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Photo Courtesy Michelle Danforth-Anderson
Leslie Doxtater, Oneida Tribal Action Plan Manager, Connie Vandehei, Oneida General Administrative Assistant, and Isis Schreiber, TAP Specialist welcome participants to the Gathering of Native Americans held February 6-8, 2024 at the Oneida Hotel.

By Garth Webster
Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

The Gathering of Native Nations (GONA) convened at the Oneida Hotel February 6-8, 2024 to engage the community regarding identified issues which ultimately, will help the Oneida Tribal Action Plan Department redevelop the protocols they utilize to bolster communal healing.

Leslie Doxtater, TAP Manager, reflects back to circa 2017 when Oneida had a GONA event. At that time, it was more a western academic style conference that identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats regarding our battle against substance abuse. Recently, however, she had the opportunity to attend another GONA in Lac du Flambeau. This event was much more aligned to Indigenous cultural values, traditions, and spiritual practices. Doxtater was instantly

inspired her to bring this event back to Oneida, "We've all experienced trauma, but we need to take all that energy and Channel it into positive outcomes. Bringing all the ideas into one arena by engaging the community was the goal."

The Oneida GONA facilitator, Maria Trevizo, shared how the GONA movement was borne from the Tribal Law & Order Act from the Obama Administration. Trevizo continues by explaining that GONA is essentially a curriculum and/or framework which values the wisdom of the community, "We want to capture the voices of the people by holding a mirror up to them. The community's voice is paramount." In order to do so, says Trevizo, the first day establishes a safe, comfortable environment, while the subsequent

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE FORUM



By Jonas Hill
Oneida Business Committee Councilman

Shekoli swakwekhe (hello everyone), I've been very busy but I am thankful for the opportunity to serve my community and I look forward to the coming year. Part of my role is serving on the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) along with four other Council Members. We recently held a community meeting to discuss three proposed laws. Around 50 community members attended, resulting in great discussions and feedback that will help us decide how to move forward. Community involvement is important so that we can draft laws that not only apply to the community, but also address issues in a culturally appropriate way. The Nation drafts our own laws to strengthen our sovereignty which again, is why community input is so imperative as we do this important work.

I would like to invite everyone to attend the second community meeting hosted by the LOC on March 6, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm. Come have dinner with us as we discuss proposed:

I also serve as liaison to the WI Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). With the assistance of the Nation's Legislative Affairs team, I recently represented the Nation in a consultation with the WDNR, which our Nation, and many other WI Tribes, utilized to exercise our sovereignty by having a voice in state-developed legislation and how it

impacts our communities.

Another liaison role I partake in is with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT). Last month Councilman Wilson and I worked with the DOT Inter Tribal Task Force (ITTF) with the cultural competency training. This was a great experience that enhanced my understanding of the role of the ITTF within the DOT.

Finally, I attended the State of the Tribes Address delivered by Forest County Potawatomi Chairman, James Crawford at the state capital in Madison this past February. This Address began in 2005 as an opportunity for the people of Wisconsin, Constitutional Officers, Members of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and Legislature to understand the issues facing Wisconsin Native Tribes and celebrate common values. This is also an excellent networking opportunity to gain a better understanding of issues that other Tribes experience.

Overall, it's been hectic as I learn my role as Councilman for the Oneida Nation but I'm enjoying every minute of it, especially being able to listen to your ideas. Thank you again for electing me to be a voice of the people.

Make an appointment to meet with me. Call 920-869-4461 or email jhill1@oneidanation.org.

You can also call my legislative assistant, Maureen Perkins 920-869-4482 or email mperkin2@oneidanation.org.



LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
5:30PM - 7:30PM
NORBERT HILL CENTER CAFETERIA
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Please join the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) for a community meeting to gather input regarding the development or amendment of laws for the Nation:

- ◆ **Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures Amendments**
- ◆ **Sanctions and Penalties Law**
- ◆ **Eviction and Termination Law Amendments**

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

LOC members will provide food during this community event. Community members are welcome to bring a dish to pass.

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LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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By Mia Charnon

Kalihwisaks/Creative Services

Green Radiance opened their new storefront at the Larson Oneida One Stop on Packerland on Friday February 9, 2024. At the opening, guests enjoyed refreshments and were welcomed by Susan Reiter-White, founder of Green Radiance.

Reiter-White founded Green Radiance in 2021 to give back to her community through her experience with energy work, crystals, and life coaching. Her business began in a rented room at Diamond Heating and Cooling, eventually outgrowing the space due to overwhelming support. Now Green Radiance is transforming the once vacant market space with crystals, support, and calm energy.

Susan was inspired to work with personal healing by her own healing journey. Throughout her life, she was able to assist individuals as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Domestic Abuse Advocate for the Oneida Nation. During her early years, Susan struggled with test-taking and self-esteem, but realized she was born to work with

people, particularly in a spiritual way. Susan enjoys helping others with self-healing and she believes her past experiences set her up to be able to assist others by providing people with a space to work on healing.

In the future, it is her dream to create a larger holistic retreat space that offers wellness retreats for the mind, body, and spirit that involves culture and is open to anyone.

“By celebrating your own journey, you honor the path your ancestors paved. You’re here for a reason and your presence in this world is valuable.”

Susan Reiter-White

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ONEIDA LEADERS SHARE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS with Hemlock Creek Elementary School



Photos courtesy of Mia Charnon

Submitted by Fawne Billie

Executive Assistant for Councilman Marlon Skenandore

Councilmen Marlon Skenandore and Jameson Wilson were invited by Hemlock Creek Elementary School to share knowledge that included family, community, and culture on Monday, January 29, 2024 for the 3rd grade as they kicked off their First Nations unit in social studies.

Skenandore and Wilson broke it down by presenting a welcome and land acknowledgment. The Oneida history and culture included a review of the non-traditional government, today's government, and describing their positions on the Business Committee. Their presentations also included the Oneida Nation movement from New York to Wisconsin, the three clans of the Oneida Nation, housing structures, food sustenance, and ended with smoke dancers describing the meaning of each song.

It was great to see all the students smiles and engaged with the information that was shared along with participating in the social dances. As leadership at the forefront of the Oneida Nation, it was a wonderful day for our councilmen and smoke dance singers to share oral traditions, keeping the history alive and well!



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Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility



Photo Courtesy Garth Webster

Mari Kriescher and Mark W. Powless present information regarding a Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility as participants enjoy a health free meal of corn soup and berry mush from the Oneida Cannery.

By Garth Webster

Kalihwisaks/Creative Services

Mari Kriescher, Oneida Behavioral Health Director and Mark W. Powless, Oneida Nation General Manager, invited the community to come together at the Norbert Hill Center Thursday, February 8, 2024 to discuss a proposal to expand substance use disorder services in Oneida.

Roughly 30 community members joined the discussion regarding a new Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility (TRDTF), which is anticipated to include eight to ten beds, with a potential to expand to 14-16 beds.

As of January 25, 2024, the Oneida Finance Committee approved \$180,500 for a feasibility study, conducted by two companies, Wipfli, LLP and DSGW Architects. Wipfli will research the financial aspects of the project, while DSGW Architects will

present the land and building requirements for the project.

Kriescher did emphasize that pending the results of the feasibility study, the amount of rooms, how much Internal Health Service (IHS), or other identified funds, will be needed to fund the project, or potential operational costs, such as personnel and organizational support, is purely speculative.

Two noteworthy questions coming from participants from the community were:

Will this be for Oneida members only? The answer was yes.

