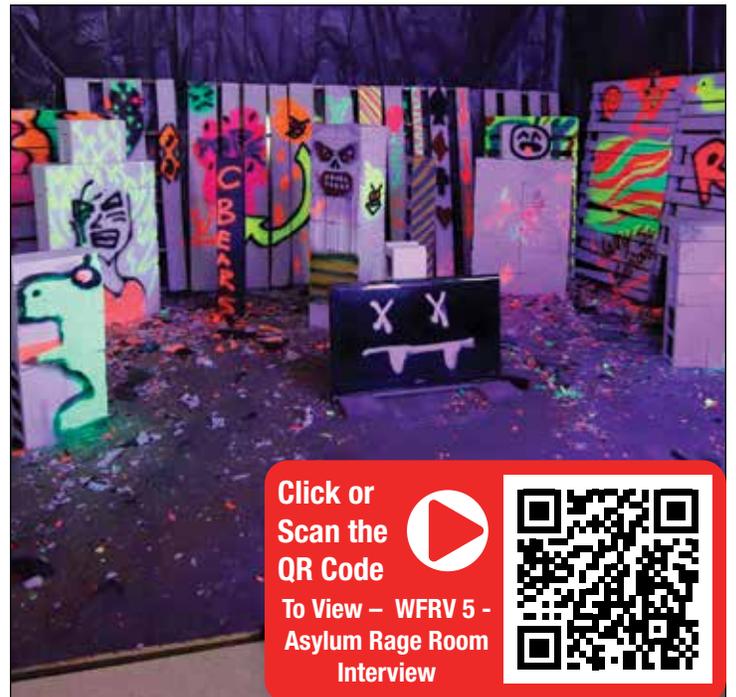
The Asylum Rage Room, located just southeast of Lambeau Field, is only the second of its kind in the greater Green Bay and Fox Valley area. It offers customers the opportunity to literally destroy everyday household items in a safe way. Users wear protective gear as they throw items like plates or bottles against a wall or smash old televisions or computers with a sledge hammer. "Items come in from everywhere," Cunningham says, "Saint Vincent de Paul brings me old dishes and houseware items all the time."

Cunningham mentioned that he wanted to work for himself but wasn't sure what kind of business to start. After watching YouTube videos, he was inspired by others who also had rage rooms. He discussed the idea with his good friend, who happens to be really good with numbers, and they identified that it was a financially viable business that would fulfill a local demand that was not yet being met.

Cunningham mentions that he receives a lot of interest from pedestrian traffic in the area but also, from various groups for events like birthday parties. Jokingly he said, "Book your party here, with a side of crazy!" Cunningham plans to form partnerships with various businesses, such as local bars. However, he also has plans for more unique partnerships, such as working with mental health organizations where

people can safely release their frustrations. Another opportunity is providing a canvas for local artists to decorate his establishment, a win-win whereby the Asylum Rage Room builds revenue streams and the artists receive publicity for their talent.

The Asylum Rage Room has various pricing packages. For details, call 920.265.0061, email [AsylumRageRoom@gmail.com](mailto:AsylumRageRoom@gmail.com) or follow them at [Facebook.com/AsylumRageRoom](https://www.facebook.com/AsylumRageRoom).



# EGO Brings Competitive Gaming to Oneida

PLAYER	PLACING
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Joshua Easlick

Photos Courtesy of Joshua Easlick

EGO player “Titann” winning the Honda Fan Cup qualifier.

## By Mercedes Danforth-Hernandez Contributing Reporter

When Oneida Member Joshua Easlick began playing Madden competitively 15 years ago, the Esports scene was unlike the competitive gaming environment of today, where Easlick has since built his Empire Gaming Organization (EGO) from the ground up.

Easlick and his VP, Wade Klein, are strategizing ways for EGO to foster a competitive and professional Esports scene in Oneida, one that encourages community-building and mutual support. EGO advocates for the growth of individual players in Esports, a profession that may appear as unattainable.

Easlick aspires to create an Esports headquarters in the Oneida community. Seeing his nephews take an interest

in Esports inspired him to provide similar prospects for those that see a future in competitive gaming, “We have something for you if you want to be in the scene. We have a place for you. You have a home.”



Empire Gaming Organization Logo

Still today, Easlick is in awe of EGO’s journey from a “competitive group of guys” to an organization with sponsorship deals, merchandise,

and marketing. EGO has roughly 15-20 competitive players that stream their content, as well as a women’s team. Klein hopes that a successful participation in the Halo Championship Series (HCS) will spark even more growth for EGO.

In the future, EGO would like to help the community in different ways, such as supporting non-profits like the American Cancer Society, The Wounded Warrior Project, and the Oneida Youth Leadership Institution. They are on the verge of signing a sponsorship deal with the Indian Gaming Esports Association (IGEA). As of February 11th, EGO won the National Qualifiers in the National Honda Cup 1v1 tournament.

