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## WWII HERO in Our Midst



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

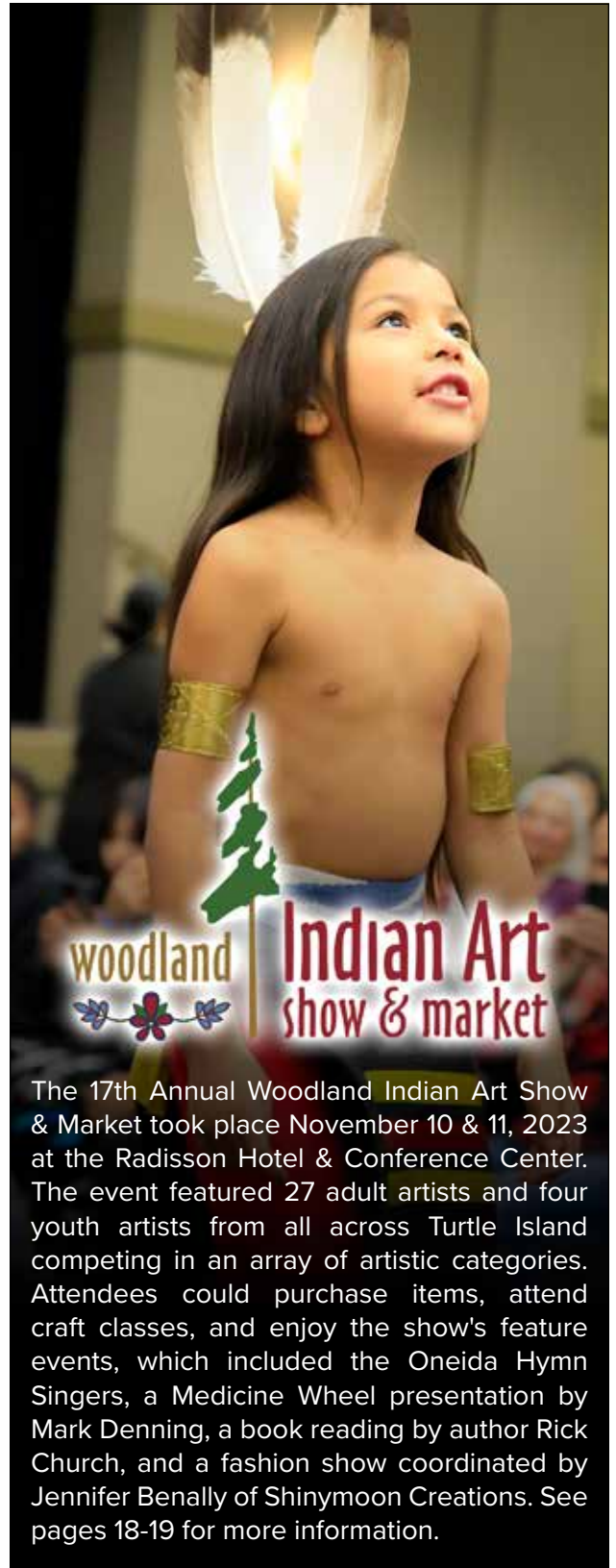
Just four days after I had the honor of shaking Mr. Dempsey's hand and thanking him for everything he has done, I received a text message informing me that he had began his journey. As you read the following article, I encourage all of you to have a moment to yourselves and go back to Veterans Day, then move forward with the idea of making everyday Veterans Day.

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Dave Cornelissen organized a small group of Oneida Veterans to gather at the Anna John Nursing Home Saturday, November 4, 2023 to visit a great World War II Veteran, Dempsey Cornelius.

Dempsey, although you would never know it, is 102 years young. Because he is now non-verbal, I watched an interview conducted by the Oneida History Department from September 24, 2019 to gather information for this article. During this interview, Cornelius explained that when the time came, you either get drafted or you sign up. The difference, though, is if you sign up, you can request to be what you want instead of being told what you'll do. With this in mind, he signed up and prepared to go to basic training.

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The 17th Annual Woodland Indian Art Show & Market took place November 10 & 11, 2023 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center. The event featured 27 adult artists and four youth artists from all across Turtle Island competing in an array of artistic categories. Attendees could purchase items, attend craft classes, and enjoy the show's feature events, which included the Oneida Hymn Singers, a Medicine Wheel presentation by Mark Denning, a book reading by author Rick Church, and a fashion show coordinated by Jennifer Benally of Shinymoon Creations. See pages 18-19 for more information.

### VETERANS WALL

Construction Continues  
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### WIASM

Indigenous Fashion Show  
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# BUSINESS COMMITTEE FORUM



**By Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens**

*OBC Vice-Chairman*

I hope this message finds you all in good health and ready for the winter months ahead. I would first like to say Yawáko to all who expressed their right to vote in the General Elections held this past July 2023. I am humbled and thankful to continue this journey and serve my 6th consecutive term as a member of the Oneida Business Committee and 3rd term as your Vice-Chairman. I am honored to represent this Nation into the 2023-2026 Term along with our new Council. As part of our transition into the new term, we were able to spend time together with our new committee, direct reports, and political appointees and go through Nation building training and strategic planning for the first few weeks in office. I am confident in our amazing team and thankful for what every individual brings to the table.

The Committee has hit the ground running and had the privilege in early October to host and give a tour to two influential Leaders in Indian Country today: The Secretary of Interior, Deb Haaland and Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Bryan Newland. Oneida was fortunate to meet and greet Secretary Haaland on “The Road to Healing” tour, which has been a yearlong travel across various American Indian and Alaska Native

Communities to connect and listen to stories of survival of the Indian Boarding School System. Secretary Haaland is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet Secretary and we congratulate her on that honor as well.

Having our own people in these positions is extremely important for strengthening our sovereignty and ensuring that the federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations are being adhered to. Thank you as well to our Intergovernmental Affairs team for connecting with these leaders and making their visit a success.



Melinda J. Danforth, Larry Barton, Marlon Skenandore, Deb Haaland, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster, Tana Aguirre, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens.



Councilman Skenandore, Chairman Hill, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland, Vice-Chairman Yellowbird-Stevens, and Treasurer Barton.



Deb Haaland with Oneida Students young and old working on a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) project during her

# ONEIDA NATION AND BROWN COUNTY SIGN SERVICE AGREEMENT



Photo Courtesy Nathan Wisneski.

Chairman Tehassi Hill and Brown County Executive, Troy Streckenbach (seated next to Chairman Hill) sign the agreements at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in the Huron Room Wednesday, November 1, 2023. The agreement will go into effect November 1, 2023 for 15 years until October 31, 2028. Also present were Brown County Corporation Counsel, David Hemery (seated far left), Oneida Deputy Chief Counsel, Jim Bittorf (seated far right), and Councilmen Jonas Hill and Jameson Wilson, Treasurer Larry Barton, and Councilmen Marlon Skenandore and Kirby Metoxen.

**By Bobbi Webster**  
*Director of Public Affairs*

The Oneida Nation and Brown County have entered into an intergovernmental agreement designed to outline provisions for two governments to identify compensation for services provided without a tax base. The Oneida Nation recognizes the services provided by local governments and in reciprocation the local governments recognize the services provided by the Oneida Nation. At the crux of these agreements is the fact that the Oneida Nation holds trust property which is protected untaxed property. As a result of our historic treaties, the federal government is responsible to

protect our land, resources, assets, and other interests forever. Oneida employs more than a thousand non-gaming employees who provide governmental services which supplement the depth of services our community receive at no cost to the local taxpayers.

In accordance with the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, therein lies a provision for Tribes to expense revenues to help fund local governments for services.

As two sovereign governments, Oneida and Brown County have a service agreement that mitigates the costs associated with services provided within their jurisdictions. The Oneida Nation and Brown County

mutually agree to a payment based upon a formula which recognizes the value of Oneida Nation services to their county.

Chairman Tehassi Hill commented on the intergovernmental agreements, "This is a continuance of agreements the Oneida Nation has had in place for more than 30 years. Per Federal-Indian Law, this intergovernmental process is fundamental to positive relations. By following the law the Oneida Nation will avoid duplication, expand opportunity and dedicate ourselves to efficiencies benefiting all residents. We are pleased that we are renewing this agreement today and look forward to the upcoming 15 years of good collaborative governance."

## PROPOSED OCHD EXPANSION ON THE HORIZON



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

During the virtual town hall meeting with the Oneida Nation General Manager’s Office on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, it was announced that a \$122 Million (estimated) proposed project to expand the Oneida Health Center was approved to move forward by the Oneida Business Committee.

The venture is aptly titled *Oneida Comprehensive Housing Integrated Campus Project* because it will integrate Employee Health Nursing, Health Promotions, and Oneida Behavioral Health by extending the existing Oneida Health Center facilities at 525 Airport Drive.

The expansion will add approximately 148,500 square feet along with an additional 51,000 square foot second story structure for future growth within Oneida’s healthcare services. The project will also require roughly 44,000 square feet of interior renovations to the current building. Comprehensive Health Division Director, Debra Danforth, is very enthusiastic about the project stating, “This will enhance our ability to provide the highest quality, holistic health care to ensure the wellness of our Oneida Community.”

