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## In-Person GTC Meetings Return

KATHLEEN SAKS  
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Photo Courtesy Garth Webster

The first in-person GTC meeting since late 2019 was held Monday, January 16, 2023 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center with a total of 1,086 Oneida members in attendance. To comply with the Public Health Emergency guidelines, masks were required. Nevertheless, many of the participants expressed their appreciation of once again being able to gather to discuss the Nation's opportunities.

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# Louise Cornelius-Global Gaming Business 25 People to Watch 2023



**Louise Cornelius**  
Gaming General Manager

By GGB Contributing Editor  
Marjorie Preston

Oneida's economy took off in 1976, thanks to bingo games played in double-wide trailers. Those twice-weekly games were the cornerstone of how Oneida became the third largest employer in the region.

"This is a multimillion-dollar business," says Louise Cornelius, gaming general manager of the ever-expanding enterprise. "If we were in the outside world, we'd be part of the Fortune 500."

Gaming is like a family business for Cornelius, who grew up on the reservation and began her career as a bingo supervisor in 1985. "I was lucky to work from the ground up and get hands on experience in many aspects of

the industry." This experience, coupled with her degrees in management and business administration and her commitment to her people, are key success factors for Cornelius.

She's held positions in both management and regulation, and served for seven years as chairwoman and executive director of the tribal gaming commission. In the latter role, she says, "I think I was instrumental in assisting a relationship that's sometimes adversarial—making it a win-win, so we could all be successful."

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Louise Cornelius

# Vigue is Making an Impact in Indian Country



Photo Credit: Althea Dotzour, UW-Madison

By Jennifer Mnookin,  
Chancellor, UW-Madison

Carla Vigue, Oneida Member, is a community affairs and outreach professional with more than two decades of experience, has been named director of tribal relations at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Currently, Vigue is director of communications, events and community engagement for the National Council of Urban Indian Health in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, she served for more than a decade as communications director for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, where she developed and implemented a statewide strategy for engaging tribal veterans.

Vigue also held positions with the National Indian Gaming Association, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Office of the Governor,

In her new role, starting January 23, 2023, her scope of work will be to foster strong ties with the 12 First Nations of Wisconsin and lead initiatives, strategic engagement opportunities, and special projects with tribal nations and affiliated organizations on behalf of the university. Says Ben Miller, the

university's assistant vice chancellor for government affairs and strategic partnerships, "Carla's background and skills are a perfect fit for strengthening our existing partnerships with the First Nations of Wisconsin and developing new ones."

According to Vigue, the position of director of tribal relations at UW–Madison appeals to her in part because of the crucial role higher education has played in her life, "Throughout my career, but especially now, I often think about all the opportunities education has afforded me and the encouragement I've received from people — especially tribal leaders — over the years and how powerful that's been.

Vigue lives on Madison's east side with her husband, Brian, the director of freshwater policy for Audubon Great Lakes, and their two sons, Hunter, 10, and Otto, 7.

# Food Pantry Screening Nourishes the Crowd



**By Garth Webster**

*Senior Reporter/Photographer*

A free and nourishing meal was provided to about 150 community members who attended a screening of the documentary, "What We're Hungry For: How Food Pantries Fed Rural Wisconsin During The Pandemic" on Thursday evening, January 19, 2023 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center.

As Oneida continues to acknowledge our Bicentennial by honoring our past, present, and future, we salute those that are helping to uplift the community such as Marlon Skenandore (pictured in upper right inset photo), Director of the Oneida Emergency Food Pantry. He explained how proud he was to be a part of the award-winning documentary which chronicles five rural Wisconsin food pantries, including the Oneida Food Pantry, to provide for communities during the height of the pandemic. "I love what I do! The film really shows all the collaboration and hard work that goes into this amazing work to feed people in Oneida and Wisconsin."

Following the meal and documentary, Marlon and members of the film's production crew responded to questions from the audience about food insecurity. The entire event was well received and successfully shined a light on the fantastic job the Oneida Food Pantry is doing.

The Oneida Emergency Food Pantry is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm. For questions, or to volunteer, call 920.869.6165. Currently, the documentary is unavailable to the public but efforts are being made to air it on Wisconsin Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). Stay tuned.



**Photo Courtesy Garth Webster**

Above: Marlon Skenandore, along with Oneida Community Member, Amanda Gerondale, Director and Co-Producer of the documentary Jim Winship, and Filmmaker/Editor Jim Winship, respond to questions and comments from audience about the film and food security.

Below: Councilman Summers and Webster, along with Chairman Hill and Marlon Skenandore, proudly stand together with the Winships after the film.



# McLester Collection to Come Alive in 2023



Photo Courtesy Garth Webster

Seated L to R: Congregation Shaarai Shamayim Members Deborah Kades and Diana Cohen, Univ. of Oshkosh Assoc. Professor in Dept. of History, Stephen Kercher. Standing L to R: Bill Baldon, James Levy of "Whose Land?" Project, and UW Oshkosh Indigenous Students Club, Blayde Pamperin.

**By Garth Webster**  
*Reporter-Senior Photographer*

James Levy of the "Whose Land?" project, along with his small band of volunteers worked at Big Bear Media and the Oneida Museum on December 14-15, 2022 to review, index, scan and organize the historical collection of the late Oneida Historian, Lee Gordan McLester II. The focus of the initiative is to expand the current online repository of documents and videos on [exploreoneida.com](http://exploreoneida.com).



McLester's good friend and colleague, Michelle Danforth-Anderson, Big Bear Media Director, promised McLester that she would help fulfill his dream that all of the materials would someday be available to the Oneida community as a digital archive.

Through coincidence, Levy and Stephen Kercher, UW-Oshkosh Assoc.

Professor of History, were visiting Big Bear Media and while discussing McLester's collection came an idea for volunteers to help.

Danforth-Anderson explained that by the end 2023, the first goal is to work through all information up until the 1990's. Stay tuned for updates.



## Wáhta? Kayu?kwaátho – Maple Tree Tobacco Burning

“  
 Khale sákahehwe ḷtwákalóṭḷ  
 And again it returns for us to tap trees  
 ”

**As told to Randy Cornelius**

*Edited by Judith Jourdan*

*Oneida Cultural Heritage Department*

This ceremony is held at the end of February or first part of March, after the first thunder which wakes up the trees. It all depends on the weather. When the warm winds once again begin to circulate, a day is set aside to give thanks.

A tobacco burning is done to honor the maple tree. Each camp in the community will have their own tobacco burning. A small fire is built near a maple tree. The words in the tobacco burning ask all of creation for a safe time while the people are in the woods working, thus calling on the Creator to assure that no great harm comes to those harvesting the sap. All of creation is acknowledged. Then the people can go and set up their sugar camps.

