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## HAPPY RETIREMENT!



The Oneida Nation said farewell to four outstanding women that have served the Oneida community in remarkable fashion for so many years. Top to bottom: Debbie Thundercloud, Carolyn Cornelius, Deborah Heckel, and Diana King will now begin their retirement chapters. See page 10 for more details.



## FLASH BACK JAN. 1993



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# KATHY SAKS

WISCONSIN

**GTC Annual Meeting Notice  
Radisson Hotel  
Monday, January 15, 2024 • 6pm**

**CORRECTIONS**  
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# LOC COMMUNITY MEETING GARNERS IMPRESSIVE INPUT



Photos Courtesy Garth Webster

To right, top to bottom: Jameson Wilson, Kirby Metoxen, Jonas Hill, Marlon Skenandore, and Jennifer Webster.

## By Garth Webster

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

Council Members Jameson Wilson, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jonas Hill, and Marlon Skenandore facilitated the quarterly Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) Community Meeting held in the Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria Wednesday evening, December 6, 2023 for the approximately 57 attendees who came to listen to and offer their recommendations on important legislation happening in Oneida.

The meeting began with an overview of the legislative process, followed by LOC's guiding principles, as well as an explanation of the purpose of the meeting(s), which is to collect comments, suggestions, and concerns to be considered and utilized in the development of new laws.

As the meeting progressed, participants enjoyed a free meal while

discussing the Elder Protection Law, Oneida Language Law, and finally, the Oneida Higher Education Law. Councilman Wilson was quite pleased how the meeting turned out, stating, "The LOC is dedicated to hosting these types of events to engage Oneida Nation citizens in the legislative process. We truly appreciate the comments and feedback we received and thus, we feel this first community meeting was a resounding success."

The next LOC Community meeting will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2024. Together, the LOC and the Oneida Community can make Oneida's laws more effective.

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Process and  
Strategies



# BUSINESS COMMITTEE FORUM



**By Larry Barton**  
OBC Treasurer

Holiday greetings to the membership. I would like to acknowledge our students at all levels as the fall semester concludes. As noted in Chairman Hill and Vice Chairman Brandon Steven's Forum, the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) formulated Strategic Planning using the Native Nations Institute framework developed by the Univ. of Arizona. According to this framework, our next steps will be implementing and execution of the strategies. Before finalization, though, it is critical for members to actively provide input regarding these strategies to validate the strategic planning process. We look forward to the views and input from the members to prioritize direction into the future.

Recently, focus has been placed on expansion of the General Welfare Assistance (GWA) Safe Harbor provisions. The US Treasury will be providing guidance soon to guide the Legislative Operating Committee toward effective application of the GWA, which is vitally important in exercising Sovereignty & Self-Governance to develop Policy which serves the economic interests of the members while determining rules for guidance of the GWA. The Tribal Taxation Advisory Committee, made up of Tribal Leaders throughout the Country, is also in consultation with US Treasury to finalize guidance for Tribes. We're excited that this information will help the Oneida Nation Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) optimize GWA benefit applicability of Federal taxation. Areas of consideration to allocate GWA Funding are:

- Educational Assistance
- Elder & Disabled Assistance
- Self-Determined Qualifying Assistance
- Cultural & Religious Programs

The Oneida Nation Treasury continues to maintain focus to providing required reporting of both the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) from 2020 & American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from 2021. These reports are planned for the January 15, 2024 General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting.

My duty as Treasurer includes serving as Chair of the bi-monthly Finance Committee meetings. Lastly, development of the 2025 Budget has commenced, attempting to align with the Nation Building & Strategy. During formation of the budget, input from the membership, as well consideration of finite resources, will help to prioritize funding allocations.

Recently, the LOC has formulated draft legislation regarding the Elder Protection Law. I will address protecting our Elders & Disabled to safely exit GTC Meetings. Central to the proposed legislation is our core cultural teachings which value displayed respect for Elders.

In the age of climate change, a forum to guide resource protection and environmental ethics is not only urgent but essential. It is imperative to protect and manage the natural resources we are blessed with. Policy formation to activate the Oneida Environmental Resource Board has been initiated with several of my OBC colleagues and we welcome involvement from the community in the effort to activate the Environmental Resource Board.

Lastly, I would like to respectfully acknowledge the former Chairwoman & Treasurer, Ms. Cristina Danforth, who devoted her professional career to provide leadership toward the betterment of our Oneida Community & Indian Country. Sincerest gratitude for all the effort over the years.

With the arrival of the winter solstice, we can look forward to longer daylight with optimism that spring is on the way. I would also like to convey optimism of our future for our community, and especially our Oneida youth in their journey.

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## PROPOSED ONEIDA RECREATION CENTER



### By Oneida Family Fitness Team

The Oneida Recreation Civic Center building was built fifty years ago in 1973. The building has served many programs, including Business Committee, Library, Accounting, Bingo, and currently Oneida Recreation. The facility has undergone many updates and repairs, with many additional repairs needed. Currently, the building is over ten years past its projected lifespan.

The current Oneida Family Fitness building was purchased by the Nation in 1994 to serve as the fitness center for the Oneida Community. This section of the building was constructed in 1962, with numerous updates to accommodate services. Even with

updates, this building falls short of meeting the community's needs in several ways; pool is nonfunctional, the building space is not suitable for youth and elders, ropes course no longer meets industry standards, and limited space restricts additional services.

To address these issues, the proposed joined Recreation/Fitness Complex would provide direct wellness to the Community of all ages. It would be located in Central Oneida near Oneida schools, housing, transit and the future growth in the community. Although the School project and Recreation projects are separate, they will be located on the same property. This complex will also have expanded hours and services including; daycare, after-school programming, learning center, art room, social recreation room, sports and fitness, a teen center, sport leagues, martial arts, fitness, gymnasiums, track, team building, ropes course, and possibly, an aquatic center. The two options are:

- **Option 1 – \$87,685,000** Includes Aquatic Center (lap pool, therapy pool, recreational)
- **Option 2 – \$64,117,000** No Aquatic Center

Community feedback is welcome at the January 11, 2024 GM Community Meeting. More information available at: [Oneida-NSN.Gov/Project-Status-Reports](http://Oneida-NSN.Gov/Project-Status-Reports).

This information will be presented at the Oneida General Tribal Council meeting in March 2024.

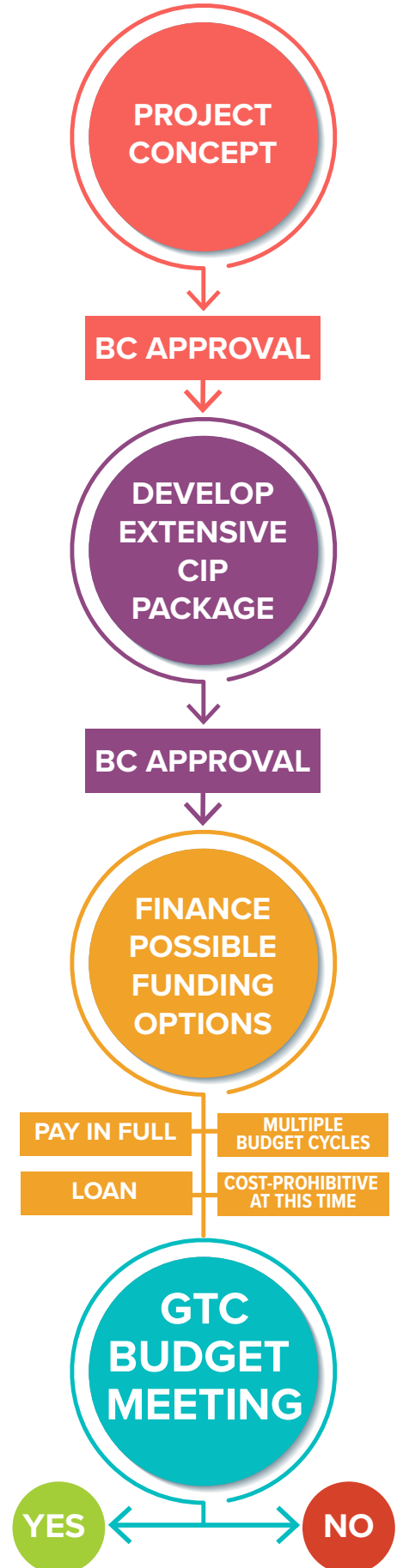
For questions, contact Arlouine Bain at [abain@oneidanation.org](mailto:abain@oneidanation.org) or Ryan Waterstreet at [rwaterst@oneidanation.org](mailto:rwaterst@oneidanation.org).

### *General Manager Community Meetings*

#### Proposed Capital Improvement Projects

- Thursday, January 11, 2024 • 5:30pm • Oneida Recreation Complex
- Thursday, February 8, 2024 • 5:30pm • Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility

Simplified CIP Process



## ONEIDA NATION HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT



**By Artley Skenandore**  
*Oneida Nation High School Principal*

First, I want to clarify that although this project will share the property with the Oneida Recreation Project, this Oneida Nation High School project is a separate project.

The Oneida Nation High School is proposing a project to construct a new High School as part of a campus approach for education. The \$82,056,000 project, which is proposed to be funded in CIP budgets through fiscal year 2026, would mirror current surrounding community trends to create facilities to support youth programming infrastructure and create the ability to share access to building functions and exterior amenities including playgrounds, ball fields, parking, etc. It is proposed that a new school would provide the opportunity for improved educational programs that would attract a larger student body and expand the learning experience. The new facility is estimated to be 111,000 square feet to accommodate a projected enrollment of 250 students and should continue to satisfy the needs of the Nation for the next 20 years. Site analysis has determined the campus project will need 50-60 acres. Three potential sites have been identified. The 75 +/- acre parcel shown below

is considered the most viable for development and shares proximity to the Turtle school.

One of our Nation’s goals is to provide a safe, functional learning environment that serves as the foundation for a quality educational experience for all students, families, and the Oneida Community. The new facility will address several concerns regarding the existing location:

- Safety and security concerns
- Limited space for teaching and learning
- Compliance with modern building codes

The new Oneida High School concept design may originate from the creativity of a student, much like

the design for the Turtle school that was created from a concept drawing made by a former student.

Video supporting a new facility will be shared at the upcoming General Tribal Council meeting. A Community meeting will also be held Wed., Jan. 10, 2024, 5:30-6:30pm at the Norbert Hill Center. Learn more clicking or scanning the QR Code below for in depth details, including a breakdown of the projected costs.

**Click or Scan QR Code to learn more about ONHS CIP Project**





# ONEIDA STUDENTS Help Light Up the Holidays at Austin Straubel Airport



Photos courtesy by Justine Braun

**By Justine Braun**

*Green Bay Area Public School District Communications Specialist*

Over the first two weeks in December 2023, students from Green Bay West High, Handmade Papermakers of Green Bay, Aldo Leopold Community School, and several Oneida 4th Grade King Elementary students participated a Christmas Tree decorating contest.

Each school crafted exquisite tree themes that will be displayed for holiday travelers. "Watching the students and faculty of each school come together to bring their designs to life has been truly amazing," said Marty Piette, Austin Straubel Airport Director. "Their stories and vision will bring smiles to our travelers, and they'll learn something along the way."

The King Elementary students brought the stories, history, and culture of the Oneida Nation to their ten-foot tree. Beadwork, language, custom ornaments, and more tell the story of what it means to be Oneida Nation members.

The trees were officially unveiled in a Lighting Ceremony Wednesday, December 6, 2023. For security reasons, this tree can be seen by travelers going through concourse A, post-security.