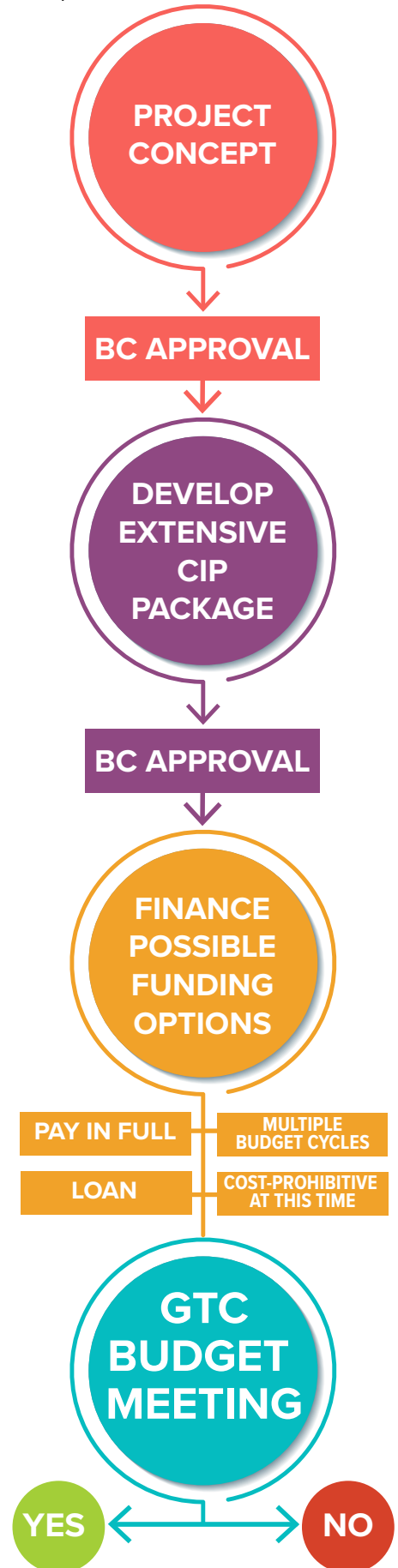
Projects, such as the OCHD expansion, go through the Capital Improvement Process (CIP). See the flow chart to the right for more information. The Business Committee approval is one of the many steps in the CIP process to get to a shovel in the ground. Indian Health Service Self-Governance funding is being evaluated to supply a portion of the capital needed. In the next three months, there will be a other projects highlighted and community input meeting scheduled.

### *General Manager Community Meetings*

#### Proposed Capital Improvement Projects

- Thursday, December 14, 2023 • 5:30pm • OCHD Integrated Campus
- Thursday, January 11, 2024 • 5:30pm • Oneida Recreation Complex
- Thursday, February 8, 2024 • 5:30pm • Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility

*Simplified CIP Process*



## STAND-OUT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE RECOGNITION



Joylyn Cornelius, center left photo, and Kerry Metoxen, center right photo, were recognized by the OBC, friends, and colleagues, for their outstanding service and retirement.



Amanda Danforth (with blanket left), Sherrole Benton (with blanket right), Raquel Hill (with gold sweater) and Debra Danforth (far right), were recognized for their years-of-service to Oneida.

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

The Business Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 held employee recognition ceremonies for two outstanding individuals, Joylyn Cornelius and Kerry Metoxen.

Joylyn was recognized for her commitment to educating our children, spanning over 50 years.

Metoxen was recognized for his dedication to ensuring that our Veterans are cared for and receive the benefits they so deserve.

Secretary Designee, WI Department of Veteran Affairs James Bond, prepared an article chronicling Metoxen's career accomplishments in the military as well as his service here in Oneida for our community's Veterans while Kindergaren-8th Grade Principal, Tracy Christensen, did the same for Joylyn's career in education. Click or scan the QR Codes below to read their presentations.

One week prior, October 11, 2023, the Business Committee also held Years-of-Service recognitions for Amanda Danforth, Sherrole Benton, Racquel Hill, and Debra Danforth.

Click or Scan to read Joylyn Cornelius Biography



Click or Scan to read Kerry Metoxen Biography




**We Heard you! Improvements are being made to the way you access your healthcare needs. Watch for updates! Coming in early 2024**

Oneida Medical & Oneida Behavioral Health patients will soon have access to a NEW comprehensive patient portal. This will allow for improved communication between patients and providers.

**This all-in-one portal will allow patients to:**

- Easy login
- Preview patient education videos
- Take online patient Survey
- View medical information
- Document sharing with patients & providers

# CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

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

Construction has continued through November on the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park and Veteran's Memorial. Briggs Noble, Oneida Construction Manager, has worked with Vinton Construction to near completion. However, with the weather changing, asphalt accessible trails by the log homes and long

house will have to wait until spring. The Veteran's Memorial area is 90% complete with a new parking lot, accessible sidewalks, and the debut of a bronze eagle that will be placed in spring 2024. It has been so exciting to see all the changes happening to both areas over the last couple of months. Our next step will be the visitor center design for 2024. Stay tuned for details.



Photos courtesy by Michelle Danforth

▲ Crew laying down the final asphalt at the veteran's wall.



▲ Crew pouring concrete paths at the wall.



▲ Briggs Noble, Construction Manager and Michelle Danforth Anderson, Marketing & Tourism Director.



▲ Finished accessible concrete paths at the wall.



Photo courtesy by Mike Arce

▲ Aerial view of the new parking lot at Amelia Cornelius Culture Park.



Photo courtesy by Mike Arce

▲ Aerial view of the veteran's wall.

# ONEIDA RETAIL IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Representatives from Oneida Community Lacrosse, and Safe Shelter, and Happily Ever Ever Animal Sanctuary (pictured below) accept donations from the Oneida Retail.

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

Since June 2023, Oneida Retail has partnered with Oneida Community Lacrosse (OCL) and Safe Shelter (SS) by donating a portion of their fuel sales from the Oneida Retail Enterprise Giving/Spirit Pump. A third partner, Happily Ever After Animal

Sanctuary (HEAAS), has also been the beneficiary of Oneida Retail’s giving spirit via proceeds from a vendor golf outing.

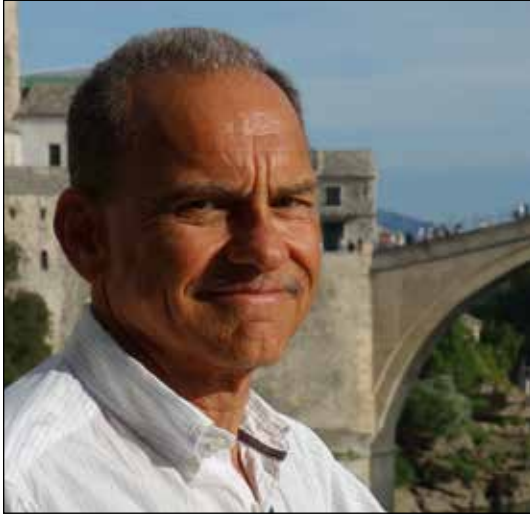
HEASS received \$1,103.13 on October 18, 2023. Shortly after, OCL received \$1,000 on October 24, while Safe Shelter also received \$1,000 two days later on October 26.

Oneida Retail continues to recognize non-profit organizations who personify the spirit of giving back to their respective communities by accept applications for the Giving/Spirit Pump program. Learn more by contacting Derick Denny, Oneida Retail Marketing/Communications via email at [ddenny@oneidanation.org](mailto:ddenny@oneidanation.org).



Photos courtesy by Garth Webster

# Nespar Looks to Reaffirm Oneida Lawrence Univ. Relationship



## Biography UW-Madison

Larry Nespar is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Anthropology and the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Nespar is the author of *The Walleye War: The Struggle for Ojibwe Spearfishing and Treaty Rights* (University of Nebraska Press, 2002), and he has worked closely with several tribes in Wisconsin and with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Nespar taught courses in American Indian ethnography and ethnohistory, Indians of the Western Great Lakes, anthropology of law, and American Indian social and political movements.



1849 Lawrence University Academy Building

## Oneida and Lawrence University

By Professor Emeritus Larry Nespar

*Department of Anthropology and the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Henry Cornelius, Lawrence University class of 1864 and his cousin Lydia, class of 1879, both Wisconsin Oneidas, were the first two American Indians to graduate from a college in the state of Wisconsin. Their parents were born in New York and had emigrated to Wisconsin in the 1830s, pressured to leave by the state and land companies. Some of the emigrant Oneidas had been living in Wisconsin on land ceded to them by the Menominee for two-and-a-half decades before Massachusetts businessman and philanthropist Amos Lawrence had the idea of establishing an institution of higher learning nearby on lands he had recently acquired. Mr. Lawrence got interested in the area when he was persuaded to buy the 4000 acres that the Mohawk-speaking Native missionary, Eleazer Williams, had procured via treaty through his marriage to a young Menominee woman. Imaginative, provocative, energetic, duplicitous and controversial, Williams had close contacts with the Oneida having played a role in the conversion of one of the Oneida factions to the Episcopal faith when they were still in New York. Williams sought to establish an Iroquois empire in area of Green Bay.

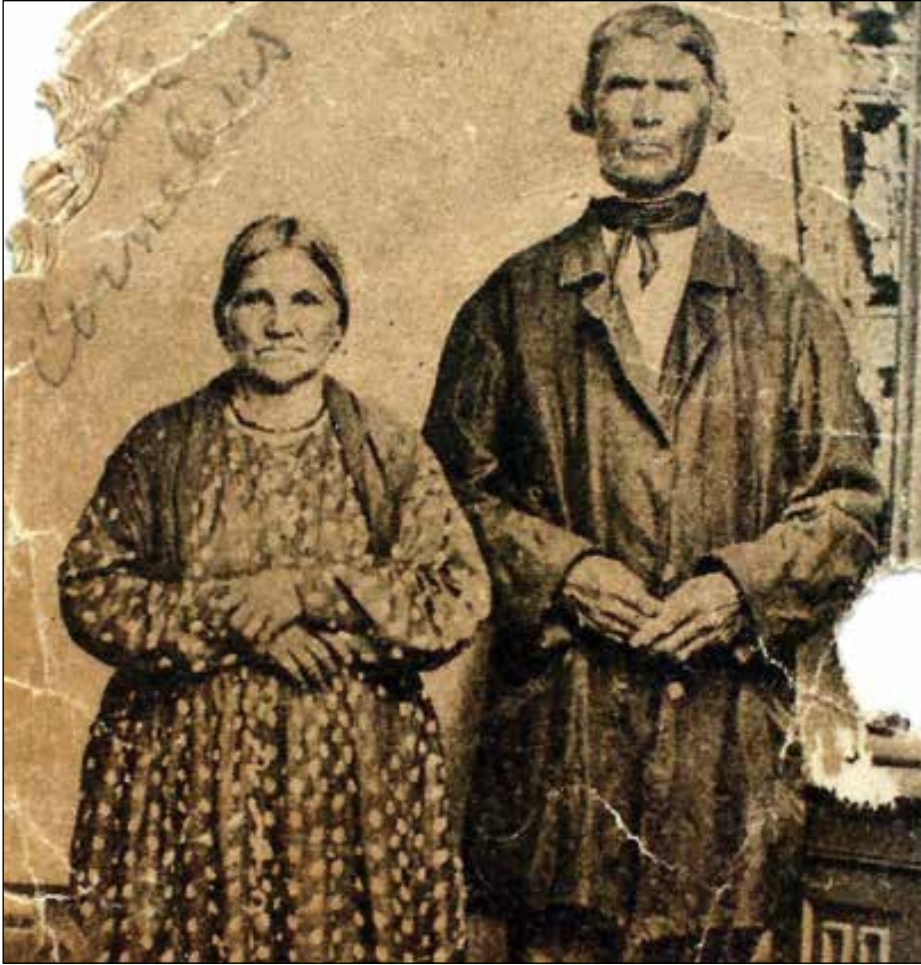
The Methodist Chief Jacob Cornelius and his Orchard Party of Oneida Indians had been living on the Duck Creek reservation near Green Bay since 1834, eleven years before Amos's inspired thought. Earlier, they had established saw mills. In 1848, Lawrence erected its first building of 160,000 board feet of lumber milled at Edwin