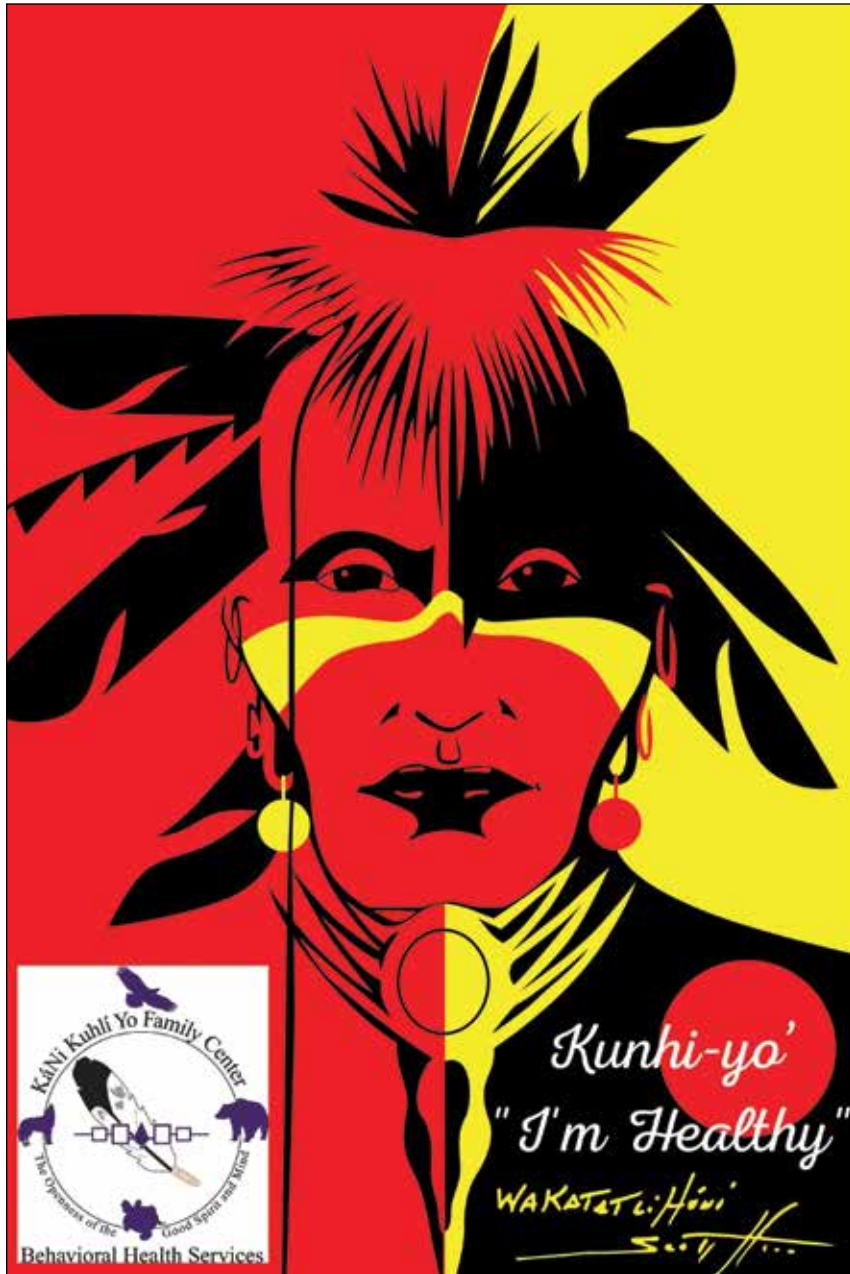
### **Otsyi?khé·ta Twanehelatú (Maple Tree Thanksgiving - Closing)**

Once the camps are all done harvesting the sap, and everything is cleaned up, a day is picked by the faithkeepers to give thanks for what people have been able to harvest. At this time, the sap is used as medicine for everyone to drink and give thanks. Two Great Feather Dances are done as a way to honor the maple tree and for Creation's cooperation during the harvesting of the sap.

To find out more information about the Oneida Culture contact Cultural Heritage 920.496.5398.



# Move the Healing Spirit!



**By Garth Webster**  
Reporter-Senior Photographer

Shannon Hill, operating out of Oneida Behavioral Health Services (OBH), is leading the charge to eradicate substance abuse in the Oneida Community.

At their KáNi Kuhlí Yo Family Center offices at 2640 W. Point Rd., Hill and his colleagues use the motto, Kunhi-yó (I'm Healthy) as they hold a variety of

activities in regard to integrated mental health, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse counseling services.


While at one of their events, you may notice their vision and mission materials that utilize an image of a warrior called Loto-Ka (He keeps his word, honest). This warrior represents honesty, to be honest with yourself and the ones who love you, and to stand up and



stay strong to face your demons because if you don't, they will get the best of you.


In December 2022, Hill and his team held Narcan information and disbursement meetings at the Oneida Health Center. Toward the end of this session, they also held an hour-long program to train individuals to use Narcan, which can offset the effects of someone experiencing an overdose of opioids. Hill also organized community drumming and dancing this past January at the Parish Hall, which will continue in February at the Civic Center.

Stay tuned for more community events and programs, including the annual Kunhi-Yo event this August 31, 2023, their showcase event of the year. For questions, contact Shannon and (OBH) Behavioral Health Services at 920.490.3790.



**Tetwatatehsnye'**  
We all take care of each other.

**Save the Date**  
**Wednesday, March 29**



During Creation, the care and compassion Muskrat shared to help others flourish has inspired TAP to host our Tetwatatehsnye' event. There will be various presenters such as Lenny Hayes (See his bio below). Let's all gather to care for one another.

— Leslie Duxtater, Tribal Action Plan Manager

## Tetwatatehsnye' Keynote Speaker: Lenny Hayes



Lenny Hayes, MA, is a citizen of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the northeast corner of South Dakota. Lenny is also owner and operator of Tate Topa Consulting, LLC and is currently in private practice specializing in Marriage Family and Therapy. He has extensive training in mental and chemical health issues that impact the Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ and Native community. Lenny has traveled nationally and locally training and presenting on the issues that impact both the Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ

individual and community. These issues include the Impact of Historical and Intergenerational Trauma on this population, violence of all forms, child welfare issues, and the Impact of Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking on Men and Boys which is a topic that is rarely discussed. Lenny is the former Missing and Murdered Two-Spirit Project Assistant for Sovereign Bodies Institute and a 2020 graduate of the Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Cohort 5.

As former chairman of the MN Two-Spirit Society, he assisted Native organizations in developing policies in the protection, safety, and non-discrimination of Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ people in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. He is also a LGBTQ Advisory Co-Chair Council Member for SWIWC, formally the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, Advisory Committee Member for the Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, and board member for the First Nations Repatriation Institute. He is a former

Board of Directors of StrongHearts Native Helpline, former board member of Wac' ang'a (Sweet Grass) Inc. Victim Services, former Advisory Board Member for the National Quality Improvement Center (QIC) on Tailored Services, Placement Stability and Permanency for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Two-Spirit Children and Youth in Foster Care, former Committee Member for ACE-DV Leadership Forum with the National Resource Center for Domestic Violence, former Council Member for the MN HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Council, and a former Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ Advisory Committee Member for the Center for Native American Youth, Washington, D.C. He is an Advisory Council Member for many national projects across Indian country. Lenny was selected to be a recipient of the 2018 Bonnie Heavy Runner Advocacy Award at the 16th National Indian Nations Conference "Justice for Victims of Crime."

(see Save the Date Ad above)

## Oneida Retail's Generosity to Safe Shelter



Shelter Toys: (l-r) Safe Shelter Employee Jolene Parker-Flores, Safe Shelter Director Pearl Webster, Oneida Retail Representative Phil Wisneski, and Safe Shelter Employee Javon Leisgang.

By Phil Wisneski

Oneida Retail answered the call when Safe Shelter put out a notice that they were in need of items for their residents and their building. Safe Shelter, located at 2155 Hutson Rd., put that notice out late last year, and Oneida Retail responded not just in one way, but with three donations to the shelter.

An Oneida Retail employee hygiene drive for the shelter was first. This drive started on December 1, and asked Oneida Retail employees to donate hygiene type items for shelter residents. The response was amazing. Over 800 items were collected from the employees and delivered to Safe Shelter Friday, January 13, 2023.

Next, Oneida Retail reached out to the shelter and asked for children's ages that were staying at the shelter. With that information, employees donated toys for the children right before Christmas. Each child received at least one toy to help celebrate the holidays.

Finally, a donation of nearly \$1,000 in cleaning supplies was donated to the shelter to help with cleaning, maintaining, and upkeep of the shelter. Items included Lysol, cleaning wipes, floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner, trash bags, laundry detergent, towels, and more.

"Oneida Retail is proud to be able to assist the Safe Shelter," said Oneida Retail General Manager Debra Powless. "We look forward to continuing to support the local community."

