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## FOOD SOVEREIGNTY, Personified



Photo courtesy Garth Webster  
(L-R) Steve and Becky Webster; Governor Tony Evers; Jen Falck; Michelle Danforth-Anderson, Big Bear Media Director; and Leah Stroobants, Oneida Tourism/Events Coordinator.

**By Garth Webster**  
*Creative Services-Kalihwisaks*

Over the last several years, Becky and Steve Webster have been fulfilling their Indigenous agricultural dream with their 501c-3 farm operation, Ukwakhwa (Our Foods), towards the southern end of the Oneida reserve.

The Websters founded Ukwakhwa on a central principle of the barter system. Becky explains, "We're revitalizing and building on existing creative efforts within the community who are too often defined based on how much money someone is willing to pay them. We feel this approach is very disempowering." One of the Webster's partners and fellow grower at Kahulahele

Farmstead, Jen Falck, conquers by saying, "Pricing for these food products in a traditional retail setting would be very expensive, but in the Kahulahele way, it provides more financial accessibility to the masses to high-quality food." In fact, even when people who don't have items to barter with, they are encouraged to trade with another valuable asset, their time and effort. As Becky explains, there is always work that we'll gladly accept a helping hand to finish. This interaction with the community, says Becky, "Brings back our sense of community. The activity here leads to dis-

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## CORNELIUS Steps Down from Councilwoman position



**By Marie Cornelius**

Whether it be the last day of a term or a departure less than 90 days before the term ends, it is never an easy decision to end a relationship, in this case an OBC term. Because I am not running again, my future has weighed heavily on me lately. At some point I must decide to transition back into a normal everyday life outside of the political arena and since our Nation's campaign season is upon us, I decided to take a proactive step towards my future without further ado. I figured my work here as a Council Member is done, I worked through an historical worldwide pandemic, obtained a master's degree, and got married all in the past three years. I am overwhelmed that the People gave me the opportunity to be at the table during a time of uncertainty to contribute my attributes.

Serving the community has been a once in a lifetime experience, one that I will never forget for the rest of my life. I want to especially thank my husband, my advisor, Paul, and the current Oneida Business Committee for holding me down and guiding me through the political door. With that being said, much love to you all and I am wishing the best for our community and our future Council Members.

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**By Garth Webster**  
*Creative Services-Kalihwisaks*

This year's pow wow aligns with the Bicentennial, to honor our past, present, and future. Thus, as we enjoy song and dance, it's important to be aware of the history and circumstances of how the Oneida Pow Wow came to be. The following is an abridged version of a feature length article, *July 4th, Among the Oneidas: Then and Now* by Laurence Hauptman, SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History and author of numerous collaborative pieces with the late L. Gordon McLester III regarding Oneida's history. Look for the full version in a future issue of the Wisconsin Historical Magazine.

*Chief Daniel Bread and the Origins of the July 4th Festivities at Oneida.*

The evolution of the present July 4th celebration at Oneida from a festival in the mid nineteenth century to the present annual powwow went through different stages of development and this article describes only its first stage, 1849-1866. Wisconsin Oneida festivities on July 4th, the date of its present annual weekend powwow, began as early as the 1840s, over twenty years before Congress

made Independence Day an official federal holiday! Thirteen Oneidas were commissioned officers in the American Revolution and Oneida warriors fought bravely in George Washington's Continental Army against British forces at the Battles of Barren Hill, Monmouth Courthouse, Oriskany, and Saratoga. Oneidas suffered much during the war and their villages were destroyed by Mohawk war chief Joseph Brant and his warriors sending many Oneidas fleeing as refugees. In addition, two of the Oneida's most famous chiefs, Good Peter and Skenando, were arrested while on a diplomatic mission on behalf of the Patriots and sent to prison for four months at British-held Fort Niagara.

Although Oneidas are extremely proud of their military service in the United States Armed Services, there were, nevertheless, other factors leading them to commemorate Independence Day. They have consciously used the day as part of their survival strategy, namely to unify their community, fight off local, state, and federal policies that they deem harmful; educate and win support from their Wisconsin neighbors by displaying with pride their rich culture. In the process, they make money selling their arts, wares, and foods to their same Midwestern neighbors.

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Origins Of The July 4th Festivities At Oneida

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*The present article is dedicated to the memories of L. Gordon and Betty McLester III who dedicated so much of their time to preserving Oneida history.*

The image depicts the Oneida Pow Wow from the article, *2,000 Oneidas Attend First Homecoming Saturday, Sunday* published in in the Tuesday, July 6, 1948 Green Bay Press Gazette. Although this photo's article says "1st Homecoming," the article below shows versions of the July 4th Pow Wow happened well before this. The gentlemen in the photo are unknown.

Oneidas had come to Wisconsin, then Michigan Territory, starting in the early 1820s, settling at Duck Creek, just a few miles from Green Bay, after being largely pressured out of their central New York homeland by Empire State politicians in collusion with land speculators and canal interests. Daniel Bread (1800-1873), the Oneidas' greatest chief of the nineteenth century, was a savvy politician who was most responsible for successfully transplanting Oneida existence to Wisconsin. Despite severe divisions in the community stemming back to the Oneida homeland in central New York, he held the community together right up to the Civil War. He had to contend with Wisconsin interests seeking to get at tribal lands and resources, some of whom were even pushing for Oneidas' removal to the Indian Territory long after President Jackson's Presidency. It should be pointed out that as late as 1874, some Ho-Chunks were removed from Wisconsin! Bread saw the July 4th celebration as a way to form bonds with his immediate non-Indian neighbors, which he considered essential for Oneida survival in place in Wisconsin.

In the process, he astutely drew his inspiration from Haudenosaunee traditional beliefs and ceremonies, most notably the Condolence Council ritual. This ceremony is primarily for mourning dead chiefs, lifting up the minds of bereaved relatives, and installing their successors. However, it had other functions. Diplomatically, it was also a council of equals that was employed by Confederacy sachems to reduce tensions and disagreements that arose and threatened harmony within the Six Nations, with other tribes, and between the Haudenosaunee and Euroamericans.

To Bread, what better way was there to win over non-Indian neighbors than having a festival on the

reservation on July 4th, one that would educate outsiders about the greatness of his people's history, especially their past heroic service in the Continental Army. Through the seriousness and religiosity of the traditional Condolence Council, Bread attempted to manipulate the foreboding white world to his people's advantage. To the Haudenosaunee, strangers at the wood's edge, were often seen as dangerous [in this particular case the non-Indians living adjacent to the Oneidas in Green Bay and De Pere, Wisconsin]. In order to deal with this fear of outsiders, the Haudenosaunee incorporated them into the Iroquoian orbit as kin. In annual celebrations from 1849, guests would be met at the wood's edge and would be brought into the village. The chief would make his address, one that was translated in English and which would describe the glorious achievements of the Iroquois Confederacy. Guests would be allowed to make a response. Then the Oneidas and their guests would partake in a sumptuous feast. Although at most celebrations there was the setting off of fireworks, the day's festivities would end with a lacrosse match, the Creator's Game, played between teams selected from members of the rival Episcopal and Methodist churches.

At the opening of his speech in 1854, Chief Bread differentially stated, much in the manner of Indian council protocol: "If you observe anything on our [Oneidas'] part (as you undoubtedly will), which may appear to you unseemly, you will please ... excuse us; and ... [we] shall endeavor to entertain you to the best of our ability, and of the best which we have we offer to you."

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# ONEIDA HEAD START EVENT Shines Despite Rain



Photo courtesy Garth Webster

Employees from several teams that care for headstart and kindergarten children, gathered at Jim Martin Park to enjoy a day of team-building for all.

**By Garth Webster**

*Creative Services-Kalihwisaks*

The Soaring High Family Celebration, hosted by the Oneida Head Start Team, was held at Jim Martin Park on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 11am-1pm as a way to say thank you to all the families and staff for their dedication to ensuring the children begin their lives and educational journey in a good way. Anna Balbuena, Family Services Worker, describes the importance of

this event, “This event draws people together. It builds up our Head Start Families which leads to building up the community.” Tanya Skenandore, Oneida Head Start teacher, reaffirms, “Our goal is to engage with the families and the children.”

The event features children’s games, music, language activities and as the event’s name implies, giant kites from Gerrid Smith, a local community member who volunteers

his time and kite-flying services for the enjoyment of all that attend.

Unfortunately, the weather has not cooperated. Balbuena mentioned how cold it was during the event’s first year. This year, umbrellas were everywhere. Nevertheless, participants still enjoyed each other’s company, and they are looking forward to next year and continuing their mission to uplift the families and children of the Oneida Community.



## I WEAR RED MAY 6 MMIW/RELATIONS WALK

The Tribal Action Plan Department, led by Leslie Doxtater, organized a walk on Saturday, May 6, 2023, to build awareness of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women/Relations epidemic. The weather could not dampen the spirits of those who participated. Learn more about the MMIW Crisis and how you can help.

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tribal action plan

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# ONEIDA ENSURES SAFETY of Water Resources



**By Garth Webster**

*Creative Services-Kalihwisaks*

Each year, the Oneida Department of Public Works (ODPW) conducts a thorough analysis for the presence of a variety of known contaminants, such as fluoride, nitrates, asbestos, and many more in the community's water supply. Recently, however, one substance has emerged as a new threat to water resources everywhere.