Hart's Orchard Party-leased sawmill less than twenty miles away at Duck Creek on the Oneida reservation. They needed to build a road between campus and the reservation in order to ship the lumber. The road would be used by dozens of Oneida students attending Lawrence in the 1850s-1870s, among others. "We hauled the lumber down College Avenue," according to Norbert Hill, Jr. when I asked him about a living memory of a relationship between the community and Lawrence on the occasion of the 2023 Oneida history conference. "There had always been a path," he added.

In 1852, Chief Jacob Cornelius and his brother John sent a number of their children to Lawrence after the chiefs pressed the Trustees at Lawrence to educate Oneida students. Soon after both the Methodist church and the Office of Indian Affairs allocated money to support Oneida students. This is partial list of the students: Adam Cornelius (father of Laura Cornelius Kellogg) Elijah Cornelius, Henry Cornelius (first graduate), William Furness, Jacob Skanado, Hendrick Smith, Electa Cornelius, Phoebe Cornelius, Sophia Cornelius, Lydia Cornelius (second graduate and first woman), Calista Danforth, Electa Swamp, Lucinda Swamp, Elisabeth Wheelock and Rachel Williams.

Relations between Oneida and Lawrence were close in the early years. Jacob Cornelius gave a speech at the Fourth of July celebration in Appleton in 1854, for example. A year later, he and his brother were interviewed by the Appleton Crescent to reflect on the history of the Oneida community and the social problems of the times. Clearly they were being treated as important political players in the region.





Nancy and Jacob Cornelius

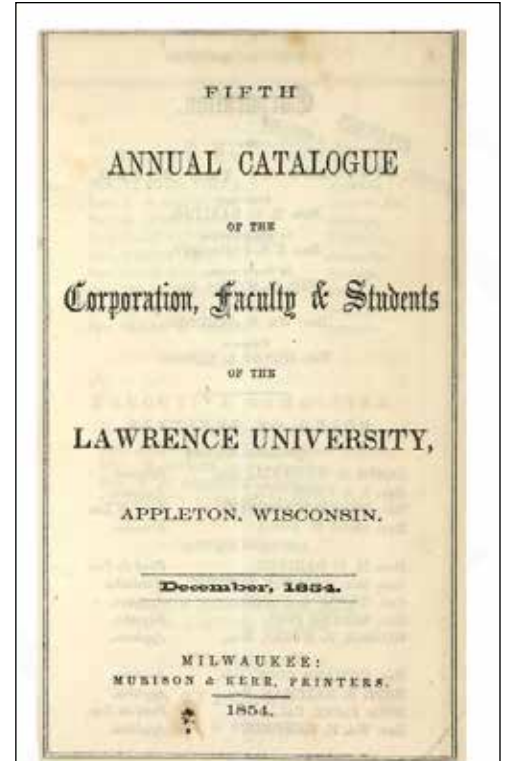
So far, we know some things about the first two Oneida and Native graduates in the state of Wisconsin. Henry ('64) was a son of Jacob Cornelius and his cousin Lydia ('79) was the daughter of John Cornelius. The Board of Trustees described Henry as "a young man of superior intelligence, intense application and of great promise." He gave a speech at the Commencement that the Wisconsin State Journal took note of: "One of the best among the orations and addresses delivered during the week was the master oration of Mr. Henry Cornelius, an Oneida Indian." He went on to teach at Oneida and then later opened a store.

Lydia Cornelius ('79), Henry's cousin, daughter of Oneida Methodist preacher and chief, John D. Cornelius, boarded at the president of Lawrence's home suggesting close

relations between the George Steele and Cornelius families. Lydia was a class officer as well. Brief, published reports about her oral presentations as a student are quite favorable. She, too, taught at Oneida after graduating but most unfortunately died two years after graduating. Her friends at Lawrence honored her memory in college publications and by placing a white stone at the Methodist cemetery in Oneida.

It seems that funding from the federal government and the Methodists dried up in the 1880s and the relationship between the community and the campus weakened though Lawrence and Oneida played several football games against each other in the 1890s.

The goal of this research is to bring out this history and encourage both Lawrence and Oneida to revive



Chapman, Henry W.	Green Bay.
Coffin, Wm. T.	Appleton.
Conrad, John	Janesville.
Cornelius, Adam P.	Oneida.
Cornelius, Elijah	Oneida.
Cornelius, Henry	Oneida.
Cowham, John	Eldorado.

Cooke, Josephine E.	Appleton.
Cooke, Mary E.	Appleton.
Cornelius, Electa	Oneida.
Cornelius, Phebe	Oneida.
Cornelius, Sophia	Oneida.
Cotter, Lucy	Magnolia.

From the lists of male and female students in the Preparatory Department, pp. 8, 25.

the relationship they had with each other seven generations ago. I am working on a publication that offers far more details about Oneida students at Lawrence than can fit in a newspaper article. For readers who are interested in this topic, or are interested in sharing memories of family members who attended Lawrence, I would encourage you to contact me at [Inesper@wisc.edu](mailto:Inesper@wisc.edu).

# Lighting The Bridgeway



**By Garth Webster**

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

Oneida officially kicked off the holiday season by holding the Annual Light the Bridge-way event Thursday, November 16, 2023.

Hundreds of Oneida Community members gathered to enjoy holiday carols sang by the Oneida Hymn Singers from the wagon pulled by two 1,800 lb Clydesdale Horses. Attendees also enjoyed chili, hot cocoa, brats, and hot dogs served up piping hot from the Oneida Veterans.

As the clock approached 6pm, Bobbi Webster and Chairman Tehassi Hill led the countdown chant, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5...it wasn't long before the crowd joined them...4, 3, 2, 1...and then the all the trees became aglow with lights.

Below left, a group of Oneida Members, who wish to remain anonymous, took it upon themselves, with permission from Oneida staff, to decorate the flower pots near the entrance of the Anna John Nursing Home. The group plans to keep the pots looking good throughout the year.

Happy Holidays to one and all!

# SCHOENEBECK ATTAINS HIGHEST JUJITSU BLACK BELT DEGREE



Photo courtesy by Sarah Madden

**By Sarah Madden**

*Kalihwisaks Contributing Writer*

On October 19, 2023, Kyoshi Kevin Schoenebeck, a revered Martial Arts instructor at the Oneida Family Fitness Center, achieved a monumental milestone: his attainment of the 9th Degree Black Belt in Jujitsu Martial Arts. Schoenebeck's remarkable achievement came a full nine years after his 1st degree black belt, signifying a profound journey of growth and expertise. The title Kyoshi translates to wizard in Japanese. A Kyoshi has the ability to mix and match techniques from the art of Jujitsu with mastery. At this level, the focus shifts towards giving back, teaching, and promoting the Martial Arts to the next generation.

Schoenebeck's dedication to the Oneida Family Fitness Center, spanning an impressive 32 years of employment, embodies the spirit of giving back and teaching. His unwavering commitment to nurturing and inspiring students shines through in his remarkable journey.

On October 19, the culmination of this dedication was evident when two of Schoenebeck's long-time students, Dominique Danforth, and Heather Lee, achieved the prestigious rank of 1st Degree black belt in Jujitsu. Their seven-year journey, which they persevered even through the challenges of the pandemic, attests to their unwavering determination and skill development.

Danforth and Lee's black belt achievement was a rigorous examination, encompassing the demonstration of mastery in over 150 techniques. These techniques ranged from hand techniques (escapes), throwing arts (sweeps, throws, and falling techniques), to restricting arts (ground techniques), combinations, and proficiency in gun and knife techniques. This comprehensive evaluation challenged them both mentally and physically. At the helm of this test, Schoenebeck, in his teaching role, called out the techniques in Japanese that Danforth and Lee had to execute in order to pass. Schoenebeck's confidence in his students was evident when he exclaimed, "I tell you what, these ladies could choke an opponent out in 4 seconds, cutting off circulation without them even realizing what hit them."

Schoenebeck's expertise extends beyond Jujitsu, encompassing Eskrima, Tae Kwon Do, and Tai Chi. His dedication to imparting these martial arts to the Oneida Community members and employees has yielded a wide array of invaluable health benefits, including discipline, focus, balance, increased energy, confidence, self-defense, improved academic performance, and enhanced hand-eye coordination. Through his teachings, he not only imparts essential life skills such as effective listening and the art of letting go and relaxation, but also enhances the overall quality of life and imparts the wisdom of aging gracefully. Schoenebeck's commitment to teaching has fostered a legacy of multi-generational learning within the community.