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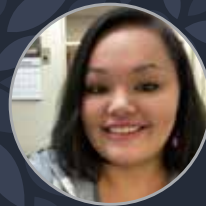
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**Carolyn E. Skenandore,**  
Tribal Aging & Disability  
Resource  
Specialist  
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# Changes to Death Benefit

Effective April 1, 2023



*"The passing of a loved one brings with it many emotions, and therefore, it is my responsibility to ensure the process of your claim moves along as smoothly as possible for your family."*

*~Michelle John, Death Benefits Coordinator*

*The Oneida Trust Enrollments Department has transitioned from a life insurance policy program to an internally disbursed death benefit program called the General Welfare Assistance Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus, or GWA OLIPP for short.*

*Under its new format, the death benefit will remain tax free, in the amount of \$15,000, while saving the expense to the nation of paying monthly insurance premiums. Recently, you should have received a mailer providing information to help you understand how the GWA OLIPP works.*

*As part of the change, we strongly encourage that all Oneida Nation Members have a beneficiary form on file at the Trust Enrollments Department. If not, the following applies:*

- *Only funeral expenses will be paid.*
- *Remaining funds, after funeral expenses, will not be disbursed. The designated funds will remain in the GWA program.*

*GWA OLIPP beneficiary forms are available at the Trust Enrollments Department offices, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, at 210 Elm St., Oneida. Forms are also available online at <https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/oneida-life-insurance-plan-plus>.*

*For questions or concerns, contact me toll free at 1.800.571.9902, my direct line at 920.869.6201, or stop by my office.*

*Sincerely,  
Michelle John, Oneida Death Benefits Coordinator*

# Community Lunch A Huge Success!



**By Garth Webster**

*Reporter-Senior Photographer*

The Oneida Cannery provided a free lunch to 400 community members on Friday, December 30, 2022 via drive-through service from the Norbert Hill Center cafeteria.

Oneida Cannery staff, Lindsey Blackowl, Senior Food Processing Operator, Jodi King, Indigenous Diet and Wellness Coordinator, and Austin

Ninham, Food Processing Operator along with volunteers; Heather Jordan, Arianna Cottrel, Eric McLester, Crystal Danforth, Jen Falck, and Miles Falck kept up the pace to prepare dish after dish of bison roast over wild rice, mini triple berry mush, blueberry white corn muffin, and a strawberry drink.

Blackowl said the Cannery tries generate revenue via holiday-themed sales or giveaways for end-of-year,

Halloween and Valentine's Day. This year, because of the generosity of the Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS), the meal was provided free-of-charge.

Blackowl is optimistic that they will continue finding funds to give back to the community, whether by providing traditional meals (hopefully for free again) or incorporating more free workshops through the cannery.

# Isbell Smoke Shop Making a New Start

**By Phil Wisneski**


The Isbell Smoke Shop located within the West Mason Casino received a much-needed face lift last month. New beverage coolers, a new other tobacco case, new CBD/Vape section, and larger employee break room/back stock area were the main items that were updated. Also, new cigarette back bar shelving with LED lights were installed and a new cigar humidor was installed. A fresh coat of paint and new countertops finished off the remodel.

The revamp is crucial in capturing more of the other tobacco buying customers. Cigarette sales continue to trend downward nationwide, and Oneida Retail is looking to diversify their product offerings. The store also has tailored the snack items available to the casino customers to ensure the products they desire are available.

Customers have responded tremendously to the new look as sales in the other tobacco category since the remodel have nearly paid for ½ the cost of the entire project. The original projection was for it to take the entire fiscal year to recover the cost.




Visit the Isbell Smoke Shop  
Monday through Sunday 9 am to 10 pm,  
2522 West Mason Street, or call 920.496.7872.



# Questions to Ask Yourself During NATIONAL SELF-CHECK MONTH

By Joy Salzwedel MSW, LCSW, CSAC,  
Oneida Behavioral Health Intake Supervisor



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When was the last time you truly assessed your mental health? National Self-Check Month in February offers a great opportunity to check on our mental health and overall well-being.

Before you begin your mental health self-check, set the tone for your emotional and mental review. Remind yourself that it's OK to delve into how you feel. When you try to ignore them, your negative feelings can escalate into larger mental health issues. Review the good feelings too. Recognizing positive parts of your life can lead to improved mental health.

Start your review with some simple questions, "How do I feel in this moment and recently?" When experiencing or recalling a feeling, recognize how your body reacted to that feeling. Did you clench your teeth or feel something in the pit of your stomach? Did your heart start to pound? Stress, anxiety, and depression can manifest as head or body aches, rashes, flares of existing health conditions, changes in your appetite, stomach aches, loss of energy, and muscle tensions.

Ask yourself, "Have I had any recurring thoughts or does my mind keep moving back to a particular thought, encounter,

or conversation?" Recall these memories and review how you felt each time the recurring thought occurred. Does the emotion dissipate or intensify with each recurrence? More questions you can ask yourself, are:

- **"Have I been worrying lately, and if so, what have I been worrying about?"**
- **"What am I doing for enjoyment and relaxation?"**
- **"Am I taking care of my physical health; am I eating well, moving, and sleeping well?"**
- **"How often do I rely on alcohol or drug use to deal with my emotions?"**
- **"Am I afraid to tell someone how I am feeling?"**

If you find that your assessment reveals any surprises, remember that Oneida Behavioral Health has resources you can use to help restore harmony in mind, body and spirit.

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<https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/behavioral-health/>



From page 2 / Louise Cornelius

In November 2021, the Oneidas celebrated another milestone, opening the Badger State's first sportsbook. It was an instant hit in the four-season sports community, which alternately roots for the Milwaukee Bucks, the Milwaukee Brewers and the Green Bay Packers.

"The sportsbook is doing really well in terms of hold percentage; it's increased foot traffic as well as revenues," says Cornelius. Though mobile and online sports betting aren't yet legal in Wisconsin, a geofenced app lets players make virtual wagers on casino grounds.

Cornelius anticipates even greater growth in the new year. By spring, she will propose a multimillion-dollar casino expansion with luxury amenities to appeal to Gold Players Club members. "We've got to cater to those high rollers. Hopefully, I'll get the support to go ahead with that."

She will also continue the fight against "eight-liners," unregulated video slot terminals that operate in state gas stations, bars, and even laundromats.

"Wisconsin calls them amusement devices, but these are illegal machines" that unfairly divert business from tribal gaming halls, according to Cornelius. "We're as highly regulated as a bank because of our assets, and we also compete for that discretionary income. We're working on a process to address the matter."

Most of all, she looks forward to leading her staff, and learning from them, with a management style that combines guidance, communication and mutual respect.

"I try to keep that balance, providing direction while coaching and mentoring my staff," she says. "Our leadership team has a strategy to improve HR management, which means taking care of all our employees. And I always go with the philosophy that says to be successful in your field, pick people that are smarter than you. Of course, our other strategic priority is to always grow gaming revenue."

As in public Fortune 500 companies, Oneida Nation gaming benefits the "shareholders"—in this case, the Oneida community, sustaining education, housing, health care and other essential services. "Gaming is our No. 1 support, and the money we generate is the key to our success," says Cornelius. "It's always about growth."

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# High School Girls Lacrosse on the Rise!



Photos Courtesy Kilabrew VanDyke and Sidney White

State playoff game, Notre Dame over Middleton 7 to 6.

**By Kilabrew VanDyke and Sidney White**

The Notre Dame Academy Girls Lacrosse (NDAGL) is currently in its 2nd year of existence as a high school lacrosse club at Notre Dame Academy. With great pride, the inaugural NDAGL began a tradition of inclusivity with strong participation from coaches, players, and volunteers from members of the Oneida Nation.

NDAGL is one of the few high school club teams offering players a chance to compete at either the junior varsity or varsity level. As the program developed, young Oneida Nation ladies attending Seymour High School, Green Bay Southwest High School, Ashwaubenon High School, Notre Dame Academy, and of course, the Oneida Nation School System, including Oneida Community Lacrosse, and Oneida Recreation. Players have also joined from Johnson O'Malley funded programs, Green Bay Lacrosse Club, North American Indigenous

Games, and Sconnie Team Wisconsin travel teams. All in all, the program has a proportionately higher number of Indigenous players.

Currently, high school lacrosse in Wisconsin is considered club status, meaning they are not recognized by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) for the 2022-2023 school year. However, club teams are recognized through the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation (WLF). As a result, most non-WIAA recognized club teams do not receive financial support from their school system. For this reason, NDAGL requires player team fees to cover expenses.

The inaugural season resulted in a 15-3 record, earning second place in the Bay Valley conference. Two losses came from a team that played in the State Championship while the third loss was to a team that played in the State Semi-Finals. The team was honored with over nine all-conference players. Another accomplishment was upsetting a higher ranked team in the first round of the playoffs.

The hard work and dedication of these young women is a direct benefit to the Oneida Nation community. The coaches and organization stress hard work, commitment, skill development, maximum effort, respect, and sportsmanship. Not only are these young women the future mentors, head coaches, assistant coaches, officials, and leaders of the lacrosse community, but they are the future leaders for both the Oneida Nation and Northeast Wisconsin.



