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KATHAWISAKS

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Shout out to Shania Barber for providing the group photo. Yawko Shania!

Submitted by Ambrose Day-Bedeau

Shekoli. Throughout my life I've battled many health conditions including heart disease and kidney failure. In 2021, I received a kidney, and I'll be forever grateful to the donor. However, in January 2024, my new kidney started to reject, and then fail. I spent 13 days in the hospital, and when I was finally able to go home I decided I no longer wanted to continue with all the medications, diet restrictions, and infusions in order to keep going. So with the support of my family, friends, and entire community, I made the choice to stop all treatments and live life exactly how I want, as a strong warrior representing my family, my Clan and my Nation.

As I prepare myself to make my journey to the Creator and the Spirit World, I'm taking what time I have left to enjoy every activity I can, while also hoping to spread joy and compassion to those around me.

As I gather with my family and community, Thursday, April 18, 2024, for my Indian Taco sale and later, to watch the Oneida Nation Varsity Lacrosse Team take on Pacelli, I'm reminded of a saying some people use about life, "You only live once." My take on this saying is a little different, "You live every day. Make the most of it."

Go to that Pow Wow. Sing that song. Dance your style. Get in the game and play hard. Have fun. Go on that fishing trip. Hug your loved ones and tell them you love them. Do whatever it is you love and be passionate about it. Greet every sunrise as a new opportunity to carry out your responsibilities as the Creator would want you to.

Skana, Kanolukhwásla, Hoka!
Ambrose



Ambrose (middle holding sweater) sang with the famous Northern Cree drum at the 110th Annual Spring Pow Wow at the University of Oklahoma on Saturday, April 20, 2024. A dream come true.

... GTC NOTICE ...

Special GTC Meeting – Oneida Hotel Debt: Thursday, May 30, 6pm

Special GTC Meeting – CIP Projects: Monday, June 10, 6pm

Semi-Annual GTC Meeting: Monday, July 1, 6pm

NAIV CHARTER

NAIV Congressional Charter is Finally Official

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FINDING ABRAM HILL

Oneida Soldiers During the Civil War

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LAURENCE HAUPTMAN

Author, Oneida Historian Laurence Hauptman Visits Oneida

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE FORUM



By Lisa Liggins

Oneida Business Committee Secretary

As mentioned in previous forums, both myself and my fellow Council Members, along with our Political Appointees and Direct Reports from the Oneida Business Committee (OBC), participated in a week-long Nation Building (NB) session held from August 28 to September 1, 2023. This comprehensive week-long workshop focused on five principles:

- Transformational Leadership
- Strong Governing Systems
- Strategic Outlook
- Cultural Relevancy
- Sovereignty

However, what hasn't been highlighted by my colleagues is how we initiated our Nation Building activities. We began by completing the DISC behavior assessment (Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, and Compliance), as well as the 12 Driving Forces assessment. The DISC provides insights into individual behaviors and priorities, while the 12 Driving Forces gauge motivators and behavioral factors crucial for engagement, communication, leveraging strengths, and understanding weaknesses to minimize conflict and enhance awareness.

Utilizing the insights gained from these assessments, our team collaboratively established the most effective approaches to encourage and maintain participation. We committed to:

- Prioritizing face-to-face communication
- Maintaining a present and engaged presence
- Nurturing teamwork dynamics
- Upholding reliability and dependability
- Establishing clear procedures
- Practicing effective time management
- Embracing open and transparent communication channels

Moving forward with our strategic initiatives, it's vital to recognize that transitioning to a Nation Building framework is a long-term endeavor. Therefore, we have pledged to embrace and plan for the necessary time to adapt to this transformation mindset.

Personally, I am confident that we will successfully integrate Nation Building principles into our daily operations and long-term planning, ultimately contributing to the advancement and prosperity of our Nation.