On average, how many community members are requesting this service by Oneida and how much does it cost Oneida to outsource these patients? The answer was 8-10 per month, with a roughly average overall cost of \$1,000,000 dollars per year.



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BUILDING THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE



By Garth Webster

Kalihwisaks/Creative Services

The February 2024 article, *Shifting to the Science of Reading*, focused on third grade reading proficiency levels of Indigenous students in Brown County. The article also calls out a key success factor (Attendance) in their journey to achieve benchmark reading levels.

Educators across the United States all agree that missing 10% (18 days) or more of any school year negatively impacts a student's ability to read at their grade-level. This goal is particularly important at grade three because, as Oneida Youth Education Services (YES) Program Manager, JoAnn Ninham points out, "Before the third grade, students are still in the learning-to-read mode. In third grade and beyond, however, students are expected to be able to read-to-learn." Ninham goes on to say, "If students aren't at school, they can't learn. It's also extremely important for students to be at school in the morning because this is when most reading classes are held." This is why Ninham and her YES Team have been working so diligently to increase attendance levels for Native students in Brown County.

Before the pandemic, Native student chronic absenteeism levels were hovering around 16-17% in

Brown County, which according to the standard, is too high. This is why the most recent 2020/2021 report is so alarming, which indicates that 43% of Native students in Brown County missed more than 10% of the school year. This represents a roughly 36% equity gap between Native and White students.

Ninham has observed first-hand, as well as through conversations with educators and community members, that Native students are very distracted by their devices, whether that be with phones or video-game machines at home but also, have increased levels of anxiety and a fear of getting sick, despite the pandemic being over. Fortunately, Ninham's team, along with policymakers and school districts are using the data to engage with parents to implement solutions to chronic absenteeism.

Studies show chronic absenteeism places students on a path towards dropping out and all the negatives that come with it. Even if students are absent at minimum levels, say 10 days (5.5%) per year, they will miss 130 days between kindergarten and graduation. Compare this to a student missing 20 or more days per year makes it abundantly clear why Native students are falling behind. Together, Ninham stresses that we have to act now to change this narrative.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?

Chronic Absence – 18 or more days

Warning Signs – 10-17 days

Satisfactory – 9 or fewer absences

These numbers assume a 180 day school year.

What Can You Do?

- Set regular bedtime and morning routines.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and ensure they have required shots.
- Introduce your child(ren) to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school on time if situations arise. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Schedule non-Covid 19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk with teachers, counselors and other parents for advice to make your child feel comfortable.
- If your child must stay home, ask the school for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.
- To encourage success, track the days they were absent, and not absent, on a calendar each evening after school. Develop a system of rewards for your child for achieving attendance levels.

The February 2024 edition cited a 68% Chronic Absenteeism rate Native students, which is actually the rate for Native students specifically in the Green Bay Area Public School District.



Stevens Signs Letter of Intent with Cornell College



Photo Courtesy Garth Webster

Vernon Stevens, shown here with his sister, Shakira Stevens, on Friday, February 9, 2024 before signing his letter of intent with Cornell College.

Excerpts from **NDNSport.com**
contributing writer, **Dan Ninham**

Vernon Stevens, a senior at Oneida Nation High School and three-sport-athlete, was named First Team All-Conference on the defense and offense for the United Football Team, a cooperative with three schools, Oneida Nation, NEW Lutheran, and Providence. Stevens was also selected to play in the Indigenous Bowl in December 2023 in Soboda, California.

On Friday, February 9, 2024, in front of his high school coaches, including Head Football Coach Richard Hasseler,

Lacrosse Coach Curt Summers, his student peers, and Principal Artley Skenandore, Stevens signed his letter of intent to play Football and Lacrosse at Cornell College in Iowa. Stevens plans to excel on and off the field and is undecided whether to study Biology or Psychology.



Choctaw and Potawatomi Football Players Win Super Bowl



◀ Photo Courtesy James Winchester
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Choctaw Nation citizen and Kansas City Chiefs James Winchester holds the Lombardi Trophy as he poses with his wife and child.

▶ Photo Courtesy From
NFL Network Interview
Citizen Potawatomi
Nation member and
Kansas City Chiefs
center Creed Humphrey
during post-game
interview.



From Cherokee Phoenix, By Dalton Walker ICT, February 13, 2024

Native football players James Winchester and Creed Humphrey did it again. In Winchester's case, a third time. The two Kansas City offensive linemen helped the team to back-to-back Super Bowl championships after Sunday's 25-22 win against the San Francisco 49ers in Las Vegas. Long snapper Winchester, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and center Humphrey, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, are believed to be the only Indigenous players on the Kansas City roster.

Fernandez Shares His Musical Insight



Photos Courtesy Garth Webster

The fifth grade music class at Rock Ledge Intermediate School waves to the camera after Wade Fernandez shares his musical insights on Monday, February 5, 2024.

By Garth Webster

Kalihwisaks/Creative Services

Vicki Strzelecki and River Ocker, Youth Enrichment Service (YES) Advocates, invited international award winning touring artist and educator, Wade Fernandez to present his musical insights to the students at Rock Ledge Intermediate School (RLS) in Seymour, WI during the week of February 5-8, 2024.

Fernandez is a member of the Planting Seeds of Knowledge (SEEDS) program, which utilizes a grant funded by the Wisconsin Arts Board's "WI Regranting Program" and the Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP), enabling qualified Native Artists to deliver engaging workshops and performances. The participating artists are also trained to work in educational settings, integrating curriculum, creativity, and culture.

I had the pleasure to witness Fernandez presenting to the fifth-grade students at RLS Monday morning, February 5. Fernandez, Menominee Nation

Member, told the students about their relationship to Grandmother Earth and how all things, including music, comes from Creation. As he introduced the sounds of the hand drum, he explained and quizzed the children about the first time they've ever heard this sound and what it represents. He gave them a hint and said, "You all have one inside you." Finally, one student enthusiastically yelled out, "Heart," as Fernandez said, "Yes, your heartbeat." Fernandez continued by sharing how other sounds, such as the birds, wind, and water inspired him as he sat by the Wolf River in his homelands, as he played examples of these sounds on his Native flute and guitar. As the students sat mesmerized, he delivered more important messages about their educational journey.

"Remember that you are both students and teachers. Whatever you do, it's a teaching moment but at the same time, you're also learning," Says Fernandez, "I'm learning and it's a good feeling." He went to stress the importance of silence

because when you listen, or pause when speaking, the silence is when our audience can absorb and contemplate the message. As Fernandez finished playing some more music, he re-emphasized that whatever their aspirations were, music, sports, or something else, to remember to improvise while learning. Just like when he sat at the riverside and recreated the sounds, he says, "You don't always need a book to learn. All things and events are teaching you."

Learn more about Wade Fernandez and how he integrates his knowledge and skills into his educational offerings at WadeFernandezMusic.com/For-Schools-More.



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From cover/*Gathering of Native Americans*



Maria Trevizo, GONA Facilitator, addressed the GONA participants during opening ceremonies. Trevizo orchestrated the schedule of activities during the 3-day event.

days tackle tougher issues such as generational trauma. During the entire curriculum, the safe comfortable environment was maintained with activities, such as Basket Guild classes, the Creation Story from Chief Bob Brown, and a guided imagery session from Randy Cornelius. Don Lyons, part of the GONA Team that provides technical services to Indigenous Nations who want to start their own TAP Program says, “No one wants to go to meetings all day so this process has to be engaging. You have to experience it, feel it, and the GONA really helps people do that and own the process. Small groups, large groups, arts & crafts. It’s all part of the process that helps make planning more effective. We want to help create sustainable Indigenous Nations.”