All-State Marissa Van Dyke and Katelyn Wesneski, Notre Dame Head Coach Hailey Anderson, and Riley Powless.

# We are made of Stories



Valder John

Photo Courtesy Elder Video Project

*The late Gordon McLester, a respected Oneida Nation elder and historian, conducted a vast number of tribal community elder video interviews between 1994-2007.*

**By Trista Cornelius-Henrickson**  
Big Bear Media - Tourism Admin.

Valder John was born March 15, 1931 near Chicago Corners. He lived with his parents Guy and Naomi John, who first met while cherry picking and then again at a dance. He was named after a place where his mother worked. With his maternal grandparents and 8

siblings, his family worked the land they lived on while his father found employment at various jobs such as logging or painting.

He fondly remembers going Hoyaning in large groups of kids, despite the snow and the cold they would grab their bags and walk for miles. “We looked forward to different houses with their different cookies and some of them had gingerbread and whatever you know, and we knew which house we’d get the goodies at.” he said, chuckling.

At age 17, Valder joined the military, and served in the Army for 26 years and

is known in Oneida as a veteran who survived as a POW during the Korean War through horrific conditions. The story of his military experiences were shared in the Kalihwisaks published on August 9th, 2001, and July 16th, 2002. He was recognized along with other Oneida veterans by the Mayor of Green Bay and the WI Governor. Valder was very proud of his military service and believed it was important for the youth to learn from, appreciate and, honor veterans.

When asked what he thought of the Oneida Community and where it was going, he expressed how proud he was to see the initiatives Oneida had taken for its citizens, such as medical care. He praised Oneida for looking to the future, and no matter where he traveled, he received the Kalihwisaks to stay informed of what was going on in Oneida.

To find out more about Valder’s life and other elder stories, check out the Oneida Digital Media YouTube channel. Big Bear Media continues to work on a database with all Gordon McLester’s elder videos recorded between 1994 - 2007.

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**Valder John**  
Elder Interview



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## Danforth Continues to Expand Dispensary Business



Photo Courtesy of Antonio Freeman

Marketing Director; Brandon Danforth, Packers Wide Receiver 1996-1999; Antonio Freeman, Production & Manufacturing Staff; Tre'Lonnie King, Green Bay - East Store Manager; Isiah Danforth

**By Mercedes Danforth-Hernandez**  
Contributing Reporter

In November 2020, THE Dispensary opened its first location in Appleton, WI. There are now 15 locations in 3 different states, starting with 5 employees and expanding that number to 100. THE Dispensary has both Oneida owners and employees within the company. At these locations you will find legal products that are available in flower, concentrate, edible, and topical forms. Customers have used the products for both medicinal and recreational purposes, and frequently report the wide range of benefits these products provide.

Brandon Danforth, co-founder and Director of Marketing, explains that the journey has been "exciting" but not without its hurdles. However, THE Dispensary's impact on its customers makes all the efforts worthwhile. Though THE Dispensary has grown, it retains the same values and focus on helping people with the products they provide, while supporting the local communities in which they operate.

THE Dispensary staff specializes in explaining the benefits of cannabis and are happy to guide customers in the right direction in a clean and welcoming environment. For the past three years, Brandon and THE Dispensary team have been trying to write a book explaining their industry in order to rid the stigma surrounding their product and better the public's notion of alternative medicine.

After THE Dispensary's move from Oneida off of HWY 54, some customers may have been left confused about the location switch. THE Dispensary would like to extend their gratitude to the community members who visited the location in support of a new and unique business to the area. Information on current locations and products are on THE Dispensary website, found at [www.thed8dispensary.com](http://www.thed8dispensary.com).

It's important to THE Dispensary team to give back to tribal members because they operate so close to the boundaries of the reservation. Owners and staff of THE Dispensary have lived and grew up in the Oneida community and find that their company is a way of giving back. Although THE Dispensary cannot offer tax-exempt because they are not on the reservation- they will honor the tax-exempt price made at their stores. They continue to expand their healing venture along the East Coast.

THE Dispensary can be found on Facebook by searching Wisconsin - TheD8Dispensary, or at their YouTube channel by searching THE Dispensary LLC. No medical card is required to shop at THE Dispensary- consumers must be 21 years old and over in order to purchase any products from the store. Their west side location can be found at 2247 Ulmer Court, in Howard, WI or contact them by phone (920) 489-2047.



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## Oneida Nation High School

# THUNDERHAWK TIMES



## Basketball Season Well Underway

By Tyson Webster

Where did this basketball season and winter go? Readers will see this article in February, but it is being written in early January with temperatures above normal and not much snow on the ground. Next month will see March Madness at the high school and college level.

So how's the ONHS Men's' and Ladies' seasons going so far at this point? Both teams are doing their best as M&O Conference Action gets underway. As of this writing, the guys record stands at 5-1 overall and 3-1 in conference. The girls record is 3-9 overall and 1-6 in conference.

Both squads have had a JV schedule for most of the season as well.

Behind the wins and losses there's a lot more than what meets the eye. There's the hard practices and skills drills. A lot of the guys' practices are spent on defense.

At this point, there are 8 or 9 games remaining for the guys and at least 5 games on the schedule for the girls. As always, tournament play starts up in March. Looking at the rest of the season from this perch in January, this writer will make the following predictions: Guys 12-4. Girls 6-10.

## One Semester Ends - A New One Begins

By Carlos Martinez

Tuesday, January 10 was a different kind of day. It was the last day of the first semester. The new semester started on Thursday, January 12 with students off and teachers working on grades and preparing for the last half of the school year on Wednesday, the 11th.

As a senior looking back over the first semester, here are some thoughts I have: School isn't bad at all and I need to focus more on some classwork next semester so I can graduate on time. This past semester went by fast and it was very informative.



Photo Courtesy Courtney Gerzetch

ONHS Students participating in the Whose Land? Project with Professor James Levy, visited the archives at the Oneida Nation Museum on December 20. There, they met with museum staff, pored through original source documents culled by the museum staff and saw the museum's vast collection of historic artifacts. Students on the trip with staff members Sarah Wunderlich and Denis Gullickson were l to r at the table Aron Rodriguez, Vernon Stevens, Landyn Jordan, Hunter Webster, Gullickson, Shaylyn Guillermo, Jaylyn Caldwell, Marianna Skenandore, Royce Summers, and Tyson Webster.



# Seniors on Track to Graduate

By Aron Rodriguez

First Semester ended on January 10 and second semester started on January 12. January 11 was a teacher workday. For ONHS seniors thinking about graduation, it can be a scary and also, exciting time.

This year’s senior class has 31 members. Each senior has a graduation plan that will get them to graduation with 23.5 or more credits for a Standard Diploma and 16 or more credits for a Core Diploma.

Like the previous two, this senior class has been through a lot to get to graduation with a pandemic making school challenging when they were sophomores and juniors.

Senior Tyson Webster says that he’s “doing good” as far as getting ready for graduation. But he also added that he is both “happy” and “sad” because once he graduates, he will miss everyone at ONHS.

Tyson is looking at Haskell for college and then “a stable job.”

Trinity House-Bailie said that she is also “doing good.” She “just needs two classes” and she will be graduating on time. She is either going to NWTC or the College of Menominee Nation. She also said that she will be “both happy and sad” when she leaves ONHS.

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# Oneida Archives Trip was Educational

By Aron Rodriguez

Readers of these pages might remember that the school is working with Professor James Levy on a project called “Whose Land?” which looks at Oneida Land ownership and issues of losing and getting back our land over the years.

ONHS students are studying the history of the site of today’s Norbert Hill Center as a part of that project. Five students worked with Denis Gullickson in a 4th hour class last semester and about a dozen other students participated as an at large group working with Sarah Wunderlich.

The students’ work continues at least for the rest of the school year. Part of that work includes interviewing, conducting research, reading, writing, and learning more and more. Our first field trip of the year for the project took place on December 20 when we went to the Oneida Museum Archives in the former Woodland Church on Highway 172.

There, the groups of 5 each looked at original source documents like pictures of boarding schools and the Native students that attended those schools. Many of those documents were about Norbert Hill Center and the boarding school that was on that site over a century ago. We also saw a lot of historic artifacts.