# Oneida Nation High School THUNDERHAWK TIMES



## ONHS Students Engage in Glass Art

By Lydia Stevens

During their field trip to the Bergstrom-Mahler Glass Art Museum in Neenah, ONHS students learned a lot. They found out that there are many forms of art.

After arriving at the museum, students looked at art in glass form and about Buddha and its help to the projects. One of the interesting pieces of art was a pair of feet on the wall. There was also a glass library display. Art field trips are a great way for ONHS students to learn about different things, add to their knowledge of art, help inspire their own creations, and expand the possibilities of different art forms and styles.

## Bucks in the Hunt

By Leland Cutbank

The Milwaukee Bucks were NBA champions just two seasons ago. Since then, they have managed to field a solid team, but haven't been back to the title series.

The 2022-2023 season is the Bucks' 55th season in existence. Playing out of the new Fiserv Forum, the Bucks are 37-17 as of this writing.

With the season more than half-done, the Bucks are looking strong. To no one's surprise, the team is led by Superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo, who continues to set records. To date, Giannis has scored over 40 points in 38 games. The Bucks also have great

supporting players, such as power forward Khris Middleton.

As this is written at the beginning of February, this writer will make the following prediction: The Bucks will win it all.

## Whose Land Project Hosts Oral History

### Archives Day

Saturday, March 4

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

On Saturday, March 4, community elders and others are invited to share their memories, keepsakes, photographs, letters, and other documentation with Oneida Nation High School students in the Norbert Hill Cafeteria. The event will run from 9am-2pm. Food will be provided. Attendees can park in the back parking lot and use the cafeteria entrance.

ONHS students have been working with Professor James Levy and his assistant, Kayla Parker, on the Whose Land? Project for more than a year. The project includes research on Oneida Reservation land throughout history focusing especially on the site of present-day Norbert Hill Center, including the boarding school once located there.

Oneida Elders are especially welcome and invited to share their stories and recollections with the students and staff about various locations on the Oneida Reservation, including the Norbert Hill and boarding school site.

Photographs, letters, and other documents brought by elders and other community members will be scanned and returned immediately. Keepsakes will be photographed and returned immediately. No scans or photographs will be done without permission.

Professional staff will be present to oversee the process. Other tribal departments are also engaged in the project including Cultural Heritage. Outcomes from the project will include a public display for use at events, a podcast produced by the students, and a timeline of local history focused on the Norbert Hill site and other locations.

## Painting Captures Haudenosaunee History

By Mikael Thayer

Outside Principal Art Skenandore's office is a painting created in 1974 called "The Great Treaty of Canandaigua." by Robert Griffing.

It shows a group of many Haudenosaunee people and some white settlers listening to a smaller group of Indigenous leaders and one white man. They are identified as Colonel Timothy Pickering, and General Israel Chapin. This scene played a big part in the history of the Haudenosaunee people.

According to Lord Nelson's Gallery on the internet, "The Canandaigua Treaty is between the Haudenosaunee (Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy) and the United States of America - one of the first treaties the United States entered into. This treaty, drafted in Canandaigua, New York, which created a lasting peace and friendship

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between the Six Nations and the United States, was signed November 11, 1794, and ratified January 21, 1795, bearing the United States seal and George Washington’s signature. Peace and friendship forever were the basis upon which the Haudenosaunee leadership signed the Canandaigua Treaty.

The treaty recognizes the sovereignty of the Haudenosaunee and the United States and establishes in writing that the aboriginal lands belonging to the Haudenosaunee are theirs. The Canandaigua Treaty remains, in the face of challenges, a valid legal document unaffected by its age.

The painting was donated to The Oneida Tribal Schools by the Merville Powless Family including his sons Robert (Shirley), Lloyd (Darlene), and David Powless and his daughters Ramona (Carlson) and Shirley (Moore), and Dr. Donna Powless (David Grignon) and his grandchildren Grant and Crystal Powless.” In recognizing the gift of the painting, Principal Skenandore shared the many connections between ONHS, the Oneida Community, and the Powless Family.

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**Just Move It Oneida**  
**Marching**  
**Toward**  
**Health**



March 15th from 4-6pm  
 Oneida Nation  
 Elementary School  
 N7125 Seminary Rd.,  
 Oneida, WI 54155