Per-and Polyfluorinated Substances and per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of chemicals used to make fluoropolymer coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. They are used in a variety of products, including water bottles,

fast-food wrappers, toilet paper, rain jackets, etc. Currently, PFAS are an unregulated substance but the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is gaining traction to change this by developing a list of protocols to help track and monitor this pollutant. In fact, because PFAS are yet to be regulated, water caretakers are taking extra steps when they find it in their water resources. ODPW is no different, is taking a proud and progressive approach to evaluate if this impurity is affecting the Oneida community.

ODPW Division Director, Shannon Stone enthusiastically confirmed that all Oneida Nation wells have no detectable levels of PFAS. This means, that to the best standard science can measure, there is no PFAS in Oneida's drinking water.

Stone was also enthusiastic regarding another initiative that Oneida is taking to protect and enhance Oneida's drinking water quality. ODPW is building a new well, the King Lane Well to service the Nation. The King Lane Well, just south of the Norbert Hill Center, is targeted for completion between August and December of this year. This new well will be outfitted with state-of-the-art sensor and filtration systems – including measures to eliminate Radium, which occurs naturally in groundwater, from the Nation's drinking water.

Says Stone, "It is one of several projects Oneida Utilities Department is working on to ensure the safety of Oneida's water resources and improve water quality and service to the community." He continues to mention that individuals can also help with water quality by being aware of what we put into our water system. When we put things into our drains or flush them in our toilets they have the potential to end up in our drinking water. Stone encourages the community to uphold their water-quality awareness in everyday life just as the Oneida DPW team promises to carry out their responsibility to keep our water clean.

For more information about the water you are drinking and PFAS download the annual water report for your area.

Click or Scan  
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studies for each  
Oneida Well



# ONEIDA RECOGNIZES FOOD PANTRY MANAGER, Marlon Skenandore



Photo courtesy Garth Webster

(L-R) Marlon Skenandore, center, was recognized for his efforts with the Oneida Emergency Food Pantry from the Oneida Business Committee.

## By Garth Webster

*Creative Services-Kalihwisaks*

At the regular Wednesday, May 10, 2023, Business Committee Meeting, Marlon Skenandore was recognized for his contributions to the Oneida community for his work at the Oneida Emergency Food Pantry. Since beginning this position in 2017, Skenan-

dore has grown the facility in order to provide service to 700 customers per month, has been recognized as 1 of Wisconsin's 33 Most Influential Native Americans, and on Friday, May 11, 2023, he will have successfully completed the Ambassador Program for the Fox Valley Food Leaders Cohort. Skenandore will use these new skills

to enhance his efforts to educate the public to create awareness and advocacy for those that need food pantry assistance. Skenandore will also continue efforts to positively influence public policy within the food pantry industry.

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Class Dates

June 6 & 8

June 13 & 15

June 20 & 22

June 27 & 29

July 6

# OESC MAKING FINANCIAL IMPACT



Photo courtesy Garth Webster

(L-R) John Brueninger, Oneida ESC Board Chairman, and Jeff S. House, Oneida ESC President/CEO, front and rear center, present the distribution check at the Oneida Business Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Committee.

## By Garth Webster

*Creative Services-Kalihwisaks*

Oneida Engineering, Science, and Construction Group (OESC) made a distribution of \$423,000 from OESC net profit from operation in fiscal year 2022 to the Oneida Nation at the Oneida Business Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

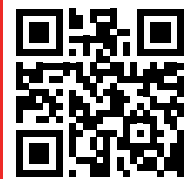
Oneida ESC Group is a family of companies, owned by the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, that delivers customer-focused environmental science, engineering, construction, professional services, and real estate development services worldwide.

Environmental science included remediation and restoration services across the regulatory spectrum, natural resource evaluations, ecological studies, Threatened and Endangered species studies, watershed, environmental, and biological assessments. Engineering services include civil, transportation, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural engineering design. Construction services include Construction and demolition, construction management, and construction oversight (Title II) services for commercial and governmental facilities. Professional services include diversified personal resources for

training and education; research and engineering; and IT solutions. Real estate development includes managing and developing mixed-use commercial, retail, and office spaces.

Since inception, this net profit share, along with historical dividend distributions, have brought the total contributions to the Oneida Nation to \$6,532,000.

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# SMITH Embraces Her Creative Side



**By Michelle Dejno**  
*VP-O'Connor Connective, LLC*

Starting a business can be daunting. But Brittany Smith, the founder of Grace Mae Boutique & Design in downtown De Pere, is adept at keeping all the balls in the air while building a successful business and raising her two young daughters.

Smith opened her boutique in July 2021. Her road to owning her business was not a straight one. She worked as a police dispatcher and recently completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. On the

side, she hand-painted decorative signs and made jewelry, which she sold on Facebook or at parties.

Smith, a member of the Oneida Nation, felt a call to leave behind her current job and open a boutique. When she learned about Bay Bank's commitment to small businesses and excellent customer service, Smith decided it was "now or never" to open Grace Mae.

A positive experience with Bay Bank's business loan service "inspired me to overcome my fears and kickstart my entrepreneurial journey with their support," Smith said.

Grace Mae offers a variety of prod-

ucts — wood signs, décor and soy candles to clothing and items bearing humorous or inspirational messages, along with her own products.

"Everything in the store is woman-made or supplied from a woman-owned business. That was important to me," Smith said. "Opening Grace Mae changed everything. Now, my girls can join me at work and learn the intricacies of running a business."



Brittany Smith with her children.

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5 & Under	FREE	Sun., July 2	Noon



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▲ Photo courtesy Michelle Danforth Anderson  
 Oneida Big Bear Media staff utilized a new wide-format printer acquired with tribal contribution savings fund (TCSF) to print a 34' banner for the Oneida Bridge. Special thanks to the Oneida Grounds Crew for installing this large-scale MMIW banner.



▲ Photo courtesy Paul Truttman, Oneida Construction Manager  
 The pow wow arbor was torn down. For this year's pow wow, a large tent will be used in its place. The BC approved \$500K TCSF funding, and the next step is the topographical site survey of the pow wow grounds.



▲ Photo courtesy Michelle Danforth Anderson  
 Other duties as assigned. Big Bear Media Staff, along with Leah Stroobants and Diane Corn, begin to load display materials into the replica long house.



▲ Photo courtesy Lloyd Ninham  
 DPW Grounds Crew were trained on a new compactor that helps to compress the soil and level and flatten the ground. This will make the pow wow grounds at Norbert Hill safer for attendees. (Grounds is still looking for employees to join their workforce.)



▲ Photo courtesy Michelle Danforth Anderson  
 The bids are in! Paul Witek, Engineering Director and Briggs Noble, Construction Manager opened construction bids on May 18, 2023. A selection will be made for the construction company that will do improvements at the Veterans Memorial area including eagle statue, long house trails, log home walkways / ramps and the cul de sac in front of the former language house.



▲ Photo courtesy Michelle Danforth Anderson  
 David Vera and Travis Fabian of Integrity Coaters, LLC bring color back to the faded retaining wall located on Hwy 54 near the VFW.

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He then continued by mentioning that the Oneidas had “forsaken many of the customs of our fathers”; however, Chief Bread carefully indicated that despite significant changes there was still “a wide difference between us.” This observation was a conscious effort to teach the outsiders that Oneidas were not willing to be made into carbon copies of non-Indians. Bread was apparently viewing it through the symbolism in the Guswentha, the Two Row Wampum Belt. In traditional terms, its meaning is that the two peoples exist in two very distinct worlds and must not intrude on the other. They must respect the other’s sovereignty and right to live apart in their territory without interference.

Despite that 111 Wisconsin Oneida soldiers served in the Union Army and 25 were killed or died of disease in service, pressures to get at Oneida lands continued after the Civil War. These included efforts to get the reservation’s pine trees for local mills in and around De Pere and Green Bay, efforts to allot the reservation

to facilitate its sale to non-Indians, and even attempts to dispossess the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans and place them on Oneida lands. Just before the July 4th festivities in 1866, Bread continued to deal with these pressures by evoking the Oneidas’ patriotic service to the United States government in a petition signed by six other chiefs, 3 warriors, and 28 veterans: “The undersigned Chiefs of the Oneida Nation by request of our brave boys that served as volunteers for the United States government in the late rebel war. Our view of the fact and in behalf of their Nation [,] We pray to give us one good size of an American Flag as a present to her services by the events of the Rebel War, to talk and speak about them in all our Celebrations on the fourths of July 4....” [sic].

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## KIRBY METOXEN

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I have worked on behalf of the Oneida Nation for over 30 years, where my commitment to our tribe has always been my first priority. As a representative of the Oneida Nation, I have worked to improve the quality of life for our people through initiatives in housing, healthcare, education, tourism and economic development. I've also worked to increase our visibility throughout the state and region with community, government and business partnerships that will continue to ensure our economic sustainability for generations to come. I would be humbled and honored to continue to serve you, the Oneida Community, in this capacity. With the love and support of my family, friends and community, I respectfully request your vote in the upcoming election.

For more about me, view my page on Facebook:  
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### ELECT CURTIS DANFORTH For Treasurer

Vote July 15



#### Economic Tribal Sovereignty

Creating financial stability and self-sustainability by strategizing beyond other Sovereigns & gaming for financial support. Doing this while keeping the next seven generations in mind.