Students found the trip educational and inspiring. For this writer, it was a very cool time. We all felt it was cool and inspiring. The group has more field trips to other museums and archives planned for spring including UWGB’s archives and those at the Brown County Library.

# Lacrosse Dreams

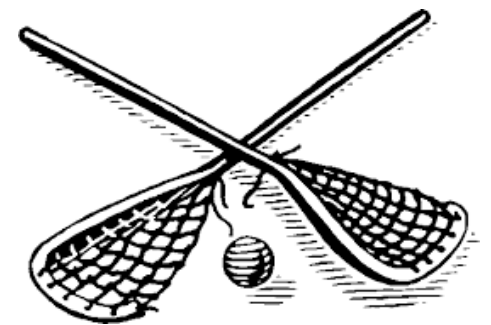
By Raylee Polanco

It’s the middle of winter. So, when most people think about sports at this time of year, it’s probably football, basketball, hockey, or some other winter sport. For this writer, it’s still all about lacrosse.

When I think about the Creator’s game, I imagine that the new lacrosse season has started back up again. That means that the team has to get into shape, drink lots of water every day to stay hydrated, and exercise so you’re not cramping up.

I picture a beautiful spring day when the team is practicing out on the field playing a lacrosse game.

The team is passing the ball back and forth moving it gracefully downfield for a goal. The stick feels right in my hands and I am at peace.



## Answer Key to Crossword Puzzle on Page 27

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| 2. CANNERY    | 3. WITTY      |
| 3. WIN        | 5. MADISON    |
| 4. THAW       | 8. RUN        |
| 5. MCLESTER   | 9. LACROSSE   |
| 6. SPORTSBOOK | 11. HAYES     |
| 7. VALENTINES | 13. TAILS     |
| 10. SHY       | 14. BLUSH     |
| 11. HUNGRY    | 15. GTC       |
| 12. IMHEALTHY | 17. CHOCOLATE |
| 16. CHILLY    | 19. DUET      |
| 17. CARDS     | 20. LOG       |
| 18. SAGE      | 21. HUG       |
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|               | 23. SCENERY   |
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**SCOTT ROBERT CAMPBELL**  
**August 9, 1954 - January 1, 2023**



Scott Robert Campbell, age 68, passed away quietly with his family surrounding him with loving support, at St.

Vincent Hospital on January 1, 2023. Scott fought a long and courageous battle with myotonic muscular dystrophy. He had a great spirit, and was determined not to let it get him down, never complaining, and maintaining his sense of humor.

Scott was born in Iron River, Michigan; to the late Robert W. and Dorothy E. (Kraus) Campbell on August 9, 1954. He was born a Yooper, his childhood was carefree and filled with family, fun, and love. He graduated from Green Bay East High School in 1972. He met the love of his life Patricia Blumreich in 1990, whom he cherished with all his heart. They were married on July 24, 1994 at Green Isle Park in Allouez. He was employed by the Oneida Nation until his retirement in 2010.

He and Pat loved to travel, they had many excursions to tropical locations, such as: Hawaii, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Barbados, Bahamas, and Aruba. Whether they traveled alone or with other family, they had a lot of fun and made wonderful memories. Scott was a caring, gentle, and loving man, filled with smiles and good humor. He enjoyed playing cards and games; cheering on the Packers, having cook outs and get-togethers, he loved working with his flowers, feeding the birds, and the frequent road trips to various casinos. He loved playing with his dogs: Trapper and Lucy. Scott hosted the Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby, Ashwabenon School Show Choir Dinner Theater, and worked on sets for Chorus musical productions. Scott worked on making bird feeders, decorative solar lights, and dog treats

to sell at craft shows in the area. Scott was formally a member of the Green Bay Garden Club and the Knight Riders Snowmobile Club. He was the happiest while spending time with family and friends.

Besides his wife, he leaves behind a granddaughter, Miriam Owen, stepson, Jonathan (Susie) Blumreich and their children: Dylan, Cali, and Aiden; a brother, Val (Sherry) Campbell, a sister, JoAnn (Jerry) Nachtwey, sisters-in-law: Diane (William) Frisque, Carol Umentum her significant other Ivan, and Barb Duchateau; special cousins: Nancy and Dennis Ball, Jim and Alyce Blumreich; many nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Christopher Campbell, father and mother-in-law: Florian and Helen (Gavronski) Blumreich; brothers-in-law: Robert Blumreich, Don Umentum, and Wayne Duchateau.

A Celebration of His Life will be held at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals, Receptions, 340 S. Monroe Ave., on Friday, January 6, 2023 with visitation from 2-4:30 pm, followed by a memorial service at 4:30 pm.

A Special thank you is extended to Dr. Nusrat, Dr. Monroy, and the critical care ICU staff at St. Vincent Hospital for the excellent care and kindness they showed to Scott and our family.

**BRENDA LOUISE CORNELIUS**  
**September 29, 1948 - January 22, 2023**



Brenda Louise Cornelius, 74, Oneida, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2023. She was born September 29, 1948, in Green

Bay to the late Anna Christjohn and Noron John.

Brenda graduated from West De Pere High School. On April 8, 1967, she was united in marriage to Wayne Cornelius in Oneida. Brenda worked at Oneida

Health Center until her retirement. She was a member of Church of The Holy Apostles, Oneida. Brenda enjoyed golfing, crafts, riding the lawnmower, gardening, and volunteering at Tsyhunkwa.

She is survived by her husband Wayne, daughter Stephanie (Terry) Skenandore, as well as 6 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Her siblings; Darrell (Rosie) John, Rosemary (Leon) John and Luanne Simos.

Brenda was preceded in death by her daughter Tami "Sam" Cornelius, her parents Noron and Anna, her siblings; Richard John, Emily Palone, Darwin John, Carlton "Beaver" John, sister-in-law Gloria Cornelius, brother-in-law Richard Cornelius, her niece Shelly Danforth, and nephew Cary Danforth.

Friends may call at Church of The Holy Apostles, Oneida, on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, after 9 am, until service at 11 am. Burial will follow at the parish cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Special thanks to Oneida Health Center, Unity Hospice and family and friends.

**SCOTT "BIG NDN" DOXTATER**  
**July 22, 1974 - December 22, 2022**



Scott "Big NDN" Doxtater, 48, Green Bay, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Thursday, December 22,

2022. He was born July 22, 1974, to Leanne (Skenandore) Doxtater and the late Archie Doxtater.

Scott was employed for many years at the Oneida Casino.

He loved to play Darts, and has played on several different leagues, and shot

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in tournaments all over Wisconsin and the United States. Scott also liked to gamble, go fishing, and was a huge Packers fan. His time spent with family though, is what meant the most to him.

He is survived by his wife Peggy, his sons, Drake and Marc, his mom Leanne Doxtater, stepchildren; Heather House, and Benjamin Miller, and grandchildren; Matthew, Keyarnt, Keilana, Dalen, Dayliana, Re'ul, and special grandson Benny. His siblings; Joe (Kelly), Evan (Mandy), Rick, Julie "Brat", and Charlie. Scott is also survived by the mother of his boys, Janel (Derron) Wilson, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Scott was preceded in death by his dad Archie and other close relatives. Friends may call from 4-7 pm on Monday, December 26th at Ryan Funeral Home. The Hymn Singers will sing at 6:30 pm. Visitation will continue on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at Oneida Methodist Church from 9-10 am, with service at 10 am.

**DAMIAN "DEEJ" JOHN JOHNSTON JR.**  
**February 7, 1989 - January 15, 2023**

Damian "Deej" John Johnston Jr., 33, Green Bay, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 15, 2023. He was born February 7, 1989, in Green Bay to Damian John Johnston Sr. and Lauralyn Schuyler.

Damian was always doing something outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, ice fishing, camping and BBQs. Damian loved his children, they were his life.

He is survived by his children, Niko, Jady, Jace, Avalyn, Rylee; mother, Lauralyn Schuyler; father, Damian (girlfriend, Melanie Lawson) Johnston Sr.; brother, Dayton (Ashley) Johnston; sisters, Yisella Soto, Yaralyn Soto;

aunts and uncles, Ken (Kelly) Schuyler, Charise (Rodeo) Schuyler-Jacobs, James (Jennifer) Schuyler, Darien (Jonquil) Johnston, Brandon (girlfriend, Corrina McFerran) Johnston, Dawn (Brian) Crist; grandparents, Gary (Cindy) Schuyler Sr., Dolly (Rueben) Campbell, Craig (Kathy) Johnston, Cheri (significant other, Clay Maas) Thyne; close family friends, Kevin Johnson, Ryan Driscoll, Ryan Fischer, Benjamin Edlebeck; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Damian was preceded in death by his close uncle, Gary Schuyler Jr.