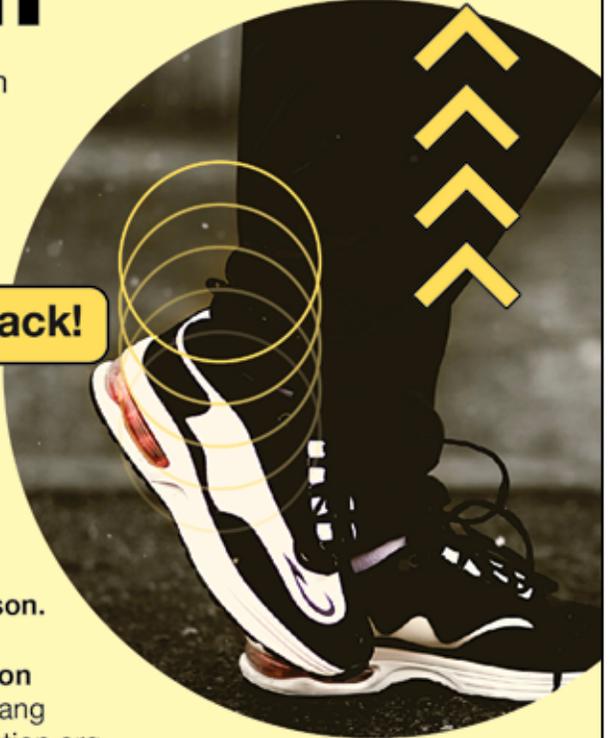
**Corn Soup is back!**

Individuals attending the in-person event may be entered in a Raffle Drawing for a Wellness Gift Box from the Oneida Cannery!  
 \*One raffle entry per person.

**For More Information**  
 Contact Hanna Leisgang  
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**JUDITH "JUDY" ANN COLÓN**  
**March 6, 1951 - February 10, 2023**

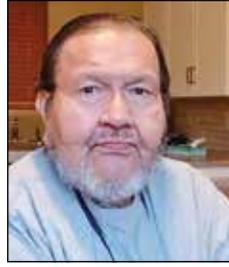
Judith "Judy" Ann Colón, of Oneida Nation, passed away on February 10, 2023 at the age of 71. Judy was the daughter of

Juanita (Powless) and Leland Cornelius.

Judy's greatest joys in life were her family and friends. There was nothing she loved more than being a grandma, with her first introduction being how many kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids she had. She built her beloved family with Damian, her husband of nearly 54 years.

She was sassy, feisty, and could carry a conversation with anyone. Judy loved to visit with others and thought every picture posted on Facebook was a photo sent directly to her so she could share your life moments with you. They made her so happy to see how much so and so has grown or gotten married or became a parent. Judy also loved "rummaging", crocheting blankets, and a trip to the casino. She loved listening to oldies and country music and had a sweet tooth like no other.

Judy is survived by: her husband Damian; her children David (Kim) Colón, Joseph (Jennifer) Colón, Sandra (José) Sanchez, Renee (Sam) Mousa, and Damian Colón, Jr.; her grandchildren Samantha (Nathan) Bird, Kristen Sanchez, Alysia Sanchez, Michael Bogumil, Victoria (Josh) Stocking, Kayla Thompson, Nadia (James) Spivey, Dani Sanchez, Yasmine Mousa, Jordan Mousa, José Sanchez, Jr., Leighla Mousa, and Lily Ann Q. Colón; her great-grandchildren Oakley, Evie, Parker, Jack, Jude, Aidan, Stevie, and Michael Damian; and 9 brothers and sisters. She also leaves behind many other family and friends who will miss her dearly.

**LELAND "PUTSKI" H. DANFORTH**  
**May 27, 1948 - January 27, 2023**

Leland "Putski" H. Danforth (74) of Oneida, Wisconsin passed away on January 27, 2023. Leland was born on May 27, 1948 in Green

Bay, Wisconsin; he was the son of Mildred (Skenandore) and Howard Danforth. Leland was a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Leland's Oneida name was Lolihwa'khat, meaning he has a lot of information/many messages. Leland grew up in the De Pere-Oneida area, graduating from West De Pere High School. Following high school graduation, Leland held various employment positions including foundry work and alcohol and drug prevention work. Later in life Leland held various positions "working hard for the Oneida People". Two of Leland's tribal positions included serving a term on the Oneida Business Committee and just prior to retirement, driving for Oneida transit.

While Leland was known to his family as Leland or Lee, the majority of friends and community members knew him as Putski. The nickname was given to him by a young man many decades ago and the nickname stuck. Putski enjoyed participating in various outdoor activities and had an ongoing love of music and reading throughout his life. Putski was a skilled canasta player, canasta was something he could enjoy with his mom, as well as his sisters and other family members. Later in life Putski enjoyed visiting with others, sharing stories as well as listening to stories and updates on what was happening with family and friends.

Leland is survived by his sisters, Barbara Benson of Windsor, Ontario and Bernice Vega of Greenfield, Wisconsin. Leland has a full family of nieces, nephews as well as great and great-great nieces and nephews whom he loved very much. That love was returned to him

by his family and he was held in high regard as a Brother and Uncle. Leland "Putski" is further survived by a family of friends and community members who cared deeply for him. Special friends, Kathy Danforth and Bob Brown were very much a part of his everyday life and their dedication to Putski cannot be overstated. Putski's other lifelong friends included Randy Cornelius, Larry Cornelius, and Art Skenandore. Putski was also blessed to have in his extended family adopted nieces and nephews who he cared for very much.

Leland is preceded in death by both of his parents Mildred and Howard, his sister, Gladys Brezezinski and his brother-in-law, Gerald Benson.