Dominance

CHARACTERISTICS

High D

Driven, Ambitious, Strong-Willed

Low D

Unobtrusive, Cautious, Agreeable

Influence

CHARACTERISTICS

High I

Enthusiastic, Warm, Persuasive

Low I

Logical, Matter-of-Fact, Incisive

Steadiness

CHARACTERISTICS

High S

Loyal, Relaxed, Passive, Patient

Low S

Impulsive, Eager, Flexible, Restless

Compliance

CHARACTERISTICS

High C

Detail-Oriented, Conventional, Exacting

Low C

Arbitrary, Unbending, Unsystematic

The DISC assessment evaluates how individuals approach tasks and interactions. By establishing a framework for observable behaviors, it enhances communication, engagement, and personal growth. Understanding DISC entails grasping how its four components interact to form a cohesive whole. Although individuals may exhibit one or two dominant traits, it's the interplay of all four components that shapes behavior. Together, these components form a distinct "behavioral makeup" for each person.



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Nation Building
Oct. 25, 2023 Presentation.



We Give Thanks to the Fish



Photos Courtesy Garth Webster

In the background, Leander Danforth prepares to offer Oneida words and tobacco as community members gathered, including Fox 11 News, to receive Danforth's message of thanks. The Buffalo Creek Singers provided an honor song to close the event.

By Garth Webster
Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

The community gathered by the bridge in Oneida on the banks of Duck Creek on Thursday, March 28, 2024, for a tobacco burning ceremony to welcome back and give thanks to fish. Leander Danforth led the ceremony and provided the Oneida words to all who attended. After Danforth completed these cultural protocols, Gerald

Hill added his wisdom and insights regarding Oneida's ancestral right to provide sustenance for it's people by harvesting the fish. He briefly summarized how Oneida was victorious in their litigation defending their fishing rights, "We were recognized. We're not a minority. We're a recognized political body." Hill continued, "We continue to be grateful. That's the message that brings us all together."

Passing of Chief Howard Simeon Elijah

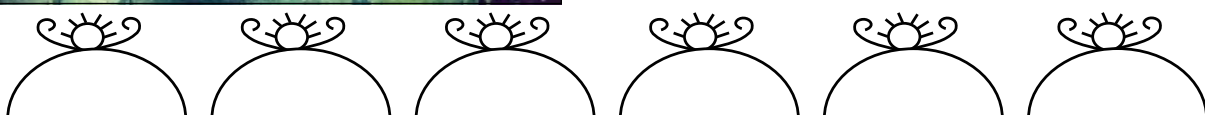


By Garth Webster, Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

When Howard Ka?niwata?λhlá Simeon Elijah, an Oneida Nation Wolf Clan Chief, started his journey to the Spirit World on March 31, 2024, it set in motion many Haudenosaunee cultural protocols that will be diligently carried out by the Title Holders; Lotiya·néshu (Chiefs), Kutiyane?shu (Clan-mothers), and Kayé Niyolí·wake Lonatlihu·tú· (Faithkeepers).

At the conclusion of these protocols, it will be announced who the Clanmother has chosen to fulfill the duties and responsibilities as the new Wolf Clan Loya·né (Chief).

The Kalihwisaks team will be working on a detailed account of this process with the Oneida Cultural Heritage Department, which will be published in the June 2024 edition.