Friends and family will gather at Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Ave., from 4-7 pm. on Tuesday, January 24; Funeral Service to follow at 7 p.m. To send online condolences, please go to [www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com](http://www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com).

**MERLE ANN MOES**  
**March 16, 1948 - January 15, 2023**

Merle Ann Moes, 74, Appleton, passed away peacefully at home with family by her side on Sunday evening, January 15, 2023

following a courageous battle with cancer. The daughter of Sadie Summers and Barney Moes was born on March 16, 1948.

She is survived by her children, Marlo Moes, Troy Cornelius and Chad (Krista) Cornelius; grandchildren Estrella Morales, Duffy Cornelius, Reece Cornelius and Anna Cornelius; sister Barb (Cline) Haynie; nieces, nephews and other extended family members. She is further survived by her loving cat, Pete.

Merle was preceded in death by her parents, Sadie and Barney; granddaughter, Krystal Moes; siblings Rudolph "Rudy" Summers, Roger Summers and Joyce Summers; as well as other extended family.

At Merle's request, no services will be held. Burial will take place at Holy Apostles Cemetery in Oneida.

**KATHRYN ROMA "KATHI" NEWBANKS**  
**July 10, 1953 - December 18, 2022**

Kathryn Roma "Kathi" Newbanks, 69, passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, December 18,

2022 following complications of an infection. She was born in Chicago on July 10, 1953 to Gordon and Mary Lois (Burkel) Doxtater.

On May 25, 1975, Kathi married Kenneth Newbanks at St Phillip's Episcopal Church in Palatine, Illinois. Together they enjoyed flying airplanes and attending air shows, Civil Air Patrol, traveling, and weather spotting.

Growing up, Kathi attended school at Glenbrook High School and graduated in 1971. She went on to continue her education at UWGB, studying urban planning and design. She worked as a computer programming consultant for many years in the Chicago area until moving to Green Bay in 1996 and continuing in that field until 2002. She also worked for the Oneida Nation in various positions upon retiring from consulting, including the Off Track Betting room in the casino and the Oneida Museum.

In her spare time, Kathi began making crafts and vending at pow-wows. Through her craft vending of over thirty years, she met and befriended many people from all over Indian Country. She also enjoyed her grandchildren's many activities, such as dance and softball, watching her Green Bay Packers, and baking pies.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Kenneth; daughter, Kyla

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Wallenfang (Jed Jaeger); grandchildren, Kendra Wallenfang and Robyn Wallenfang; her sister, Karen Mills (late Tracy Thomas) and brother, Kevan Doxtater; her favorite cousin and partner in crime, Donna Metoxen (Roger Metoxen); nieces and nephews, Lauren Mohawk (Doon Mohawk), Catherine Mills (Mitchell Powless), Patricia Thomas, Coty Chuculate (Jeni Metoxen), Joshua Thomas, Robert Mills (Kayla Gurule), Michael Mills and many, many great nieces and nephews.

Kathi was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Lois Doxtater, her grandparents and many aunts and uncles.

Family and friends may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, beginning at 1 pm. on Thursday, December 22, 2022. Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 4:30 pm with a service to conclude the evening at 5 pm.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at St Vincent Hospital for the exceptional care that they provided to Kathi throughout her extended hospital stay.

**CAROL M. SCHOFIELD (DENNY)  
January 23, 2023**

Carol M. Schofield (nee Denny) passed away peacefully surrounded by family on January 23, 2023 at the age of 81.

Beloved wife of the late Robert G. Schofield. Loving mother of Craig (Peggy), Terry (Stephanie), Tim, Tina, DeeDee (the late Russ), and Kim (the late Jerry). Proud grandmother and great-grandmother of many. Dear sister of Ronald (the late Mary) Denny.

Preceded in death by her parents Curtis and Clema Denny, her daughter Regina Skenandore, and by her siblings Lawrence, Edward and Delores. Further survived by nieces and nephews, other loved relatives and friends.

Jessica would like to thank her grandparents for helping to raise her and her daughters Mariah, Jocelyn and Miakoda. They meant the world to them and they will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be held at Max A. Sass and Sons- Oklahoma Chapel (1515 W. Oklahoma Ave. Milwaukee, WI) on Saturday, January 28th from 1 pm until time of service at 4 pm.

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**FLORENCE M. SKENANDORE  
August 27, 1953 - January 2, 2023**

Florence M. Skenandore, 69, Oneida, passed Monday afternoon, January 2, 2023. She was born August 27, 1953,

to the late Donald G. Sr., and Jane Skenandore.

Florence was a giver, never turning anyone down or away, she took many children into her home to raise. The more the merrier! She enjoyed cookouts with her family, her cat Linx, as well as her house plants, especially the vine plants.

She is survived by her children; Carl (Barb) Barnes, Jessica (Rafael) Colon, Cara Jean Barnes, her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and special granddaughter Rochae, and special great grandson Tristan. Her siblings; Tony Skenandore, Jean Graichien, JoAnn Thundercloud, Christine Torres, LeRoy Skenandore, and Calvin Skenandore.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings; Suzanne, Donald, Leonard, Darlene, as well as three nephews; Joseph Thundercloud, Marco

Skenandore, and Fabian Skenandore, Friends may call after 4 pm on Friday, January 6, 2023, at First Congregational Church 1018 Cedar Street, De Pere, (Two buildings north of the funeral home) until time of service at 1 pm Saturday, January 7th. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere is assisting the family.

**CILIVEA SUNRAY THYRION  
December 12, 2002 - December 16, 2022**

Cilivea Sunray Thyrion Passed a w a y unexpectedly on December 16, 2022 at age 20. Born in Green Bay, Wisconsin

on December 12, 2002 to Michael Thyrion and Kerrie (Wallenfang) Hirte.

She grew up in Green Bay and graduated from Green Bay West High School in 2020. She loved to spend time with her family and was a technology wiz. Some of her favorite things were singing, cooking, playing games, being outdoors, and her dog, Betty. She was also a big fan of Justin Bieber and Stitch from the movie, Lilo & Stitch. Cilivea was involved at her church, Living Hope Church in a teen group. She would be the only one to show up even when no one else did. Her big bright smile would light up a room, and she enjoyed being silly and rambunctious. Cilivea was an extremely strong-willed young girl.

Survived by her parents, Michael Thyrion and Kerrie (Shawn) Hirte; her grandparents, Amy Wallenfang, Glen D. (Vicki) Stevens, Elaine Thyrion; her half brother, Beau Smith; aunts and uncles, Collette (Duane) Skenandore, Deke Suri, Travis (Keelyn) Wallenfang, Samantha (Carlos) Alvarez, and Stephanie (Ernesto) Morales; her great-great-aunt; Betty Nicholas; her great-aunts, Elizabeth (Mary) John, Inagail Bain, Mary Jane Pittman, and Carol

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Cilivea Sunray Thyrion

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(Jr.) Stevens; her great-uncle, Edwin Wallenfang; her dog, Betty, and her kitty, Penny. Also survived by numerous cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Preceded in death by her grandpa, Ray Thyrior; her brother, Shad Rock Thyrior; her great-grandparents, Lorena and Wenzel Wallenfang, and many other great-aunts and uncles.

Family would like to extend a special thanks to all those who supported and cared for Cilvea.



## Lunch & Learn

February topic:  
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**Time: 12:10-12:50**

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In Cottage #1 (behind the Social Services Building)

**To Register Contact: Rose Navarro-Red Hail  
Phone: 920-490-3880**

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Wednesday	Feb 22 - Norbert Hill Center slower paced
Thursday	March 2 - Sherwood Forest Faster paced



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## ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023, 12:15pm

Norbert Hill Center

Business Committee Conference Room  
N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida, WI



### Find Public Meeting Materials at

[Oneida-nsn.gov/government/  
register/publicmeetings](http://Oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/publicmeetings)

### Send Public Comments to

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## DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE LAW AMENDMENTS

The purpose of the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace law is to establish a drug and alcohol-free workplace program that balances respect for individuals with the need to maintain an alcohol and drug-free environment. Amendments to this law are being proposed to provide that an external applicant's confirmed positive THC test result shall be exempted from the requirement of a negative drug test result for pre-employment eligibility in certain circumstances.