# You Have the Right Not to Remain Silent



Photo Courtesy Garth Webster

Delilah McKinney, Certified Peer Specialist for Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing (EXPO) with Kevin Florek, CEO of Tellurian Behavioral Health.

## By Garth Webster

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

Delilah McKinney, Oneida Member, has been a Certified Peer Specialist for the last year for the Wisconsin chapter of Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing (EXPO), whose mission is to use their collective truth to bring about change within all systems that support mass incarceration and excessive supervision through their dedication to creating just systems with policies that build healthy and safe communities.

McKinney, who grew up in Oneida, unfortunately found herself on a troubled path. As a result, she served eight years of a 10 year sentence, followed by 10 years of supervision for a drug charge. Before her sentence, she was an Oneida Nation Clerk working out of the Oneida Nation Secretary's office. McKinney explained, with difficulty, how her life took a turn for the worse, "With me, I don't even know how it happened, or why. And I see so many people, and young people, doing the same thing." This is reaffirmed with the data presented in April 2023 from the MacArthur Foundation revealing that proportionately, Indigenous people are incarcerated at a rate of 7 to 1 as compared to the mainstream population. Two of McKinney's partners, attorney Kelli Thompson and Kevin Florek, accompanied McKinney to her interview meeting here at the Kalihwisaks, spoke more about this discouraging dynamic.

Florek, CEO of Tellurian Behavioral Health, is an organization that provides a number of services, many times to formerly incarcerated individuals, to help them overcome an array of psychological behavioral obstacles, including treatment for substance abuse. He explained how recently, there's been an uptick in Indigenous people reaching out to his organization, "Over the last 5 years, less than 10% of the people seeking our service were Indigenous. Now, this has risen to about 40%." Thus, Tellurian is adapting to transform their service-delivery so it's done so in a culturally sensitive manner. Thompson added that individuals like McKinney play a key role in this, "We can talk and talk but until you have someone who has walked that walk, not just experience but with the educational piece, is where we can really make a difference. Their motivation is get clean and stay clean. However, when you go back to real life and you still don't have stable housing for yourself and children who do you turn to—the people who have that experience and training." Coupled with the realities and/or lack of re-entry services like Tellurian, McKinney adds that Indigenous individuals also must find ways to overcome sometimes an even greater barrier to success, multi-generational trauma.

As McKinney showed me a picture of her daughter, she firmly explains, "It's really imperative that we bring awareness to the multi-generational trauma happening in our community. When I was in prison, I lost eight years of my daughter's life. And then, while I was still in prison, my daughter went down the same troubled path I did." McKinney continued by describing that when she was young, her mother wasn't reunited with her mom (McKinney's grandma) until she was 17, which in turn caused McKinney herself to be in and out of foster care as a child, "That's generational trauma! So many of us have these gaps and we deal with them in unhealthy ways." The silver lining for McKinney, though, was that she was eventually placed with her great grandparents here in Oneida, where she was able to attend school and in turn, reconnect with traditional ways to help cope and heal from her trauma. However, in this regard, not all are this fortunate, especially for those who are still currently incarcerated and even more so, when released.

Currently, there are three major campaigns EXPO and McKinney are working on. First, *Unlock the Vote* is their effort to restore voting rights to individuals after being

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# MAN CLAN REACHES OUT TO WOMEN



**By Garth Webster**

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

About 30 individuals came together Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Oneida Longhouse for Gathering IV of the Oneida Man Clan (OMC).

The OMC, which began in October 2022, is a grass-roots effort led by a group of local Oneida Men, John Powless III, Daniel Guzman-King, Jameson Wilson, Dan Doyen, Jeff Young, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Sid White, Marlon Skenandore, and Garth Webster to reestablish community by supporting and challenging the Men of the community to strengthen their Yukwatsi'stayá (fire and spirit within each of us). Through these gatherings, a safe place continues to be available for men to share their story without fear or judgment. Sharing is healing. Since the OMC began, it's been an activity for men. Recently, however, the OMC

planning team made the decision to reach out to some of women of our community, and beyond, to gain insights into how the men of the community can best fulfill their responsibilities.

Alice Skenandore of Wise Women Gathering Place, Raeann Skenandore of Oneida, and Jonel Beauvais from the Mohawk Nation of Awkwesasne graced the participants of OMC Gathering IV with their presence and wisdom. Jonel began the session by passionately explaining her commitment to provide support for those re-entering back into their families and the community through her organization, Welcome Home Circle, which encompasses the knowledge and wisdom of the Medicine Wheel, offering mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual guidance. Jonel has led the charge with many Welcome Home

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Circle initiatives, including her “Tiny Homes” project that provides housing for formerly incarcerated Indigenous people. Raeann followed by providing her vision for the young parents of the community and their responsibilities to their families. Raeann ended her session by providing a yoga activity to the group enabling the participants to feel the mind,

body, and soul’s connection to Mother Earth. Finally, Alice eloquently expressed her journey as a midwife, eventually leading to the creation of Wise Women Gathering Place, a non-profit organization that provides Indigenous culturally-specific services to any person harmed by violence. Alice also conducted a group activity focused on how to truly communicate with the people in your life as she explains, “Most times, people listen to respond.” Her exercise, along with Jonel and Raeann’s, uplifted everyone’s spirit during the morning session of OMC Gathering IV.

After a breaking for lunch, the afternoon session brought more from two brotherhood from Akwesasne, both of which work closely with Beauvais and Welcome Home Circle. Harvey Herne shared his knowledge with his work with the Seven Dancers Coalition to bring harmony back to Indigenous communities. Snipe Clan member, Raun “Monjabi” Mitchell, also made the long journey to Oneida to share how he is healing from his trauma and his outreach work with Seven Dancers Coalition to bring awareness regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, and substance abuse to diligently empower the men in his community to become the best version of themselves.

It was a long day at OMC Gathering IV but in the end, it’s safe to say all the participants left the Oneida Longhouse with a feeling of inspiration to continue practicing Kahletsyalu’sla (heartfelt encouragement of the best in each of us). Follow the Oneida Man Clan on Facebook or email [OneidaManClan@gmail.com](mailto:OneidaManClan@gmail.com). Stay tuned for some great events coming from the OMC!



**Section 184 loans increase homeownership opportunities**  
**Submitted by Bay Bank**

Oneida Nation members have an extra tool at their disposal when looking to buy a home — the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Program, which Congress established in 1992 to eliminate some of the barriers between Native Americans and home ownership.

The Section 184 loan is a 15 or 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with regular monthly payments including escrow, which is money collected throughout the year that homeowners use to pay their property taxes and homeowners’ insurance. The loan features a low down payment with flexible underwriting and no mortgage insurance requirement.

Oneida Nation members, as well as members from other nations, may be eligible for the Section 184 loans, which can be used for:

- Buying an existing home
- Home improvements
- New construction
- Refinancing

While Section 184 loans provide a great opportunity for potential homeowners, it is still important to make sure your finances are in the best condition possible when you meet with a lender. Start with the following steps:

- Begin saving for a down payment
- Stay current with existing payments
- Avoid taking on additional debt
- Get a free copy of your credit report at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) to clear up any issues

Learn more by contacting Tanya Krueger, Vice President at Bay Bank by emailing [tanya.krueger@baybankgb.com](mailto:tanya.krueger@baybankgb.com).

# HAPPY RETIREMENT Cont. from Cover



Deacon Deborah opening gifts at her retirement luncheon Sunday, December 3, 2023 as Reverend James Biegler looks on.



**Submitted by the Episcopal Diocese of Fon du Lac**

The Rev. Dcn. Deborah Heckel announced her plan to retire from ordained ministry effective December 1, 2023. She was ordained as deacon by Bishop Jacobus in August 2005. Heckel served at Holy Apostles, Oneida. In early 2023, she shared her experiences during the annual Winter Talk conference held at the Radisson. Click or scan the QR Code to read more.

In a letter to the people of Holy Apostles, she states, "I want you all to know I appreciate the support and love given me throughout my ministry. My prayer is for you all to continue the good work you are doing for the church and continue to nourish your spiritual life in Christ."

On Sunday, December 3, 2023, the congregation gathered in the Parish Hall after services for a luncheon in her honor. Derservedly so, she was showered with gifts.



During the Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Oneida Business Committee Meeting, Carolyn Skenandore and Deborah Thundercloud were honored for their longtime dedication and service to the Oneida Community.

Skenandore retired from her Aging and Disability Resource Specialist position, which she's been doing since 2018, on Friday, December 29, 2023. In all, she's been working for Oneida approximately 45 years. Read more about Carolyn by scanning the QR code by her photograph.

Thundercloud's official last day was Friday, December 22, 2023. She retired from her most recent endeavor, Head Start/Early Head Start Director. Before this, Deborah has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in numerous high-profile positions, such as Oneida Nation Chairwoman and Oneida Nation General Manager of Program's and Services. Read more about Deborah's career by scanning the QR Code by her photograph.



Carolyn Cornelius, above, and Deborah Thundercloud, each received Oneida Commemorative Bicentennial Blankets in honor of their dedicated service to the Oneida Nation.

The Oneida Sportsbook at Oneida's Main Casino closed it's doors from 10am-2pm, Friday, December 15, 2023 for a very special reason.

Friends, family, and colleagues gathered to honor Diana King, who is retiring from her Oneida Casino position after 42 years of service to the Oneida Nation.

King spent most of her career in the gaming operations. From Bingo Caller to her current Executive Assistant in Administration position, and everything in between, King has done it all with her well-known friendly and gentle demeanor. The photo to the left shows Diana in her Bingo Caller position, which appeared in the Focus section of the Kenosha Newspaper on October 21, 1990. Farewell Diana. Enjoy retirement!



# ONEIDA POLICE LIEUTENANT GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND



By Garth Webster  
Kalihwisaks/Creative Services

Brandon Vande Hei, Oneida Police Department Lieutenant, was recognized by the Oneida Business Committee Wednesday, December 13,

2023 for his outstanding performance in both his law enforcement responsibilities as well as the accolade he received by the 40 under 40 program.

Vande Hei led a team of Oneida Police Department employees to create a Health and Wellness program specifically for Tribal Law Enforcement officers. The Oneida Police Department program was unique in that it was based on Oneida Cultural protocols. The program was submitted to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) who selected the program to be presented at their conference in San Diego in October 2023.

Oneida Chief of Police, Eric Boulanger, submitted Vande Hei's accomplishment(s) to IACP 40 and 40 recognition program, a list of individuals the association considers to be the most influential young leaders for the year. Congratulations Brandon!

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## Mid Winter Ceremony: a Time for Renewal

By Dawn Thomas  
Kalihwisaks

In the middle of the winter, five days after the new moon, the Iroquois begin the Mid Winter Ceremony, a time of renewal and of giving thanks to the Creator.

In Oneida, Mid Winter takes place in the long house and lasts about a week. It is one of the original ceremonies taught to the People at the beginning of Creation.

Three Feather Dances are done on the first day. The first dance is to give thanks for the title holders; chiefs, clan mothers, and faith keepers. "They give their thanks that they are still upholding their responsibilities," said Bob Brown, Oneida culture teacher. "The second dance is for the people, young, old, and those arriving." The third dance is for the Creator.

The singers use rattles made from the shell of a turtle, representing earth or "Turtle Island." "When they're doing the feather dance, they're shaking up the earth, waking it up for next year," said Maxine Thomas, Oneida Culture teacher.

A line of men and a line of women dance around the singers. "You do the feather dance to show you're happy, in good health," said Thomas. "(The men) do a lot of yelling because the plants and animals like to hear the songs. They come closer to the long house to hear the songs," said Brown.