Friends may call from 4-8pm on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street De Pere, Wisconsin 54115. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 9am at Ryan Funeral Home. Services will be offered at 10am on Wednesday, with Bob Brown and Leander Danforth officiating. Interment will be at Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds following services.

The family would like to thank St. Mary's hospital for their care of Leland as well as for the compassion they offered friends and family. We would also like to thank the staff at Anna John Resident Centered Care Community for their care of our beloved relative

**BEVERLY CHARLENE DANIELS**  
**February 14, 1953 - January 31, 2023**

Beverly Charlene Daniels, also known as "Beas" or "Mama Jack"; Spirit name, "Gizhgokwe" "Woman of The Day"

Born on February 14, 1953 in the city of Green Bay Wisconsin has passed away on January 31st 2023 in Crandon,

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Beverly Charlene Daniels

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Wisconsin on the Stone Lake reservation. She is preceded in death by her husband, Herb Ned Daniels Sr.; daughter, Danielle Daniels; parents, Clarence and Geraldine Stevens; brothers, Rollin "Rolly" Stevens, James "Jimmy" Stevens, Glen "Stein" Stevens; sisters, Antoinette "Toni" Whitaker, Kathleen "Kate" Calkins, Deborah "Deb" Stevens.

Her surviving family are:

Sisters, Robin "Bird" Soldier, Roxanne "Rox" Katers, Jacqueline "Jack" Carter, Eldora "Jeanie" Saldana; brothers, William "Buck" Stevens, Craig "Pork" (Amy) Stevens, Raphael "Ray" (Lyn) Stevens, Warren "Barn" (Lori) Stevens, Quinton "Caveman" Stevens; children, Kimmy Stevens, Klynt Brown, Seagram Stevens, Shawnaway Malone, Shashe Malone, John Malone, Herb Daniels Jr., Lynn Daniels, and Jack Daniels. Further survived by 52 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren.

Beverly worked in the FCP elderly department as a transporter, caretaker, and was a director of the elderly department.

Beverly was a very strong hearted, loving and caring woman who would help you if you were in need. She would always have a place for her loved ones friends and family and make sure you had food to eat. She took in and cared for many of her grandchildren after her career in elderly care, which helped keep her family together.

Native American services were held on Friday, February 3, 2023 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, on the Stone Lake Reservation with Mr. Geronimo Powless officiating. Interment followed the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Stone Lake Reservation. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**JAMES MICHAEL GREEN**  
October 21, 1943 - January 20, 2023



James Michael Green, 79, Oneida, passed away on Friday, January 20, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. He was born

October 21, 1943, to the late Robert Benjamin and Elvira (Skenandore) Green. Jim worked as a roofer for over 25 years until his retirement. Following retirement he worked for the Oneida Nation. In his spare time he loved hunting and fishing. Jim was a member of the Oneida Sportsman Club.

Survivors include two children: Laura Carr, Glendale, AZ; and Thomas Green, De Pere; three grandchildren: Thomas Jr. (Amber) Green, Westminster, CO; Lauren (Parker) Carr, Laguna Niguel, CA; and Marissa Carr, Glendale, AZ; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Thomas Green; and his canine companion, Tyson.

Visitation will take place at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 10am until the time of services at 11am, Deacon Bobby Doxtator officiating. Burial will take place at the Oneida Nation Sacred Burial Grounds in Oneida.

**CRYSTAL MARIE KING**  
March 25, 1987 - February 3, 2023



James Michael Crystal Marie King walked on to the Creator's land on Friday February 3, 2023 surrounded by her three daughters and fiancé at the young age of 35.

Crystal was born to the late Mary and Baeten King on March 25, 1987.

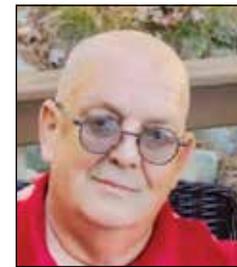
Crystal was blessed with three beautiful daughters whom she loved with all her

heart and soul. Her smile, big heart, and good sense of humor warmed everyone she knew. Crystal was a fun, loving, and happy person. She was kind hearted and was always there when someone was in need. She was a proud mother and enjoyed watching her daughters participate in sports. Crystal will be sadly missed by everyone.

Crystal is survived by her fiancé, Willie Edwards; her daughters Mariana, Jayana, and Jaycee. Their blended family includes daughters Jamila, and Brielle and son Dodie. Crystal is further survived by her brother Matt King and another brother and sister, aunties, uncles, nieces and nephews. Crystal was preceded in death by her parents Mary and Baeten King, and Baby Boy Ventura.

Visitation will be held at Ryan Funeral Home in De Pere on Thursday, February 9th, 2023 at 10am, Oneida Singers at 11:30am, funeral service at 12pm with lunch to follow.

**DEAN LAFLEX**  
November 8, 1959 - February 14, 2023



Dean LaFlex, age 63, resident of Green Bay passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Dean was born on November 8, 1959, the son of Arthur Jr. and Romain (Shuda) LaFlex.