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed amendments to the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace law in person at the Norbert Hill Center, or virtually through Microsoft Teams. If you wish to attend the public meeting through Microsoft Teams please contact [LOC@oneidanation.org](mailto:LOC@oneidanation.org).

If the Norbert Hill Center's Administrative Offices guidelines prohibits a public meeting from being held in person on February 15, 2023, based on the COVID-19 Community levels in Brown and Outagamie Counties, then the public meeting will be held solely on Microsoft Teams.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSSES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

During the public comment period, anyone may submit written comments, questions or input. Comments may be submitted to the Oneida Nation Secretary's Office or the Legislative Reference Office in person, by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, or e-mail.

For more information on the proposed amendments to the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace law please review the public meeting packet at [oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/  
publicmeetings](http://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/publicmeetings).



# ONEIDA JUDICIARY



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## TRIAL COURT

Payment can be made either in person at  
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*First published notice 2/1/23*

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Debtor's Name: Shaleena Danforth

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 JAN. 1, 1968  
 LEVI PARKER TALLFEATHER  
 JULY 2, 1833  
 MAY 2, 1902  
 THIS GRAVE BELONGS TO THE COLLECTOR AND HIS PROPERTY. BROTHERS, BROTHERS.

LEVY P WEBSTER  
 GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN  
 BORN JULY 2, 1833  
 DIED MAY 2, 1902

## Flash Back Chief Tallfeather

In the March 23, 2022 edition of the Kalihwisaks, the Bicentennial Team first announced that July 25-30, 2023 was going to be the week that Oneida will commemorate 200 years of existence here in Wisconsin.

The article also spoke of August 5, 1921 as the date Oneida held its 100 Year Centennial events, which included various athletic contests such as baseball, lacrosse, and a foot race featuring the legendary runner, Levi Parker "Chief Tallfeather" Webster.

Also known as the Copper Streak, Levi's athletic ability was billed as the "Greatest Drawing Power of any Single Act Anywhere." As a professional runner, he was contracted for many events, including a non-stop run from Milwaukee to Chicago on September 5, 1929. (See newspaper clipping on left.) Webster was also a World World I veteran. In the upper right, is a photo Levi's marriage to Servilla Skenandore.

Photo Courtesy Mae Cornelius, granddaughter of Levi Parker Webster



## SPECIAL Room Rate



Reserve your room at the Radisson before March 1, 2023 at a special rate of \$96. Act fast...after March 1, the rate increases to \$129 and less rooms will be available in the room block. Event details coming soon.

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**Ask for the 200 Year Room Rate.**

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Bicentennial Week  
July 25-30, 2023

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September 23, 2022 marked the 200th anniversary of the 1822 Treaty, which established the land base for Oneida, on what was then the Michigan territory, in Wisconsin. About a year later, some Oneida families from the east began to travel from New York and settle in the newly established territory. To acknowledge this significant event, we honor all those who came before us and all those who helped us become what we are today. Furthermore, we recognize the contributions from the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, Stockbridge-Munsee, and Brothertown Nations.

## ◆◆◆ Save the Date **JULY 25–30, 2023** ◆◆◆

**It's going to be a great week  
full of family fun activity.**

- Cultural Classes & Workshops
- Lacrosse Activities
- Walk/Run Event
- History Conference
- Art Shows/Markets
- Spiritual Services

**PLUS, A SATURDAY  
FAMILY FUN DAY  
to include Food  
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Fireworks, and More!**



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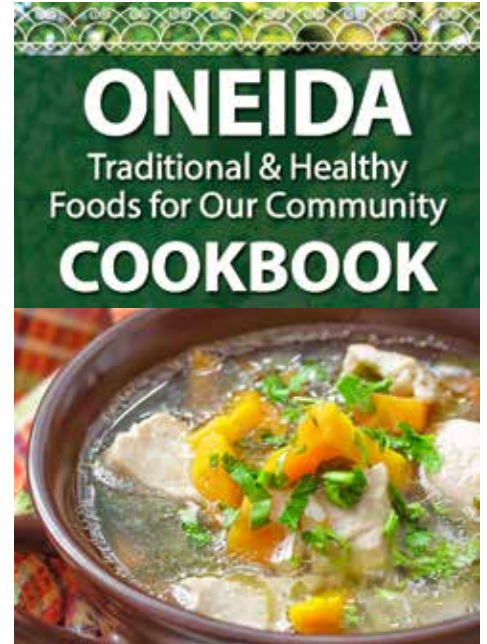


**TAKING APPLICATIONS NOW!**

The Finance Committee is proud to announce applications are now being accepted for the FY 2023 Year. The goal is to serve the Oneida community by offering funds and/or Coca-Cola products for Oneida families and events.

Learn more on the Finance Committee Website:  
<https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/business-committee/standing-committees/finance-committee/#Oneida-Finance-Fund-OFF>

Contact Melissa Alvarado at 920.869.4325 or email [malvarad@oneidanation.org](mailto:malvarad@oneidanation.org)



## SQUASH, GREEN BEAN AND CORN SOUP

BY ANONYMOUS ONEIDA ELDER



**INGREDIENTS:**

- ½ lbs. Lean pork or beef
- 10 oz. Box frozen corn, or fresh equivalent
- 10 oz. Box frozen bean, or fresh equivalent
- 4 cups Diced squash anything except acorn
- 8 cups Water
- Season to taste

**DIRECTIONS:**

- 1 Trim all visible fat from meat and cut into cubes about ½" square.
- 2 Cover meat with water. Add seasonings and simmer about 30 minutes.
- 3 Add squash and corn; cook about 15-20 mins. longer. If using zucchini or summer squash, cook only about 10 mins.

**NUTRITIONAL INFO PER SERVING:**

Makes: 8 Servings 1 cup • Calories 116 • Protein 9 g • Carbohydrates 38 g • Dietary fiber 21 g • Total fat 3 g • Cholesterol 8 mg • Sodium 56 mg



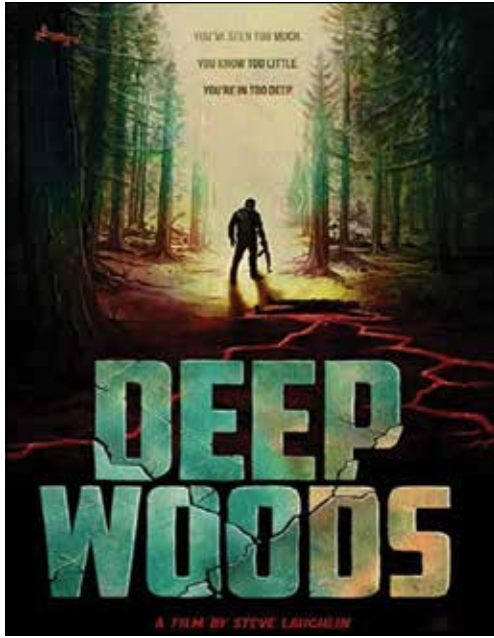
**Back by Popular Demand...**

**MATURE SUPER HEROS VS ONEIDA YOUTH**

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, March 18 • Time and Location: TBD**



**Adults \$8, 18 & Under \$5 • All proceeds donated to charity.**  
**More details coming soon. For questions, contact Shawn Skenandore at 920.371.6540 or email [Shawn\\_Skenandore@hotmail.com](mailto:Shawn_Skenandore@hotmail.com).**



Ernie Stevens IV, the son of Ernie (III) and Stephanie Stevens, broke through to the big screen by playing Nicky Youngblood in the movie, *Deep Woods*, that premiered during the Wyoming Film Festival on May, 24, 2022.

IMDB.com describes the film as a successful architect, out grouse hunting, who becomes the game when he wanders off the trail and is pursued into the treacherous wilderness by a ruthless drug cartel. He quickly discovers he's seen too much, knows too little, and is in too deep.