- Building a sustainable internal and external financial model
- Enhancing current laws & processes of the Nation
  - Indian Preference Law
  - Procurement Policy for supporting Native-owned businesses
  - Increase budget transparency & communication to membership
- Implement a strategy to support Native-owned businesses
  - Build a Business Incubator
  - Develop individual Tribal Member 8a program
  - Provide mentorship opportunities
  - Create partnerships
  - Provide start up resources

Vote July 15

#### Curtis Danforth

**Paternal Grandparents:**  
The late John & Wilma Skenandore Danforth

**Maternal Grandparents:**  
The late Milton & Louise Archiquette

**Parents:**  
Curtis W. Danforth & MaryAnn Archiquette

Curtis and his wife Angela, along with their children (Whitney, Curtis Jr., the late Drew, and Sofia) live on the Oneida Reservation. Curtis was born and raised on the reservation. He is a successful business owner with a Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree from UW-Oshkosh. He previously served on the Oneida Business Committee from 2002-2005.

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### Asking for your vote

## Marlon Skenandore

OBC Council Member

General Elections: July 15, 2023

Email: [mkenandore4OBC@gmail.com](mailto:mkenandore4OBC@gmail.com)



#### Experience

- Associate degree in Business Administration from CMN
- 10 years leadership positions
- 6 years as Manager of the Oneida Emergency Food Pantry
- 5 years serving on the Oneida Community Integrated Food System Board (OCIFS) - Current Chair
- 3 Years Oneida Youth Leadership Institute Board - Current Chair

#### Priorities

- Youth
- Food Sovereignty
- Economic Diversity
- Community Welless
- Technology

- Son of Kelly Skenandore and Kevin Decarah
- Grandson of Late Loretta and Kenneth Skenandore
- Great Grandson of Late Margaret and Austin Summers
- Husband to Allie Spruce
- Father to Marianna, Damien, Dyllan, and Quinton Skenandore

## ERIC McLESTER for Vice Chair



### PRIORITIES

- Increase gaming revenue
- Increase GTC awareness in government decisions
- Allocate more resources to drug prevention and treatment
- Increase tribal housing opportunities
- Pursue financial opportunities beyond cigarettes and casinos
- Develop impactful programming that sets our young adults up for success
- It's time to challenge the status quo and complacency
- Ask legitimate probing questions that demand real accountability

### EXPERIENCE

- Currently Tsyunhehkwa Manager
- GM of North Star Casino
- Oneida Retail GM
- GM of Odawa Casino
- 20 Years w/Oneida Casino, 14 as AGM
- 8 Years w/Social Services

### EDUCATIONAL Bkgr

- Masters Degree from Silver Lake College
- Bachelor's Degree from Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay



## VOTE JAMESON WILSON

Oneida Business Committee



### VISION

Rebuilding our Nation together with compassion, kindness, empathy and optimism.

### PRIORITIES

- Mental Health & Well-Being
- Technology
- Energy
- Community and Economic Development and Diversification
- Housing

### EXPERIENCE


- Project Coordinator for the Government Administrative Office (3 years)
- Executive Assistant to Oneida Business Committee Council member (1 year)
- Environmental Resource Board Chairman (1 year)
- Sales Representative for American Express (5 years)

### EDUCATION

- Associate's Degree in Business Management
- Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Planning and Policy
- Leadership Development certificate
- Strategic Foresight certificate
- Native Nations Institute: Rebuilding Native Nations certificate (in progress)

### FAMILY

Parents: Lois Metoxen-Strong and Donald Wilson  
 Maternal grandparents: Louise (Peters) and Patterson Metoxen  
 Paternal grandparents: Vera (Skenandore) and Owen Wilson  
 Wife: Merissa Bloedorn Children: Paxton Wilson (son)




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## Re-Elect MARK A. POWLESS, SR.

### Oneida Gaming Commission



*Sheku swakweku (Hello Everyone), I'm seeking your support to re-election to the Oneida Gaming Commission (OGC). It's been my pleasure to serve the Nation and community for over 28 years. With your support, I will continue to provide regulatory oversight of our gaming operations to ensure compliance with Tribal, Federal, and State Laws. With my experience and integrity, you can feel confident that I will continue serve in a good way.*

### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- Oneida Business Committee, 1978-87
- Chairman of the following: Land Committee, Cemetary Board and Gaming Commission
- Exec. Director-OGC
- 1st Oneida Para Legal Advocate representing Tribal Members and Tribal Employees
- Co-Founder-National Indian Gaming Association (NIGC)
- Current Vice-Chairman of the National Tribal Gaming Regulators Association
- United States Vietnam Combat Veteran, United States Marine Corps, 1970-1974, honorably discharged
- Represented the National Congress of American Indians on Native American Month at Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego, California.

## Jeremy King Gaming Commission



Shekoli, I'm the son of Mike King and the late JoAnne LaRock; grandson of Beatrice and the late Harold King. I live in Oneida and proudly serve as an Oneida employee, representative, and volunteer in our community. I believe in protecting the integrity of all Tribal gaming activities and am looking forward to working in this role.

### My Commitment:

- ◆ Protecting Tribal assets
- ◆ Adhering to updated regulatory procedures
- ◆ Bringing a fresh perspective

### Qualifications & Experience:

- ◆ Indian Gaming - 12+ years
- ◆ Gaming Commission - 2 years
- ◆ Surveillance Technician – 2 years
- ◆ Gaming Protection - multiple certifications & trainings.

*I'm asking for your vote and appreciate your support!*



**ELECT**  
*Jonas Hill*  
**ONEIDA BUSINESS  
COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL MEMBER**



*Hello, I'm running for Oneida Business Committee Council Member in the upcoming election. I'm hoping to gain your support. I'm proud of my strong Oneida heritage; I am the son of Norb Elm and Laura Hill, Grandson of Carol and the late Norman Elm, and Grandson of the late Kenneth and late Delores "Betty" Hill.*

**Experience:**

- Degree in Business Management
- 12+ yrs. of tribal experience
- Worked in Retail and Table Games
- Elected to Oneida Gaming Commission in 2019
- Experience working with other tribes, the State DOA and NIGC

**Goals:**

- Having a more transparent relationship with the GTC
- Create sustainable economic development
- Maintain competitive workforce environment
- Sustainability for the Oneida Nation
- Preserving our natural resources for a better hunting/fishing experience
- Tribal sovereignty
- Creating more efficient processes for Tribal Members to access Tribal services

Contact me at  
Jonas40BC@gmail.com

## PACKER FIRST DOWNS for trees Oneida donation planted in Elder Village




**By Sylvia Cornelius**  
Eco Services Manager

Eight of the 32 trees received from the annual tree giveaway hosted by the Green Bay Packers were planted at Oneida Elder Village to replace dead and damaged trees in the residential area. All trees planted are native species and will benefit our animal relatives as well as enhance the ecological impact of our residential areas. The remaining trees will be planted at a restoration project along Silver Creek off of Florist Drive. They will in time hopefully provide more shade for aquatic organisms and provide additional stability for the stream bank. The remaining trees he had left could all be planted along Silver Creek.

For more information email Oneida Forester, Brad Thomas at [bthomas@oneidanation.org](mailto:bthomas@oneidanation.org).



## GET OUT THE VOTE




### 2023 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

<u>Vice-Chair</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens	Larry Barton
Eric McLester	Curtis Danforth
<u>Secretary</u>	<b>General Election</b>
Lisa Liggins	<b>Saturday, July 15, 2023</b>
Jennifer Hill	<b>7am-7pm</b>
	<b>Turtle School</b>
	N7125 Seminary Road
	Oneida, WI 54155

EVERY

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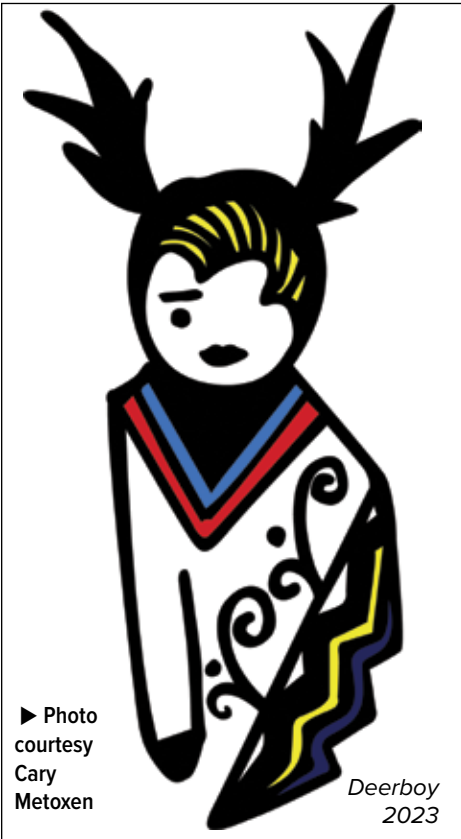


# VOTE

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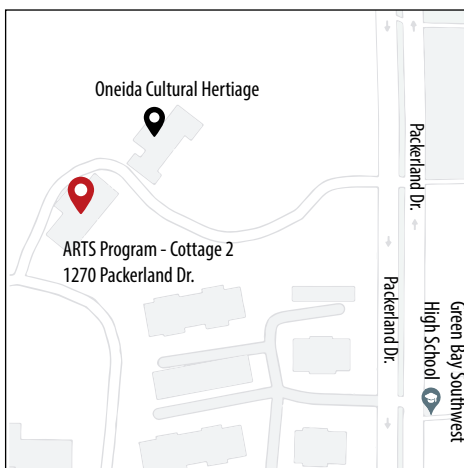
# CARY NATIVE ART SHOW

"With my artistic persona and vision of Native Art, I dared to go down a Creator inspirational path."