Dean attended Westfield High School. Then, he enrolled in college only to follow his musical passion and find his wife, Glory Alicea. He married Glory on Halloween in 1981. The majority of Dean's early career was spent cooking with his father at their restaurant. Dean was an excellent cook and delighted in cooking all his life. After his cooking career was finished, he enrolled into the ministry. He became the pastor of Faith Apostolic Church in Park Falls, WI.

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Dean LaFlex

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As a pastor, Dean was drawn to the community and service to it. He had a devotion to the Lord and much like a shepherd tending his flock, Dean and his wife Glory fostered over thirty children and he adopted two daughters of his own. He cherished children and often was a safe harbor for them. Dean also instructed parenting classes in Oneida.

Dean was creative and had many passions which included his puppet ministry, he loved being artistic and had lots of projects, and of course he played music on the keyboard, bass guitar, and drums. He led a bible study and had a knack for teaching scripture finding the truth through the word of the Lord. Dean was dedicated to his family, community, and most importantly to the Glory of God.

He was a generous man and did all he could to help others. He was renowned for his chicken dumpling soup, "Love in a Bowl" as some called it. He made people feel welcome and shared his wisdom. Dean's humor, creativity, and faith will live on through and will be missed greatly by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Glory; children, Justin (Natalie) Battershield, Jason Battershield, Kayla (Mario) Barrueta, Mattanah (Andrew) LaFlex; grandchildren, Keira, Owen, Kellen, Gavin, Eden, Elena, Everly, Aria, McKinley, Connor; siblings, Joseph Todd (Edith), Scott Allen (Keith), and Dawn LaFlex; in-laws, Juan (Glynis) Alicea, Rafael Alicea, Ana (Ricardo) Balbuena, Hilda (Mike) Wisneski, and Tonya (Leon) Boucher; and many nieces and nephews.

Dean is preceded in death by his in laws, Rafael and Harriet Alicea.

Visitation will begin Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 10am to 1pm at Oneida Apostolic Church (118 West Meadow Drive Oneida WI), Services will begin at 1pm with Rev. Juan Alicea officiating. Please visit [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com)

to send the family an online condolence.

Dean's family would like to thank St. Vincent Hospital, ICU, Intermediate ICU, and the 7th floor staff, for all the care and support they provided for Dean.

**PATRICIA J. LAUTERBACH**  
October 6, 1949 - January 26, 2023



Patricia J. Lauterbach passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at age 73. Born on October 6, 1949, to her parents,

Henry and Inez VanEnkenvoort.

She spent her childhood living in De Pere. She attended college at Concordia University. She received a Master's Degree in Communications. Steve and Patricia were married for 47 years together.

Patricia enjoyed traveling, nature, and her gardens with Steve. She will be greatly missed by friends and family. She is survived by her husband, Steven, and her brothers, Henry and Butch VanEnkenvoort.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit [www.NewcomerGreenBay.com](http://www.NewcomerGreenBay.com).

**PAUL WILLIAM LEEMAN**  
July 1, 1970 - January 30, 2023



Paul William Leeman, 52, Oneida, passed away peacefully at home from familial pulmonary fibrosis on Monday, January

30, 2023, with his wife at his side. He was born on July 1, 1970, to William and Barbara (Smith) Leeman. Paul was a 1988 graduate of Seymour High School. He was united in marriage to Shari Pahlow on August 1, 1997.

Paul worked as a journeyman electrician

at Elmstar Electric for 33 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping. Paul also liked gardening with his daughter and working on cars and projects with his son.

He is survived by his wife, Shari Leeman, Oneida; two children: Kiona Leeman (significant other, Gavin Neuens), De Pere; and Nathan Leeman, Oneida; parents, William and Barbara Leeman, Suamico; siblings: Michael Leeman, Little Suamico; Sherry Leeman (Briggs) Noble, Green Bay; Kristine Woznicki, Woburn, MA; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Richard and Susan (Hangartner) Pahlow, Shawano; sisters-in-law: Angela Franz, Walnut Creek, CA; and Lisa (Bill) Martin, Shawano; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Julie; one brother-in-law, James Franz; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will take place at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, from 1pm until the time of services of 3pm, Deacon Bobby Doxtator officiating. Burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The family extends a special thanks to the staff of Unity Hospice for their compassionate care. Online condolences may be expressed to Paul's family at [www.muehlboettcher.com](http://www.muehlboettcher.com).

**DARLENE SUE PETERS**  
March 29, 1959 - February 11, 2023



Darlene Sue Peters, 63, passed away Saturday, February 11, 2023. The daughter of Robert and Hazel Mae (Stevens) Jordan was born

on March 29, 1959. On March 29, 2003, Darlene married Larry Peters.

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Darlene Sue Peters

# Are You Ready? A story of elder responsibility.



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Hugh Danforth

Photo Courtesy of Michelle Danforth-Anderson

**By Michelle Danforth-Anderson,**  
*Marketing & Tourism Director*

On January 9, 2023, I took my father Hugh into the hospital for a surgery. What has happened since then has changed my life to help elders get prepared.