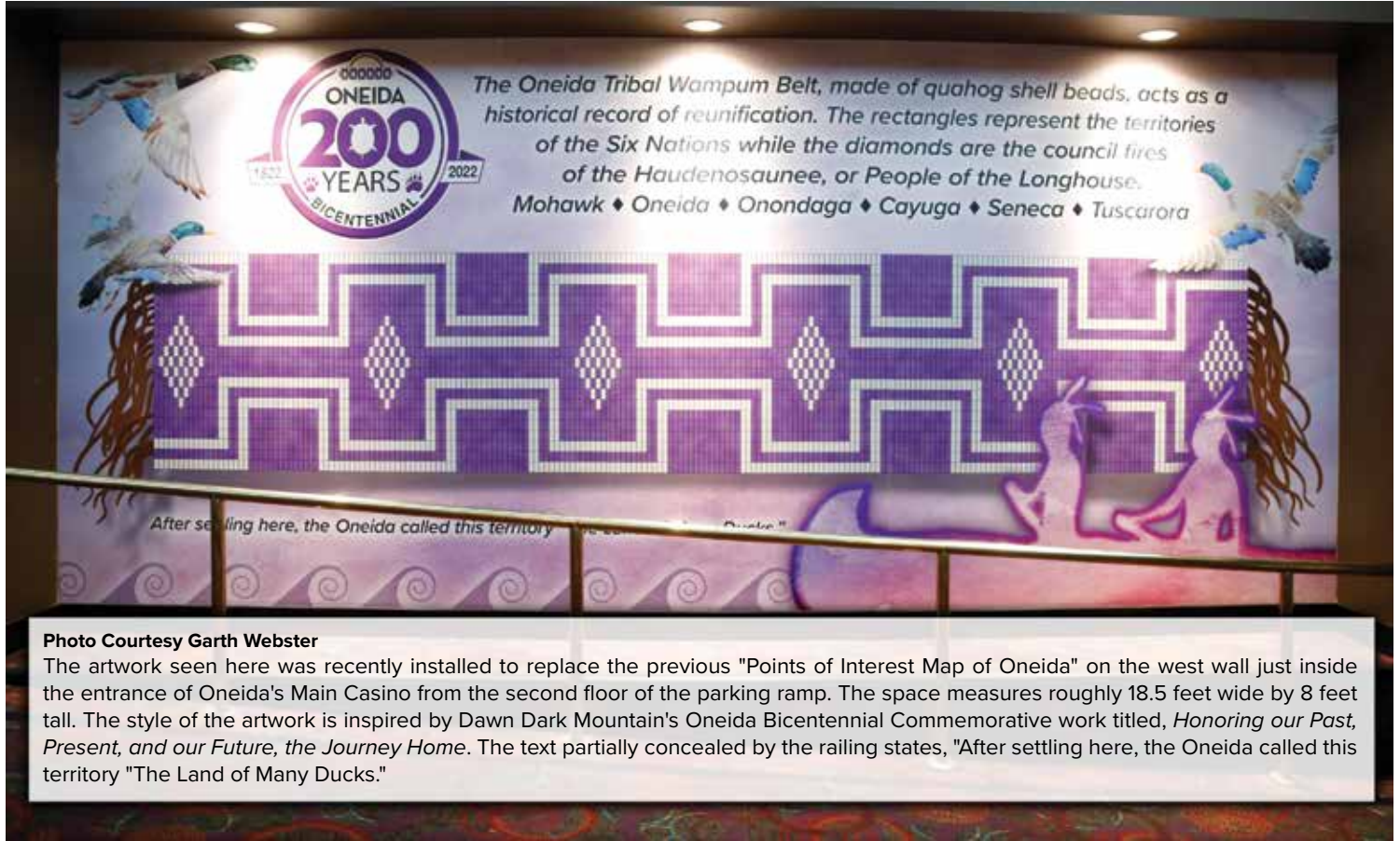


Photo Courtesy Garth Webster

The artwork seen here was recently installed to replace the previous "Points of Interest Map of Oneida" on the west wall just inside the entrance of Oneida's Main Casino from the second floor of the parking ramp. The space measures roughly 18.5 feet wide by 8 feet tall. The style of the artwork is inspired by Dawn Dark Mountain's Oneida Bicentennial Commemorative work titled, *Honoring our Past, Present, and our Future, the Journey Home*. The text partially concealed by the railing states, "After settling here, the Oneida called this territory "The Land of Many Ducks."

50th

ANNUAL

Oneida Pow Wow

June 28 – 30, 2024 • Norbert Hill Center
N7210 Seminary Rd. Oneida, WI 54155

Over \$108,000 in Prize Money!

Food/Craft Vendors

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Dancing & Drum Contest
(Tabulation by ICreeAzn)

<p>Admission</p> <p>Weekend Pass \$15</p> <p>Daily Pass \$8</p> <p>62 & Over FREE</p> <p>5 & Under FREE</p>	<p>Grand Entry Times</p> <p>Fri., June 28 7pm</p> <p>Sat., June 29 1 & 7pm</p> <p>Sun., June 30 Noon</p>	<p>Advanced tickets available at Oneida One Stops beginning June 1, 2024 for \$12. Refunds must be processed at location of purchase.</p>
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NO CANOPIES ALLOWED. Call the Oneida Hotel at 920.494.7300 to reserve your room at a special Oneida Pow Wow rate now until June 7, 2024 for \$109. Call For more information, contact Oneida Pow Wow Event Team members Tonya at 920.362.5425 or email twebster@oneidanation.org and Leah at 920.370.3961 or email Istrooba@oneidanation.org. Vendors, please contact Tonya.