## Upcoming Art Show Dates

Fri., June 16 • 5-8pm  
Sat., June 17 • 1-4pm



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# ONEIDA *class of* 2023

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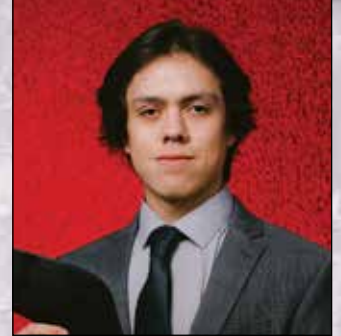
**Pharell Barber**  
Oneida Nation High School



**Lily Cahill**  
Stevens Point Area High School



**Anna L. Cannon**  
Pulaski High School



**Hunter Christjohn**  
Stevens Point Area High School



**Jacob T. Christjohn**  
Cudahy High School



**Secquoia Cornelius**  
Green Bay Southwest High School



**Keana Curtis**  
Seymour High School



**Donovan Danforth**  
Oneida Nation High School



**Kaya Danforth**  
Seymour High School



**Madison Anderson**  
Culver Academy, IN



**Isabella Anderson**  
Green Bay Southwest High School



**Eajah Leigh Danforth**  
Green Bay Southwest High School



**Arianna De la Cruz-John**  
Preble High School



**Taliah DeGroot**  
Green Bay Southwest High School



**Herman Denny**  
Pine Ridge High School



**Tyler Gauthier**  
Phantom Knight Charter, De Pere



**Daria Gerzetich**  
Ashwaubenon High School



**Makiah Goodeagle**  
Seymour High School



**Julian Greendeer**  
Notre Dame Academy



**Laken Hargrove**  
Notre Dame Academy



**Amari Hernandez**  
Preble High School



**Elias Hernandez**  
Seymour High School



**Orenda Hill**  
South Tama High School



**Abigayle House**  
Oneida Nation High School



**Corben Esias-Roy House**  
Dunseith High School, ND



**Athena John**  
Seymour High School



**Isabelle Kinser**  
West De Pere High School



**Anika Latham**  
Poudre Community Academy, CO



**Jose Machicote**  
West De Pere High School



**Julian Madosh**  
Seymour High School



**Briley Mehojah**  
West De Pere High School



**Mckenna Metoxen**  
West De Pere High School



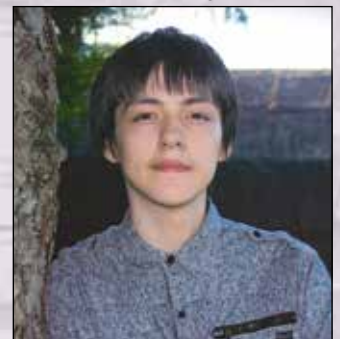
**Talyn Russell Metoxen**  
Green Bay East High School



**Jenna Neurenberg**  
Green Bay Southwest High School



**Desmond Pocan**  
Ashwaubenon High School



**Jaden Powers**  
Seymour High School





Annika Pries  
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Miles Rauschenbach  
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Liv Duff  
Ashwaubenon High School



Amaya Danielle Harper  
Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School, TX



Zachary Shephard  
Green Bay East High School



Makyah Skenandore  
West De Pere High School



Krishawna Johnson  
Oneida Nation High School



Adonte Mercado  
West De Pere High School



Ernest Stevens IV  
Oneida Nation High School



Royce Summers  
Oneida Nation High School



Cheyenne Schmeling  
Menomonee Falls High School, MI



Alexandrea Summers Fisch  
Madison East High School



Marissa Van Dyke  
Green Bay Southwest High School



Tyson Webster  
Oneida Nation High School



Katelyn Wisneski  
Green Bay Southwest High School



*Madison  
Anderson*

Parents – Michelle Danforth-Anderson & Neil Anderson

Class of 2023 – Culver Academy, IN

Athletic Scholarship at Norwich Univ., VT

Playing Hockey and studying Business



## *Katie Waukau*

**Parents – Bridgit Martin & the late Wade Waukau**

**Class of 2023 – West De Pere**

**Athletic Scholarship at Univ. of WI-La Crosse**

**Playing Basketball and studying Political Science**



## *Katelyn Wisneski*

**Parents – Phil & Xong Wisneski**

**Class of 2023 – Notre Dame Academy**

**Athletic Scholarship at Lewis University**

**Playing Lacrosse and studying Psychology**



## *Julian Greendeer*

**Mom & Stepdad – Melissa Metoxen & Cory Ninham (pictured above)  
Father & Stepmom – David & Danielle Greendeer**

**Class of 2023 – Notre Dame Academy**

**Athletic Scholarship at Univ. of Detroit Mercy**

**Playing Lacrosse and studying Mechanical Engineering**



## *Margie Stevens*

**Parents – Margaret & Mirac Ellis**

**Class of 2023 – Green Bay Southwest**

**Athletic Scholarship at WI Lutheran College**

**Playing Basketball and Volleyball and studying Nursing**

# Oneida Nation High School

# THUNDERHAWK TIMES



## DIAMONDS Are Forever

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

The 2023 ONHS Prom was held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Students and staff had a lot of fun dressing up, dancing, and celebrating the arrival of spring. The prom's theme was "Diamonds Are Forever."

During the night's festivities, prom court was announced based on voting by staff and students during the week before prom. The court included Freshmen-Deanna, Arthur; Sophomores-Maddie, Xavier; Juniors-Mariana, Hunter; and Seniors-Shaylyn, Tyson (not sure of last names).

While ONHS social studies teachers Carol Johnson and Jeanne Lillich primarily organized prom, Carol also recognized the following staff members who helped decorate, chaperon, and undecorated. Cindy, Emilie, Artley, Greg, Chuck, Anita, Jamison Breck and Charlie (not sure of last names). Prom was still affordable at \$10 a ticket.

## GETTING ON TRACK

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

The 2023 ONHS Track Season got off to a slow start thanks to Wisconsin's Winter hanging around a lot longer than anyone wanted.

With some meets canceled due to snow covered tracks and inclement weather, the track team has set its sights on success and at least six school records have been broken as of this writing.

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Thunderhawk Times  
Articles



They include Boys:

- 4x200 Meter Relay – Marqus Thayer, Cory Mcintrye, Kenyon Cornelius, Evander Danforth
- 300 Meter Hurdles – Marqus Thayer; and Triple Jump – Marqus Thayer
- Girls: 4x200 Meter Relay – Mariah Cloud, Marianna Skenandore, Osa Wheelock, Jianna Danforth
- 1600 Meter Run – Mariah Cloud; and 300 Meter Hurdles – Mariah Cloud

Upcoming meets included a Championship meet on Friday, May 12 where another record will likely fall in the 4X400 Meter Relay. Also there were new records in the Triple Jump, 4X100 Meter Relay, the 200 Meter Dash and the 4X100 Meter Relay.

The track team is coached by Caleb Anderson, Yelich Lee, and Anthony Cornelius.

Staff Contributors: Thunderhawk Times Staff – Semester 2, 2022-2023

Ever Acosta, Mariah Cloud, Leland Cutbank, Zoe Doxtator, Dustin Elm Jr., James Hill, Vance King, Skye Morin, Raylee Polanco, Lydia Stevens, Mikael Thayer, Advisor: Denis Gullickson



Photo courtesy of Alaina Noll

Alaina Noll, shown here holding a bass captured to collect data on the health of the fish population in Oneida.

## CARING FOR THE FISH

By Garth Webster  
Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

The May 2023 edition reported that the community held the annual ceremony to provide thanksgiving to the fish on the banks of Duck Creek near the Hwy 54 bridge in Oneida. This month, Alaina Noll, Oneida Water Resource Specialist, partnered with the Wisconsin Fish & Wildlife and Mike Arce to continue this legacy.

During the overnight hours, May 15-17, 2023, Noll and her team performed a process called electrofishing at the Oneida, Osnuhsa, and Quarry Lakes in Oneida.

Electrofishing is a humane way of capturing fish to collect data

regarding the fish population's health, types of species, how well they are reproducing and also, to make informed decisions on how, when, and where to stock fish.

Watch the July 2023 edition for a in-depth feature-length article about Oneida's efforts to care for the fish.

Until then, check out the 2022 Community Health Assessment, which includes information about our water ways.

Click or Scan the QR  
Code to read more  
on page 18 of the  
2022 Community  
Health Assessment



## 2023 MINOR TRUST PAYMENT REMINDER

☑ **Monday July 3, 2023, 4:30 PM (CST)**

- ▶ Deadline to Submit the Minor's Trust Payment/deferral Form
- ▶ Claim all or Defer (*No Exceptions*)

☑ **Friday September 1, 2023**

- ▶ Deadline to submit Original or Notarized copy of High School Diploma, HSED, or GED
- ▶ Deadline to submit a Direct Deposit Form.
  - ▷ *Direct Deposit Forms remain in effect indefinitely or until the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department receives written notice of your intent to change/terminate this agreement or notice of change/rejection from your financial institution.*

### ☑ **Payment Date**

- ▶ Minor's Trust payments will be issued by the end of October 2023.