At any given time, GONA events are happening all over Turtle Island. “This is an Indigenous movement,” says Trevizo. “It’s Indigenous communities, such as in Guatemala and Australia that are decolonizing, embracing their healing, and claiming their voice.”

Powerful information was shared over the three day event. Doxtater says the GONA team will soon be organizing and presenting to her Oneida TAP Department. Watch for new and innovative solutions to move our Oneida Community to new levels of healing and prosperity.



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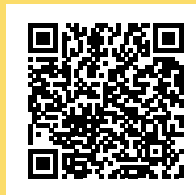
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THUNDERHAWK TIMES



GBASO GOING STRONG

By Ari Mousseau

Green Bay Action Sports Organization (GBASO): is like heaven for local skateboarders. It's a place for boarders to gather, work on routines, exchange tips, talk smack, help each other with tricks, hype each other up, and develop a sense of community. It is located at 2351 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin and all you have to do is sign up for a membership which lasts a month and is a recurring payment. GBASO hosts many special events like Ladies Night, every Monday night, where only women can skate at the facility. They also hosted Give Big Green Bay on February 21-22 and helps GBASO with donations. You can also buy skateboarding equipment including skate decks, wheels, grip tape, bearings, hardware, trucks, and merchandise. Check out GBASO, if you are an "old head" or just beginning, you will feel welcome the minute you walk in the door.

ONHS BASKETBALL

By Landyn Jordan

The T-Hawk Boy's basketball team is well into the 2023-2024 Season. At the end of January, their record stood at 10-7 and the team was about to celebrate Senior Ethan Danforth hitting his 1,000 point, joining an elite group that share this incredible individual accomplishment. Team members wore shirts and cheered when he finally reached the milestone. It was also a chance to celebrate as an Oneida Community. Fans in attendance also wore shirts that acknowledged the 1,000 points he has scored. An official celebration was planned for the next home game on February 25, 2024 against Lena. As for the rest of the season, the team is hoping to finish the season 17-7, which means going undefeated for the rest of our schedule. The team plans to make it far, if not all the way, in the playoffs when they come. The regular season wraps up February 22 and playoffs take place soon after and the team plans on finishing the season strong.

LOOKING AHEAD IN SPORTS

By Jonas Johnson

It's been a strange winter. No winter. Then, real winter. Then, no winter again. As of January 31, the snow is practically gone. The Super Bowl is just a couple of weeks off as of this writing. Then, football season is behind us, but spring sports start up. It makes a young athlete start thinking about the exciting things ahead. For this writer, two sports have me anxious for spring – golf and lacrosse. Lacrosse season gets rolling April 7 and is a time of great excitement in the Oneida community because it brings us all together and is fun to watch. Golf gets going on April 2 and it brings with it thoughts of warm temps, green grass, a group of friends and teammates riding to different golf courses and comparing scores with one another. It will be here before we know it.

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CORRECTIONS-We apologize for the errors and thank the community for notifying us of mistakes.

The photo of Dennis Danforth Sr. in the Feb. 2024 edition regarding his induction into the NIAHF Hall of Fame was mistakenly labeled as Joey Christjohn. We apologize for this error and also, for not including Joey Christjohn's photo.

The cover of the Jan. 2024 edition mistakenly identified Carolyn Skenandore as Carolyn Cornelius.

A reader informed us Connor Kestell's title is Veterans Service Officer, not Veterans Affairs Manager as it was displayed in the Jan. 2024 edition. After clarifying directly with Mr. Kestell, he prefers Tribal Veteran Services Officer.

Graduating at Semester

By Valencia Cabrera

Each year, some ONHS seniors “graduate” early at the end of first semester because they have met graduation requirements in just seven semesters instead of the usual eight. Our ONHS seniors that are graduating early are Mariah House-Baillie, Cylie (Vance) King, Cordarrell McIntyre, Aron Rodriguez, Mariana Skenandore, Seagram Stevens, Vernon Stevens, and Hunter Webster. Senior Kyson King incredibly met graduation requirements at the end of his junior year. Along with finishing graduation requirements, early graduating seniors must have a plan for school or work during second semester. Artley Skenandore, ONHS Principal says you must have your plan for early graduation. We will celebrate this year’s early grads when they join the other ONHS seniors for graduation in early June.

“Home Base” is New for Second Semester

By Ethan Hill

What is part study hall, part interesting clubs, part academic improvement, and part credit deficient help? It’s first hour Home Base, something new at ONHS for the second half of the year. Students share a common starting point with their class and from there students break into smaller groups. Some students go to clubs they picked, and others go to core classes where they improve their academic skills, like the Juniors working on ACT Test Prep. Students this writer asked about Home Base had varying opinions. Junior Laydyn Jordan said his feelings were mostly positive. Some students said they were enjoying the clubs they picked. You might say, there’s something for everyone in first hour Home Base.

AI and Gaming

By Dulce Vidal-Rivera

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is all you hear about in technology news these days. It’s the future in just about everything we do. In “gaming” or creating and playing video games, it turns out A.I. is not so new or such a new phenomenon. The fact is, AI has been used in gaming since the 1950’s. But, according to a CNN article, “Video games are in for quite a trip: How generative AI could radically reshape gaming,” AI is going to have a significant impact on the gaming world anyway. Some of the biggest changes in gaming will include more unique content and accelerated game development. So, if you love your video games, just wait. Your gaming experience is about to get even better.

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Upcoming Events!

HISTORY OF THE ONEIDA FARMERS MARKET

By Bill Ver Voort

*Oneida Integrated Food Systems
Coordinator*

In 2002, Jen Falck and Bill Ver Voort established the Oneida Farmers Market (OFM). Our purpose extended beyond just offering fresh, locally grown produce to the community. We also aimed to promote backyard gardening and provide a complimentary venue for selling extra produce. Initially, OFM operated in the parking lot of the Little Bear Development Center, running Tuesdays from 8am to noon. On average, it hosted 3 vendors and attracted 50 customers per market.

In 2003, OFM relocated to the area in front of the former Tower Foods grocery store. Our goal was to support the grocery store's efforts, resulting in an expansion to 7 vendors and 95 customers per market. Additionally, we introduced engaging activities such as chalk drawing



for the youth.

In 2004, we moved OFM to the Oneida Hwy 54 One Stop Parking lot. Thanks to a grant, this was also the year when we introduced the OFM Bash and provided canopies for our vendors. Alongside the chalk drawing, we added grilling demonstrations and taste testing. Additionally, we launched the prepared foods section of the market. During this period, OFM expanded to include 10 vendors and attracted 150 customers per market.

Between 2005 and 2011, OFM remained at the Oneida Hwy 54 One Stop Parking lot. We shifted the market day to Thursdays and adjusted the hours from noon to 6pm. During this period, OFM flourished. We introduced more interactive activities such as youth planting contests, bird house painting, and fire truck tours. For adults, we organized big wheel racing, rain barrel making, basket weaving, and even set up a golf putting green. Additionally, live music became a regular feature at the OFM Bashes. Our market expanded to include 32 vendors and attracted 410 customers per market.

In 2011, due to construction at the Hwy 54 Oneida One Stop, we moved back to the Oneida Business Park. Although this move reduced our visibility and caused a 20% decline in customers, we persevered. We continued hosting lively bashes and





introduced exciting activities like the Indigenous Mobile Farmers Market, TC Hatter (the statue enthusiast), the iconic OFM Banner, face painting, Polynesian dancers, Mad Dog and Merrill, horse and wagon rides, Frog to Go, and even encounters with Steve Keller (the snake enthusiast). And of course, the brat booth

remained a favorite gathering spot. During this period, we proudly averaged 37 vendors and 434 customers per market.