Submitted by Oneida Community Advisory Board

A partnership between the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (WADRC) is working to expand memory care education and understand how dementia affects elders and their families in the Oneida Community.

Since 2015, Oneida Community members, Tribal leaders, aging and health experts, and scientists have worked together to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in American Indian communities in Wisconsin. The WADRC is one of 33 National Institute on Aging (NIA)-designated Alzheimer's disease research centers in the United States (US), working to find a way to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease. A community advisory board guides the WADRC collaboration, with goals focused on providing outreach, education, and memory care to Oneida Nation Tribal Members.

Historically, understanding Alzheimer's disease and its impact on Indian Country has been limited. Alzheimer's disease is the 7th leading cause of death in the US. More than 120,000 people in Wisconsin are living with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, with an additional 196,000 family caregivers caring for a loved one living with dementia.

The partnership between the Oneida Nation of WI and WADRC began with a question: What do we know about Alzheimer's disease and

American Indians?

At an Alzheimer's Association state conference in 2015, Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (ONCOA) board member Mike Hill met representatives from the WADRC. When Hill asked for more information about Alzheimer's disease in Indian Country, he learned there was minimal knowledge because research had included little representation of American Indians. Also in 2015, Oneida Elder Services Director Florence Petri obtained state funding to hire Oneida's first Dementia Care Specialist position, which is housed in the Oneida Nation Comprehensive Health Division (ONCHD). As Oneida community members wanted to support local elders in their community with education about memory changes and resources for people and families experiencing dementia, they began to connect with WADRC investigators and eventually formed the Oneida Alzheimer's Disease Community Advisory Board (Oneida CAB).

Through these collective partnerships, members have hosted memory screening clinics and brain health educational events in Tribal communities across Wisconsin. Educational events featured national experts in aging and dementia care in American Indian populations, including Dr. Blythe Winchester, Dr. Donald Skenandore, and Dr. Neil Henderson.

As services and awareness expanded, so did the need for education and outreach—ideally supported by data

describing

Alzheimer's disease in American Indian populations. The Oneida CAB has since formed important alliances to help achieve its ongoing goals. Some of its partners and collaborators are: Great Lakes Native American Elders Association, Memory Keepers-Medical Discover Team at the Univ. of Minnesota School of Medicine, Duluth Campus, Native American Center for Health Professions at the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, Oneida Aging & Disability, Oneida Comprehensive Health Division, and the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging.

Oneida CAB recognizes the leadership of Dr. Carey Gleason, PhD, MS, (pictured above), founding member of Oneida CAB and her work as Professor and Leader of the Inclusion of Underrepresented Groups Core of WADRC.

Look for more articles from Oneida CAB in upcoming issues as they continue their research and activities.

Click or Scan the QR Code to Learn more about the WADRC.



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ONEIDA NATION

Code Talkers'
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5.24.24

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fee includes: green fees with cart,
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Scramble
9am Shotgun
Start

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ONEIDA NATION VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Monday, May 27, 2024

Members please arrive at 7:40am
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Oneida Post 7784
2980 E. Service Rd., Oneida

Travel to all cemeteries in Oneida
Opening service starts at 8am

- 1 Lutheran-Riverdale Rd.
- 2 Mormon-Riverdale Rd.
- 3 Assembly of God West-Hwy 54
- 4 St. Joseph-Seminary Rd.
- 5 Holy Apostles-Freedom Rd.
- 6 Methodist-Freedom Rd.
- 7 White Cemetery-Freedom Rd. & EE
- 8 Oneida Tribal Cemetery-Adams Rd.
- 9 Anna John Nursing Home-
2901 South Overland Rd.