**Please visit our website for additional information:**  
[oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/Oneida Trust Enrollment Department](http://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/Oneida%20Trust%20Enrollment%20Department)

Mail-ins USPS ▶ PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155-0365 • 920.869.6200 • 800.571.9902

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PUBLIC NOTICE

## AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASE FOR BID

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, June 9, 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, JUNE 12, 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: 11201904AGS  
 Approximate Acreage: 88.8  
 Location: 500 Block of S. Overland Dr., Hobart, WI 54155  
 Parcels: HB-17-1; HB-28 & HB-455


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




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



**ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH PHARMACY**  
 525 Airport Drive, Oneida, WI 54155



**Pharmacy improved the "Automated Refill Line" to 24 hrs/day.**  
 Key items to have ready when you use the Automated System:

1. Have your most current prescription bottles or Rx numbers when you call in.
2. When you call in, you will ask your birthdate. *This is a double check with the Rx's you order. (Both Birthdate & Rx must match)*
3. Calling for a different patient other than yourself, please make a separate call for each patient.
4. Call-back number to verify with the IVR System. New number? Use IVR to update or call pharmacy.
5. Prescriptions are completed in 24-48 hours and you will receive a call when ready. (check with the Pharmacy if you have problems.)
6. The system is available 24hrs a day and once you use the IVR a few times, it really is quite easy to use.
7. Contact Oneida Pharmacy at 920.869.4826 for assistance. (Ask for Jim)

**Pharmacy Automatic Refill Line**  
 920.869.4970 - 24hr/7days  
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920.869.2711  
 Fax 920.869.1785

**HOURS** Monday - Friday  
 7:30 am to 5:00 pm  
 (Closed on Holidays)

**MAILING ADDRESS**  
 P.O. Box 365 • Oneida, WI 54155

[oneida-nsn.gov/resources/health/pharmacy/](http://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/health/pharmacy/)

Presented by *Mark Powless, General Manager*  
*Leslie Dostater, TAP Manager*



## Community Meal & Discussion

Discussion Topic:  
Addressing Substance Abuse

*Thursday, June 8, 2023*  
*Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria*  
*5:30 - 6:30pm*



Enter in the lower parking lot  
 Call to register: Lori Hill - 920.490.3803





The Oneida Man Clan held its third gathering Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Oneida VFW. The event featured a teaching by Randy Cornelius about the roles and responsibilities as men of our community, great food, traditional games, and a talking circle. Watch for details for upcoming events. To learn more, email [OneidaManClan@gmail.com](mailto:OneidaManClan@gmail.com).

## ABUSE VICTIMS SHARE HEALING STORY



Photo courtesy Garth Webster

(L-R) Dawn Moon-Kopetsky, Tianna with Mother Chasity Ninham, Sheila Ness, and Paul Ninham.

**By Garth Webster**

*Creative Services-Kalihwisaks*

Bearing the burden as a victim of childhood sexual abuse is overwhelming for the people it afflicts. Paul Ninham, along with family members; Sheila Ness, Chasity Ninham, and Dawn Moon-Kopetsky, came together to share their story, thereby continuing their journey of healing. As Paul says, "There are no secrets here! Nothing but truth! We deserve happiness and wish to move about the universe guilt and shame free.

We are a Native family who has collectively decided to heal from childhood sexual assault and violence. Love, compassion, kindness, empathy. Love and peace."

In collaboration with the Tribal Action Plan Department (TAP), Kopetsky agree to sit down in front of the camera to record her experience at Paul's homestead on Monday, May 1, 2023. Before doing so, Kopetsky proclaimed, "Our ultimate goal is to get out there and bring awareness to this issue."

If you are in an abusive situation, reach out for help. A list of resources is available at the Oneida TAP webpage here: [oneida-nsn.gov/resources/tribal-action-plan/](http://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/tribal-action-plan/)



**RICHARD "DICK" LEON ANTONI**  
**August 18, 1935 - April 24, 2023**



Richard "Dick" Leon Antoni, of Antigo, died Monday, April 24, 2023, at Rosemary Manor in Mattoon. He was 87 years old.

A member of the Oneida Nation,

Dick was born on August 18, 1935, and raised in Oneida.

In 1960, Dick was united in marriage to June Marie Blaha at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antigo.

He was employed by Antigo Block Company for 38 years and found time to do additional masonry work. A hard working, family-oriented husband and father, Dick took great pride in applying those skills and building their home here in Antigo. He transformed the space over the years planting and tending his trees which he was able to enjoy during his retirement.

Dick enjoyed the outdoors. He taught his sons to hunt and fish and instilled a love for the outdoors for all the family through family camping trips. When their children were young, he enjoyed sledding with them and coaching baseball. In his later years he was content to relax in the shade of the trees he had tended, to drive through the countryside with his son Kevin, and to make the occasional trip to the casino.

In addition to his wife, June and his sister Betty McGeshick of Watersmeet, MI, Dick is survived by 3 daughters: Debbie Korbisch (Kevin Sommer) of Marathon City, Kim (Gary) Boxell of Riverside, IL, Barb Antoni of Antigo, 3 sons: Kevin Antoni of Gleason, Brian (Tammy) Antoni of Birnamwood, Bradley Antoni of Antigo, 9 grandchildren: Ashley and Whitney Antoni, Caitlin and Drew Boxell, Jordan and Cameron Antoni, Jared Antoni, Bradley and Casper Antoni, and great grandchildren: Michael, Mat, and Rylee.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Ira Antoni, Jr., Darlene Antoni, James Antoni, and Carol Elm, his son Richard J. Antoni, and his grandson Gunnar Sommer.

A Service of Remembrance & Memories was held on Tuesday, May 2, at Strass-

er-Roller Funeral Home. Dick was honored with native prayers and song by the family.

Friends may visit online at [strasserollerfuneralhome.com](http://strasserollerfuneralhome.com).

**CHARLES F. BATISTE**  
**September 10, 1977 - April 19, 2023**



Charles F. Batiste, 45, Oneida, passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, after a short illness. He was born September 10, 1977, to Vera Johnson and

the late Lee Batiste Sr.

Charlie enjoyed spending time with family and friends, making great memories. Drumming and dancing with his family, Powwows, and travel were some of the things he also enjoyed. He liked playing golf, watching the Brewers and Packers, NASCAR, and working out. He really loved his job with John, hanging drywall.

Charlie is survived by his mother Vera Batiste, two daughters, Brylee King, and Lexus Weigand. Sisters and brother; Lee Batiste Jr., Kimberly (Carlos Godinez) Batiste, Orleans (Alberto Villalba) Batiste, fiancé Christl Liela Stevens, special Johnson cousins, Jason, Juan, Stacey, and Willard. Charlie's best friend Kevind Baird, and many aunts, uncles and family further survive him.

He was preceded in death by his father Lee Batiste Sr., his son Lee Michael Batiste and his sister Betty Jo Batiste.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 10:30am -12pm Sunday, April 23, 2023, with a service at 12pm.

Charlie's family would like to thank Bellin Health, Outagamie Co. Rescue, Johnson family nephews Steven and Dave Batiste, and Roddy Johnson.



**SHIRLEY BLUM**  
**January 29, 1941 - April 14, 2023**



Shirley Blum, 82, of Chicago passed away on Friday, April 14, 2023. She was born on January 29, 1941 to the late Arthur and Josephine (Wheelock) Webster.

Following high school Shirley worked at the Green Bay Canning Company before moving to the Chicago area to be by her sister, Marie. She had a successful career as a purchaser for Montgomery Ward and also worked for Avon for several years at their offices in Chicago.

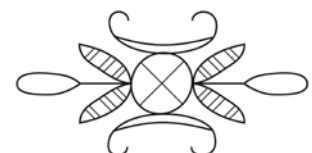
Shirley was an experienced traveler, having visited many places throughout the United States, including Hawaii. Her family, especially her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews were very important to her. She treated them all like they were her own children and grandchildren.

She is survived by a brother, Irvin "Bunny" Webster; two godchildren: Jean Webster and Robbie Webster; and lifelong close friend, Ruth LeCaptain. Shirley is further survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; sister-in-law, Alma Webster.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings: Robert Webster, Marty Webster, Marie Scott, Donny Webster, Audrey Webster, Arthur Jr. (Rita) Webster, and Clifford (Wanda) Webster; nephews: John (Roslind) Webster; nieces: Rhonda Webster, Marla Webster-Bodway and Judy Webster; great-nephew: Joshua Webster; and great-niece, Yetsi Danforth.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Oneida United Methodist Church, N6037 County Rd E, De Pere from 9:00 am until funeral service at 11am with the Oneida Hymn Singers at 10:30 am. Pastor Jane Sommers officiating. Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be expressed to Shirley's family at [www.muehlboettcher.com](http://www.muehlboettcher.com).



**MARGARET BRITTANY DANFORTH**  
**March 10, 1989 - May 3, 2023**



Margaret Brittany Danforth, 34, Oneida Nation. She was born on March 10, 1989, to David and Janet (Webster) Danforth. She began her journey to the Creator's land

on May 3, 2023. Margaret was a gentle, loving, and caring person. She was also known for her contagious smile and laugh. She was very organized and had a unique style of doing household chores. Margaret was a beautiful kindhearted mom, and she took pride and joy over her children. She loved spending time with her family. Up until recently she enjoyed going to the Friday night races with her family.