After two weeks in the hospital, my father was advancing from soft foods to a carbohydrate-controlled diet. However, that is not what he was receiving. After a dietary evaluation, I discovered his hospital meals contained 121 carbs and sugars rather than just 65 carbs. Thus, we began arriving before as many food deliveries as possible to make sure his carbs were being controlled. Then, things went south.

My father had a mini stroke. He battled back and the day he was supposed to go to rehab, he tested positive for Covid with no symptoms. He would have to quarantine for 10 days, which in turn, disqualified him for rehab. That was when we had to get him out of the hospital, but the need for special care to be safe in our home was staring me in the face because his home had stairs and thus, not an option.

I had previously worked at Options for Independent Living 555 Country Club Rd. Green Bay (next to NWTC) and the primary focus was to work to keep individuals independent in their

room. It was my first stop during the first part of my dad's hospital stay. I was able to borrow a shower chair, walker, and toilet rails. It was a good start, but they didn't have bed rails. We ended up purchasing two; one for the bed and one for the living room couch. What elders do is try to use their walker to get up but when your elder is unstable, they can fall back or forward, especially when there is not enough weight on the front of the walker or someone is holding it. Elders need to be able to push straight up with their arms.

As my father slowly walked with the walker at first, it was important that everything in the path of where he was going was clear, including no rugs. Our bathroom had just enough space to get him in and to the toilet. I did not baby my dad, or the expectation is that you will do it all. Weird to say but he struggled through personal care, but he did it with limited assistance. It brought back his self confidence and little by little he could put on his shirt. He could put on his own pants and continues to grow each day.

I was lucky, my dad is 88 years old and was a healthy guy, but as he used to ask me as a child, "Are you going to take care of daddy when he gets old?" I would always say yes. I could not have done this alone, our family, my friends, my boss

and all the staff at our office helped me through this scary and mentally tough time. A special thanks to you all.

If you have other helpful tips, please send them to [kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org](mailto:kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org).

## HELPFUL HINTS

- ▶ **Be An Advocate** - Everyone needs good rest. Get a small book and write down everything.
- ▶ **Start A Group Chat** - Keep communications open with family and friends.
- ▶ **Accessibility** - Evaluate your home
  - **Bedroom** - Bed rails, firm mattress, table, wipes, and other personal items
  - **Bathroom** - Shower chair, extra briefs, wipes, room spray, plastic bags, and trash can
  - **Living Room** - Bed rail on the couch, small table, small calendar, color note pads, and small clock with large numbers
  - **Solid Wooden Chair** - With arms for eating dinner and physical therapy
- ▶ **Get A Big Calendar** - For scheduling appt., detail schedule; reduce stress on your elder and you.
- ▶ **Physical Therapy (PT) & Occupational Therapy (OT)** - Home services are available through Medicare or insurance. Get creative and find chair stretching or yoga videos for elders on YouTube.
- ▶ **Mental Engagement** - Non-caregiver to spend time, play games, hang out for a few hours with your elder.
- ▶ **Sit In The Sun** - Vitamin D works wonders!
- ▶ **Ask For Help** - It is so important to take a break and recharge your batteries.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

## AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASE FOR BID

Applications are available on our website at:  
 <http://land.oneidanation.org>



Lease Term: 5 years with 5 years option  
 Minimum Bid: \$175.00 per acre (Non-Tribal Members)  
 \$125.00 per acre (Tribal Members)

All applications must be turned in no later than 4pm on Friday, March 10, 2023. Applications will not be accepted after this date and time. **Completed bid applications must be submitted in a sealed security envelope labeled with the reference number; unlabeled envelopes will not be accepted.** Bid opening will be **MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023 at 10AM**

**Method Of Determining Who Will Be Awarded The Lease:**

- Date and time application is received
- Tribal department or tribal member will be given priority in the case of a tie
- Following the agricultural rule – distribution of tribal agricultural leases

**Reference Number:**  
 03201301AGS  
**Approximate Acreage:** 83.6  
**Location:** 800 Block of Orlando Dr., Hobart, WI 54155  
**Parcels:** HB-392-1, HB-377, HB-376



**Reference Number:**  
 05202201AGS  
**Approximate Acreage:** 9  
**Location:** N7300 Block of Smith Rd., Oneida, WI 54155  
**Part of Parcels** 170059800 and 170060000



**Reference Number:**  
 09200001AGS  
**Approximate Acreage:** 26.19  
**Location:** 1200 Block of O'Hare Blvd., Hobart, WI 54155  
**Parcel:** HB-327, HB-327-3



**Reference Number:**  
 01202203AGS  
**Approximate Acreage:** 26.25  
**Location:** W1600 Block of Moore Rd., Oneida, WI 54155  
**Part of Parcels** 17085813 and 170085900



**Reference Number:**  
 112010901AG  
**Approximate Acreage:** 16  
**Location:** W200 Block of Crook Rd., De Pere, WI 54115  
**Parcel Number Part of** 170211700



Paper copies of the application can be picked up and dropped off at our office located:  
**Land Management**  
 470 Airport Drive • Oneida, WI 54115



Applications can be mailed to:  
**EHSLA Division**  
 P.O. Box 365 • Oneida WI 54155-0365  
 Attn: Mary Jo Nash

**From page 22 / Darlene Sue Peters**

For years, Darlene worked for the Oneida Nation Elder Services. After the birth of her children, she was a homemaker. She was a proud member of Oneida United Methodist Church and part of many dart leagues.