The second day is stirring the ashes. Paddles of different types of trees are handed out to people in the Long house. Everyone takes a turn walking from one end of the long house to the other to stir the ashes on both ends. "The reason being is to renew all life forms on Earth, turning over the earth for the new year," Brown explained.

The third day starts off with a tobacco burning. "It's to give thanks to everything, to all the great forces, the thunders, sun, and moon, that all of these things continue their responsibilities," said Brown.

Next is the naming ceremony, where people get their Oneida names and have it announced to the People and to the Creator.

Finally, the drum dance takes place. One man sings with a water drum while another gives a thanksgiving. The People dance and drink blackberry juice as a medicine.

The fourth day is the peach stone game. The bear and turtle clan play against the wolf clan. Everyone puts in something like a traditional outfit, a lacrosse stick, or an eagle feather. The objects are matched up and the winning clan gets to keep the objects they were matched with. However, people who lose their things will get them back in the Creator's land.

There are six peach stones, one side is burned darker than the other. One person from each clan plays by tossing the peach stones in a bowl. If the peach stones come up five of one color and one of the other, the player wins one bean and another turn. If the peach stones come up all of one color, the player automatically wins five beans, dismissing his/her opponent and winning another turn. The game goes on until one clan wins all the beans. The wolf clan won this year. A game can last a few hours or several days.

"Through all the three days of seriousness, the peach stone is to entertain the Creator," said Brown.

After the peach stone game is completed, a feather dance, a women's dance, and a bean dance is done.

Art By John Fadden

"The women's dance is to give thanks for the women. The men are honoring them for all the hard work they do. The bean dance gives thanks for the beans, for when the men and women work together to raise food," said Thomas.

**Editor's Note:** This report is only a summary of the events that took place 12-29-92 to 1-1-93. For more information, contact an Oneida elder or the Oneida Tribal School.

ONEIDA TAP  
tribal account plan

ONEIDA CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESENTS

# Tsha?tekohse'lha

MID WINTER MOON  
Ceremony Education

FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED

WED., JANUARY 10, 2024  
5-9PM

ONEIDA LONGHOUSE  
W370 REFORMATORY RD.

Culture is Prevention  
This ceremony event may be postponed

## Mid-Winter Ceremonies

January 15-19, 2024

# ONEIDA HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT



**By Simone Ninham**

*Wellness Court Judiciary Admin*

The Oneida Healing to Wellness Court (OHWC) provides support and resources necessary for participants to begin living sober lives and reconnecting with their families, community, culture, and Tsi' Niyukwalihó•ta (Our Ways). As an alternative to incarceration, eligible participants agree to engage in an intensely supervised court ordered program, which provides support and accountability for those living with a substance use disorder.

The OHWC is an established division within the Oneida Judiciary's Trial Court. The program is a voluntary post-conviction Adult Healing to Wellness Court that is a minimum of seventeen (17) months and consists of five phases. The program represents a collaborative effort of criminal justice stakeholders serving Oneida Nation members living within Brown County. The partners in this effort are committed to a non-adversarial approach while providing

culturally responsive and community-based support. Providing cultural options and responses into this program is what distinguishes a difference from similar specialty courts. Participants must meet all eligibility requirements to be accepted and then be sentenced to complete the Healing to Wellness Court by a Brown County Circuit Court Judge.

The OHWC Staffing Team consists of representatives from Oneida Judiciary, Oneida Behavioral Health, Oneida Cultural Heritage, Oneida Police Department, Brown County District Attorney's Office, Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The Staffing Team has continued to meet every Thursday at the Oneida Judiciary for training and orientation purposes. In November 2023, as part of the team's education efforts, Oneida community members who have experienced substance use, recovery, and incarceration were invited to speak to the team to share their journeys. This collaboration with community members

highlighted individual success stories and provided insight into what type of support and resources would be most beneficial for those individuals who are integrating back into the community post-incarceration and starting their recovery journeys.

Each agency and department on the OHWC Staffing Team is required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is an agreement that identifies clear communication and a thorough description of each area's role and responsibilities. In recent developments, the OHWC Staffing Team changed the sentencing structure to provide for more accessible and efficient referral and sanctioning processes. The opening date for applications is anticipated to be in January 2024 and the first status hearing will be dependent on the first accepted participants' sentencing timeline.

For more information, contact Oneida Judiciary at 920.496.7200 or [judicial\\_system@oneidanation.org](mailto:judicial_system@oneidanation.org).

# ONEIDA FAMILY FITNESS WELCOMES YOU TO 2024!

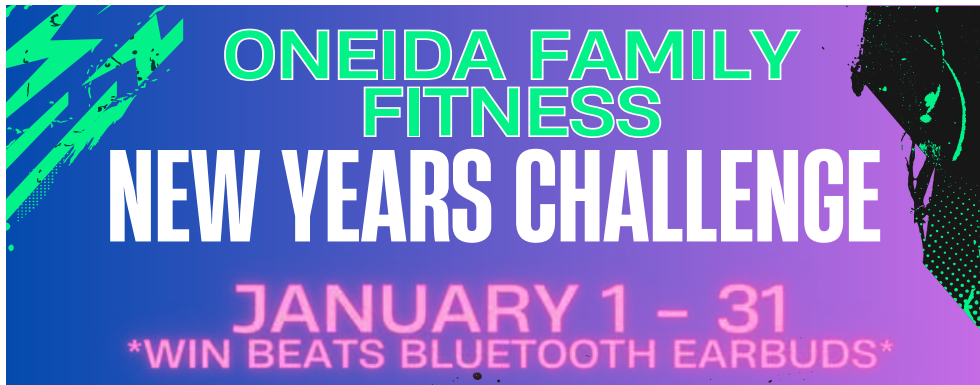
**By Mia Charnon**

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

The New Year is the best time to start your fitness journey. Continue becoming your best self at the newly renovated Oneida Family Fitness Center and experience the new strength and cardiovascular fitness equipment while also enjoying the group fitness classes, walking track, and full court gymnasium. Guests can also participate in martial arts

and adventure programs, fitness and wellness assessments, personal training, disease management (diabetes) and incentive programs.

Click or Scan the QR below to watch a video tour of the Oneida Family Fitness Center.



## ONEIDA FAMILY FITNESS

Class Schedule Jan. 2 – Mar. 29, 2024

Facility Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 6am-7pm

Friday, 6am-6pm

Saturday, 7am-1pm

Click or Scan the QR to view all Oneida Family Fitness Classes



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## CORRECTIONS – Kevin Schoenebeck and Woodland Indian Art Show & Market

The headline of the Dec. 2023 edition regarding Kevin Schoenebeck incorrectly states he attained the highest Jujitsu Black Belt Degree. He actually attained the highest black belt degree in Tae Kwon Do. Also, the article states he achieved this nine years after his 1st black belt degree. He actually achieved this 9 years after his 8th degree black belt.

The second to last paragraph of the center spread in the December 2023 edition incorrectly cited Loretta Metoxen. It should have cited Loretta Webster.

Although we strive to be as accurate as possible, errors sometimes occur. We encourage you to reach out and notify us of any errors.

# Turtle Island Gifts, Creating Connections



**By Garth Webster**

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

Ten years ago, give or take, Darleen Denny began setting up shop at pow wows and events near and far selling an array of Indigenous products from makers all over Turtle Island, which happens to be the inspiration behind the name, Turtle Island Gifts (TIG). Despite her success traveling the circuit, the reality is that there simply weren't enough events, especially during the cold weather months, to create enough profit to sustain the business. She needed to find a unique way to continue her even more unique business philosophy.

Introspectively, Denny described that if she was experiencing the problem of not having enough events to sustain her business, it was a sure thing that many others had the same dilemma, "It was more than just my problem, it was creating a solution that would serve the whole community." Based on this approach, TIG began the brick & mortar chapter of its operation whereby vendors

pay a very affordable three month lease for space and a very affordable percentage of their sales to the shop.

Currently, about 40 vendors showcase their work at TIG. Denny mentions that a few of her vendors have remained loyal the entire ten years since she opened the doors, which is a result of the concept Denny practices to create connections with the community rather than just trying to make money. In fact, it was this same connection-driven economic solution that drove Denny's ambition to expand her operations.

Just three weeks before the pandemic, the space next to TIG became available and Denny took advantage of the opportunity to open the doors to Inward Bound (IB), which provides another group of artisans, who like the vendors selling products in TIG, needed a space that had the ambiance to deliver their services, such as Yoga, Meditation, Chakra Clearings, etc. Denny expressed how she enhanced the environment by adorning the walls of IB with wall-

hung creations, "What a beautiful way to be inspired to look on the walls and see inspirational artwork." Like TIG, the name, Inward Bound, also has symbolism in regard to how individuals first seek answers within themselves as they make their spiritual journey through life.

Denny's business philosophy to create these kind of connections with the community is and will continue to be a key success factor, which she mentions will advance IB even further in 2024. As not to quell the anticipation, Denny divulges that she plans to continue the traditional pathway classes she's had but in a new, innovative way, whereby IB will be a venue for community gatherings where people can exchange their wisdom and knowledge in a more informal, social, and fun way. When you visit TIG or IB, Denny says, "You'll be seen. You will be heard. You will feel a part of something." Denny invites you to create your connection. To learn more, go to [Facebook.com/TurtleIslandGifts](https://www.facebook.com/TurtleIslandGifts)

# MEET & Mingle @ Inward Bound

f turtleislandgifts

Meet & Mingle events are new offerings hosted by Inward Bound providing our community a relaxed, welcoming space to come together and make connections.

Thursday **18** FREE  
JANUARY @7:30PM

## SPECIAL GUEST

### ACE CHAMPION



This month we'd like to introduce you to award-winning chef Ace Champion. He's the owner of Chef Champion LLC, a company specializing in private chef services and cooking classes - skills highlighted on his local TV show "Cook Like A Champion". But his talents don't end there, as he's also a music recording artist featuring Native flutes, which he plays for both entertainment and healing.



Ace will play some of his many flutes and also serve one of his signature dishes for you to sample. Learn more about Ace at [www.chefchampion.com](http://www.chefchampion.com)

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1641 Commanche Ave. Suite D | Green Bay | (920) 785-4318 | Open: Sun & Mon 11AM-3PM, Tues-Sat 11AM-5PM

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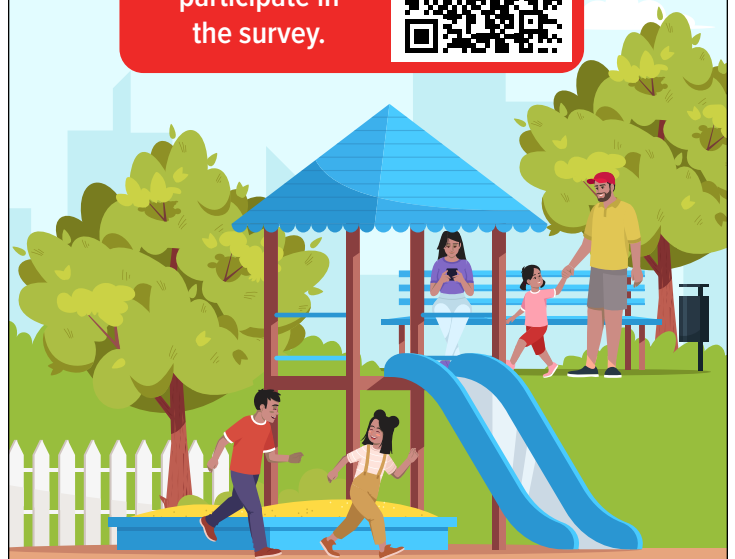
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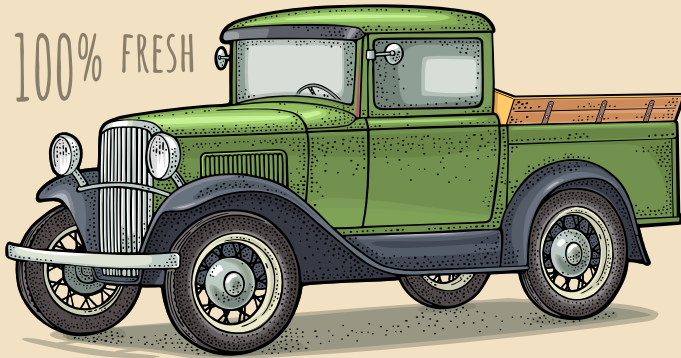
## 2024 Oneida Parks Survey. We're seeking your input.