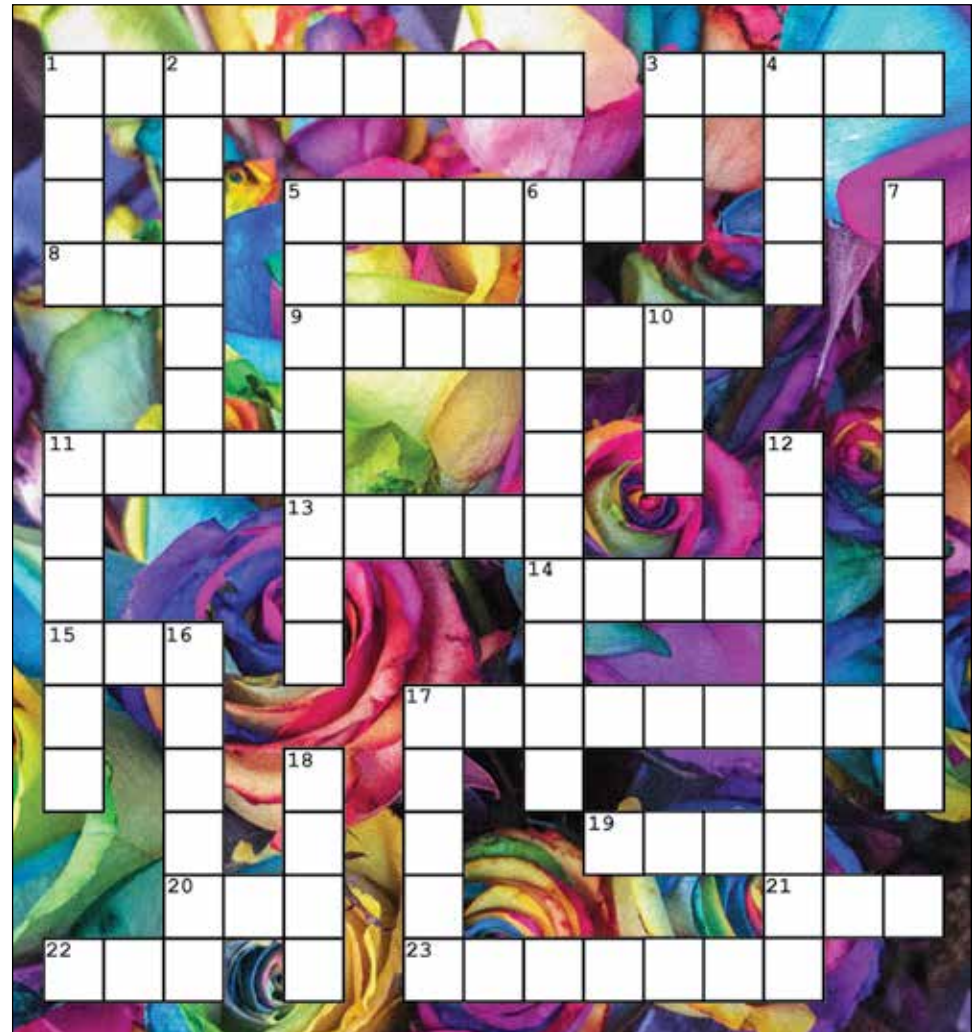
On August 17, 2021, Stevens and his family were invited to a private screening at the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee. There were also several other Oneida members in the film, including Daniel Stevens, (Ernie IV's brother), Laken Hargrove, Aron Rodriguez, Daniel Guzman-King, as well as Stevens' parents, Ernie III and Stephanie, who all played extras in a fireside scene. Kash Berg, also Oneida, can be heard singing during this scene.

*Deep Woods* is available on Amazon Prime, Redbox, Apple TV, and Vudu. Way to represent Oneida!

Click or Scan the QR Code

To view DEEP WOODS trailer

# Oneida Crossword



**ACROSS**

- 1. Featured on Bicentennial Blanket
- 3. Amusingly Clever
- 5. Vigue made Tribal Relations Director of UW-\_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Form of exercise without equipment
- 9. The Creators Game
- 11. TAP Event Speaker
- 13. Heads or \_\_\_\_\_, to start a game
- 14. Redness from emotion
- 15. Governing body of Oneida Nation

- 17. Confection given as a gift
- 19. Composition of two voices or instruments
- 20. Added to a fire
- 21. A tight or fond embrace
- 22. City of Green \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. A landscape, setting or backdrop

**DOWN**

- 1. Beloved or Cherished
- 2. Hosted community luncheon with OCIFS
- 3. A victory
- 4. Seasonal defrost

- 5. Oneida historian
- 6. Debut at Oneida Casino in Nov. 2021
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Day, February 14th
- 10. Bashful
- 11. "What We're \_\_\_\_\_ For", documentary featuring Oneida Pantry
- 12. Kunhi-yo' translation
- 16. Brisk of Mildly Cold
- 17. Greeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Used for Smudging

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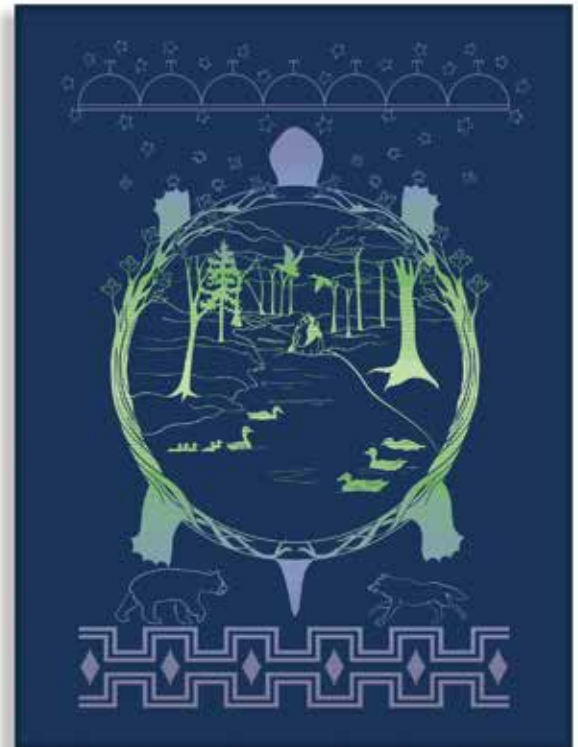
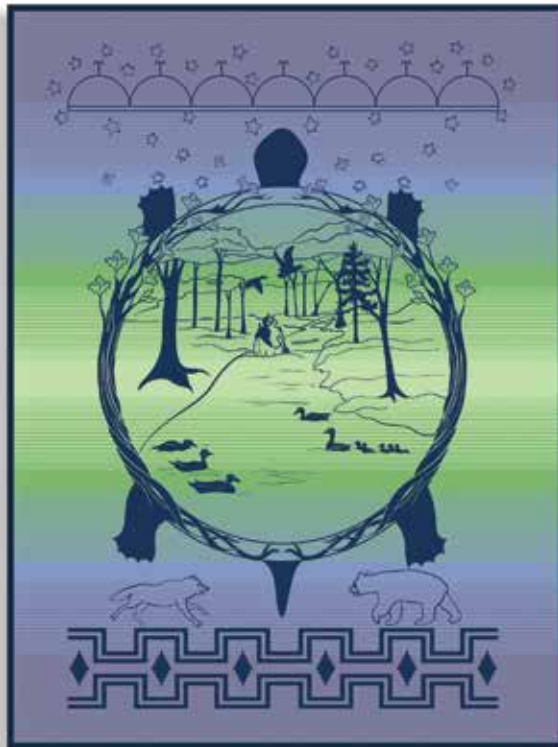


**KALIH  
 WISAKS  
 WISCONSIN**



**Front**

**Back**



The Bicentennial Team revealed the highly anticipated 200 year commemorative blanket design to the Business Committee on Wednesday, January 11. The blanket features artwork from renowned artist Dawn Dark Mountain. It symbolizes our migration here via the waterways and duck creek, the white pine peace tree, and the maples trees. The leaves transition into stars that rise to the skyworld representing our ancestors. Finally, the wolf and bear clans are over the six nations wampum belt. Plans and procedures are being developed to sell and distribute the blankets, prioritizing certain groups, such as honoring our elders, volunteers, etc.

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