Margaret lives on through her children Brody Quilyn Hill, Blake Nova Danforth, and BriElla Jo Danforth-Denny. She is survived by her parents and siblings, Shonna (Sterling) Danforth, Lataklokwitha (Tanya) Danforth, Shaleena Danforth, Shaleesa (Kato) Danforth, Jennifer (Luke) Hargrove, and Jeremy Berg. Margaret is further survived by her nieces, Ilyonna, Irie, Sasha, Sayjah, Santana, Akasha, and nephews, Brennan, Elijah (Junior), David, DeBron, Kendric, Rickim, Kuponon, Kekoa, Caymen, Laken, Keyen, Jeremy Jr, TehanÁsta-litha, and Laknatakwe·ku and lastly great nephews Angelo and Sekani. Paternal Grandmother Marilyn Danforth and many aunts, uncles and relatives who added to the great joy in her life.

Margaret is preceded in death by her sister Yetsisehewe Danforth, nieces Imaysheia Crumble and Alivia Hargrove, and nephew Joseph Crumble. As well as her maternal grand parents, Art and Rita Webster. Paternal grandfathers Leander and Reginald Danforth. Visitation begins Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 1pm at David and Janet Danforth's residence, N7180 Path of the Bear and will continue at the Oneida longhouse, Monday, May 8th, at 9-10am with the service to begin at 10am A procession will take Margaret to the Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds for burial. Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the family. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere is assisting the family.



Thank you from the family of  
*Brenda Cornelius*

1948-2023

The family of Brenda Cornelius expresses sincere gratitude for the thoughts and prayers from family and friends. A special thank you to Jennifer Stevens for her beautiful songs during the service and also, to all the people who prepared and served the meal and also the food donations. We also would like to thank Deacon Debbie Heckel for doing the service, Stephanie Eberhardy for taking excellent care of Brenda through the years and her friends and staff at the Oneida Health Center.



*Native American Poem*



*Don't stand by my  
 grave and weep, for  
 I am not there.  
 I do not sleep.  
 I am a thousand  
 winds that blow.  
 I'm the diamond's  
 glint on snow.  
 I am the sunlight  
 on ripened grain.  
 I am the gentle  
 autumn's rain.  
 Don't stand by  
 my grave and cry.  
 I am not there.  
 I did not die.*

<https://www.instagram.com/imgnative-american-funeral-quotes/3240374/>

**TRIBAL ELDER  
 FOOD BOX  
 PROGRAM**



**FREE DISTRIBUTION OF  
 LOCAL, TRADITIONAL FOODS**



**ONEIDA**  
**N7372 Water Circle Pl.**  
**Oneida, WI 54155**  
**Fridays at 10 am**

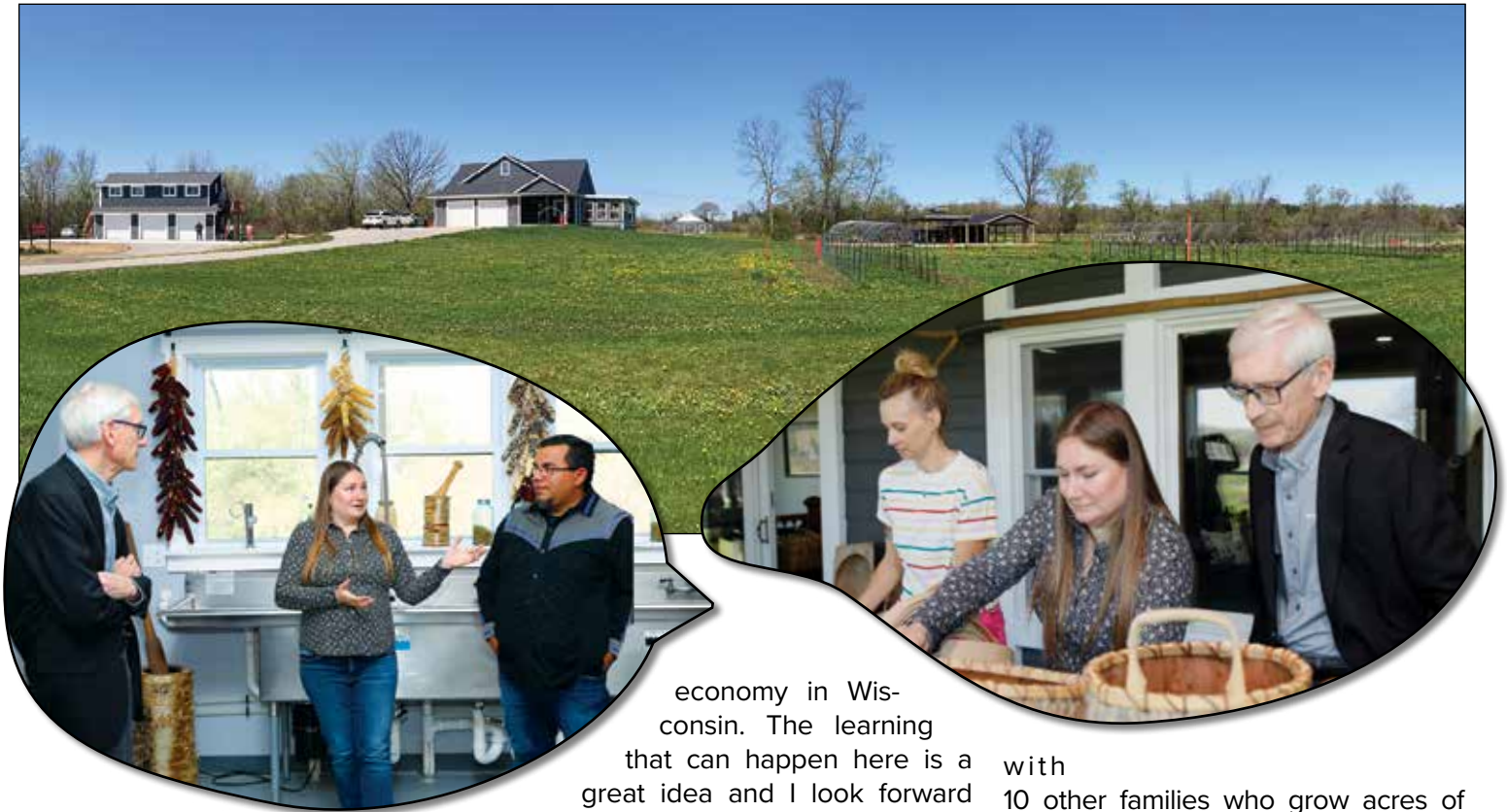
**May 19**  
**June 2, 16, 30**  
**July 14 & 28**  
**August 11 & 25**  
**September 8 & 29**  
**October 13 & 27**  
**November 10**  
**December 1 & 15**

**For Questions Contact:**  
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**920.869.1041 or**  
**Marlon Skenandore at**  
**920.869.6165**

Each box will contain proteins, produce, and shelf-stable items, sourced from Indigenous and non-Indigenous local producers and will be representative of traditional foods whenever possible. The average box will be 20 pounds. The contents of the boxes will change for each distribution based on what is available seasonally for the given distribution week. Please Note: Food provided is for Tribal members, 55 years and older. This project is funded by a Feeding America National Organization grant, Feeding Wisconsin's Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ARPA grant, and an Intertribal Local Food Purchasing Agreement grant.

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cussions such as grandma's recipe or how long this takes, or that takes, etc. Through this interaction, it highlights the different talents each one of us have. In fact, recently, these interactions caught the attention of Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, who visited the Ukwakhwa operation Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

It all started with the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) organization, whose director visited Ukwakhwa that led to Travel Wisconsin (TW) event at the Webster's home-stead. The TW even was reviewed by many influential leaders in the tourism industry, one of which, attended the Ukwakhwa farm who then connected Becky and Steve with the Condé Nast Travel Magazine, who did a story on them that was eventually read by Governor Evers. Governor Evers was thoroughly impressed with Webster's operation, stating, "I learned a lot of agricultural processes, which was good for me. It's also a good opportunity to make sure we have a strong

economy in Wisconsin. The learning that can happen here is a great idea and I look forward to making sure that Tourism is alive and well on the reservations and is Indigenous-based." After Governor Evers departed, the Big Bear Media team continued the conversation with Becky about how the Ukwakhwa venture began.

## UKWAKHWA



(Our Foods)

Becky recalled a time when she and Steve were still living in the city, they discussed their dream of how they wanted to do things. Since the time they actually grew their first Indigenous corn in 2015, Becky states that they've been on this journey of learning ever since. In 2016, they helped form the Ohe·láku (Among the Cornstalks) co-operative

with

10 other families who grow acres of Tuscarora White Corn together. In 2017, Becky and Steve decided to dive into this venture with both feet and find some land, which they eventually did through one of Becky's friends. Once they purchased the property, they quickly built their house in 2018, which is also the time they broadened their agricultural horizons to begin growing other Haudenosaunee varieties of corn, beans, and squash. All the while, the driving factor was that they didn't have access to these authentic foods of our ancestors. So, with great ambition, they networked with folks out east, starting with Braiding the Sacred, which brought them to Angela Ferguson and Roger Cook who slowly brought them to more eastern knowledge keepers who mentored Becky and Steven to where they are today. With their newfound knowledge, they decided it was time to start educating others.