Click or Scan  
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participate in  
the survey.



# ONEIDA FARMER'S MARKET

100% FRESH



## MOVED TO NEW LOCATION N7284 CTH J., ONEIDA, WI

Due to construction at our usual site, the 2024 Oneida Farmers Market will move to N7284 County Road J (across the road from the Hwy 54 One Stop, where Grandma's Diner use to be). This location change will be for the entire 2024 season and may extend into the 2025 season, pending the construction completion at the original site.

To address parking limitations, the gravel parking lot on both ends of that area will be expanded using compacted crushed limestone to allow for much more parking. Customer friendly compacted crushed limestone walking paths will also be created between the vendors to make it easier to move around, and be sure

the site meets customer accessibility needs.

It is our intention to also relocate the brat booth and the picnic area to this temporary new location so we will be able to continue serving prepared foods to our wonderful customers. It will still be on Thursdays from Noon-6pm, beginning June 13, 2024.

If you're interested in getting on Santa's Oneida Farmers Market list for 2024, you can keep updated on what's happening at the Oneida Farmers Market by signing up online at <https://rb.gy/3hsir>, or, scan the QR code below. You can also email your information to Bill at [Wvvervoor@OneidaNation.Org](mailto:Wvvervoor@OneidaNation.Org). All information will be kept strictly confidential.



The Oneida Farmers Market hopes you had very merry Christmas. HoYan Everyone!

Click or Scan QR Code to view OCIFS 2023 Year in Review.





The Wellness Council presents:

## Winter Wellness Talks

**Topic & Date:**  
**AhsaNiyoliwake**  
 Three Foundational Matters of Lotusland Wellness  
 January 3, 2024

**Time:**  
 12:10-12:45PM

**Location:**  
 Oneida Health Center  
 North & South  
 Conference Rooms

**Heart Health**  
 February 7, 2024

**Nutrition**  
 March 6, 2024

**Alcohol & Substance Use**  
 April 3, 2024

Contact Taylor Jean for more information or future topic suggestions.  
<https://onesdnutrition.org/> or 920-493-7940

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## Cornhusk Collective

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!  
 CELEBRATION OF ART, RAFFLES, DONATIONS APPRECIATED.

JAN | SAT | 2024  
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11AM-3PM  
 PARISH HALL, 2936 FREEDOM RD., ONEIDA, WI 54155

**A meal will be offered while supplies last.**

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## GATHERING OF NATIVE AMERICANS (GONA)

YOU ARE THE SOLUTION TO STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY!  
**RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**FEBRUARY 6,7,8**  
**8:30 AM- 5 PM**

ONEIDA **TAP** **SAMHSA**  
 Tribal Action Plan Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

ONEIDA **NAME CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

## HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

EFFECTIVE 11/26/23

Formerly Governmental Services Division  
 CURRENTLY THE HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION HAS 11 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS WITH 20 SUB-DEPARTMENTS

<p><b>AGING &amp; DISABILITY SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MEALS ON WHEELS/CONGREGATE</li> <li>• HOME CHORE</li> <li>• OUTREACH</li> <li>• ACTIVITIES</li> </ul>	<p><b>FAMILY FITNESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FITNESS</li> <li>• MARTIAL ARTS</li> <li>• EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION/OUTDOOR ADVENTURE</li> </ul>
<p><b>CHILD SUPPORT</b></p>	<p><b>FAMILY SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INDIAN CHILD WELFARE</li> <li>• YONAHALIYO (PREVENTION)</li> </ul>
<p><b>CULTURAL HERITAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LANGUAGE ARCHIVING</li> <li>• TRADITIONAL HEALING</li> <li>• CULTURAL ADVISING</li> <li>• LIBRARY</li> <li>• MUSEUM</li> <li>• ARTS PROGRAM</li> <li>• THPO</li> </ul>	<p><b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION/ FOOD PANTRY</b></p>
<p><b>ECONOMIC SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIOA</li> <li>• COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER</li> <li>• INCOME MAINTENANCE/TANF</li> <li>• COMMUNITY SUPPORT</li> </ul>	<p><b>PUBLIC TRANSIT</b></p>
	<p><b>RECREATION</b></p>
	<p><b>VETERAN SERVICES</b></p>
	<p><b>SOUTHEASTERN ONEIDA TRIBAL SERVICES (SEOTS)</b></p>



## YEAR AFTER YEAR, GIVING TREE CONTINUES

by **Garth Webster**

*Creative Services/Kalihwisaks*

Once again, the community is answered the call of the Giving Tree (GT) program, led by Oneida Human Services Division Executive Assistant, Racquel (Rocky) Hill, to provide gifts for the less fortunate in and around the Oneida area during the 2023 Holiday season.

From what Hill gathers, the GT program was started around 2006 or 2007 in the ICW. Since then, it has expanded beyond ICW to help other clientele within the Oneida programs and departments and then out to the community at large. Hill, who has been in charge of the GT since 2020, describes the gratification she receives by ensuring she sees as many smiley faces as possible, "Every year is memorable because it restores my hope in humanity, seeing how the community comes together to help those less fortunate." She goes on to express the fulfillment of continuing her mother's legacy, "I have been doing this in honor of my Mom, Shirley Hill, ever since I began managing this program and when Mom was still with us. One of the things my mother was most proud of was when she founded the Amerindian Center in the mid 1970's to help Native Americans in need in addition to the two homeless shelters she ran. Now that she's passed on, helping with the GT actually means even more to me. Feeling her presence is the best present for me!"

This year, the gifts were distributed via drive-through over two days, December 14 & 15, 2023 behind the Kánikuhliyo Family Center at 2640 Westpoint Rd. After distribution, Rocky says, "It was a lot of work but it certainly paid off knowing there were so many happy children on Christmas day. I couldn't see all their smiling faces but I can imagine them, just as I opened presents on Christmas morning as a child."



Raquel Hill, (center, red sweater) receives Oneida Bingo's toy donation to the Giving Tree. Oneida Nation employees, along with Oneida Bingo customers, combined to make the generous contribution, which was worth an impressive \$2,765.

### Since 2020, 1,681 children benefited from the Giving Tree

- 2020 – 373
- 2022 – 450
- 2021 – 403
- 2023 – 455

(2020-2022 includes clients from Family Services. 2023 does not because Toys for Tots purchased gifts for each child valued up to \$35)

### Giving Tree gives thanks for the generosity of the community:

Everyone who took tags from the Giving Tree

All those who donated new toys and other items

Melissa Webster-Annual toy drive at Oneida Bingo

\$2,200 from Wayne Metoxen-White Eagle Bar & Grill's annual fundraiser on Nov. 23, 2023, including Big Snake Band for the bucket raffle, Amusement Devices, Inc.,

all the White Eagle customers, and

Shawn's Power Wash Pro (see picture to right)

Cliff and Tammy Webster for 2022 donation

Packers organization for annual donation (2023 donation included hygiene products, Packer apparel, hats & socks)

Giving Tree Donation list continues upper right.

# Time of Giving

Giving Tree Donation list continued:

1822 Land & Development Company of Oneida, LLC and Bay Bank for providing gift cards each year (This year, Bay Bank also conducted a hat/gloves/mitten drive)

\$309 from The Veterans from the Light the Bridgeway Event

Individual Cash Donations: Debbie Melchert-\$300, Anthony Johnson-\$200

Craig Skenandore, Rick King & Isabel Parker, Shane John Memorial, Steve & Florence Petri, and Ben Skenandore for cash donations. Big Thank You to the Secret Santa who came through with a bunch of gifts last year and a huge cash donation of \$2,950!

College of Menominee Nation for taking 10 tags  
Deke Suri-Brown County Blackjacks & Oneida VFW Post 7784 Commander for taking a number of tags

Giving Tree Elves, Stephanie Funmaker, Melissa Jordan, and Jamie Willis. Stephanie does intake on all incoming donated items and tag purchase item submissions. Melissa assists with filling the remainder of tags that gifts haven't been purchased for and with the gift distribution days. Both Stephanie and Melissa assist with creating all the tags for all the children on the Giving Tree list. Jamie works at the Oneida Health Center and takes at least 50 tags to disburse to employees of the Comprehensive Health Division.



◀ Deke Suri, Robert Cornelius VFW Post 7784 Commander, along with his fellow veterans, pictured in back with purple shirt and flannel shirt, came with plenty of turkey and all the fixings to serve up a bountiful Thanksgiving Meal to Safe Shelter, Thursday, November 23, 2023. In front, Deke (red shirt), with Safe Shelter administrators, Larry Martinez, Executive Director Pearl Webster, and Ashley Martinez.



▲ Wayne Metoxen held fundraiser Nov. 25, 2023 to support various charitable efforts, including Giving Tree, with Shawn Skenandore with a donation from his company, Shawn's Pro Wash Solutions, LLC of \$500.



◀ The Oneida Public Transit Team and Oneida Family Services exchanged cookies, coffee and treats for gifts with passers-by in the W. Mason Walmart parking lot on Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 28 & 30, 2023 to Stuff the Bus. Scan or Click the QR Code to read their Thank You letter.



◀ Joe Valentino, Oneida Veterans Benefits Specialist, secured a \$3,000 donation from the Oneida Nation for Toys for Tots. Connor Kestell, Veterans Affairs Manager, along with Valentino, shopped and purchased the gifts before contacting the Marines from the Navy Center in Ashwaubenon to receive the gifts and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

# Oneida Nation High School

## THUNDERHAWK TIMES



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## NFL Weekly Pick Em

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

What's due by Thursday and prompts some good-natured teasing and major bragging rights between ONHS staff and students?

It's the ONHS NFL Weekly Pick Em run by ONHS staff member Anthony Cornelius.

Each week about forty staff and students fill out Pick Sheets by choosing the winners of all upcoming NFL games. They also put down what they think the total points for the Monday Night contest will be as a possible tie breaker.

Overall, participation is pretty evenly split between staff and students but staff have done better than the students overall. Oh, except for ONHS junior Madalyn King who has held the top spot a few different weeks. (Rumor has it that she has an expert consultant in her corner.)

## Fashion Design

By Seagram Stevens

As a senior about to finish up by semester and graduate next June, I am looking forward to starting my career in fashion design.

Now this may seem a bit unusual for a guy from Oneida, WI, but I don't think so.

I've always had a fascination for fashion because it expresses how you feel, and I do have big plans.

As for schooling, I intend to go to college to get my business degree.

After that, I want to open a store.

A few ideas I have for fashion include shoes, hoodies, and beanies.

## Thomas' Art Classes are Hands-On

By Ava Danforth

This writer wanted to look at just some of the activities that art students in Cindy Thomas' classes participate in.