In 2020, like everyone, we faced the impact the pandemic. We had to decide whether to shut down or adapt. So, we opted for a drive-thru approach where volunteers distributed vendor maps, showing what each vendor was selling. We spaced vendors 50-feet apart, allowing shoppers to easily navigate and pull in. It wasn't perfect, but it worked well given the challenging circumstances.

In 2024, due to ongoing construction, we're relocating OFM to a temporary new location. Our new spot will be N7284 County Road J, just across from the Hwy 54 One Stop. We are thrilled to be back in a highly visible area and optimistic that this move will attract more customers.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers and faithful customers who have made our market a wonderful community experience.



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ONEIDA DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

Month 1 – 6
10 Weekly Classes
6 Biweekly Classes

Months 7 – 12
6 Monthly Classes

Scan or Click the QR Code for lesson plan.



Scan or Click the QR Code for Comp. Health Division Director Debra Danforth discuss health challenges.




The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) will help you commit to reaching your health and wellness goals and reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes. It is a yearlong program that includes one-on-one wellness coaching and group classes with a focus on behavior change, healthy eating and increasing physical activity. DPP classes begin in January, April, July, and October each year.

Why join?
25% of Oneida Members have diabetes.
85% of Oneida Members are overweight.

Who can join?
Patients of Oneida Community Health Center ages 18 & older.
Oneida Nation Employees who participate in Health Plan.

How to join
Scan or Click the QR Code to complete the online form.



WELLNESS COACHING

A wellness coach partners with patients who want to improve their well-being through self-directed lasting change. When working with a wellness coach, patients are assisted in setting goals to reach their preferred health outcomes and given education as needed.



Who Can Participate?
Patients of the Oneida Community Health Center ages 18 & older.
Oneida Nation Employees who participate in Health Plan.

Meet with a coach
Virtually
In-person
By phone

How to Register
Ask your OCHC provider for a referral or self-refer by scanning or clicking the QR Code.



53% of participants that wanted to lose weight lost at least 5% of their body weight.
82% of participants increase physical activity, eat healthier, reduce stress, or quite smoking.





Just Move It Oneida, otherwise known as JMIO, is a campaign to promote physical activity for Oneida Community Members. The goal is to offer a free monthly physical activity event. The events are open to families of all ages. The walk events are usually hosted at the Oneida Nation Elementary School in the gym or outside depending on the weather. In June, July, and August, the events are held at Oneida Lake. Every participant must register once per calendar year for the JMIO events in-person the day of the event or online. Everyone that registers will receive one free JMIO t-shirt.

Register for JMIO today by Clicking or Scanning the QR Code.



For more information or questions, please contact Hanna Leisgang at hleisgan@oneidanation.org or call 920.490.3927



2024 JUST MOVE IT ONEIDA EVENT DATES

MARCH 20
March Toward Health • 4-6pm
Oneida Nation Elementary School

APRIL 17
Spring Into Action • 4-6pm
Oneida Nation Elementary School

MAY 15
Get Movin' May • 4-6pm
Oneida Nation Elementary School

JUNE 12
Kickoff to Summer Fun • 4-6pm
Oneida Lake

JULY 17
Summer Strong • 4-6pm
Oneida Lake

AUGUST 14
Beat the Heat • 4-6pm
Oneida Lake

SEPTEMBER 18
Diabetes Dash • 4-6pm
Oneida Nation Elementary School

OCTOBER 26
Spooktacular Fun • 9-11am
Oneida Nation Elementary School

NOVEMBER 20
Turkey Trot • 4-6pm
Oneida Nation Elementary School

DECEMBER 18
Merry Fitness • 4-6pm
Oneida Nation Elementary School





Stroke Prevention Studies

Stroke Study Purpose: Identify risk factors putting Native Americans at a higher risk for stroke and learn what activities lessen these factors.

Stroke Study Reason: Stroke and premature dementia are two of the greatest causes of disability and death in the Native American population.

The Oneida Comprehensive Health Division and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Stroke team have partnered together since 2019 to decrease stroke and stroke risk factors in the Native American population through education, clinical research, and community events.

- Are you Native American?
- Are you 35-55 years old?
- Do you want to make an impact in your community?

If you answer YES...we invite you to take part in a research study about stroke prevention and how the Native American population can reduce their stroke risk.



Amanda Riesenber
Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach
920.490.3984
ariesenb@oneidanation.org



Dementia Care Services

Along with the Stroke Prevention Studies, Oneida also provides Tribal Dementia Care Specialists who support people with dementia and their caregivers to ensure the highest quality of life possible while living at home. For those inflicted with dementia, memory screening, education, and enrichment opportunities such as the Memory Cafe are provided. Caregivers of Dementia patients are provided education, family meetings, consultations, and are connected with support groups, classes, and other programs. Scan or Click the QR Codes below to learn more.



Debra Miller
Tribal Dementia Care Specialist
920.869.4854
dmiller4@oneidanation.org



Stroke Facts

Strokes are the 5th leading cause of death in the U.S.

Strokes are the leading cause of disability in the U.S.

Native Americans are at a higher risk for stroke and premature dementia than other populations.

Dementia Facts

1 in 10 people age 65 and older has Alzheimer's disease.

1 in 3 American Indians over 65 will develop Dementia, including Alzheimer's.

Dementia is not a normal part of aging, it is a brain disease.

Dementia is a group of symptoms. There are many types of Dementia, Alzheimer's being the most common.

Veterans Supporting Veterans: New Veteran's Services Leadership



Photo Courtesy Mia Charnon

Joseph Valentino, Veterans Benefit Specialist and Connor Kestell, Tribal Veteran Services Officer, enjoy a sunny February afternoon as they field questions for the article below.

By Mia Charnon

Kalihwisaks/Creative Services

Connor Kestell, a Navy Veteran with seven years of service, now serves as the Tribal Veteran Services Officer (TVSO) Before taking on this role, Kestell was an active member of the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee (ONVAC), appointed by the Business Committee. His background aided him in continuing to understand the needs of Veterans in his new role. Shortly after becoming TVSO, Connor hired much needed support staff, Joe Valentino. Valentino, a dedicated Veterans Benefit Specialist and Marine Corps Veteran with five years of service, brings his passion for serving Veterans to the forefront. He is committed to helping Veterans access the benefits they deserve.

The Oneida Nation Veteran's Department (ONVD) ensures Veterans receive the assistance they need and can assist with National Archives inquiries, VA health care and disability claims, and supporting

surviving spouses in their benefit claims. ONVD also offers support groups for Veterans and can assist with burial services where Joe can be found folding the American flag with precision and respect. The department's dedication to honoring fallen Veterans is unwavering.

ONVD's primary goals include streamlining processes, digitizing files by the end of 2026, and creating a HIPAA compliant database for Veterans. Additionally, they aim to create a Veteran home loan program, working in conjunction with Oneida's Homeownership Independent Purchase (HIP) program to help Veterans become home owners.

Both Connor and Joe are Veterans themselves, making them powerful advocates for their fellow service members. Their shared commitment to supporting Veterans helps ONVD unite the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Oneida chapter of the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association (WIVA), and ONVAC.

“There is no better advocate for Veterans than fellow Veterans.”