# A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER FOR THE ONEIDA FARMERS MARKET



**By Bill Vervoort**  
OCIFS Coordinator

The Oneida Farmer's Market ended its season Thursday, September 28, 2023. The weather was beautiful for the Farmer's Market this year and we averaged 34 vendors, along with 480 customers per market. We had numerous new vendors this year that brought a nice diversification of products, including 3 new produce vendors. In addition, we continued our Oneida Black Angus Burger Giveaway. We were also able to continue to accept EBT/Quest cards, and once again offered the Double Your Bucks program.

There was plenty of great information being shared by numerous organizations in our demonstration area, including a grilling demonstration by Chef Arlie. New this year was our MiniBiz project, which offered vendor spots to our community youth providing them valuable business experience. The young entrepreneurs made, marketed, and sold their very own products at the Farmer's Market.

At the Farmer's Market Bash, the Oneida Falling Leaves 4-H brat booth had delicious Oneida Black Angus burgers and brats for sale. There was



also the Green Bay Mobile Visitor Center, face painting, the Snake Dude, Appleton Ladies Hula Dancing, and live music by Dewey, Rockem & Howe, and the free horse drawn wagon rides were a hit.

The Farmer's Market would like to thank everyone in the Oneida Community for making the 2023 Oneida Farmer's Market a great success. We especially thank all the volunteers that help make the Market possible. We hope you all have a wonderful winter and we'll see all again next spring.

Due to construction, the Oneida Farmer's Market will be temporarily relocating in 2024. Keep updated on what is happening at the Oneida Farmer's Market by signing up online at <https://rb.gy/3hsir> or scanning the QR code. You can also email your information to Bill at [wvervoor@oneidanation.org](mailto:wvervoor@oneidanation.org). All information will be kept strictly confidential.

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Farmer's Market  
Mailing list



## AND IN THIS CORNER-THE JACKHAMMER



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

Chris, “Jackhammer” Polanco, Oneida member, is a 30 year-old fighter making his mark in the world of mixed-martial-arts (MMA).

According to Tapology.com, Polanco is currently ranked 11 out of 87 amateur-status fighters in Wisconsin, competing in the lightweight class at 155 lbs. To date, his record is 5 wins, 3 losses with the last win coming from his bout with Noah Bellini during Caged Aggression MMA XXXVI Bad Blood, a pay-per-view event that took place over two nights,

October 13-14, 2023 in Davenport, IA.

Polanco defeated Bellini by way of KO/TKO at the one-minute, fifty four second mark of round one through strikes, which is hand-to-hand combat between opponents while in the standing position. After his victory, Polanco was pumped, stating, “Thank you to Mike Goodwin, all my sponsors, friends, and family who have supported me on this journey. I had so much fun being a part of this event and look forward to doing it again in the future.”

Go get’m Jackhammer! Way to represent Oneida!

## BROWN COUNTY BLACKJACKS ARE NO BUST



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

The Brown County Blackjacks are an amateur football team led by Head Coach, Deke Suri, who have established themselves as a perennial contender in the Northern Lights Football League (NLFL).

The Blackjacks have been champions of the NLFL in 2012, 2014, 2017, and 2020. In 2023, they didn’t reach the championship game but it was a successful season nonetheless. They finished the season with six wins and four losses, which qualified them to play in a post-season matchup, the Pigskin Classic, against the St. Paul Pioneers,

which took place at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, MN.

Coach Suri described the game as a close thriller but in the end, they won 21-14, “The Pioneers had a physically larger team. However, we were victorious because we were stronger and faster.” The 2023 team also had four Oneida members; Aaron Mancheski, Blake Doxtator, Isiah Smith, and Wyatt Murdock. Suri mentioned that next year, they will have several Menominee Nation players on their team as well.

Suri is excited for the 2024 season, which will have start in May and go to August and beyond, pending post-season games. In the offseason, Suri

is trying to make a deal for his team to appear in halftime shows for the Green Bay Blizzard and he and his coaching staff will be attending the prestigious Glazier Coaching Clinics in February 2024. Watch their website, [BrownCountyBlackjacks.com](http://BrownCountyBlackjacks.com) for the 2024 scheduling details, which will most likely be played at the park behind Webster Elementary in Green Bay, WI.

Click or Scan the  
QR Code for  
highlights of the  
Pigskin Classic



## ONEIDA LIBRARY CULTURE SESSIONS WITH KALUHYA

### Traditional Clothing Presentation

Wed. Dec. 13, 2023

**Green Earth Branch 3-4pm**

**Oneida Community Library 4:30-5:30pm**

For more details, visit: [oneida-nsn.gov/resources/library](http://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/library)




## Oneida Community Library DECEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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4 Cyber Silvers 10AM Movie Classics Revisited 2PM	5 Tuesday Tech 11AM Beading Circle 1:30PM	6 Tiny STEM 11AM	7 Storytime 11AM Elder Language Club 1PM Adulting 101 4:30PM	8
11 Homeschool Culture Club 10AM Animonday 4PM	12 Beading Circle 1:30PM Two-Spirit & Allies Group 4PM	13 Craft Time 4PM Traditional Clothing 4:30PM	14 Storytime 11AM Elder Language Club 1PM	15
18 Writers Club 11AM	19 Elder Hour 1:30PM Beading Circle 1:30PM ANIMEE 4PM	20 Group Painting 11AM STEAMM 4PM	21 Storytime 11AM Elder Language Club 1PM	22 <b>CLOSED</b> Observance Date Christmas Eve
25 <b>CLOSED</b> Christmas	26 Beading Circle 1:30PM	27 Teen Takeover 4PM	28 Storytime 11AM Elder Language Club 1PM	29



Program Tailored to:

- Ages 0-5
- Ages 6 - 17
- Ages 13+
- Adults
- Events

**LOCATION**  
201 Elm Street  
Oneida, WI 54155

**PHONE**  
920-869-2210

**HOURS**  
Oneida Community Library:  
Monday-Thursday: 9am-6pm  
Friday: 10am-4pm

<https://oneida-nsn.gov/events-programs/>

## AJRCCC HOSTS VIRTUAL WATCH SITE FOR MAYO CLINIC CONFERENCE



**Photo Courtesy Carri Lindsey.**

L to r back row: Mackenzine Betley, Alzheimer's Association, Wendy Betley, Senior Program Director Alzheimer's Association, Donna Hansen, Marketing Assistant Unity Hospice, Caroyln Skenandore, Oneida ADRS, Carol Bogda, NAFCCG (Native American Family Caregiver) Coordinator. L to r front row: Heather Flick, Brown Country DCS (Dementia Care Specialist), Lisa Voda, Tribal Option RN, Carrie Lindsey, CHS Long Term Care Case Management Program Manager

**By Carri Lindsey,**  
*Oneida Comp. Health Division*

The Comprehensive Health Division Tribal Dementia Care Specialist, Deb Miller set up the Anna John Resident Centered Care Community meal site as a virtual watch site for the Mayo Clinic Conference on Brain Health and Dementia Saturday, November 4, 2023.

The conference, hosted in collaboration with the Alzheimer's

Association Minnesota-North Dakota and American Association of Retired Persons, selected just seven virtual watch sites across the United States, Oneida being the only one in Wisconsin.

The event included an impressive slate of presenters including those living with dementia, care partners, healthcare professionals, artists, advocates, and researchers who are all dedicated to this topic. "This year's conference strikes a crucial balance – delivering valuable

and timely information while capturing people's personal strengths and the capacity to live well," says Angela Lunde, an associate in neurology at Mayo Clinic and co-director of the conference.

The Oneida Nation invited local aging, dementia and health care resources to share their information and services with the attendees. Refreshments and lunch were served courtesy of the Mayo Clinic and the Oneida Tribal Dementia Care Specialist.

## STROKE PREVENTION RESEARCH STUDY IS LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS



**Photo Courtesy Amanda Riesenberg.**

Dr. Carol Mitchell, Dr. Robert Dempsey, Amanda Riesenberg, Debbie Danforth, and Dr. Jay Kennard.

**By Amanda Riesenberg,**  
*Oneida Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach*

The Oneida Comprehensive Health Division and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Stroke team have initiated a partnership to decrease stroke and stroke risk factors in the Native American population through education and clinical research.

If you are Native American (including enrolled tribal members of any tribe as well as descendants) between the ages of 35-55, we invite you to take part in a research study about stroke prevention. The purpose of this research study is to identify what risk factors put Native Americans at a higher risk for stroke and to discover how culturally-significant exercise and nutritional activities can decrease those risk factors. We are doing this research because stroke and premature dementia are two of the greatest causes of disability and death in the Native American population.

This study will look at if active participation in social support activities, culturally based programs, as well as food sovereignty programs could modify a person's risk factors for stroke. The study will also consider to what degree differences in historical loss and stress have with traditional and potential new risk factors for stroke and scientific outcomes.

We are looking for 100 Native Americans to participate in this 1 year in length study. Study activities consist of a fasting blood draw, carotid ultrasound exam, cognitive test, as well as meeting with Dr. Dempsey, head of the Neurological Surgery Department at UW-Madison, to discuss your health history and your individual stroke risk factors. All participants will be able to work with a certified Health and Wellness Coach during their participation in the study.

All study activities are completed on the Oneida Nation Reservation. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Amanda Riesenberg, Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach at 920-490-3984 or ariesenb@oneidation.org.

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# ONEIDA ECO SERVICES



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Left to right: Andy Keifer, Outagamie County, Tehassi Hill, Oneida Chairman, Jessica Schultz, Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance, Debbie Vander Heiden, Outagamie County, Thomas Nelson, Outagamie County, Jeff Smudde, NEW Water, Erin Houghton, NEW Water, Greg Baneck, Outagamie County, Eric McLester, Oneida Nation, Sherrole Benton, Oneida Nation Land Commission, and Alex Krepline, Outagamie County at the SHED location at W162 Jordan Court in De Pere.