Thomas teaches a total of 6 different classes each semester. They include Advanced Drawing, Painting, Reading, Art 1 and 2, Ceramics, and Arts and Crafts.

In Advanced Drawing, first off, students do "a lot of drawing" using different types of drawing methods.

Likewise, in Painting, students try a lot of different painting techniques.

In Art 1 and 2, students do a wide variety of art projects that "touch on different art methods.

In Ceramics, students work on a variety of pottery techniques and are currently making Haudenosaunee pottery.

In Arts and Crafts, pupils do a variety of indigenous art projects. Examples are beading, sewing, and also Haudenosaunee pottery.

As you can see, art students are very hands-on in Thomas' classes and learning from a successful artist herself.

## Journalism Class Learns the Stock Market

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Fridays in journalism class are set aside for learning the ins and outs of investing.

Taught by Jeff Martens, even lead teacher Denis Gullickson becomes a student on Fridays.

This is all in preparation for our national competition in the Capital Hill Challenge that ONHS first participated in during the 2022-2023 School Year.

When asked why he felt knowledge of the stock market was important, Jeff told the students, "Investing young is the key to setting yourself up for financial security later in life."

To start things off, Jeff gave each class member \$250,000 in pretend money. They then started with four stocks from a list of about 25 different companies.

They are also working on a pie chart representing how their \$250,000 is invested into different categories like stocks, bonds, utilities, technology, and so on.

The class is awaiting word on when the Capital Hill Challenge will start. Meanwhile, we are getting a head start with the idea that we will win the national competition.

Watch for updates in future issues of *Thunderhawk Times*.

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JUST MOVE IT ONEIDA

WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY  
17TH

# 2024 NEW YEAR'S Challenge

**Oneida Nation Elementary School**  
N7125 Seminary Rd, Oneida, WI 54155

**New this year is our 2024 punch card.**  
Attend 8 of the 12 JMIO events in 2024 to be entered in the grand prize drawing at the end of the year.

**RECEIVE THE NEW 2024 JMIO T-SHIRT & FREE CORN SOUP (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST).**  
THE YOUTH CAN CREATE A FUN & EDUCATIONAL STEM PROJECT.

For more information or questions contact Hanna Leisgan:  
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11/29/2023



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## Oneida Community Blood Drive

Radisson Hotel 2040 Airport Drive  
Oneida and Cayuga Rooms  
**January 22, 2024**  
**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**First 25 donors receive a yoga mat and exercise tote bag**

For an appointment call American Red Cross at 800-RED-CROS. Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome!

You can save up to 15 minutes by visiting [www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH




## Join Us For the Oneida Nation Health & Wellness Expo 2024

Thursday, January 25, 2024  
Let's continue the Conversations.

Come and Learn about the variety of health related topics from field experts on 3 panel discussions.

11am - Elder Wellness in Oneida

12pm - Mental, Physical, and Cultural Pathways to Health

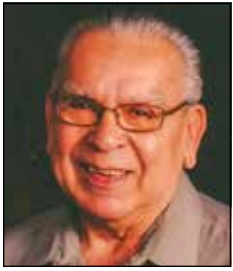
1pm - Dietetics and Our Food Relatives

Space is limited for these discussions

Location: Ka'ni Kuhl:yo FC 2640 W. Point Road  
Contact Amanda Riesenberg - Oneida Nation Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach at 920.490.3984 or email: [Ariesenb@OneidaNation.Org](mailto:Ariesenb@OneidaNation.Org)

Health and Wellness Experts from across the Oneida Nation will be here to educate the community about the different programs and services their departments have to offer!

**This is a Free Event! No Registration Required**

**ALLAN RAY HILL****July 28, 1947 - November 22, 2023**

Allan Ray Hill, an Oneida Nation member, age 76, passed away suddenly on November 22, 2023 after a short battle with prostate cancer. He was born on

July 28, 1947 to Violet Hill in Taycheedah, WI. He grew up in Shiocton, WI as a foster child of Myron and Martha Ames and was baptized on June 19, 1959 in Chute Lake in Mountain, WI.

Allan graduated from Shiocton High School in 1965 and served his country in the U.S. Army in 1967-68. He worked 19 years in various positions at Fox Brady/Piper Industries in Appleton, WI; then he worked 17 years as a machinist, shop foreman, & quality control manager at Spencer Johnston/JJ Plank Corp. of Neenah, WI. In 1998 Allan formed his own business, "Al's Custom Vending," serving the Fox River Valley area with snacks and soda vending until his passing.

He married the love of his life, Kathryn (Getlinger) Hill on September 22, 1974 and recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Allan loved adventure, mechanical things, and raising his two precious children, Dixie and Eric Hill. He was known for his teasing, joking spirit and hard-working ethics. He was rarely far from a motorcycle throughout his life and made several memorable long trips on his motorcycle with his wife, son, and grandchildren. Blessed with the speed gene, he raced his Jeep "Savage" multiple years in mud races and won many trophies.

He was always trying to improve his golf score. He also greatly enjoyed watching football, Nascar racing, and golf. He loved shooting sporting clays with his co-workers, children, and grandchildren.

Allan is survived by his wife Kathryn, daughter Dixie (fiance Israel) Hill, son Eric (fiancee Laure) Hill, grandchildren Alana (fiance Tyler) Hill and Rylan Hill; half-siblings Rudy (Jadeen) Webster Jr., Kevin (Mary) Webster, Bruce (Mary) Webster, Gary Webster, Darla Melotte, Rhonda Storzer, and Barbara Webster; brother-in-law Gerald (Sally) Getlinger,

sisters-in-law Jenny (James) Kuske and Sarah (Jeff) Kamin with numerous nieces and nephews.

Allan was preceded in death by his birth mother Violet Webster, foster parents Myron and Martha Ames, foster sister Marion (and Tom) Moder; half-siblings Gerald Hill, Donald Webster, Ronald Webster, Rodger Webster, Judith Webster, and Dayna Webster; parents-in-law LaVerne and Carol Getlinger, brothers-in-law Stanley Getlinger and Daniel Getlinger.

Memorial Service to be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (2220 E. College Avenue, Appleton, WI) on Saturday, December 16th at 11am (visitation from 9-11am) with military honors to follow.

We wish to thank the Theda Care Cancer Center for their excellent care of Allan during his cancer treatment. And Wichmann Funeral Home for their care of us survivors.

Allan, husband, Dad, Grandpa, Uncle & friend, you were loved greatly and will be missed. Especially your funny sayings like "How hard can it be?" And "Where is your sense of adventure?"

**FORREST LEE HOUSE****April 17, 1948 - December 8, 2023**

Forrest Lee House, age 75, passed away on December 8, 2023, in Appleton. He was born on April 17, 1948, to the late Charles and Alma Mae (Nunway)

House. He graduated from the college of UW-Milwaukee and worked as a social worker for the Milwaukee County for many years until he retired in Keshena. Forrest loved to spend his free time at the casino playing slots and bingo. He was an avid Packer fan and enjoyed playing softball where he was known as "forever pitcher". He will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

Forrest is survived by: his siblings Lydia Rembalski, Renee House, Kevin House, Estelle (Wayne) Silas Sr. and Warren Stefes. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is preceded in death by: his parents Charles and Alma, his siblings Delia Ko-

hel, Jim Brisk Sr., Norris House and Kathy House.

A funeral mass for Forrest will be held at 11am on December 12, 2023, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Neopit with Fr. Hanz Christian officiating. A visitation will be held at the Neopit Community Center starting on Monday at 3pm and continuing until the time of services on Tuesday. Burial will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in the spring.

**MICHEAL HUBBARD JR.****February 15, 1993 - December 9, 2023**

Micheal Hubbard Jr., age 30, passed away unexpectedly on December 9, 2023.

He was born on February 15, 1993, in Green Bay to Kristen Cornelius

and Micheal Hubbard Sr. Micheal was very creative and passionate about creating music. Micheal loved his family and especially his three daughters. When times were rough and things were difficult, Micheal had a unique way to make others smile.

Micheal is survived by his daughters: Ma'Cahyla, Ray'Niah, and Na'Laya; his mother, Kristen (Yehoshua Tate) Cornelius, father, Micheal Hubbard Sr., three siblings: Kenesha (Reggie) Serrano, Yakira Tate, and Nathaniel Tate; grandparents, Jerry (Debbie) Cornelius, Chryel (Bruce) Tate; two nieces: Sunshine and Morningstar Serrano; and one nephew, Kobe Serrano; he is further survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by maternal grandmother, Kathleen Hebb, paternal grandparents: Annie Sue Jones and Paul Hubbard, two uncles: Stanley Webb and Yeshiyah Tate and a cousin, Jonathon Cornelius.

Friends and family may visit at Newcomer Funeral Home 340 S. Monroe, Green Bay, on Monday, December 18, 2023, from 9-11am with a sharing of memories at 11 am. Interment will take place at Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.

**SAMANTHA JEAN JOHNSON****October 2, 1987 - December 6, 2023**

Samantha Jean Johnson born October 2, 1987, unexpectedly passed away in her home on December 6, 2023. Samantha was loved by many families and

friends. Sam was a very good artist, sometimes she would be in her own world drawing beautiful pictures. Sam was determined to make sure everyone was taken care of; she would put everyone before herself. If you needed a shoulder to lean on, she would be there. Sam had a heart of gold; she lit the room up with her beautiful smile and laughter.

From Alizae, Samantha loved coloring and beading. My mother loved the outdoors and nature; always wanting to walk through the woods, and going for a hike, knowing she's going to want to sit down halfway through the hike. Samantha always cherished all her children no matter the circumstances. She knew how to brighten my day and make everything better. She never played about her children when something was wrong. She was brave and knew how to take a punch, if she fell, she always knew how to get back up. She was an amazing mother, sister and best friend. There was never a dull moment with her. She was a warrior and a queen in the same body. She was built differently in all the best ways.

Samantha was survived by her brother Kris (Joanne) Johnson, sister Stacey Johnson, twin brother Jeremy Johnson, sister Jamie Metoxen, brother Avery Nahwahquaw, brother Gerald Morrison, sister Jessica Morrison, brother Jack (Tawnee) Metoxen, brother Justyn Metoxen and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her daughter Alizae (Shawn), son's Miguel and Alex. Her only granddaughter Colombiana Sunrise Lee.

She was preceded in death by her mother Shirley Johnson, father Gerald Metoxen, Aunt Virginia Johnson and many other relatives. Family and friends may call to Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth St. De Pere, WI 54115, on Tuesday December 12, 2023, for visitation from 3pm until time of service at 5pm, with drums being played at 4:30pm.

**HARVEY JAMES "THE MOHICAN MACHINE" KOSOWSKI****April 13, 1977 - December 10, 2023**

Harvey James "The Mohican Machine" Kosowski, age 46, passed away on December 10, 2023, in Michigan. Harvey was born on April 13, 1977, in Green Bay, Wis-

consin. He graduated from Nokomis High School in Maine in 1995 and went on to earn his associate degree from College of Menominee Nation. He worked in law enforcement for 20 years, serving the Stockbridge Munsee Community and the Oneida Nation. Harvey was a Federal Firearms Instructor, SWAT certified, and was a distinguished marksman, even winning the top gun pistol competition. He was a mentor and teacher, he was selfless and always willing to help others, and he was a creative and talented man who enjoyed making custom knives. More than anything else he loved spending time with his family. Harvey will be deeply missed by his family and his community.