Connor Kestell

ONVD remains steadfast in its mission. Plans include enhancing the Veterans Memorial Wall with a new eagle installation and improving pavers to ensure all names are legible. As leadership evolves, the goal remains the same: to honor and support Veterans. Volunteers are always welcome, especially during Memorial Day, when they help place flags to commemorate our heroes.

Oneida Veteran Services and Resources can be reached at 920.869.6116.



Charlie and Crystal Meltz, of Meltz Construction, in front of the donated Lee Gordon II and Pearl McLester log home originally located on County Line U after it was placed in it's new permanent home at the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park in January 2024. The log home will soon be refurbished to become another symbol of Oneida history, along with the 5 other log homes on display.

••• NOTICE •••

To reserve the Parish Hall,
 the contact is now Grace Koehler.
 Reach her at 920.869.4562 or
 email GKoehler@OneidaNation.org.
 Her office is located at the Little Bear
 Development Center,
 N7332 Water Circle Place,
 Oneida, WI 54155

 A photograph of a two-story stone building with a gabled roof and a central entrance, identified as the Parish Hall.

**Oneida Community
 Health Center
 SURVEY**

HOURS OF OPERATION SURVEY

 A square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to the survey mentioned in the text.

Please take a few moments to answer
 our survey on our hours of operation.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oneidahealthhours>

TO THE PEOPLE of the ONEIDA NATION



Thank you!

On Dec 27, 2023 I filled my last prescription. God has allowed me to work for 45 years at a profession that I have enjoyed. I have been privileged to spend 18 years serving the Oneida Community. I am grateful for the great staff I worked with at the pharmacy and also the health center as a whole. I want to thank the Oneida community for welcoming me into your community. Most of you have not only been my patients but have become my friends. I have had the privilege of watching your children grow up. You have treated me very kindly and I want you to know how much I have appreciated serving there. If you see me around Green Bay, please let me know how you are doing,

I wish you God's blessings and good health,
Jim Ray



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Spring Election Candidates answers to Voices for Oneida questions.

Due to timing of the spring primary for local elections on February 20, 2024 and this issue of the Kalihwisaks being on press, we unfortunately could not print the candidate responses to critical issues within this issue. However, pending the results of the primary, the responses to the Voices for Oneida questionnaire can be found at this link: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/elections-voting/#2024-Spring-General-Election>



For all your voter needs, go to MyVote.WI.Gov or email taguirre@oneidanation.org



Photo Courtesy Garth Websters

Oneida Retail has partnered with Golden House by donating a portion from the Oneida Retail Enterprise Giving Pump/Spirit Pump drive to the nonprofit organization that provides safety and support for victims of domestic abuse while leading efforts to end domestic violence in Brown County. On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Oneida Retail presented a check to Golden House at the Shell-Four Paths One Stop location.

LEON ROBERT BRISK**April 27, 1949 - February 2, 2024**

Leon Robert Brisk, 74, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2024. He was born in Sturgeon Bay on April 27, 1949, to Gustav and Electa (Johnson) Brisk.

Leon was a graduate of Sturgeon Bay High School. Leon served in the army during the Vietnam war, and served 2 tours. He worked for many years as a long-haul truck driver, and worked for the Oneida Tribe DPW. He finally retired from Aero Concrete.

Leon was an avid fisherman, and he loved watching his favorite teams; the Packers, the Brewers and the Bucks. When he wasn't watching sports, he enjoyed listening to country music, especially Johnny Cash. Leon also enjoyed playing bingo at the Oneida Casino and spending time with his grandchildren.

Leon is survived by his soulmate, Rosemary, as well as his children, Jaymz and Jasmine, sisters Patricia and Alice, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as many great nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is further survived by special cousins Eli and Floyd.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Electa, his siblings, James, Mildred, Wanita and Donald, as well as his nephews, Leo, Edward, and Theodore, and his great-nephews David and James.

Family and friends may call at Holy Apostle Episcopal Church, 2937 Freedom Rd, Oneida from 9-11 am on Saturday, February 10, 2024. The Oneida Hymn singers will begin their song service at 10:30am and the funeral will begin immediately following at 11am with Father James Biegler officiating.

Ryan Funeral Home is assisting the family.

**CARIE M. BURNSIDE (ZAFFKE)****Saturday, January 13, 2024**

Carie M. Burnside Nee Zaffke Passed away surrounded by her loved ones on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the age of 48 years.

Loving mother of Mickile Skenandore, Calvin Burnside and Allyana Burnside. Dear grandmother of 7. Sister of Jammie and Tania. Daughter of Brian Zaffke. Granddaughter of Dorothy Skenandore. Carie always said, "Friends are the Family you choose". She leaves her dear partner Tammy and friends Shelly and Yvonne. Also survived by nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is returning home to be with her loved ones that passed before her; her mother Katherine, her son Gabriel, her children's father Calvin, loving "niece" Marlaina, aunt Rozella and uncle Burton.

Visitation will be held at the Bruskiwitz Funeral Home, 5355 W. Forest Home Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53220 on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, from 3-6pm, with a Celebration of Life Service at 6pm.

Visitation will also be held at Oneida United Methodist Church, N6037 County Rd. E, De Pere, WI 54115, on Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, from 3-5pm, with Funeral Services and final Drum Farewell at 5pm. Dinner and refreshments will follow at 6pm.

ELIZABETH E. FAGAN**February 7, 1960 - January 26, 2024**

Elizabeth E. Fagan, 63, Green Bay, passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2024. She was born February 7, 1960, to the late Anthony Sr. and Elizabeth

(Cornelius) Kolosso. Elizabeth graduated from Wittenberg High School. She worked at Ameri Indian Center for several years. Elizabeth was always giving to those in need, whether a hot meal or an ear for listening. She is survived by her son John Kolosso, two grandchildren:

Gavin Kolosso, Alexis Webster, as well as two great grandchildren. Her siblings; Anthony Kolosso Jr., Ammy (James) Vaughn, Samuel Kolosso, Conrad (Sharon) Cornelius, Dan Cornelius, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kevin Fagan, and Fiancé Terry Rogowski.

Friends may call from 9:00AM Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, until time of service at 11am with Pastor Joel Cornelius officiating. Burial to follow at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Oneida. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences or to view the livestream at 11am.

MICHAEL "HENRY" RAYMOND JORDAN**November 7, 1947 - January 26, 2024**

Michael "Henry" Raymond Jordan, 76, passed away at St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay, WI on January 26, 2024, with family by his side. He was born in Green

Bay, on November 7, 1947, to Raymond and Alma (Webster) Jordan.

Mike graduated from West High School and continued his education at the Chicago College of Art. Mike also joined the Army and served his country for 9 years. While in the Army, Mike met his wife and they had their daughter. Shortly after her birth, Mike was honorably discharged, and they moved as a family back to Green Bay.

Mike worked at Schreiber Foods for 35 years, enjoyed playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, working on small engines and most of all spending time with his family.

Mike is survived by his daughter Young (Leroy) Holbrook, grandchildren Christin (Tiffany Hubbard and her children and grandchildren) Jordan, Marceline (Tristin Pickard) Jordan, Dominique Jordan, and Gabriel (Janell Besaw) Liesch; great-grandsons, Mason, Kyrie, Camdyn, Bellamy, and Toby; siblings, Gerald (Betty) Denny, Erma Denny, Roxanne Counard, Owallah (Samuel) Sobiesczyk, Mickey

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Michael "Henry" Raymond Jordan

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Raymond Jordan**

(Eddie) Petitjean, Sammie (Bonnie) Jordan, Colin Jordan, and Crystal Biller.