Darlene enjoyed music, dancing and singing karaoke with Larry. She loved wolves and going to rummage for her many collections, including wolves, dolls, plates and Native works.

She is survived by her children, Jordan (Armando) Rodriguez, Monica Mencheski and Kacci Peters; grandchildren Charlene, Madison, Kiaya, Jessie, Samuel, Marcella, Santino and Elliana; siblings, Ellie (John) Hill, Marty (Kathy) Stevens, Merline Jordan and Jeffrey (Shelly) Jentz; best friends, Kelly and Robin Moore; and Godchildren, Wyonka Skenandore and Angel Jordan.

Darlene was preceded in death by her daughter parents, Robert and Hazel Mae; husband, Larry; daughter, Crystal; grandson, Jacob; brothers, Gerald and Gary Lee; as well as Kerry Funmaker.

At Darlene's request, no services will be held. "Auntie Dar said 'If you don't want to see me when I'm alive, you don't need to see me when I'm dead.'"

**PAMELA ROCHELLE WILLIAMS  
June 5, 1962 - February 9, 2023**

Pamela Rochelle Williams, 60, of Green Bay, WI passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones. The daughter of Vivian Ann Hill (Williams) and the late Chester Williams Jr. was born on June 5, 1962 in Milwaukee, WI.

She spent many years working for some moving companies, the Waupaca Foundry, and Menasha Corp. Pam's passion was working in nursing homes. She loved traveling, Harley Davidson, especially riding. She loved watching the Packers and was passionate about sewing, rummaging, thrifting, sunning, gardening and grilling. Pam enjoyed her cats Beau and Traveler and her dog Buddy. Pam had a meaningful support connection with The Wise Women Group.

Survivors include Laura (Randy) Lane, Carla Carle, Corina Williams, Jody Williams, very special niece Brooke Wilson and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Pam's lifelong friends include Trish Van Lith, Lois Uitenbrock Seremeta, and the Block family.

Pam will reunite with her father, Chester Williams Jr., mother Vivian Ann Williams, brothers Jamie and Christopher, sisters Tina, Paula and Susan, and best friend Rodney K. Richardson.

Ryan funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, WI 54115 is assisting with arrangements. Family and friends may call Ryan Funeral Home Wednesday February 15, 2023, for visitation from 4pm until time of service at 6pm with Deacon Debbie Heckel officiating. Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the family.

The family extends a special thank you to St. Vincent Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Froedtert Transplant Team, the Oneida Health Center, DaVita Dialysis and Lakeland Care for their compassion and care.

# ONEIDA JUDICIARY

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### TRIAL COURT



Payment can be made either in person at the Oneida Trial Court located at 2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303; or by mailing said payment to Oneida Tribal Court P.O. Box 19, Oneida, WI 54155

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO GARNISH

**Debtor's Name: Ramon Crowe***First published notice 3/1/23***Debtor's Name: Brittney A. Skenandore***Second published notice 3/1/23 • First published notice 2/1/23***Oneida entities owed a debt: ONEIDA TRIAL COURT**

**JOIN US FOR  
A HOPPIN' GOOD TIME  
EASTER EGG HUNT & BRUNCH**

**APRIL 8, 2023  
10 AM - 2 PM**

**THORNBERRY CREEK AT ONEIDA**  
4470 N. Pine Tree Road,  
Oneida, WI 54155  
events@golfthornberry.com  
920.434.7501

**Join in the Fun!**

- Full brunch buffet & bar
- Over 5,000 eggs!
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- Photo Opportunity

Scan the QR Code to register for the Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

Or visit [www.GolfThornberry.com/2023-easter-egg-hunt-brunch](http://www.GolfThornberry.com/2023-easter-egg-hunt-brunch)

**ONEIDA**  
Traditional & Healthy  
Foods for Our Community  
**COOKBOOK**



**WHITE CORN SOUP**

BY ANONYMOUS ONEIDA ELDER



**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 ½ -2 lbs. Lean pork loin roast, turkey, pork hocks, smoked turkey legs, or salt pork
- 1 lb. Dehydrated white corn
- ¼ tsp Pepper
- 2-15 oz. Cans of kidney beans, drained & rinsed

**DIRECTIONS:**

- 1 In a 3-quart slow cooker, cook pork loin roast on high for 5-6 hours and shred. Other cooked meat (pork hocks, smoked turkey legs, or salt pork) can be used.
- 2 In an 8-quart stockpot, cover corn with 2" of water or broth from meat. Bring to boil and simmer for 3 hours for corn to soften or soak corn overnight and cook for 1 hour to soften.
- 3 Add Beans, cooked meat and pepper. Simmer 1 more hour, and add salt and pepper to taste.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Cooking time: 8 hours
- Use enough water to cover ingredients during cooking.