## SOIL HEALTH EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION SITE (SHED)-Supporting Sustainable Agriculture

Submitted by **Greg Baneck**

*Outagamie County Land Conservation Department*

Outagamie County, working through the Land Conservation Department, has partnered with the Oneida Nation, NEW Water, and several other supporting groups to establish a Soil Health Education and Demonstration site (SHED). As part of improving water quality in the region and particularly the Fox and Wolf River Basins, improving soil health is a key component. Healthy soils improve infiltration of precipitation, reduce the volume of runoff into area waterways, and improve the quality of water that does runoff, all while helping to support sustainable agriculture.

The property, located at W162 Jordan Court, DePere, consists of a 30-acre parcel, made available by the Oneida Nation, as a site to demonstrate various soil health practices into typical area crop rotations, including cover cropping, no-till, and continuous cover demonstrations. Outagamie County constructed a 60x120 machine shed onsite which houses several pieces of specialized equipment which is made available to area farms to help introduce/trial soil health practices on their own farms before making their own investments in new equipment. The site also serves as host to multiple soil health educational events each year and as a meeting space for sharing new ideas



Photo Courtesy Oneida Eco Services

Crimper rolled field, a sustainable agriculture technique. Other environmentally friendly agriculture methods include no-till planters, air seeders, interseeders and low disturbance manure injectors.

and concepts related to improving soil health and sustainable agriculture.

The Land Conservation Department held a “Ribbon Cutting” event at the site Wednesday, November 15th at 1:30 to acknowledge the key partners in making the site a reality, as well as to give those in attendance an overview of programs and equipment available through the initiative.



# ROCK YOUR MOCS



Photod courtesy by Garth Webster

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

Kanataloloks Zacarias Skenandore led the social dance singing Tuesday, November 14, 2023 for the kindergarten and 1st-8th grade students, as well as the Family and Child Education (FACE) Program in the small gym at the Oneida Nation Elementary Turtle School in honor of Native American Heritage month and Rock your Mocs week.

Students and faculty were encouraged to bring and wear their moccasins to school.





Woodland

**Indian Art**  
show & market

*Honoring our  
Veterans-  
Past, Present  
and Future*

# *Indigenous* **Fashion** *Show*









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

In partnership with Jennifer Powless-Benally of ShinyMoon Creations, the Woodland Indian Art Show & Market (WIASM) held an Indigenous Fashion Show Saturday, November 11, 2023 featuring the work of Benally and nine other designers including:

- Kanani Nunies, Oneida
- Sunny Webster, Oneida
- Yuntlekalau McLester, Oneida
- Wisdoma Lifewarrior, Diné
- Stephanie Muscavitch VanEvery, Oneida
- Niko Lee & Amy Lilian, Oneida
- Vanita Wheelock, Oneida
- Vanessa Harris, Oneida

The Three Clans Ballroom was standing room only as MC Bobbi Webster introduced the models and designers. Fawn Billie did an amazing job with the music providing perfect ambiance for the models to walk the stage.

See more pictures here:  
[Facebook.com/WoodlandIndianArt](https://Facebook.com/WoodlandIndianArt)



*In Memoriam*  
**Loretta Rae Webster**



January 3, 1939 – August 1, 2023  
 Founder of Woodland Indian Art Show & Market



▲ The Oneida Hymn Singers

▶ Mark Denning



▲ Rick Church

▶ Sayokla Williams



**Garth Webster**

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

WIASM began 10am, Friday, November 10, 2023 featuring 27 vendors and four youth vendors showing and selling their creations in the Three Clans Ballroom. At the same time, art classes by Eliza Skenandore and Ronnie Goeman taught the participants how to make strawberry earrings and a black ash bookmark, respectively. At 11:30am, the Oneida Hymn singers, pictured top left, provided their beautiful music, a perfect way to usher in the afternoon's events, which began at 1:30pm with more art classes.

Sunny Webster taught her students to make resin earrings while Karenlyn Hill showed her students how to create a bird whimsy. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, members of the Woodland Indian Art Board were busy tallying the scores from the artist submissions for the various art categories. Best In Show was won Sayokla Williams for her piece, *Takwehyáak Oneida (Remember Us All Ancestors)*, pictured left). Scan or click the QR Code below to see all winning entries.

The activities resumed Saturday morning at 8am with a breakfast and presentation by Mark Denning, who shared his thought-provoking insights around the use and evolution of the Medicine Wheel in Indigenous art and culture. Also resuming were more art classes by Wilma Zumpano teaching her attendees to make a strawberry cushion while Kimberly Crowley showed us how to make a black ash basket. On the main stage, author Rick Church (Stockbridge-Munsee) read an excerpt from his book, *Bear Child* while fielding questions from the audience about his books and storied career in the military and law enforcement. Later, during the afternoon, the Indigenous Fashion show wowed the crowd (see detail left page) from 1-3pm.

In the end, the 17th Annual Indian Art Show & Market was a huge success because of the great staff, volunteers, and artists, but most importantly, it was built on the legacy of the late Woodland Indian Art Board founder, Loretta Metoxen. RIP Loretta.

The show's theme was, "Honoring Our Veterans, Past Present, and Future." *Yawáko* to all veterans for your bravery and sacrifices.

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 winning entries.



# Oneida Nation High School

## THUNDERHAWK TIMES



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## MMIW - A Nation-wide Problem

By Mariah House-Bailie

Part Two in a Three-Part Series

In the previous article in this series, readers were presented statistics demonstrating just how serious the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women problem is in our country.

An organization named Native Hope is one of several tackling the problem. Their website [nativehope.org](http://nativehope.org) contains information that brings the statistics to life beginning with the quote, "Across the United States and Canada Native women and girls are being taken or murdered at an unrelenting rate."

According to the Native Hope website, the "Red Hand" has become "the symbol of a growing movement, the MMIW movement." The Red Hand is a way to represent the thousands of missing and murdered indigenous women who have been silenced.

In the last part of this series, fellow reporter Caliana Guterrez will be presenting resources and solutions to the MMIW issue.



## MY SCOOP: Civilized Rules of Engagement

By Tehatkwa Skenandore

The irony of there being rules that help keep war civilized is laughable. Attempts to say "this is okay in war, but that's going too far" such as the "Geneva Suggestion" aka Geneva Convention are equally silly.

The idea of "civilized" warfare is an oxymoron. War is inherently uncivilized for war is what destroys civilizations as great as the Roman Empire or the Austrian Hungarian Empire.

If blood is shed and towns are razed, it is inhumane and uncivilized. "To subdue the enemy without fighting is the supreme excellence."

The only way to truly engage the enemy while still keeping civilized is through strategic sanctions and through diplomacy.

## ONHS STUDENTS ENGAGED IN 3-D PRINTING

By Lohántiyo Metoxen

ONHS students in Chelsea Woods' Computer Concepts class are enjoying some real hands-on learning by putting to work the four 3-D printers in her classroom.

Products from the printers include anything a student wants to make. But I made a Jack o'lantern.

The process for printing "e-D" is an interesting one. Well, actually an interesting two.

First, students can code the instructions to the printer. Otherwise, students can simply assemble their project on a screen from different parts.

In the future, 3-D printing is going to be a thing in every household – as common as a regular printer is today. People will use 3-D printing to make models to use for real-world applications and to create high value parts in the future. The printers themselves will also become more affordable, faster, and more capable.

## BASKETBALL UNDERWAY

By Evander Danforth

Guys and Girls basketball is alive and happening right now at Oneida Nation High School.

The girls started practice on Monday, November 6 and the guys started on Monday, November 13.

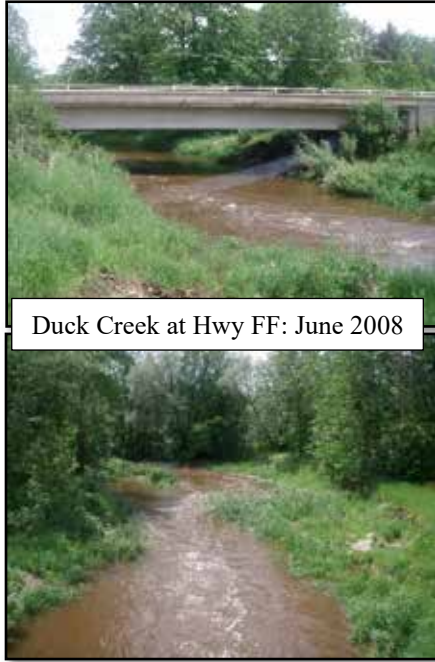
That's practice. The hard work behind the scenes that most people don't get to see. I, for one, am excited for the season to start for real with our first game.

Watch these pages between now and March to keep up to date with the T-Hawk's teams.

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## WATER QUALITY REPORT 2022-2023



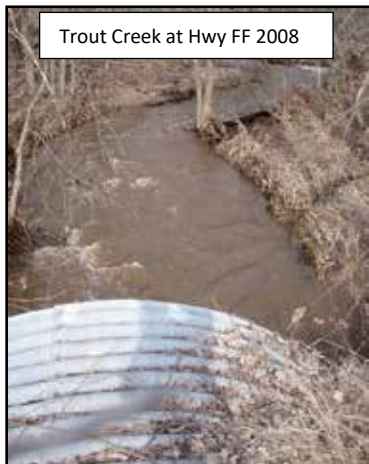
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In 2022, we shared photos of a few of our streams as they were running so clear at base flow. Several of our partners were excited and inspired at the potential of furthering progress in our watersheds for clean water. As the summer progressed it was apparent that Trout Creek and Duck Creek continued to run clear even after rain events. It should be noted that 2023 has shown unusual stream flow in some of the watersheds, due to drought in the surrounding area. May through October 2023 continued to show improving numbers for phosphorus and total suspended solids (See the QR Code at right for full report).

Please note that photos in October 2023 were taken after heavy rainfall events. We look forward to continuing our work and hope this continues to inspire. Enjoy!