Mike was preceded in death by his wife Young Nam (Pak) Jordan, parents Raymond and Alma Jordan, sister Paulette Jordan, brothers Martin (Erma) Denny, Bruce (Penny) Jordan, Gregory (Rose) Jordan, Cecil (Suzanne) Jordan, and close family friend, who was more like a daughter, Tonya Mealman.

Family and friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, WI 54115 on Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 9am until the time of service at 11am. Lunch to follow at Ryan Funeral Home with burial afterwards at Fort Howard Memorial Park and Mausoleum.

The family would like to thank Ryan Funeral Home for all the wonderful help, St. Vincent Hospital and their doctors and nurses for their care of our dad, and most of all Mike's brothers, sisters, and friends.

RONALD EDWIN KING SR.

January 29, 1947 - January 24, 2024



Ronald Edwin King Sr., Lohwanakahte "He has many good words". Age 76 went onto the spirit world on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, with his fiancé by

his side.

Ron was born January 29, 1947, in Green Bay. He is the son of the late Lillian and Edwin King Sr. and graduated from Seymour High School, class of 1965. He also attended Brigham Young University and was later drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served in the Vietnam War.

Ron holds many accolades for his athleticism during High School and adulthood. He enjoyed the games of basketball, baseball, football, track, and golf. Ron was coached and played the game with many great teammates and won numerous championships with the Oneida Warriors and Oneida Braves.

Ron was employed by Ma Bell (AT&T) Phone Company and the Oneida Nation for many years. While serving with the

Oneida Police Department, he held various positions, such as Security Officer, Patrolman, Lieutenant, Chief, and interim assistant Chief. Ron retired as a Lieutenant on February 15, 2007.

Ron lived his dream during retirement, by traveling with his fiancé Diane to golf tournaments, and spending time with family and friends. Ron and Diane spent their winters in Arizona. There they enjoyed golf, and warm weather.

Ron was a member of the Native American Church; he held a strong faith in the N.A.C. ceremonies and prayer circle. He took care of his responsibilities to the church and members. He would often be cutting wood, keeping the fire, or watching the door or cedar. Ron was always involved in his responsibilities to the church and the Creator. He loved to sit in the circle to pray and sing with his family, especially his nephews. Ron traveled to ceremonies and met many people who came to the fire circle. He was often referred to as Uncle or Big Guy. Ron was an established Fan Maker and Beader. He spent his time creating beautiful fans, gourd rattles, drums, and drumsticks for ceremonies, family, and friends to enjoy.

He enjoyed golfing, cooking, pie making, beading, and fan making. Ron loved to travel, warm weather and sitting in the prayer circle to sing and drum. He also loved home cooked meals, cookouts, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks, and his grandchildren's sporting events.

Ron is survived by his fiancé Diane Denny, who was his golf and life partner for 39 years. His children; Michelle (Phillip) Jordan, late Julie (Larry) Hill, Jason (Hiedi) King, Ron Jr. (Bobbi Jo) King and Diane's children; Delores (Kelly) Denny, Pam (Dan) Hertzler, Roy and family, the late Ralph Jr., and Rodney. 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Ron's siblings; Marilyn, Edwin Jr., Arthur (Mike), Bruce, Albert Sr., and their family's as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lillian and Edwin King Sr., daughter Julie, sister Pamela Webster, grandparents Irene and Simon Moore, and Albert and Sarah King.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 9:00AM Saturday, February 3, 2024. The Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 11:30am followed by military rites at 12:00PM. Burial will follow at 2:15pm at the Oneida United Methodist Cemetery. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere, is assisting the family.

WAYNE J. MALONE SR.

July 2, 1950 - February 4, 2024



Wayne J. Malone Sr, age 73, of Bowler, passed on to the other side and started his journey on Sunday evening, February 4, 2024, at his home.

Wayne was born on July 2, 1950, in Antigo, a son of the late Henry and Sophrona (Doxtator) Malone. He attended high school in Milwaukee. Following high school, he went to technical college and learned how to weld. He then moved to Florida where he worked for several years. Wayne later found his place and has resided on the Stockbridge Munsee reservation for over thirty years. He earned is Bachelor's Degree and served as the Stockbridge Munsee Clerk of Courts for over 15 years. Wayne was known for always being willing to help others. Wayne was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. He loved to fish, grill, and sing his folk songs.

Survivors include his eight children, Robert (Angie) Jacobs of Lapwai, ID, Wayne Malone Jr of Wisconsin Rapids, Tara Jacobson of Duluth, MN, Rachel Howes of Superior, Justin Coon of Ozaukee, Martin Malone of DeFuniak Springs, FL, Destiny Malone of Fond du Lac, and Lena Malone of Bowler; sister, Lois Siim of Green Bay. He is further survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Wayne was preceded in death by his soul mate, Cheryl Jacobs; daughter, Naomi Malone; two brothers, Otho and John Malone; and four sisters, Donna, Brenda, Velma, and Eleanor.

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Wayne J. Malone Sr

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Traditional funeral services for Wayne will be held at 11am on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Red Springs Town Hall. Mr. Scott R. Vele will officiate. Burial will be in the Red Springs Cemetery, Town of Red Springs. Visitation will begin at the Red Springs Town Hall after 9am and will continue until the time of service.

Mickelson Funeral & Cremation Service, Inc. is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.

**SAMANTHA JO MAUHAR-OHM
February 6, 2024**

Samantha Jo Mauhar-Ohm Found peace February 6, 2024, at the age of 40 years. Beloved wife of Andrew Ohm. Loving mom of Annabelle, Ethan, and Rebec-

ca Jaworski and Ashley Kalmbach and Andrew James Ohm. Grammy Sammy of Landon Byars and Evan Thompson. Dear daughter of Debra Skenandore and the late Steven Matthew Mauhar Sr. Loving sister of Anthony Sr. (Melissa) Mauhar, late Steven Jr. (Deana) Mauhar, and the late Rebecca Lynn Mauhar. Daughter-in-law of Gary and Beverly Ohm. Sister-in-law of Rebecca (Chad) Secdra. Former wife of Andrew Jaworski. Preceded in death by her grandparents Robert and Evelyn Skenandore and Matthew and Goldie Mauhar. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Schaff Funeral Home 11am until time of services at 1pm.

EUTIMIO TALAVERA**May 31, 1949 - January 23, 2024**

Eutimio Talavera, age 74, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. Eutimio was born on May 31, 1949, in Mezquitic, Jalisco Mexico to Julian

Talavera and the late Maria Consuelo Vilagrana.

Eutimio moved to Chicago, IL in the mid 1970s where he met his former wife, the late Harriet A. Kindness. Eutimio lived in Chicago for many years before moving to Wisconsin in 1991.

Eutimio was a dedicated employee of the Oneida Nation until his death. He took pride in the work he did. Eutimio loved to cook and was known in the community as the local tamale man. Eutimio was an avid Chicago Cubs and Green Bay Packer fan. Eutimio was a very kind man who placed his family above all else. He was loved by the Oneida community. He always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell. He loved to make people laugh and was liked by everyone he met.

Eutimio is survived by his children Rietta Talavera, Eutimio Talavera Jr. and Octavio Talavera, his father the great Don Julian Talavera, his brother Genaro (Margarita), his sister Rosadelia (David) his grandchildren Abigail Talavera, Ari "Little Fajita" Wilder, Octavio Talavera and Leonardo Talavera. He was further survived by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Comerita Talavera; son Douglas Boyd, his mother Maria, his brother Octavio, his nephew Orlando, and other relatives and friends.