Harvey's memory will continue to live through: his children, Dylan (Taylor-Rain) Granquist, Sarah Kosowski, Alyssa Kosowski, and Tony Rygula; one grandchild on the way; his parents, Lai Lonnie and Marty Kosowski and Robert and Jodell Granquist, Jr.; siblings, Robert (Melissa) Kosowski, Chad Marks, Bradley (Kanani) Granquist, Brandon (Brianna) Granquist, and Quincy Granquist; and his partner Kim Solo. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

A memorial gathering for Harvey will be held on Saturday December 16, 2023, from noon until 4:00 pm at the Stockbridge Munsee Elderly Center.

**PEARL MARIE MCLESTER****February 22, 1922 - December 4, 2023**

Pearl Marie McLester, 101, passed away peacefully at Anna John Residential Community Care Center on December 4, 2023, of Covid

related symptoms. She was born in Oneida on February 22, 1922, to James Schuyler & Hattie (Moore) Schuyler.

Pearl is survived by her sisters Evelyn (Raymond – deceased) Elm, Harriet (Warren – deceased) Reiter and Cleo (Wayne – deceased) Cornelius; her children Judy Cornelius, Winnifred Thomas, Donnie (Lori) McLester, Pearl (Ken) Webster and daughter-in-law Janice McLester; her grandchildren Julie, Jennifer (Donnie), Skipper (Penny), Eric (Belinda), Crystal, Michael, Connie, Matthew, Tamar (Kiko), Tina (Greg), Lee (Paula), Corinna (Tracy), Scott (Linda), Tonya (Gerald), Garth (Falicia), Kaylynn, Dianne (Paul) and RJ (Justin). She is further survived by her many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren along with her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Barbara (Donald) Denny, Mary (Nick) Metoxen, Eva (Leslie) Danforth and Rita (Arthur) Webster; brothers Joseph Schuyler and Lester (Althea) Schuyler, husband Lee Gordon McLester II; her children Patsy Jean McLester, Ronnie McLester, Lee (Gordy) McLester III, daughter-in-law Betty McLester, sons-in-law Robert Thomas, Bernie Cornelius; grandsons Brian McLester and Robert (Yuma) Thomas.

Family and friends may come to call at Holy Apostles Church, 2937 Freedom Road, Oneida, WI from 9-11am on Friday, December 8th, 2023. The Oneida Singers will sing at 10:30am. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11am with Fr. James Biegler. Burial to follow at Holy Apostles Cemetery. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere, is assisting the family.

A very special Thank You to Anna John Staff. Pearl had said she considered you (the staff) as part of her home. You are all a part of her family.

\*With such a large family, we are sorry if we missed anyone.\*

**PATRICIA ANN "PATTI" METOXEN**  
**December 13, 1952 - November 19, 2023**



Patricia Ann "Patti" Metoxen, 70, passed away following a health complication on Sunday, November 19, 2023. She was born to Freeman and

Hazel (Smith) Metoxen on December 13, 1952.

Patti grew up in Freedom and moved to California in the early 1970s. She spent over 30 years as a nurse in behavior health and enjoyed spending time with family.

She is survived by her siblings, Dewey, Gary (Pat), Mike, Allen, Roger, Rose and Daryle; sister-in-law Carole; many nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

Patti was preceded in death by her parents, Freeman and Hazel; siblings, Gordon, Ronnie, Freeman Jr. and Janice; and other members of her extended family.

Special thanks to the staff at St. Mary's Hospital and nieces Lori Metoxen and Jaime Metoxen.

Family and friends may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, beginning at noon on Monday, November 27, 2023. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 1:30pm with a service to follow at 2pm with Pastor Jane Sommers officiating. Burial will take place at the Oneida Methodist Cemetery.

**KATHLEEN ANN POLAR**  
**March 24, 1950 - December 10, 2023**



Kathleen Ann Polar, 73, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2023 surrounded by family and friends. She was born March 24, 1950 to

Irving and Leona (Bowman) John. Kathleen was the 7th child of Irving and Leona's 21 children.

She worked many years for the Oneida Casino in the custodial department. She enjoyed working in customer service. She was people person and always put a smile on everyone's face.

Her hobbies included beading, visiting with family and friends, crafts, putting together puzzles, jigging, and listening to old country, most especially Patsy Cline. She enjoyed cooking, which she loved sharing her recipes and that always included a storytelling session. She was a very talented baker, and her family especially loved her delicious biscuits, donuts, and cinnamon rolls hot out of the oven.

She was devotedly religious. She was raised catholic growing up in Milwaukee, and later in life she attended the Lion of Judah Church of Green Bay.

When diagnosed with cancer in early 2022, she remained dedicated in her will to fight her illness. She remained a brave, iron-willed woman, even throughout her final months.

Kathleen is survived by her children, Phillip (Beth), Jeffery, Mary, Leah, Jenynlyn (Jeffrey) and Rolf. In addition to, she is survived by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren which she loved very dearly. She is further survived by her siblings, Herman (Jackie), Carol, Andrea, Gregory, Kristen (Porky), Robin, Forest, Kevin, Patrice and Anthony.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Irving and Leona; siblings, Linda, Irving Jr., Glenda, Eunice, Michelle, Gabriel, Arvella, Timmy, Todd and Ted, and her grand-daughter Cynthia.

Family and friends may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere beginning at 4pm on Thursday, December 14, 2023. A prayer service will conclude the evening at 7pm Burial will take place at Holy Apostles Cemetery with a graveside service beginning at 11:30am on Friday, December 15, 2023.

**JOE "TSAWGIH' GWAS" RICE**  
**September 30, 1980 - December 12, 2023**



Joe "Tsa gihgwas" Rice, 43 years old, passed away peacefully December 12th, 2023, after a nearly 2-year illness. He was born in Woodruff,

WI at Howard Young Medical Center on September 30, 1980, to Sherwin (Tonja) Rice and Lea (Mark) Warrington.

Joe was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation of Kansas and was a talented artist making beautiful beadwork, fans, bracelets, and necklaces. He was a welder by trade and worked for 13 years on oil rigs in Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota. For the last several years he worked as a driller for a company who contracted with the rural internet initiative, until his illness stopped him from work in 2021. Joe was a member of the Native American Church and was a kind and generous man helping and supporting others. He enjoyed fishing, spending time in the woods and with his family, his dogs and helping family with maple sugar camp, wild ricing, feasts, and gatherings.

Joe is survived by his wife, Martina Thomas, and children Rashaun (Alaska), Roman and Joe, at home. He is further survived by his mother and father, sister Lily (Nasiqua) Rice, her daughter Colleen (fiancé Christopher Soriano), sister Kaluyatatsyes and sons Liam and Emerson, and brother Wahake, all of Green Bay, mother and father-in-law John and Faye Thomas, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, sister and brother-in-law Red Day and Jeremy Johnson, and their children Marion and Jennings of Norman, Oklahoma.

He is further survived by Uncles Arnie (Lori) and Bill Rice, Burton (Sandy), Bruce (Janeen) and Winslow Warrington, aunts Luanne (Don), Dawn (Greg) and Becky

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 Joe "Tsa gihgwas" Rice



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(Jonesy) Miller. He has numerous cousins who called him brother or uncle, and elders who called him nephew and grandson. He also is survived by lifelong friends Ernie Stevens and Damon Skenandore. He leaves behind his dogs Kutty and Sadie.

Joe was preceded in death by his grandparents Lillian and Kendall Rice and Burton and Colleen Warrington, his uncle Richard Rice, Aunt Mimi Rice, Uncle Richard Lawe, and Uncle Royal Warrington. Wayne "Tab" Jessepe of Kansas will conduct Native American Church Services which will begin Saturday December 16th at sundown, with funeral services Sunday December 17th at the Lac du Flambeau Multipurpose Center and burial at the family cemetery at Partridge Lake.

Thank you to those who supported Joe throughout his life, the people of the Hayward and Wittenberg Native American Church communities, and his relatives in Kansas. Charlie and Donnie Carufel and Joe Graveen, Mike Murray, and Michelle Haskins. If we have forgotten anyone, know that we felt your prayers and good thoughts for healing. Ryan Funeral Home of De Pere and Bolger Funeral Home of Woodruff assisted the family with arrangements.

All is forgiven as my spirit returns to where I came from, at rest with my relatives who have passed on, until we meet again.

**TIMOTHY P. SAUER SR.**

**January 31, 1953 - December 13, 2023**



Timothy P. Sauer Sr., 70, passed away at Bellin Hospital on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, with his family by his side. He was born in Green

Bay, WI on January 31, 1953, to William

and Ella (Summers) Sauer.

He graduated from Abbot-Pennings High School in 1971. He attended NWTC, earning a Police Science degree. He worked for the City of Green Bay as a bus driver, then as a 911 operator at GBPD and he retired from the city's printing department.

He married Colleen Hanson of Stoughton, WI on June 11, 1977, in Green Bay. As a lifelong Packer fan finally getting his season tickets was incredibly rewarding to him. Tim enjoyed hanging out at the family cabin. Later, he had great enjoyment at the camper, where the whole family gathered most weekends during camping season.

Tim is survived by his wife, Colleen; his children Elizabeth (Jason) Pries, Timothy Jr (Kristin) and Emily Sauer. He is further survived by his grandchildren Annika, Elodie and Inessa Pries, Timothy Sol Viduski-Sauer, and Ida Arroyo-Sauer; his siblings William Sauer, Edith Sauer, John Sauer; his brothers-in-law, Dean Hanson, Pat Hanson, Bill Fried, and sister-in-law Jeannette; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth St De Pere, from 4-7pm. A prayer service will conclude the evening. Visitation will continue Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at St. Willebrord Catholic Church, 209 S. Adam St. Green Bay beginning at 9-10:15am. Mass of a Christian Burial will begin at 10:30am. Entombment will be in Allouez Catholic Mausoleum. Please visit [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to leave an online condolence.

Many thanks to the staff at Bellin ICU for their care and compassion during Tim's short stay.



**DALE A. SKENANDORE**

**August 21, 1978 - December 3, 2023**



Dale A. Skenandore, 45, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed away on December 3, 2023. He was born on August 21, 1978, in Milwaukee.

Dale was a passionate and hardworking individual who dedicated his career to being the best Diesel Mechanic, he was truly a jack of all trades. He had a deep love for his family and was always caring for anyone in need. Dale had a loving and goofy personality; he was always outgoing and happy. He never failed to put a smile on someone's face. He took pride in being a proud father to his sons, Ethan and Logan Skenandore.

Dale will be deeply missed by his wife, Joetta (Putter) Skenandore, his mother, Lisa Skenandore, and his mother-in-law, Laurie Sobanski. He is also survived by his siblings: Jimmy (Missy) Skenandore, Andrea (Timothy) Dauer, Melissa Skenandore (Jose), Theresa, Sara (Conin) Douangvihanh, Earnie Skenandore, Olivia Skenandore (Ray), Steve Skenandore, Teri (Ed) Erdman, Jodi Hagen, Greg (Kim) Sobanski, and many more loving nieces and nephews. Dale was preceded in death by his father, Dale A. Skenandore Sr., his uncle, Dennis Skenandore, his grandfather, Patrick E. Skenandore Sr., his niece, Aiyana Skenandore, and his father-in-law, Harry Sobanski.