**Continued on PG 25**  
Food Sovereignty, Personified



### From page 24/ Food Sovereignty, Personified


The future of Ukwakhwa is going to be a continuation of the educational space. To increase capacity to do so, they partnered with Kah ulahele and just applied for a grant with the NDN Collective, which they hope will lead to new structures for machinery, storage, and firewood, which will also include a section for the accumulation of the wood ash used to hull white corn for cooking. The grant application also includes a duck enclosure, funding to pay instructors for a series of classes, and social media IT support. To continue the education mission, Becky her excitement of adding a third book to her resume.

Becky, the author of Tribal Administration Handbook and In Defense of Sovereignty, explains that how her third work, *Our Precious Corn: Yukwanénste*, chronicles how White Corn has stayed with the Oneida people through the good and difficult times. It recognizes how she (White Corn) has led us back to our culture and language. It also features the stories of 50 of our community members, which enlightens us to the cultural revival we're currently in the midst of. Becky continues on by explaining that *Our Precious Corn* will be the first in a series of books that will cover the other two sisters, Bean and Squash.



In the end, Becky, Steve, and Jen Falck acknowledged that this journey has not been without its obstacles. Financial resources and the work involved with acquiring their knowledge, without the advantage of having a pre-existing inventory of assets normally found in conventional farming operations, have proved difficult to overcome. However, there is one advantage Becky and Steve have that most farmers do not—the spiritual connection with the sustenance they are creating. For instance, Becky planted some beans that she was unsure of how to care for. She wasn't sure if they needed a trellis. When she approached her good friend Toni House for guidance, she responded, "Well, did you talk to the beans?" With that, Becky sat with the plants and made this spiritual connection. Becky imagined the beans as little old ladies, who told her, not so much with words, but with their spirit, "We're fine." Still unsure, Becky installed a trellis but of course, the beans were right, they did not need a trellis and they were in fact, just fine.

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the QR Code for  
more information  
[Ukwakhwa.com](http://Ukwakhwa.com)

**55th  
Annual  
Oneida Royalty  
Pageant**

**Radisson in  
Grand Council  
Ballroom**

**June 20, 2023  
at 6pm**

Answers

**Oneida Crossword Puzzle**

2. DOPW	1. UKWAKHWA
4. POWWOW	3. VOTE
7. GRACEMAE	5. WALKING
10. KICKOFF (2word)	6. TRIBAL
12. ROYALTY	8. CULTURAL
14. SENIORS	9. MAN
16. OPEN	11. FOOD
17. MINOR	13. SPECIAL
20. DISCUSSION	14. SUMMMER
22. AGRICULTURAL	15. RED
24. EDUCATION	16. OESC
	18. PFAS
	19. ATHLETES
	21. ORIGINS
	23. TREES

JUNE 2023 edition

**JOIN US JUNE 15TH  
INTEGRATING  
TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS  
AND MODERN MEDICINE**

9:30-10 Check in and Meet and Greet  
10-12 Educational Program  
12-1 Lunch with Dr. Dempsey,  
Chairman of Neurological Surgery UW-Madison

Location: Amelia Cornelius Culture Park

**REGISTRATION LINK**  
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20F0C44A5A628A6FDO-ADULT](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44a5a628a6fdo-adult)

**ADULTS, COME AND LEARN ABOUT HOW ONEIDA CULTURE AND TRADITIONS CAN DECREASE STROKE RISK FACTORS**

CONTACT AMANDA, STROKE PREVENTION WELLNESS COACH AT 920-490-3984 OR ARIESEN@ONEIDANATION.ORG WITH QUESTIONS.

Event is co-sponsored by the Oneida Tourism and Health Promotion Departments and UW - Madison Stroke Team and Native American Center for Health Professions.

**JOIN US FOR JUNE 15 2023  
FAMILY FUN**

Amelia Cornelius Culture Park

Check in 1:30-2 pm, Event 2-4 pm

Join us for a fun and educational filled afternoon

Contact Amanda, Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach 920-490-3984 or ariesenb@oneidanation.org for more information

Event sponsored by Oneida Tourism and Health Promotion Departments, UW-Madison Stroke Team and Native American Center for Health Professions

**ACTIVITY LIST**

- Cultural Learning
- Replica Longhouse Tour
- Stroke Education
- Plant ID walk
- Snacks

**FREE EVENT**

**Registration Link**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44a5a628a6fdo-family>



**KICKOFF TO SUMMER FUN**

Wednesday, June 14th  
Oneida Lake from 4-6pm  
W172 Crook Rd. De Pere, WI 54115

**FREE SUNSCREEN TO THE FIRST 150 PARTICIPANTS.**

Enjoy the new walking trail & swimming at your own risk.

For more information please contact Hanna:  
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hleisgan@oneidanation.org  
JustMoveItOneida

**Oneida Lake is now OPEN!**



**Rules of the Lake**

For everyone's enjoyment, please be courteous of others, and helpkeep our lake clean.



**W172 Crook Rd., Oneida • 6am-9pm**

The Oneida Nation's natural areas, including the Oneida Lake, are "Pack It In, Pack It Out" sites. Whatever you bring with you, take out with you.

- Fishing License must be purchased from Oneida Conservation
- Electric Boat Motors Only
- Park in Designated Areas
- Pets must be on leash, in owners control, and picked up after
- Pets are not allowed in the bathrooms, on the beach, or on the playground

**NO** • Drugs or Alcohol • Open Fires • Disposing of Bait in Lake  
• Fireworks • Hunting

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT 911**

**NON EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**  
Oneida Police • 920-869-2239  
Conservation • 920-869-6500



# WALKING To Improve Your Life

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

In the March 2023 edition of the Kali, we had a story about Hugh Danforth and helpful hints for taking care of him after a stroke. One of Oneida's core principles is to take care of our elders. This 89-year-old has bounced back by being with his family and taking small steps to get his strength back, control his diabetes, and exercise his brain. There is a correlation of being active and a person's brain to slow the aging process, better mental health, and to regain skills after a medical set back.



**Hugh Danforth**

## HELPFUL HINTS:

- Small steps – start by doing short distances and work your way up to 5-30 min a day.
- Get a Fitbit or some other step tracker. Most trackers can be set so they will alert you to move every hour at least 250 steps. Time to get off that couch and move.
- Get good walking shoes. This will help stabilize your walking stride.
- Get a walking cane if you feel a little uneasy walking and always tell someone you are taking a walk.
- Do easy chair squats to strengthen your legs and core. Simply start by sitting in a chair, cross your arms, feet shoulder width apart, and just stand up. Sit down and start all over. Start slow with 5 chair squats a day and work up to 25 twice a day.
- Personally show up and take your friends and family for a walk, even if it's around the living room.
- Ditch the dishes until later! Studies show walking 2-5 minutes right after dinner can reduce blood sugar levels.



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July 25-30, 2023

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**WALK WITH A DOC**




**1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

- June 7- Dementia
- July 5 - Men's Health
- August 2 - Eye Health
- Sept. 6-Diabetic Health
- Oct. 4 - Periodontal Disease

**ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**  
**12:10 - 12:45 PM**

Join us each month as we enjoy the camaraderie of others, walk on the trails around the health center, and talk about different provider-led health topics. We will meet in the front of the health center.

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A good heart. A strong hand.

For More Information Contact  
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Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach  
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**49th Annual Oneida Pow Wow**

June 30-July 2, 2023

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- Cart Drivers** Must be 25 or older with valid driver's license to drive carts.
- Clean Up**
- Registration**
- Pow Wow Booth**
- Teen Runners**

Please come to the volunteer meeting  
**Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6pm**  
Pow-wow Grounds - Norbert Hill Center

Contact Kalene White at 920.940.4490

To apply for Admissions Cashier,  
Contact **Vicki Cornelius**  
920.737.3782.



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**FRESH LOCAL HEALTHY**

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**Thursdays Noon-6pm**

**N7332 Water Circle Pl., Oneida, WI**

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# SPRING PRODUCE PICKS

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## SPRING



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CABBAGE



GREEN BEANS



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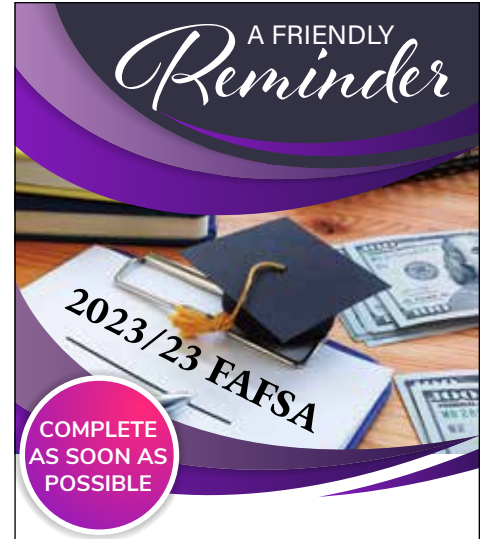
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STRAWBERRIES



COMPLETE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

**HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR 2023/24 FAFSA? COMPLETE THE 2023/24 FAFSA USING 2021 TAX INFORMATION.**

### ATTENTION STUDENTS

It is important to submit the required Higher Education forms as early as possible to ensure your funding is awarded timely. Files must be complete prior to the end of a term in order for students to receive funding. To check the status of your file, Please contact our office.