Visitation for Eutimio will be held at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home on Friday January 26 from 4-7pm. The funeral mass will be held at Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary, 401 Gray Street, Green Bay on Saturday January 27, at 11am with Fr. Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep officiating. Additional visitation will be held at church from 10am until the time of service. Eutimio will be laid to rest privately at a later date.

Online condolences may be expressed to Eutimio's family at www.muehlboettcher.com

IRVIN "BUNNY" WEBSTER**May 23, 1936 - February 12, 2024**

Irvin "Bunny" Webster, age 87, passed away on Monday, February 12, 2024. Irvin was born on May 23, 1936, to the late Arthur Webster and Josephine

(Wheelock) Webster. He enjoyed garden-

ing, listening to country music, family get together, and listening to the Packers and Brewers games. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Alma Webster, many nieces and nephew other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by siblings: Arthur Jr. (Rita) Webster, Robert Webster, Marty Webster, Marie Scott, Donny Webster, Audrey Webster, Shirley Blum, and Clifford (Wanda) Webster. Graveside funeral services will be held at the Oneida United Methodist Cemetery on Friday February 16th, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

Online condolences may be expressed to Irvin's family at www.muehlboettcher.com

IVAN C. ELM**June 4, 1944 - Thursday, January 11, 2024**

Ivan C. Elm, age 79, of Mayville, Wisconsin passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial for Ivan will be held

on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Fr. Edwin Kornath presiding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mayville. A visitation for Ivan will be held at church on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. Military honors will be conducted by the Mayville American Legion Post #69.

Ivan was born to Mitchell Jr and Bertha (McGee) Elm on June 4, 1944, in Gresham/Redsprings, Wisconsin. He graduated from Pulaski High School in 1962. Ivan was united in marriage to Therese Resheske on September 29, 1973, at Holy Angels Parish in West Bend. They resided in Kenosha for 28 years and later moved to Mayville.

Ivan proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1966-1972. He was a faithful member of St. Mary's Parish in Mayville. Ivan retired in April of 2008 after 35 years with Chrysler Motors LLC., (American Motors). Other positions Ivan held in his career were security guard, grounds keeper, and semi-truck driver. He also held a position with Johns Manville Company. He was a member of the

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Ivan C. Elm

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Mayville American Legion Post #69 as well as UAW-Retiree Local 72. Ivan was an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. He was a faithful blood donor until his diagnosis with a rare kidney disease. He had a kidney transplant in January of 2016.

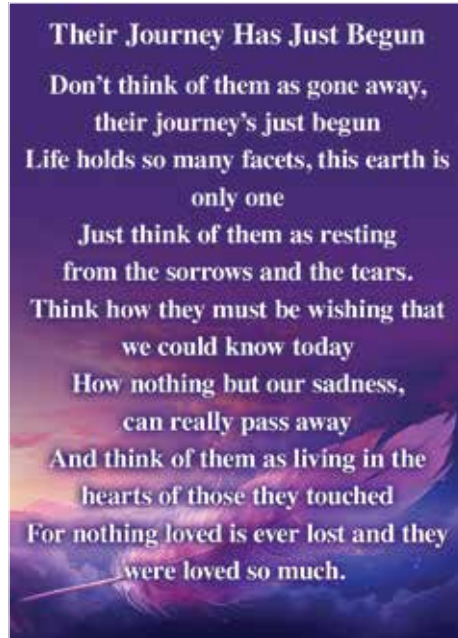
Ivan found joy in giving back to others in his community by volunteering at the American Legion, helping with church bingo, and ringing bells for the Salvation Army. He also enjoyed working at senior meal sites and delivered meals to others. Ivan is survived by his wife Therese "Tess" Elm; children: Michele Hughes (Josh Stancer) of Fox Lake, Rodrick (Lora) Elm of La Crosse, and Carmin Elm (Clay Gilmer) of Watertown; 9 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; siblings: Richard Elm, Raymond Elm, Howard Elm, Mary Elm, and Frances Elm (Senia). Ivan was further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents Bertha and Mitchell Jr.; parents-in-law Robert and Helen Resheske; sisters: Judith Rose, Patsy, and Valerie; brothers: Lawrence, Mitchell "Edward", and Jeffery. Due to severe allergies, flowers are not

recommended. The family asks that any memorials in loving memory of Ivan be directed to St. Mary's Parish, Oneida Elderly Services, and the National Kidney Foundation.

Per the family's request, Heartfelt Flowers and Gift Shop may be contacted to assist with any other gifts directed to the family. They can be reached at 920-269-1277.

Koepsell Funeral Home in Mayville is caring for the family. www.Koepsellfh.com



NOTICE OF INTENT TO GARNISH



ONEIDA JUDICIARY Tsi nu téshakotiya?tolétha? 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 entity owed a debt:
ONEIDA TRIAL COURT**

**Debtor's Names:
Paul Smith**

First published notice 3/24

PARDON AND FORGIVENESS SCREENING COMMITTEE 2024 PARDON AND FORGIVENESS HEARING SCHEDULE

Pardon and Forgiveness Hearings are held four (4) times each year. The application and hearing schedule are provided below. Please see the application for all the requirements. If a deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline will be on the Friday before.

Application due by 4:30 PM on:	Hearing held at 2:00 PM on:
Friday, March 29, 2024	Thursday, May 16, 2024
Friday, June 28, 2024	Thursday, August 15, 2024
Monday, September 30, 2024	Thursday, November 21, 2024

***INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

Failure of the applicant to provide a complete application or any of the required information and/or materials may result in:

- a) The application being returned with a request for more information; or
- b) The application being removed from consideration; or
- c) Denial of pardon or forgiveness.

CONTACT US OR SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO:

Phone: (920) 869-4303
 Email: Secretary@oneidanation.org
 Mail: Government Administrative Office
 PO Box 365
 Oneida WI 54155-0365
 In Person: Government Administrative Office
 N7210 Seminary Rd.
 Oneida WI 54155



NOTICE ON NAMING OF BUILDING



Oneida Land Management is responsible for the processing of Naming of Tribal Buildings and Areas through to the Land Commission. There is currently a request to name the Judiciary building, located at 2630 W. Mason St., Green Bay, to honor Jerry L. Hill for his lifelong efforts to represent Indian Country and the Oneida Nation to the best of his abilities. The recommendation is: **Kaihuhatati Gerald L. Hill Judicial Center**. His Oneida name means Along the River.

The property had originally been allotted to Salomon Skenandoah, allotment #632. It was recognized as Lot 7 of the SE1/4 NW1/4, Sec. 29, Township 24N, Range 20E, 4th Principal Meridian. The property was immediately sold by the allottee. The property changed hands

and was cut into smaller pieces over the years.

It is currently a 1.6 acre parcel. The Oneida Nation purchased the property on 10/29/1992. It went into trust status on 9/28/1994. It housed the Human Resources Department for many years.

This information along with any other suggestions will be forwarded to the Land Commission for consideration. If you endorse this recommendation or have another, please contact: Diane Wilson, Land Management at 470 Airport Drive, via email at: dwilson@oneidationation.org or telephone, leave a message at 920-869-6614. **Deadline for submissions will be 4pm on March 19, 2024.**

AUDITIONS

Rehearsals April 22-May 30

Captain Wallaby's Neighborhood

By: Martin W. Prevost

Performances May 31-June 2

April 15 & 16, at 6:30pm

Robert Lee Brault Playhouse
Community Room
122 N. Chestnut Ave., Green Bay, WI

Auditioners will read from selections of the show and only need to attend one night.
No acting experience required.