In his free time, Dale enjoyed being with his family, taking vacations, and simply enjoying life. He cherished the moments spent with his loved ones and made every gathering a joyful occasion. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, from 1-6pm at Peace of Mind Funeral Home, located

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Dale A. Skenandore

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at 5325 W Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53214. A celebration of Dale's life will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 2-7pm at Mo's Irish Pub, located at 142 W Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

The compassionate staff at Peace of Mind Funeral Home in West Milwaukee, WI, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

The family of Lynn King would like to thank DaVita Tittletown Dialysis, Ryan Funeral Home, and a special thank you to the friends and family who have supported and showed compassion during this time, as well as all our fire keepers and everyone who made food donations, or even just checking on our family. Our gratitude is beyond words, but we appreciate our community for the support through one of our most difficult times. Yawáko swakwe'ku

Celestine (Randy), Sherri (Steve), Terrence, Brent, & The King Family



# Miss Oneida Royalty

She-kú swakwe-kú Kahteli-yó niyúkyats wakeskle-wáke niwakitlotl okhále? onlyote?a-ká· niwakatunhutsyotl kata talu?kowanhné teknákehle khále tewáshl úskah tewakohsliyá·ku.

Hello everyone, my name is Kahteli-yó, which translates to good root. My English name is Kaylee Schuyler. I am Bear Clan, and the People of the Standing Stone is the land or earth I come from or Duck Creek, the place of the big ducks.

These past months have been significant to me because I have had the opportunity to gain experience and grow as a leader while representing the Oneida Nation. My royalty sisters and I have been remarkably busy attending various events while meeting new people and sharing our roles and responsibilities. Incredibly, we even had the opportunity to be featured on Fox 11 news to promote the Fall Family Festival.

Among the numerous events, I was able to represent our Nation at the 2nd Annual Tuscarora Nation Powwow and Hunting Moon Powwow. There, I excitingly placed in the Women's Smoke Dance Special in Tuscarora Nation. If you know me, you know dancing and singing are what I enjoy most. The Powwows gave me the chance to visit, sing, and dance with friends and relatives from across Indian Country. It strengthens my fire seeing relatives from different communities reunite.

One of my favorite events that my royalty sisters and I attended recently was the Gambler's game. We were invited to drop the opening puck together. The girls and I had a wonderful time spending time together and it will be a moment I will never forget. Another memorable event was participating in the annual Tsyunhehkwa Husking Bee. We spent the entire day picking and husking corn and making corn husk dolls. I am so grateful to have Junior and Lil Miss by my side as I look to them as my younger sisters. I love being able to represent and attend events while having them by my side. We continuously teach each other while also fulfilling our responsibilities.

I also enjoyed attending the 5th Annual Iron 5 Basketball Tournament at the Oneida Nation Elementary school. At the tournament, they also hosted the Iron Man and Iron Woman Smoke Dance Contest where I humbly won while being simply happy to just be a part of it. I show my love and gratitude for everything through dance, and I am so thankful I could be there dancing for my friends, family, and community.

Most recently, we attended the Green Bay Holiday Parade and I wanted to give a big Yawáko to the Stevens' family for assisting us with the vehicle. It was so wonderful to see all the children and families waving back at us.

Lastly, I just loved the wonderful experience of attending the Fall 2023 Sing at Onondaga Nation that brings all Haudenosaunee Nations together to sing our traditional earth songs.

Overall, I am honored to be representing the Oneida Nation and I am continuously putting my best efforts towards our community. I want to express my gratefulness and gratitude towards my friends and family for helping and guiding me. I also want to express my thankfulness to the community for always supporting and encouraging me. I cannot say it enough, but I am beyond grateful to be a part of such a great village.

Yawáko  
Miss Oneida 2023-2024  
Kahteliyo  
Kaylee Schuyler



# Miss Oneida Royalty

Hoyan!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! These past 6 months as Jr. Miss Oneida have been exciting and full of adventures! During this time, I have gone to numerous events where I made new friends and experienced memories to last a lifetime! I have traveled to the homelands a couple of times and attended many events including the National Tribal Child Support Conference, JMIO Bicentennial Walk, Bicentennial Week, Great Law Recital, Kroc Center International Fest, Green Bay Holiday Parade, Hunting Moon Pow Wow, Indigenous People's Day, Green Bay Botanical Garden Fall Festival, and Oneida Orchard Family Day. I also attended the Gathering of Native Americans, Child Support Community Resource Fair, and Packer Family Night, Annual Blanket Making event with OPD, Wisconsin Child Support Association Conference in Appleton, Green Bay Holiday Parade, Green Bay gamblers hockey game for Native American Heritage Night, and Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. One of my favorite events I attended was the George Greendeer Dedication as he was a family friend that I cherished and miss very much!

Recently, I was featured as Jr. Miss Oneida on the Howard-Suamico and Bay Port High School websites where I was able to share my culture and role as an Oneida ambassador. Educating our community about our people is very important and I believe we should take every opportunity to share who we are and what we represent.

In my free time, my favorite things to do include spending time with friends, competing on my high school dance team, and playing the violin. I would like to thank the community for the continuous support.

Yawáko

Jr. Miss Oneida 2023-2024

Riley Aguirre

Shekóli swakwekú,

It has been quite a busy year for us so far and I have loved everything we have been able to experience. Some events I have attended include the Oneida Apple Orchard Family Day, Fall Family Festival at Botanical Gardens, Husking Bee at Tsyunhehkwa, Indigenous Peoples Day at Norbert Hill, First Nations Heritage Night at the Gambler game, and the Green Bay Holiday Parade.

Prior to my reign I had two knee surgeries, and since then I have worked to relearn many movements. By becoming Lil Miss, I have been given the opportunity to learn how to smoke dance by my royalty sister and become comfortable dancing again.

My favorite experience so far has been attending the First Nations Heritage Night at the Gamblers game where we were able to drop the puck out on the ice and be featured on the jumbotron.

Satunhá·lak tsi? wátowa·ná okhale hoyan

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lil Miss Oneida 2023-2024

Milah Kahłtakta John



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released from prison. The second and third initiatives are *Locked Up on the Outside: Prison Without Walls* and *Expo Safe Home*, which addresses Wisconsin’s long supervision and providing housing to formerly incarcerated people, respectively. Wisconsin has the 6th longest supervision-after-release policy, which according to EXPO research, many times lead to violations. In fact, EXPO’s research reveals that 40% of new prison admissions come from simple rules violations during supervision rather than new crimes committed. The same research also shows the cost to Wisconsin taxpayers to incarcerate people is \$147.5 million dollars. EXPO recommends a portion of this expenditure be reallocated to increase housing availability as a re-entry service, which will go a long way to create stability for folks trying to atone. In addition to these campaigns, McKinney points out another very important opportunity to advocate for Indigenous people who are currently incarcerated.


Within men’s institutions, the access to spiritual services for Indigenous inmates is improving. However, for women, according to McKinney, it definitely needs work. Specifically, she is calling for volunteers to provide sweat lodge services. Aside from psychologically uplifting the spirits of currently incarcerated individuals, it’s a way for them to gain knowledge of their traditional ways. It’s the first proactive step that could prove to prepare their minds for when they eventually begin their re-entry journey. Learn more by contacting Delilah McKinney by emailing [delilah@expowisconsin.org](mailto:delilah@expowisconsin.org) or call 608.467.2495 or to go [ExpoWisconsin.org](http://ExpoWisconsin.org). As McKinney says, “You have the right not to remain silent.”

## Time of Crisis Resources

# 911



Non-Emergency OPD: (920) 869-2239



**ONEIDA**

**920-490-3860**  
Behavior Health Triage

**920-490-3950**  
Recovery Coach

**2.1.1** Call 211  
Text 898211 • 211.org

Get Connected. Get Help.™ Help starts here 211 connects you to expert, caring help. Every call is completely confidential.




**Safe Call Now (206) 459-3020**  
[safecallnowusa.org](http://safecallnowusa.org)


Safe Call Now is a 24-hour crisis referral service for all public safety employees, all emergency services personnel and their family.



**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**  
**1-800-273-8255**  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org/](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/)



**The National Domestic Violence**  
**1-800-799.SAFE(7233)**  
or Text 88788 • [thehotline.org/](http://thehotline.org/)



**National Drug Helpline**  
**1-800-289-0879**  
[drughelpline.org/](http://drughelpline.org/) • Help with Drug and Alcohol addiction.



**Crisis Line Text HOME to 741741**  
[crisistextline.org/](http://crisistextline.org/) • Support in an emotional crisis.



**Brown County - Crisis Center**  
**(920) 436-8888**  
[familyservicesnew.org/crisis-center/](http://familyservicesnew.org/crisis-center/)



**Outagamie County - Crisis Phone Counselor**  
**(920) 832-4646 or (800) 719-4418**

## Blood Quantum Forum

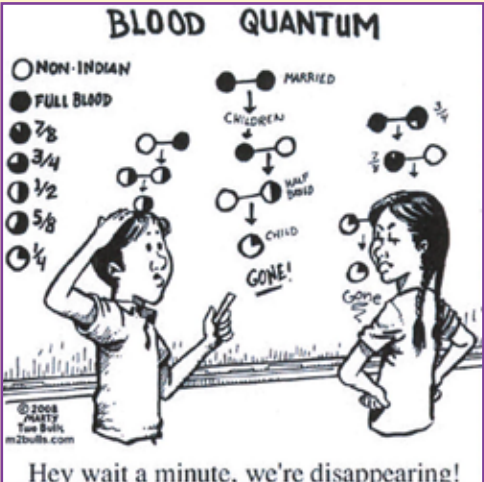
**Topics of Discussion: Identity and Belonging**

ONEIDA THOUGHT LEADERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

January 17, 2024  
5-6:30pm

Oneida Veterans Services  
131 Riverdale Dr.

Food available until gone.



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Hey wait a minute, we're disappearing!

## NEW EMPLOYEES to Big Bear Media



**By Mia Charnon**

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

Mia Charnon is the new Creative Services Trainee at Big Bear Media. In her role, she drafts stories for publication and helps development the Kalihwisaks. Mia was born and raised in Oneida, Wisconsin by Donald and Patricia Charnon and grew up dancing with her grandmother Sandy "Happy



Feet" Charnon. She attended Seymour Community High School and competed on both the dance and track team while also teaching dance at the Seymour Extreme Dance Club. Track took Mia to the 2017 Native American Indigenous Games in Toronto, Canada where her 4x1 relay received a bronze medal. Mia went on to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

where she studied biology and Spanish. During her time there, she became Communications VP of her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, whose philanthropy raises money for youth experiencing homelessness and foster care. During her free time, she enjoys photography, thrifting, watching movies, and spending time with friends, family, and her puppy Darryl.

Leah Kuchta is the new Mail Clerk at Big Bear Media. Her responsibilities include sorting and delivering all incoming and outgoing mail, operating postal software, and performing various duties in the mail center. Leah grew up the middle child of four children in Green Bay and was raised by her parents Charlene Charles and Keith Kuchta. She then attended Green Bay Southwest High School where she loved playing and coaching volleyball. In her spare time, Leah enjoys playing volleyball, traveling, swimming, watching movies, and spending time her two sons, DeAngelo and Ares.

## NFL INSPIRE CHANGE AWARD



**Submitted by the Green Bay Packers Organization**

The Green Bay Packers have announced Pearl Webster as the team's 2023 "Inspire Change Changemaker Award" recipient. Webster was recognized at the Sunday December 17, 2023 game for going above and beyond in her pursuit of social justice.

The Changemaker Award recognizes individuals in each NFL team market making a difference in their community across Inspire Change's four focus areas: education, economic advancement, police-community relations, and community justice reform.

"We are pleased to honor Pearl with this award," said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy. "Her dedication to serving others has allowed her to have an incredible impact in the community throughout her life and career. We're proud to highlight her work addressing a critical need in our area and providing a safe, comfortable place for families in crisis."