Click or Scan the QR Code to view the entire Water Quality Report



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**ERTLE DEMPSEY CORNELIUS****August 8, 1921 - November 6, 2023**

Ertle Dempsey Cornelius, age 102, passed away on Monday, November 6, 2023, with his family by his side. He was born on August 8, 1921, to Harvey and De-

lia Cornelius. Dempsey grew up on the family farm as one of ten children and was especially close to his father. He worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps and later enlisted in the U.S. Army during WW II. Dempsey served with distinction in the 5th Army 91st Division's Italian Campaign, often behind enemy lines. Before his enlistment, Dempsey married Elizabeth Marie Adams on August 29, 1942, and they were married for over 75 years. Following the war, he went on to work for the Menasha Corp. for forty years until his retirement.

Dempsey was kind and personable with a great sense of humor. He was devoted to his family and had a great faith in God. As a longtime member at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Menasha, he served as a lay minister for many years. Dempsey's dedication to his family knew no bounds. At the age of seven when his father passed away, Dempsey cared for his siblings and supported them throughout his life. He also supported community needs, such as the American Red Cross Blood Drive, where he was a multi-gallon contributor. Dempsey was proud of his military service and was truly honored to go on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. As the oldest WW II Veteran in the Oneida Nation, the tribe honored Dempsey on several occasions.

He is survived by his children Pat "Cookie" Nielsen and Louis (Pris) Cornelius, grandchildren: Kim (Al) Koester, Randy Nielsen, Erica (Chris) Faulkender, Daniel Cornelius, and Timothy (Sarah) Cornelius; great-grandchildren: Ryan (Sara) Koester, Blake (Creo) Seppel, Ashton (Allie) Faulkender, Mikayla Koester, London Faulkender, and Louis Dempsey Cornelius; and great-great-grandchild Nash Koester; along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Leo, Rebecca, Ruth, Louis, Margie,

Bill, Mary, Hayward, and Dorothy.

The memorial service for Dempsey will be held at 2:30pm on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at St. Thomas Church, 226 Washington Street, Menasha. Visitation will be held at the church from 12:30pm until the time of the service. Dempsey will be laid to rest at the Holy Apostles Cemetery in Oneida on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 11am. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Thomas Episcopal Church or the Church of the Holy Apostles in Oneida are appreciated.

Dempsey's family would like to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Michael Flood at the Oneida Medical Center and to the staff of the Anna John Resident Centered Care Community for their outstanding care, and especially Gina, who always went above and beyond to brighten his days.

**SHIRLEY MAE HILL****May 13, 1934 - October 22, 2023**

Shirley Mae Hill, 89, passed away surrounded by her family on October 22, 2023. She was born on May 13, 1934 to the late Peter and Grace (Skenadore)

Kurowski. She was married to Fritz Hill on February 15, 1969.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, seeing her grand babies was what she lived for, listening to music, gardening in the summertime, as of late having Sunday fundays which included eating at Travel Center then playing slots with Reese, a good steak, and then sharing one with Brucie. Mom was a very strong, faith based woman who believed in miracles and was a product of many throughout her lifetime. She was extremely hard working with a work ethic like that of Grandma and Grandpa Kurowski's work horses. She was very thankful in her life and always made the best of things. She would help anyone and everyone who would ask.

In her early years, she was employed as a community Health Responder. After her husband became disabled with a massive heartache, she ventured out to become her own boss and founded the United American Indian Center off Broadway in the 1970s.

This was something she was extremely proud of. She managed it with friends she hired whose mission was to help Native Americans in need. She established the first homeless shelter in Green Bay in the late 1980s.

She was persuaded by many to run for the Oneida Business Committee in 1987. She did and was elected and sat on the Council along with her sister Loretta. She served 4 terms. She was then elected to the Gaming Commission in 2000 where she got re-elected to serve for 15 years. Because she always worked and always will, her last position held with the Tribe was Custodial, where she worked for 3 years, until 2018. She would still be working if she could because retirement seemed to be out of the question for her, but she got hurt and that forced her to finally slow down and take it easy.

She always said she wouldn't be who she was without those who meant the most to her mom and dad, Fritzie, her in-laws, those special friends she encountered like Father Dean, Sister Theresa, work colleagues, bingo buddies Julie Barton and Donna Richmond, and all others who made an impact in her life. She wanted to be sure they were acknowledged at her farewell party.

Shirley is survived by her children, Elaine (Wayne) Parker, Bruce Parker, Connie (Tommy) Parker, Janice (Marvin) Jourdan, Randy (Geraldine) Parker, Liane (Frank) Melchert, Todd "Moon" Michele Hill, Reese (Lori) Hill, and Racquel "Rocky" Hill. She further survived by her 34 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren, and 28 great-great grandchildren for a total of 134 grandchildren!

She is preceded in death by her husband Fritzie, her sons Rory and Daniel, her brother Kenny, sister Loretta, and grandsons, Marco and Lonnie, granddaughters Randi and Tahnee, and great-grand babies Kordell and Alec God Lee.

Family and friends may come to call on Friday, October 27 at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere from 9-11:30 am. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin their song service at 11:30am. A prayer service will begin at 12pm.

Shirley said that she doesn't want anyone

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Shirley Mae Hill

### From page 22/Shirley Mae Hill

crying at the services. She wants everyone to be happy and remember her in the best way possible. Remember her while she was alive and vibrant because that's what she is again, in her new eternal life. God has blessed her. She was a blessing to so many others. Let her legacy of caring for others and showing compassion and love continue with all who know and love her. A special thank you to Unity Hospice for their care and support and to her niece Terry Doxtator for being there.

### IRIS MAE JAKUBOWSKI

July 17, 1934 - October 29, 2023



We are sad to announce the death of our dear beloved mother, Iris Mae Jakubowski, age 89. Iris passed away tragically due to an unexpected fall on Sunday, October 29, 2023. She was surrounded by

her family at the time of her passing in the 6th floor ICU at St. Vincent Hospital. Iris will be missed terribly after a long and happy life. Iris eloped and married the love of her life, her one and only Aleizego "Al" Jakubowski in Niagara Falls.

Iris was a hard worker throughout her life. She was a nurse at St. Vincent's in the maternity ward, psych ward, and the E.R. She worked at various paper mills in the area, operating paper machines. Iris finally ended her career and retired from James River Corp. in 1997 as the top material loader in the shipping and receiving departments. Her coworkers boasted how she could load those cars like nobody's business.

She was also a master in the kitchen. She had a special flare for making especially delicious homemade meals for the family, which made our holidays even more joyous and memorable.

After retirement, Iris enjoyed spending her time playing bingo and going on her many different bus tours including Graceland and Nashville. She loved her bingo, even more when she was escorted by one of her 7 grandchildren. She always said Tony was her good luck bingo buddy because they would always win together.

Iris loved to sit around and listen to her

man Elvis Presley, sing, watch Elvis's movies, and read tabloid magazines. After all, om did have a special connection with Elvis, her twin sister Inez said it best, "That damn Iris, she got a scarf from Elvis tonight!" Inez's words exactly, the night Elvis preformed in Green Bay Iris got his scarf! All the other women were envious that night.

Iris was a dedicated single mother first and foremost. She treasured her 4 children and embraced every moment she could with them. Mom spent quality time every weekend with us. She was an amazing woman. We enjoyed going to the beaches, the cottage, up north, church picnics, carnivals, fairs, haunted houses, cherry picking, and strawberry picking. You name it we did it.

She loved her family and was sure to instill into her daughters the strong independent values that she herself embraced and served her well. Iris was a wonderful mother who was always there when her children needed her. Iris was a beautiful person who spread joy and happiness wherever she went. She was extremely loved by her entire Astor Park neighborhood, where she lived for 60 years.

Iris had a vivacious, bold, and blunt personality which always made people laugh and smile around her. She made friends everywhere and was loved by all who met her. She was infamous for her lack of patience, not holding back her opinion and knack for telling it like it is. She always told the truth, even if it wasn't what you wanted to hear.

Our mom will leave a big gap in our lives and will be missed dearly by her family, holding a special place in our hearts for eternity.

Iris is survived by her three children, Randy (Cindy) Jakubowski, Debbie Willems, and Diane Jakubowski. She is also survived by her 7 grandchildren, Lora, Tony, Kim, Eric, Alexis, Savannah, and Al Jr. She has 14 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her three brothers, Wayne (Kathy) Greene, Glen (Cathy) Greene, and Marvin Greene, and her five sisters, Christine Wendy, Millie (Peter) Sandoval, Karen (Joe) Kisport, Becky Meir (late husband Ray), Lori (Willie) Schadrie. Iris is further survived by her Aunt Phyllis, lifelong friends Fay Ness, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her son Alan Jakubowski, her twin sister Ines Marie Jakubowski, her brother David (Shirley) Greene, parents George (Buck) and Jetta Greene, and her best friend forever Mae Stiles.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 6, at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street De Pere, from 2-4pm. A drumming service will begin at 3:30, with a prayer service to start at 4pm. A burial ceremony will be held at 10am on Tuesday, November 7 at the Nicolet Memorial Gardens.

A special thank you to the St. Vincent's 6th Floor ICU nurses and deacon for their care and compassion during such a difficult time.

### LYNN MARIE KING

January 1, 1972 - November 7, 2023



Lynn Marie King, Yewisalo·loks "She Gathers the Ice", 51, passed away unexpectedly at her home on November 7th, 2023. She was born on January

1, 1972, in Green Bay, Wisconsin to Lloyd "Butch" King and Celestine (Leaman) Denny (Randy) Cornelius.

Lynn was half Oneida and half Menominee. The granddaughter of Irene Leaman and Beatrice and Harold King. She was a graduate of Flandreau Indian School, class of 1990. Growing up in Oneida, she was always surrounded by close friends and family.

She loved going to the casino and spending time with her kids, nieces, nephews and all her grand babies.