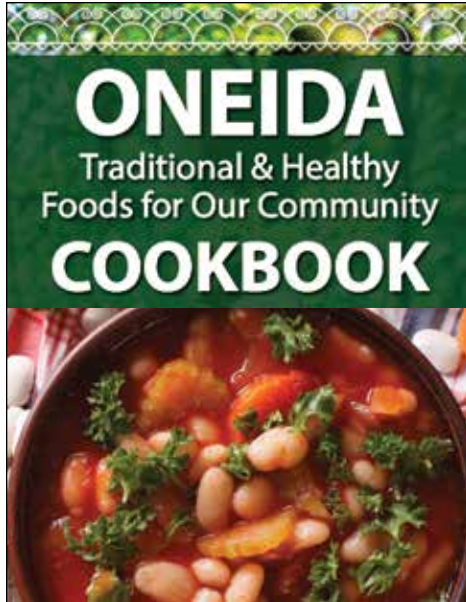
### A COMPLETE 2023/24 FILE (AUGUST-JULY) INCLUDES:

- Oneida Higher Education Application
- Participant Acknowledgment and Agreement Form
- Oneida Academic Plan\*
- Official Transcripts\*
- Financial Needs Analysis\* (To be completed by School's Financial Aid Office)
- Acceptance Letter (from current school if new)

\*Paperwork required for each semester.

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**OR 920.869.4033.**  
**EMAIL: HIGHERED@ONEIDANATION.ORG**



## TUSCAN SMOKED TURKEY AND BEAN SOUP



### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 cup Fresh onions, diced
- 1/3 cup Fresh celery, diced
- 1/3 cup Fresh carrots, diced
- 1 1/2 cups Fresh Kale, chopped, no stems.
- 2 1/4 tsp Canned tomato paste
- 1 Tbsp Fresh garlic, minced
- 4 1/4 cups Low-sodium chicken stock
- 1 3/4 cups Canned Navy beans, drained
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1/8 tsp Black pepper
- 1 cup Smoked turkey breast, 1/4" pieces
- 2 tsp Fresh thyme, chopped
- 2 tsp Fresh basil, chopped
- 2 tsp Fresh parsley, chopped

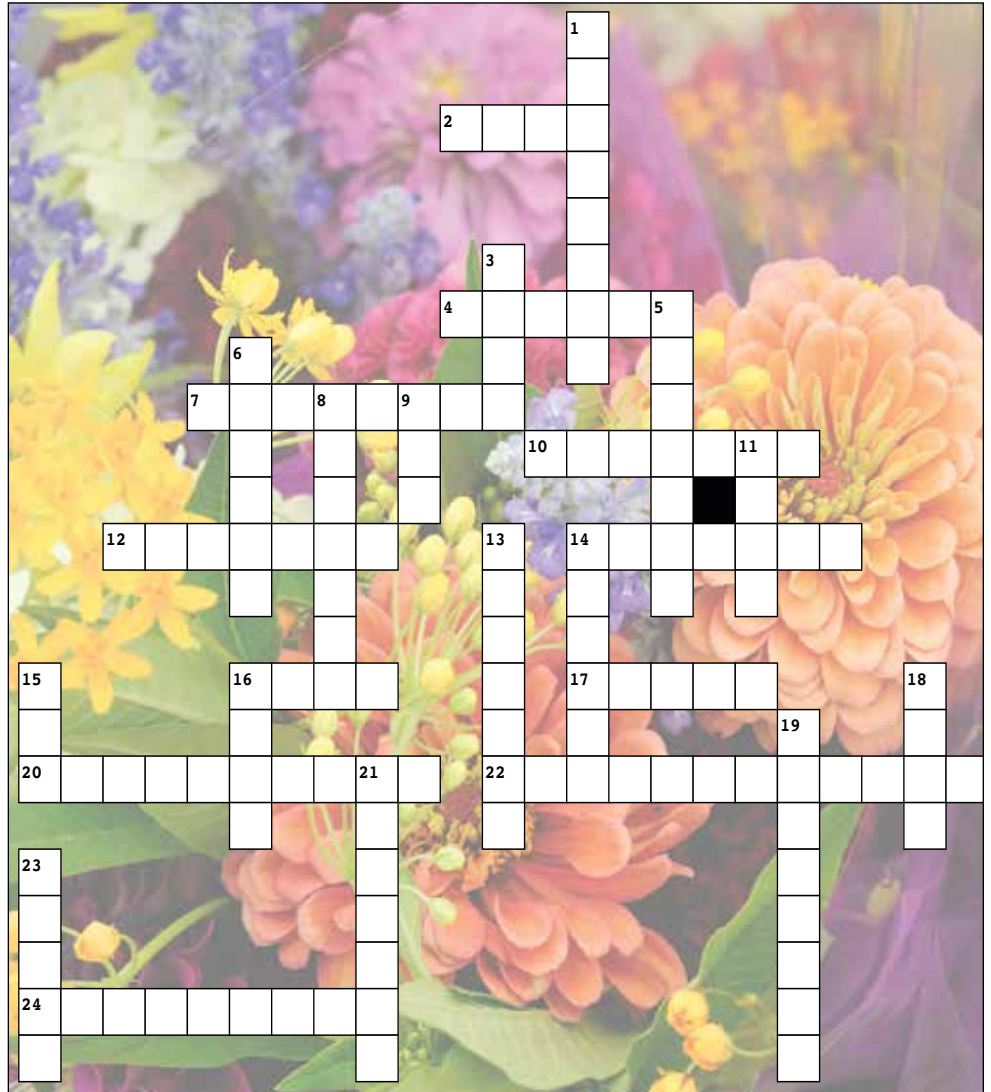
### DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Place onions, celery, carrots, kale, tomato paste, and garlic in a large pot coated with nonstick spray. Cook over medium heat until vegetables are soft, stirring frequently.
- 2 Add chicken stock, beans, salt and pepper, reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 3 Add turkey, thyme, basil, and parsley, simmer 10-15 minutes. Serve hot.

### NUTRITIONAL INFO PER SERVING:

Preparation time: 30 minutes • Cooking time: 50 minutes • Makes: 6 Servings – 1 cup • Calories 135 Protein 15 g • Carbohydrates 38 g • Dietary fiber 21 g Total fat 3 g • Cholesterol 21 mg • Sodium 525 mg

# ONEIDA CROSSWORD



### Across

2. Oneida Department of Public Works
4. Oneida 4th of July Event
7. Open for business (2word)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ to Summer Fun (2word)
12. Oneida \_\_\_\_\_ Pageant
14. Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_
16. Oneida Lake is now \_\_\_\_\_
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Trust Payment
20. Community Meal & \_\_\_\_\_
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Land Lease for Bid
24. Oneida Higher \_\_\_\_\_

### Down

1. Our Foods
3. Get Out The \_\_\_\_\_
5. To travel on foot at a moderate pace
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Elder Food Box Program
8. Amelia Cornelius \_\_\_\_\_ Park
9. Oneida \_\_\_\_\_ Clan
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Sovereignty, Personified
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Room Rate
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Snack Down
15. I wear \_\_\_\_\_
16. Oneida Engineering, Science, and Construction Group
18. Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances
19. 5 featured student \_\_\_\_\_
21. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Oneida Pow Wow
23. Planted in Elder Village



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# Sneak Peak



Honoring our  
Past, Present, and  
our Future

**By Garth Webster**  
*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

The back cover of the February 2023 edition reported the completion of the 200 year commemorative blanket, which is based on the artwork of Dawn Dark Mountain. The Bicentennial Team is now excited to announce that Dark Mountain's commissioned painting is also complete. Watch for the unveiling during Bicentennial Week, July 25-30, 2023.

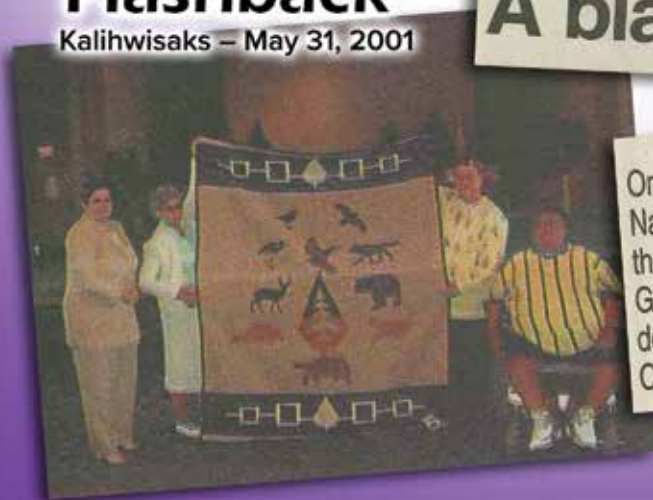


200 Year Commemorative blankets will be available at the Oneida Museum. Pre-order your blanket by calling 920.869.2768.

## Flashback

Kalihwisaks – May 31, 2001

## A blanket of unity



*Photo by Phil Wisneski*  
Oneida School Board Chair Shirley Hill, left, and Nancy Blashka, school business manager, hold up the pendleton blanket that was presented to them by Gina and Brian Eaglehelper. The Eaglehelpers are donating blankets to each tribe of the Iroquois Confederacy to restore unity.