**NUTRITIONAL INFO PER SERVING:**

Makes: 16 Servings - 2cups • Calories 311  
• Protein 101 g • Carbohydrates 40 g  
• Dietary Fiber 26 g • Total fat 5 g  
• Cholesterol 33 mg • Sodium 411 mg

**What can I flush?**

By Department of Public Works

There are only three things you can safely flush down the toilet into the sewer system —**pee, poo and (toilet) paper**. Just remember those three as the three Ps that you can flush. And don't forget, "flushable" wipes are not really flushable. Your assistance is needed to stop the practice of placing rags, towels, cleaning wipes, feminine hygiene products, as well as objects such as rope, mopheads, and even old clothing, into the Nations sewer system. Don't flush these items down the toilet even if they say they are flushable.

**What you should know:**

1. You do not want what is in the sewer in your home. Besides the horrible smell and mess to clean up, there are potential health risk for breathing or touching raw sewage.



2. Comprehensive Housing Division and the Utility Division will forward the cost of repairs to the tenant or homeowner identified for clogging the sewer. This could cost you tens of thousands of dollars.
3. Your personal property will not be covered by the Oneida Tribe. Check with your homeowner's or renter's insurance agent for coverage.
4. Ultimately, flushing items not intended to go into the sewerage system creates unnecessary maintenance expense that can eventually impact customers rates and bills.

**These simple actions can help protect our environment, public health, and your pocketbook.**

# Stevens Shares Her Gifts of Song and Pottery



Jennifer Stevens

Operatic Singer, Songwriter, and Oneida traditional/contemporary Pottery Artist

By Garth Webster  
Senior Reporter/Photographer

Jennifer Stevens, Oneida Member and Oglala Lakota, is an accomplished operatic singer and songwriter. She is also a talented Oneida traditional/contemporary pottery artist. In September 20, 2022, she created an original choral piece, "Beginning of Time," in Lakota and English, submitted by Native American Composer Brent Michael Davids, that was performed by the Shenandoah Conservatory at the La Biennial del Venezia-International Contemporary Music Festival in Venice, Italy. It was the first time Native American composers were able to partake in the festival. Among the other Native American Composers that participated are: Brent Michael Davids, Dawn Avery, Louis Ballard, and Russell Wallace. Stevens also performed for the Sweetest Season-Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Concert Series at the Goodman Theatre of Chicago, IL, under the direction of Oneida Member, Kim Vigue.

Next up on Stevens' calendar will be events a little closer to home at the Milwaukee Art Museum as a guest artist and presenter for their Family Sundays: Celebrating Native Art and Artists event on March 12, 2023. Stevens is scheduled at 11 am this day. Stevens' next appearances will be at the Milwaukee Art Museum where she will be the opening performance, sharing her gift of opera singing on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 6:15 pm for the museum's expert series with artist "Rebecca Belmore in Conversation with Wanda Nanibush." Jennifer Stevens will also once again be performing at the Goodman Theatre, July 17, 2023 with the Sweetest Season-Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Concert Series with various performers including, Mark Jourdan, Oneida member.

The Milwaukee Art Museum is located at 700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee. To learn more, go to Mam.org or call 414.224.3200.



**Back by Popular Demand...**

**MATURE SUPER HEROS VS ONEIDA YOUTH**

**Saturday, March 18  
4pm • Oneida Nation Turtle School**



Adults: \$6

17 & Under | Free with donation of one  
and Seniors | non-perishable food item.

All proceeds will be donated to the following:  
Oneida 8th Grade Graduation Class  
Oneida Nation Junior Prom  
Safe Shelter  
Oneida Drug Task Force

For questions, contact Shawn Skenandore at 920.371.6540  
or email Shawn\_Skenandore@hotmail.com.



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# CALLING ALL YOUNG Artists

The Bicentennial Team is seeking young artists to create Oneida 200 Year themed artwork that honors our past, present, and future.

All mediums are eligible.

Artist must be between the ages of 13 and 18.

Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2023.

Email photos of artwork to [kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org](mailto:kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org). Include age, name, phone number, and school with submission. The prize for best piece is to be determined.



## SPECIAL Room Rate Last Call-Offer Extension

Reserve your room at the Radisson before March 31, 2023 at a special rate of \$96. Act fast... after March 31, the rate increases to \$129 and less rooms will be available in the room block. Event details coming soon.



Call 920.494.7300 today!  
Ask for the 200 Year Room Rate.



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Bicentennial Week  
July 25-30, 2023

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our Past  
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