Lynn is survived by the father of her children Mike Huff, Brent Huff, Terrence (Katrina) Huff; her grandchildren Meeko and Alynn; her goddaughter Ladonna "Teyunohsi-yaks" Parker; her special great niece Leilani Lucas; great nephew

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Lynn Marie King

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Damon “Dayday” Danforth; her niece and nephew Damon Avery and La Nora; her sisters and brothers Sherri (Steve), Kim Moreno, Mark Moreno; Uncles Mike (Denise), Danny, Rick (Isabelle), Bruce, Scott, Dennis “Rocky”; her aunt Julie. She is further survived by her godmother Joan Leaman; her godfather Danny; her numerous first cousins Robin, Jeremy (Tiana), Dakota “Cody”, Sean, Keanna, Michelle (Moon), Sheila (Robert), Gloria, Jason, Shelly (Dwight), Danielle (Pedro), Levi (Mercy), Derrick (Mariea), Ahsaun, Cameron, Tacoma, Scott (Candy), Bruce (Peggy) and Michelle “Shelly”; and special lifelong friends Roz Danforth, LeAnne “Kalihwiyostha” Thompson, and many other numerous close family and friends, too many to mention but are not forgotten.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandmother Irene Leaman; paternal grandpa Harold King; godmother Donna Shawanokasic; aunt Bertha; Uncles Carl, Leonard, and Bruce; as well as her brother Little Bear; and first cousin Stacey.

Family and friends may call Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere from 4-7pm on November 11, 2023. Oneida Hymn singers begin at 6:30pm, with A Celebration of Life that will begin at 7pm with Bob Brown.

Thank you to the rescue team, dialysis team, the firekeepers, those who extended condolences to our family and friends. And a special Yawáko to Bob Brown.



### MAVIS GARCIA-MENDEZ

July 18, 1956 - November 7, 2023



Mavis J. Garcia – Mendez, 67, New London, Passed away Monday, November 7, 2023. She was born July 18, 1956, to the late George and Minnie (Skenandore)

Webster.

Mavis enjoyed making blankets for family and friends, as well as trying her luck at the casino. Her family was most important to her, and it was the visits and get-togethers with them that meant the most.

She is survived by her children Orville Jr. (Audra G.) Summers, and Tina Summers. Grandchildren; Marie, Orville III, Nancy, Duece, and Dennis. Mavis’s good friend Isael Garcia – Mendez, as well as her siblings; George (Barb) Webster, Beverly (Ed) Skenandore, Roxanne Parker, Bernice (Armando) Sifuentes, Larry Fields, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joseph Valentino, son baby boy Summers, grandson Carlos, and siblings Kathy, Arlise, Leonard, and Elwood.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 11am Saturday, November 11, 2023. The Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 12:30pm followed by a service at 1pm.

Special thanks to the staff at St. Vincent Hospital, Unity Hospice, the Firekeepers, family, and community.

### LAWRENCE MORELLA

November 12, 1980 - October 17, 2023



Lawrence Nicholas Joseph Jordan Morella a.k.a “Big L” passed away October 17th, 2023 in Crandon, WI. Lawrence was born November 12th, 1980 in Green

Bay, WI to Roma V. Jordan.

Lawrence is survived by: son, Lawrence Thundercloud Morella Swett; father Russell Morella; sister Malinda Morella; aunts Ruth Kerker, Dorothy Ninham, Florence John, June Jabas; fraternal grandmother Adeline Morella; finance Sarah McGeshick, Daughter of Robert McGeshick Sr.; along with numerous cousins and friends.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his mother, Roma V. Morella; grandparents Samuel Morella, Nickolas and Malinda Jordan; and favorite aunt Marlene C. Jordan.

A memorial gathering will be held for Lawrence at Pfothenauer Funeral Home Howard – Suamico, 1145 Cardinal Lane, on Wednesday October 25, from 2-5pm with a service to follow at 5pm.

### THOMAS LOUIS SALZMAN JR.

April 23, 1961 - November 5, 2023



Thomas Louis Salzman Jr., age 62, of Oneida, passed away unexpectedly at his home, Sunday, November 5, 2023. He was born April 23, 1961 in Milwaukee, WI, son of the late Thomas Louis Salzman Sr. and Jane

(John) Salzman.

Thomas was a graduate of South Division High School, Milwaukee, WI. He married Carletta Waupoose in 1986. She preceded him in death in 1993. He was very proud of the service he provided to the Oneida Nation as a custodian at their daycare facility.

Thomas enjoyed watching and coaching sports. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was always present at their

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Thomas Louis Salzman Jr.



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sporting events and activities, whether as a coach or a spectator. He was known as "Pops" to his kids' and grandkids' friends. Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Carletta (Waupoose) Salzman; his son, Kamewan Salzman; his father, Thomas Salzman Sr. and a great-nephew, Pascual Hernandez Jr.

He is survived by his sons, Thomas Louis (Heather) Salzman III, Benno Salzman; 6 grandchildren: Xavier Salzman, Gregory Salzman, Kamewan Salzman, Eliia White-Salzman, Benno Salzman and Thomas Salzman IV; his mother, Jane Salzman and his sister, Louette Fay Salzman. He is further survived by a niece, Savannah (Pascual) Hernandez; a nephew, Vincent Chambers; 4 honorary grandchildren: Lacyia, Isaiah, Nyasia and Emani Hill, other relatives and many friends.

Family and friends may gather at the Oneida Longhouse (W370 Reformatory Rd., Oneida, WI), Thursday, November 9, 2023, beginning at 5:30pm. There will be a visitation at the Longhouse, Friday, November 10, 2023, from 9-10am. A funeral ceremony will follow at 10am, led by

Leander Danforth. Burial will be in Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.

**SUSAN J. TORRES**  
**March 28, 1945 - October 30, 2023**



Susan J. Torres, 78, Oneida, began her journey to the spirit world on October 30, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Susan was born in Oneida on March

28, 1945, to Manuel Torres Sr. and Alice (Denny) Torres.

She graduated from Seymour High School and studied Horticulture at Harry S. Truman College, Chicago, IL.

Susan loved being active and getting involved with the community. She enjoyed singing with the Oneida Hymn Singers, taking Oneida Language classes, attending Great Lakes Native American Elder Association conferences, going to Oneida outdoor adventures, elder activities, JMIO, raising & releasing butterflies, writing poetry, and playing with her cat Java. She

loved her grandchildren so very much.

Susan is survived by her children, Lorena (Brian) Jordan, Dana Isaac, Tahni Torres, Kani'yaka A'nowal, and Tyler Torres. Her 20 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren, with one on the way. Her siblings; Mother Alicia Torres TCG, Linda Torres and Richard Ackley, Michael Torres, Nancy Torres, William (Sandy) Torres, Joanne (Greg) Torres, Carol Torres, Joseph Torres, Karen Torres, and Rick Torres. Susan is further survived by her special friends Marlene & Rosalie, good friend Lloyd, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and her cat Java.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jude Torres, brother Jesse Torres, niece Krystal Torres, nephew Ricky Torres, and her late husband Amzie Isaac. Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 2:30pm, Saturday, November 5, 2023. The Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 6:30pm, followed by a service at 7pm. Burial will take place at the Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.

A fire for Susan is taking place at N7095 Path of the Bear.



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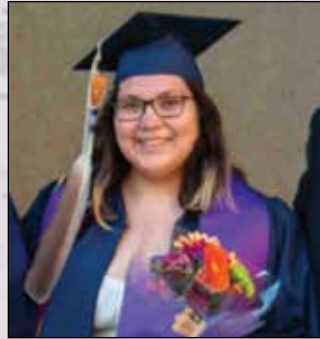
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**Yeluhyatik'ha Reyes Ackley**  
Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI  
Bachelor of Social Work,  
Supports: Psychology &  
Creative Writing,  
Specialization: Substance  
Abuse Counseling



**Mia Charnon**  
University of Wisconsin-  
La Crosse  
Bachelors of Science  
Biology, Minor in Spanish



**Yewelahwi:se Cornelius**  
Syracuse University  
Bachelors of Science  
Communication and Rhetorical  
Studies, Minor in  
Indigenous Studies



**Dylan Doxtater-Gillis**  
Northeast Wisconsin  
Technical College  
Two Associates Degrees  
Electro-mechanical Engineering  
and Automation Engineering



**Miranda Jordan**  
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Bachelors of Science  
Kinesiology



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DePaul University  
Bachelors of Science



**Robert Eugene Reveles**  
Grand Canyon University  
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Master of Science  
Transportation Management



**Melissa A Shimek**  
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Associate of Applied Science  
Business Management



**Savanna Skenandore**  
University of Wisconsin -  
Whitewater  
Bachelors in Business  
Administration,  
Finance



**Jodi Tess**  
Northeast Wisconsin  
Technical College  
Associate Degree  
Gerontology



**Alan L. Wambdi Wah-ku  
Thomas**  
Milwaukee School of  
Engineering (MSOE)  
Bachelor of Science  
Mechanical Engineering

# THOMPSON HONORING THE CHILDREN with her Oneida Cultural Mural



Photo Courtesy by Garth Webster

Kalihwiyostha (Leeann) Thompson stands in front of the primary section of her mural creation at the Oneida Headstart entrance ramp. She explains that the Turtle, Bear, and Wolf (Three Clans) are depicted in their young age, just like the headstart children she created this piece for with the word Tsh?thut áhsawat, which means "Where they start" regarding the starting point in the education of our little ones, along with the word Kanolukhwátsla, which means "Love."

## By Garth Webster

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

Deborah Thundercloud, along with her Oneida Headstart Educational Team, commissioned Kalihwiyostha (Leeann) Thompson to create an Oneida cultural mural at the schools entrance, which was unveiled Wednesday, November 15, 2023 to onlookers that included Chairman Tehassi Hill, Councilman Jameson Wilson and Councilwoman Jennifer Webster.

Thompson's creation spans the entire length of the ramp entrance on the southern end of Norbert Hill Center. Deservedly so, Thompson describes how pleased she was with how the piece turned out, as well how appreciative she was for the opportunity, "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be able to create this work for the children." She went on to describe how challenging this piece was, spending roughly 120 hours to complete it. Thompson was even able to use some imperfections in the concrete to her advantage, such as using cracks to make the frog and snake near the bottom of the first incline of the ramp.



Photo Courtesy by Garth Webster

Kalihwiyostha (Leeann) Thompson center (black vest), surrounded by the Oneida Head Start Team and Business Committee Members to honor Thompson and her mural creation.