In addition to receiving special recognition at the Inspire Change game, Webster will receive a \$10,000 donation from the NFL Foundation to benefit Safe Shelter.

# NACHP Celebrates 10 Years



**By Garth Webster**

*Kalihwisaks/Creative Services*

The Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP aka Nay-Chip), located in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health created by former director Erik Brodt, MD, an Ojibwe Family Medicine Physician, celebrated its tenth year of operation in pursuit of its mission-to enhance the recruitment, retention, and graduation rates of Native American health professional students and to promote health education, research, and community-academic partnerships with Native communities.

As of 2018, the Association of American Medical College's report, *Reshaping the Journey*, finds that roughly just a half-of-a-percent of physicians or medical school faculty identify as American Indian (AI) or Alaska Native (AN) descent and 41% of newly enrolled AI/AN medical students plan to participate in underserved communities. These are the numbers NACHP strives to change and is doing so with a variety of methods.

Through cultural programming on the UW-Madison campus that provides outreach and support to pre-college students, undergraduate and health professional students (MD, PA, PT, MPH, Pharmacy, Vet Med) more and more awareness is being raised to promote and forward NACHP's mission. On a larger scale, NACHP also partners with many Wisconsin Nations, including Oneida, to create opportunities for aspiring Native Health Professionals to engage with tribal communities. With the Oneida partnership, Melissa Metoxen, who serves as its assistant director, began working for NACHP in 2013 and

since 2015, through formal partnership with the Oneida Community Health Center, began operating NACHP's Tribal Engagement Office. The office supports AI students across Wisconsin tribal communities who are interested in pursuing a health career. Metoxen oversees tribal clinic rotations which take place at most of the tribal clinics in the state. Students meet program requirements by learning alongside providers, like Dr. Jay Kennard. Dr. Kennard was the first provider to work with Melissa in 2015 to offer a rotation to Native American health professional students. Since then, there have been over 45 students who have completed rotations at tribal clinics. Says Metoxen of her work at NACHP, "I am grateful to get to work with students from our communities and want to encourage anyone who might be interested in a health career to reach out to me." In addition to Metoxen, NACHP has 2 other Oneida staff and 10 Oneida health professionals on its advisory council. Recently, John Breuninger, longtime advisory council member, was recognized for his service to mentoring students. Breuninger describes the gratification he receives from his duties on the Advisory Council, "Having been in the medical field for the past 60 years, I feel that it's one of my charges in life, especially being a member of the Bear Clan (Medicinal Clan) of the Oneida Nation."

Since forming, NACHP proudly reports a 100% graduation and residency placement for their students, now has 91 health professions graduates, and UW-Madison is now in the top-10 among medical schools for graduating AI and AN students. Learn more by contacting Melissa Metoxen at 920.869.4990 or email [mfmtoxen@wisc.edu](mailto:mfmtoxen@wisc.edu).



Photo Courtesy by Garth Webster

Members of the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) recently began touring various areas and departments of the Oneida Nation to better understand the daily work and activities happening across the organization. The tours are followed by a question-and-answer session focused on a pre-determined list of key success factors/and or list of concerns each department submitted before their scheduled sessions. The OBC hopes the result will lead to discoveries on what they can do to enhance productivity. Pictured here is this meeting at Oneida Big Bear Media on Monday, November 27, 2023.

**1071 Riverdale Dr.,  
Oneida, WI 54115**

1434 Sq. feet / 3 bedrooms /  
1.1 bathrooms / New Furnace /  
New Water Heater / Central Air  
2 Stall Garage / 2 acre

Est. Monthly Payment:	\$1,027.31
Tribal fee land	\$223.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,251.12</b>

Applications who have a minimum monthly gross income of \$4,469.00 are encouraged to apply.  
\$260,000 @ 2.5% for 30 years

Homeowner insurance is required but not included in this total. Lessee/Homeowner pays taxes on the improvements and the Nation pays the taxes on the land.

COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING  
DIVISION

920-869-2227

2913 Commissioner Street, Oneida, WI

OPEN HOUSE

This is a spec sheet only and is non-binding. Onsite viewing is recommended.  
Home is vacant/ unfurnished. Must be enrolled citizen of Oneida Nation.

<b>TUE., FEB. 6, 2024</b> 11:30am - 1:30pm	<b>WED., FEB. 7, 2024</b> 4 - 6pm	<b>\$260,000</b>
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[https://oneida-nsn.gov/  
resources/housing/](https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/housing/)

Prequalification Period: Mon., Feb. 12 - Fri., Feb. 16, 2024 at 12pm  
 Offer Period: 8:30am - 5pm • Mon., Feb. 19, 2024  
 Bay Bank • 2555 Packerland Dr., • Green Bay, WI 54313



# ONEIDA JUDICIARY

Tsi nu téshakotiya?tolétha?



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO GARNISH

**Debtor's Names:**  
**Margaret Cornelius**  
**Clyde N. Skenandore**  
**Jennifer L. Summers**

First published notice 1/24

## 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

**January 11, 2024 at 11am**  
**in the Conservation Conference Room**  
**470 Airport Drive, Oneida, WI 54155**

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

### TOPIC: Land Use License Rule

**This is a proposal to create a rule by:**

- Replacing the current Standard Operation Procedure format to formalize through the Rulemaking process.
- Delegate Land Commission's decision making the Land Management Division Director so that requests can be responded to more timely
- Creating an Appeal process to the Oneida Land Commission:
- Creating an evaluation team to consider any land use impacts or terms and conditions that should be imposed; and
- Incorporating the Land Use Permit process for temporary structures into the Land Use License Process as needed.

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 January 26, 2024

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 Oneida Land Management by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, e-mail or fax.

**Oneida Land Management**  
**P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155**  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

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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](mailto: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.**
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Cindy L. Lecker, Probate, Oneida Nation,  
Land Management, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155  
920-869-6610 or clecker@oneidanation.org

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Rita Summers, Case No.

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 11/26/1929 and a date of death 08/06/2023, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 2892 Commissioner St., Oneida, WI 54155
3. **The deadline to submit claims is January 8, 2024.**
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.



Aspiro Adult Work Program assists Oneida Big Bear Media with stuffing GTC and annual reports for the upcoming January 15, 2024 meeting. Oclients really enjoyed the experience of being in a fun work environment. The staff at Oneida Big Bear are very appreciative of all your hard work!



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENT

## GET YOU FLU SHOT

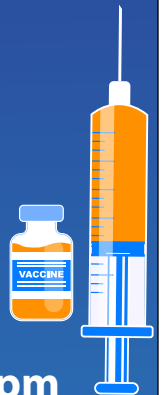
Thurs., Dec. 7, 1:30-4pm

Fri., Dec. 8, 8:30-11:30am

Thurs., Dec. 14, 8:30-11:30pm

Fri., Dec. 15, 1:30-4pm

Tue., Dec. 19, 1:30-4pm



### OCHC REGISTERED PATIENTS ONLY

Do you just want the Flu Vaccine? Don't want to wait in long lines? Get in and out in 10-15 minutes?

The Oneida Community Health Center (OCHC) Clinic Nurses will be offering FLU SHOT CLINICS in the Medical Clinic

 **920.869.2711**



## 2023 LATE GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS REMINDER

- *Oneida Nation Assistance Fund* (\$1500.00/ 18+) (\$2000.00/ 62+)
- *Elder Assistance Program* (\$703.54/ 65+)
- ▶ The deadline to submit Late 2023 General Welfare Assistance Applications is Friday March 1, 2024, 4:30 PM (CST)
- ▶ Payments for all acceptable applications will be deposited/mailed by Friday March 29, 2024.
- ▶ All GWA checks expire 90 days from the date issued. Any GWA checks not cashed within the 90-day expiration date, will be returned to the GWA program.

### Oneida Trust Enrollment Department

PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155-0365

(920) 869-6200 • 800-571-9902

No Mailbox. In person or courier delivery only (Fed Ex, UPS) at street address 210 Elm St, Oneida WI 54155

# Rose Malinik Creates Book to Honor Her Mentors



By Garth Webster

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Rose Malinik (Powless), who has always been interested in the arts, grew up in Chicago and attended Wright College where she would earn an Associate of Arts degree. It was also at Wright College where she became involved in photography and eventually, even became an employee of Wright College as a photographer. It was also during this time that Malinik wanted to learn more about Oneida culture and the language.

Her resource to learn the culture and language was her grandmother. Unfortunately, Malinik's grandmother did not teach her these ways out of fear from the trauma created by the boarding schools. Nevertheless, Malinik always still felt her ancestral connection to Oneida, as she describes, "Whenever I was back in Oneida, I

always felt so at home there...like my roots were there. There's a comfort there for me." Then, as fate would have it, an opportunity came to Malinik to participate in a raised beadwork class from a legendary Oneida teacher.

"I was thrilled," says Malinik, that Loretta Webster was giving classes, "Loretta was so warm and welcoming and I considered her a mentor." In fact, Malinik is debuting a book coming out in early 2024, *Iroquois Designs for Beadwork*, which Malinik is dedicating to the memory of Loretta Webster.

The book will briefly discuss how the art of raised beadwork began but will mostly focus on beadwork examples and design patterns that she learned from Webster, Rosemary Hill, and her cousins, Sandra Gauthier & Judith Jourdan. "I want to honor my teachers and inspire those interested in raised beadwork to keep this art form going," say Malinik. Also interesting is that the publication of the book is being made possible by Malinik's prior church, St. John's of Chicago.

The Rev. Kara Sherer of St. John's explains that her church has estab-

lished an anti-racism program dedicated to identifying, disrupting, and dismantling systems of oppression to honor all people, including Indigenous People. For example, recently St. John's unveiled a brass plaque at their entrance as a Land Acknowledgment to First Nations, including the Oneida. As Sherer says, "It was another great opportunity to honor Malinik and her efforts to keep the Native American (Oneida) Cultural ways moving forward." Sherer says when the books are printed in early 2024, they will be shipped to Malinik where people can contact her direct to purchase a book. All the proceeds of *Iroquois Designs for Beadwork* will benefit the Oneida Nation Arts Program.

A notice will be posted in the February 2023 edition regarding contact information for Malinik to purchase a book.

Click or Scan to  
view a sampling of  
*Iroquois Designs  
for Beadwork*



Below shows the proposed cover artwork for Rosa Malinik's book.





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# WINTER Gathering POW WOW

**Saturday, January 13, 2024**  
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center – Three Clans Ballroom  
2040 Airport Dr. • Green Bay, WI • 54313

*Public is Welcome • Dancing, Singing, & Craft Vendors*

**Grand Entry at 1pm and 7pm • Registration closes at 4:30pm, sharp**  
**Head Dancers: TBA • MC: Dylan Prescott • Arena Director: Daris Killspotted**  
**All Drums Welcome – Drum Split**

**All Specials sponsored by the Oneida Pow Wow Event Team:**  
**Luck of the Draw – Women’s • Luck of the Draw – Men’s**  
**Teen Girls Smoke Dance • Teen Boys Smoke Dance**

All craft vendors will be assigned a spot once payment is received. First come first assigned. For payment call Tonya 920.496.5311 or email [twebster@oneidanation.org](mailto:twebster@oneidanation.org). To reserve a hotel room at the Radisson, mention the Oneida Pow Wow Room Block when calling 920.494.7300. Rates will vary if there is a Packer home game. For more information call Tonya at 920.496.5311 or Trista at 920.496.5621 or email [tcorneli@oneidanation.org](mailto:tcorneli@oneidanation.org) or follow the Oneida Pow Wow Event Team on Facebook.