Synopsis: Captain Wallaby is the host of their own children's show; that's supposed to teach positive lessons. But when things start to go unfriendly, and his neighbors begin acting strange; Wallaby must face the dark truth of the world they occupy.

For information contact Martin W. Prevost at CaptainWallabysFanClub@gmail.com

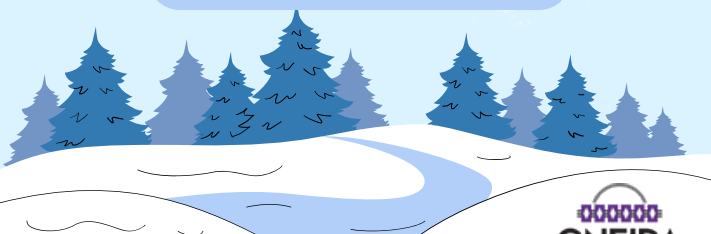

*This show contains mature content, explicit language, and talk of self-harm. Viewer discretion is advised.

The Wellness Council presents:

Winter Wellness Talks

Topic & Date:	Time:
Nutrition March 6, 2024	12:10 - 12:45 pm
Alcohol & Substance Use April 3, 2024	Location: Oneida Health Center North & South Conference Rooms

Contact Taylor Jean for more information or future topic suggestions.
tjean@oneidationation.org or 920.490.3940



Long Term Care For Elders & People With Disabilities

Long-Term Care is a range of services and supports you may need to meet your personal care needs. Most long-term care is not medical care, but assistance with your basic personal tasks of everyday life such as:

- Bathing • Dressing • Transferring • Eating

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The goal of Long-Term Care would make it possible for elders & people with disabilities to remain in their homes, for as long as possible, with the assistance of services to help keep them comfortable.

We assist all WI Tribal Members living within Brown & Outagamie Counties.

For more information contact: Carol Bogda, Tribal Aging & Disability Resource Specialist, Oneida Aging & Disability
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Oneida Hotel, Green Bay, WI

***Membership fee dues & new Enrollments: \$25

Oneida Hotel

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There will be a 50/50 Raffle starting with the first date and ending March 22. The winner will be drawn March 22. There will also be pie auctions each week.

Directly across the street from Holy Apostles Church, 2937 Freedom Rd, Oneida. Any questions call 920.869.2565.

MEET & Mingle @ Inward Bound

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

Thursday **MARCH 7** FREE @6:30PM



Special Guest

WEEYA CALIF

(Cherokee)

Weeya Calif is an artist, educator & storyteller. She not only teaches art in the DePere school district, but also reaches out to the Oneida and surrounding communities and offers digital art classes. She is a storyteller at events for organizations, universities, libraries, etc.

www.weeyacalif.com



Come join Weeya as she shares her inspiring life journey in the art world.

Weeya will have prints of her artwork for sale.

AT INWARD BOUND

SUPERHERO SURPRISE: "ECHO" STAR CHEERS AT ONHS BASKETBALL GAME



Photo Courtesy Kateri Danforth
Marques and Mataya Danforth with Alaqua Cox.

“ My kids are big fans and it was an unforgettable experience for us all!

Kateri Danforth ”



Photo Courtesy Amanda Perrote
Dellora Cornelius with Alaqua Cox.

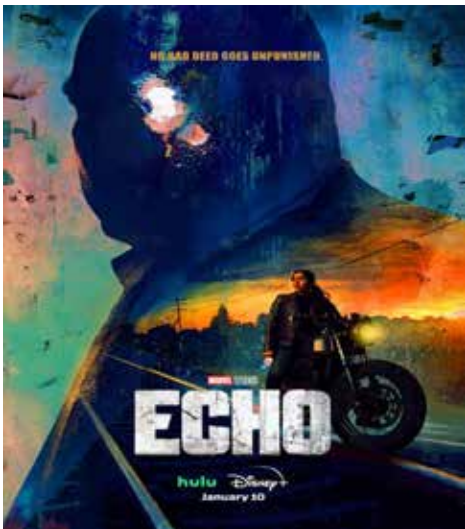


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By Mia Charnon
Kalihwisaks/Creative Services

Alaqua Cox, a rising star in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, visited Oneida Nation High School on Tuesday to support the Menominee boys' basketball team in their game against the Oneida Thunderhawks. She was warmly welcomed by the students and staff of the school, and graciously posed for pictures with fans.

In her debut role as Marvel's first deaf and Indigenous superhero, Cox captivated audiences in the 2021 series "Hawkeye." Now, in the spinoff "Echo," she explores Maya Lopez's origin story—a tale of redemption, Native American heritage, and self-discovery.

Beyond the screen, Cox's personal journey mirrors that of her character. Born deaf on the Menominee Reservation in Keshena, Wisconsin, she proudly represents both

her Menominee and Mohican heritage. As an amputee who wears a prosthetic leg, Cox's character skillfully uses this unique advantage in battle. Just like Maya Lopez, she transforms disabilities into powerful abilities, challenging societal norms and inspiring others along the way.

Recently, Alaqua welcomed her first son.

“ He's an Indigenous baby, of course, I want him to know that, that authentic representation is on the screen. That is his mom. He's gonna have to wait a little bit to see it because it is so violent.

Alaqua Cox
Accompanied by her American Sign Language Interpreter ”

FIRST INDIGENOUS COLLABORATION WITH POLO RALPH LAUREN



Photos courtesy of www.RalphLauren.com/Brands/prl-artist-in-residence-feat

By Mia Charnon

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Naiomi Glasses, seventh generation Diné (Navajo) textile artist and designer, is the first artist in residence in partnership with the brand Polo Ralph Lauren (PRL), the more casual and athletic focused sub-label of the designer brand Ralph Lauren. The program invites artisans to collaborate and create a blend of traditional craftsmanship with the brand's timeless design philosophy.

Over the past two years, Naiomi has collaborated with Ralph Lauren and his design teams to reimagine her original woven art designs into a collection inspired by her family and Dinétah community. To compliment the collection, she curated unique silver and turquoise jewelry pieces made by renowned artisans from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Pueblo, San Felipe Pueblo, and Zuni Pueblo.

Glasses continues to utilize the natural, undyed wool as part of her weaving style. From the beauty of the land to the cherished cultural

“When people wear the collection, I want them to feel empowered. I want them to feel confident, and I want them to know they are supporting the work of a Native artist.

Naiomi Glasses ”

symbols, the Navajo way of life is at the center of everything she creates.

Love of the Land from PRL x Naiomi Glasses is the first of three

special-edition releases for men and women. The collection features various pieces including a ranch coat, wool wrap, full-zip sweater, blanket vest, embroidered jeans, wrap cardigan, thicket jacket, and ball cap. Each piece highlights the colors, patterns, and motifs from Naiomi's weavings that celebrate Navajo artistry and culture through her eyes.

Two additional special-edition releases from *Polo Ralph Lauren x Naiomi Glasses* collection arrive in Spring and Fall of 2024.



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50th ANNUAL Oneida Pow Wow



By Garth Webster
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The 50th Annual Oneida Pow Wow will happen June 28-30, 2024 behind the Norbert Hill Center in Oneida.

In preparation to make the Oneida Pow Wow bigger and better than ever, the Pow Wow Event Team is diligently working on all of the logistics to ensure the grounds and facilities are prepared so everyone attending will be blown away!

As noted in previous editions, crews are taking advantage of a warmer than normal winter to continue construction of a new, larger arbor, featuring a concrete base, modern lighting, and a center structure for storage as well as an enclosed air-conditioned area for the MC.