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# ONEIDA JUDICIARY

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO GARNISH

Debtor's Names:

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**Margaret Cornelius**

First published notice 12/23

## TRIAL COURT

Payment can be made either in person at the Oneida Trial Court located at  
2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303;

or by mailing said payment to Oneida Trial Court P.O. Box 19, Oneida, WI 54155

**Oneida entities owed a debt: ONEIDA TRIAL COURT**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO BE HELD

**December 13, 2023 at 10am**

**IN THE CHD Conference Room**

**2913 Commissioner Street, Oneida, WI 54155**

In accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking Law, the Comprehensive Housing Division and the Oneida Land Commission are hosting this Public Meeting to gather feedback from the community regarding the following rule:

### **Landlord-Tenant Rule No. 2 - Income Based Rental Program Eligibility, Selection and Other Requirements**

**This is a proposal to amend the rule by:**

- Updating the maximum income calculation requirements to bring Oneida's rule into compliance with amendments adopted to 24 CFR § 5.609 required to become effective on January 1, 2024.
- The CFR previously approached income from a list of things that were counted as income and now approaches it by counting all in-come from all sources except for the listed deductions from income.

To obtain copies of the Public Meeting documents for this proposal, please visit [www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings](http://www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN UNTIL December 20, 2023**

During the Public Comment Period, all interested persons may submit written comments and/or a transcript of any testimony/spoken comments made during the Public Meeting. These may be submitted to The Comprehensive Housing Division by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, e-mail or fax.

**Comprehensive Housing Division  
2913 Commissioner Street, Oneida, WI 54155  
sdenny@oneidanation.org • Phone: 920-869-2227  
Fax: 920-869-2836**

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Setting Time and Notice to Creditors.

Setting Time and Notice to Creditors. The following estates are being prepared for probate by the Oneida Nation, Land Commission Hearing Body.



Submit creditor claims to:

Diane M. Wilson, Probate,  
Oneida Nation, Land Management,  
PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155,  
920-869-6614  
dwilson@oneidanation.org

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Franklin Nicholas, Case No. 2023 LCP 0002**

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 12/18/1963 and date of death 7/05/2023, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 2840 Chickadee Lane, Green Bay, WI 54313.
3. **The deadline to submit claims is January 8, 2024.**
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Priscilla Shegonee, Case No. 2023 LCP 0003**

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 7/19/1959 and date of death 10/30/2022, was an Oneida Nation member and domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 661 Dead End Road, Oneida, WI 54155.
3. **The deadline to submit claims is January 8, 2024.**
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

## ONEIDA NATION COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023,  
5:30 - 7:30pm**

*Norbert Hill Center • Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria  
N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida, WI*



**Find Public Meeting Materials at**

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

**Send Public Comments to**

LOC@oneidanation.org

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920-869-4417

## LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join the Legislative Operating Committee for a community meeting to gather input regarding the development of the following new laws for the Nation:

- Elder Protection Law
- Oneida Language Law
- Higher Education Scholarship Law



The Legislative Operating Committee will have a brief overview of the legislative process prior to the discussion of the above mentioned topics. The Legislative Operating Committee encourages everyone to come participate in the legislative process by providing comments, suggestions, and questions that the Legislative Operating Committee can consider and utilize in the development of new laws for the Nation.

**Food will be provided during this community meeting.**

## OUTREACH

The Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) holds community outreach events in an effort to collect thoughts and ideas from the community at the beginning of the legislative process. This provides insight and ideas early and is a more efficient way of getting work done. Outreach events also provide the community with additional opportunities to share their thoughts with the LOC. When the LOC feels that the community may have a particular interest in proposed legislation these events are held in addition to the formal public meetings required by the Legislative Procedures Act.



**Jameson Wilson**  
LOC Chairman



**Kirby Metoxen**  
LOC Vice- Chairman



**Jennifer Webster**  
LOC Member



**Marlon Skenandore**  
LOC Member



**Jonas Hill**  
LOC Member



## ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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/public-meetings](https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public-meetings)

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## CLEAN AIR POLICY AMENDMENTS

The purpose of the Clean Air Policy is to provide a healthy working and learning environment within buildings and vehicles owned and operated by the Nation by prohibiting smoking.

### The Clean Air Policy amendments will:

- Include a new exemption to the prohibition of smoking, which is a tobacco store, on or in premises controlled by Oneida Retail, that sells tobacco product, unless prohibited by Oneida Retail or the terms and conditions of the lease.
- Clarify the exemption to the prohibition of smoking for residential buildings owned by the Nation only applies if not otherwise prohibited by a lease or rental agreement.
- Eliminate the requirement that a suspension for a second violation of this law be one (1) week in length, providing the supervisor and HRD greater flexibility in determining a suspension length that best fits the violation.
- Make other minor drafting changes.

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed Clean Air Policy amendments 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).

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 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 Clean Air Policy amendments please review the public meeting packet at [oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public-meetings](https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public-meetings).



# WHAT AN EXCITING YEAR!

By Harlen Cooper

Shekoli (Hello)

Oh boy has this summer - well just a matter of fact the whole year, has flown by. Oneida Falling Leaves has been involved in so many animal competitions and received so many awards and accolades. From cooking to photography to gardening to making an educational poster about their projects.

Pictured below is Duncan with his poultry product. Our Serama Chicken stands at 10", 1cm tall. He is our little warrior. When being judged he stands upright at perfect attention. He made it to the Grand Championship round at the JEFFERSON NATIONALS poultry contest held at Jefferson County Fairgrounds.



Picture below is Miss Lilly Hubbard (Goats) and our youngest member Riley Cooper (Rabbits) at the Brown County Kiddie Showmanship. This year the group was split in two locations: Outagamie County Fair and Brown County fair. The Outagamie County group received 34 Ribbons and one trophy. Also part of the Outagamie County Group is Miss Ava Hubbard, who received a trophy. The Brown County group received over 40 ribbons and two trophies



Most recently, the National Competition was held at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds.

Ribbons below are:

Miss Sophia-One Blue Ribbon

Miss Tamar-One Blue Ribbon and One Red Ribbon

Miss Autumn-One Yellow (Best in Variety)



Interesting in joining Oneida Falling Leaves 4-H? We are now meeting at Parish Hall in Oneida at our winter location every second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Phone or Text 920.254.9641. Ages 5 – 19.

You can also call the Appleton 4-H Office at 920.832.5123. Ask to join the Oneida Falling Leaves.

Space is limited so I can't show you all the pictures and activities so I guess I have to give you a personal invitation to see and meet these future leaders. We are more than just farm animals. So what are our meetings like? Our meetings are conducted in a parliamentary style and ran by the children we teach. Native Culture and Heritage and history and Words and Phrases. We bring members in to teach Native skills and many others to do demonstrations. The children are taught to do public speaking by doing a demonstration about their interest or talk about some event they participated in during a 4-H trip. We like to invite the parents to participate.

# MENOMINEE ACTRESS TAKES THE LEAD

By **Trista D. Cornelius-Henrickson**  
*Kalihwisaks Contributing Writer*

Coming to Disney+ and Hulu in January 2024, Alaqua Cox will continue her role as Maya Lopez in her own series: *Echo*. The character's first live action appearance was in the Disney+ series *Hawkeye*. Cox, who is Menominee and Mohican, was encouraged to audition for the role when Disney put out a casting call for Native Americans who are deaf, while working for Amazon.

As an amputee herself, the actress, born and raised on the Menominee Reservation, has expressed hopes that her work will help open the door for more representations for people of the indigenous and deaf communities as well as people with other disabilities. Like her character, she was born deaf, and is the first disabled actress to play a titular leading character in a Marvel Studios production.

In *Echo*, Maya Lopez's actions in New York catch up with her in her hometown, she must face her past, reconnect with her culture and roots, and embrace the meaning of family and community to move forward. The series will also feature other indigenous cast such as Zahn McClarnon ("Dark Winds") who portrayed her father in *Hawkeye*, Devery Jacobs ("Reservation Dogs") along with

Indigenous writers and directors. The series will stream all five episodes January 10, 2024 (TV-MA).



▲ Photo courtesy by Marvel Studio  
Theatrical release poster



▲ Illustrations courtesy by Marvel Studio  
Theatrical release poster

◀ Photo of Alaqua Cox, courtesy by lmdb.com

From page1/WWII Hero In Our Midst



Photos courtesy by Garth Webster

Standing l to r: Dale Webster, Joe Valentino, Connor Kestell, and Dave Cornelissen. Seated l to r: Nate Smith, Ertle (Dempsey) Cornelius, Edward Skenandore Jr., Bob Smith, and Harlen Wood.

He trained in Oregon, going on to do more training in North Africa before eventually deploying to the Italian Campaign. While there, he proudly served with "B" Company of the 316th Engineer Combat Battalion (91st Infantry Division) serving from early 1943 until early 1945.

Now in his quieter days, Cornelius enjoys the visits from his comrades, including Joseph Valentino, Veterans Benefits Specialist for the Oneida Nation. Valentino recently received an email from author Cliff Savage, who resides in Texas, requesting help on his next book, which will chronicle the history of Cornelius' 316th Engineer Battalion. Savage, whose father was the Battalion's Personnel Officer, wanting to learn more about his father's wartime service, acquired all the Morning and Operations Reports from his father's unit which led him to the discovery of two living members, John Lawton and Cornelius.

Savage says the theme of his book will be the same as the Battalion's motto, "It Can Be Done." In addition to profiling the heroic accomplishments of this unit, it was also profile Cornelius and Lawton, among 80 of their fellow warriors, regarding their lives before and after WWII.

Click or Scan  
to view interview  
with Dempsey  
Cornelius.



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**Congratulations to  
Stephanie Stevens**

for winning the 2023 Kalihwisaks Fall Leaf Photo Contest. She took this photo in Oneida at Osnúhsa? (Quarry) Lake.

Thank you everyone for all the great submissions. Watch for more photo contests in the future.