Break

- 10 Oneida Veteran's Memorial-Hwy 54

Approximately Noon or 1pm
Lunch will be provided at
Veteran's Building-
Riverdale Dr.
(While food lasts.)

Thank You for your support
& service to our community
Veterans.

Sincerely,
Commander
Deke Suri
cell 920.445.1972



NAIV Congressional Charter is Finally Official



Photo Courtesy Chris Cornelius

Left: Robert Cornelius Post 7784 VFW Commander Deke Suri, along with Vice Chairman of the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee, Floyd Hill, and NAIV National Commander Don Loudner, at the NAIV Charter Signing in Washington DC on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Right: Loudner being honored by dignitaries at the signing ceremony with a blanket.

By Garth Webster

Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

The February 2024 edition published details regarding how the Native American Indian Veterans (NAIV) association fought 20-plus years to secure a congressional charter for their organization.

The charter initiative was led by Cheyenne River Sioux and Korean War Veteran Don Loudner. Loudner is the NAIV's National Commander, who firmly carries out the NAIV Mission: To ensure Native American Veterans receive proper benefits and resources.

The effort garnered numerous endorsements from Indigenous Nations and Veterans associations across Turtle Island including the 116th and 117th Congress where it unanimously passed the US Senate. Included in these congressional sessions were two Senators who led the campaign for this bill, Ben Ray Luján from New Mexico and Mike Rounds from South Dakota, where the legislation first originated.

Says Rounds, "Native Americans serve in our Nation's military at five times the national average, and this charter will give them the recognition they truly deserve and have earned. There are many congressionally chartered Veterans organizations, but none that solely represent the interests and needs of Native American Veterans. This bill

will change that by recognizing the mission of the NAIV with a congressional charter."

Oneida Citizen, Veteran, Chris Cornelius, who was recently appointed by Commander Loudner as NAIV National Vice Commander for the Mid-West Region, along with Oneida Veteran's Affairs Committee Vice Chairman, Floyd Hill, and Robert Cornelius VFW Post 7784 Commander Deke Suri, traveled to Washington DC to attend the official signing ceremony on Thursday, March 14, 2024. The ceremony featured a prayer by Marvin Weatherwax Jr., Chairman of the Coalition of Large Tribes, and veteran of the US Marine Corps. The posting of the colors was carried out by the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society and Kiowa Women's Warriors, and the drum circle of the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache (KCA) Veterans Organization. The original signed charter was presented to Don Loudner, NAIV National Commander for his dedication to make this charter a reality.



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NAIV Charter Signing
Ceremony



Haudenosaunee Raised Beadwork Artist Named 2024 Wisconsin Academy Fellow



Karen Ann Hoffman

Taken from Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, 2024 Fellows Awarded

Karen Ann Hoffman is a Haudenosaunee raised beader from Stevens Point, WI. A citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, she creates objects of great beauty and cultural significance that reflect Haudenosaunee understandings and honor generational legacies. Hoffman began her artistic journey in the 1990s, learning from artists Samuel Thomas and his mother Lorna Hill, members of the Lower Cayuga Band of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in Ontario. Over her 25 years of practicing Haudenosaunee beadwork, Hoffman's focus has evolved to primarily make objects that arise from traditional forms that incorporate traditional stories and imagery infused with Haudenosaunee understandings of the world, but that are otherwise entirely new. For example, she is the

first beader to develop the beaded urn form. Her "Wampum Urn" is now in the permanent collection of the National Museum of the American Indian. Also unique to her beading is her deep infusion of narrative elements through which she shares her deep cultural knowledge. She advocates for Indigenous arts and statewide arts programming through her Wisconsin Arts Board membership. Over the past ten years, she has expanded her practice to include teaching Haudenosaunee beadwork through the Arts Board's Folk

“Receiving this recognition raises the profile of not just me, but all artforms. Because of this, I'm so grateful to the platform.”
Karen Ann Hoffman



Flame Urn

Arts Apprenticeship program and individual classes and most recently, has begun curating exhibitions of Native art to provide a platform for her fellow artists. Through her work, Karen is extending this art form in highly creative ways, reimagining existing forms to expand their meaning and significance while also building community and supporting other artists.

COMMUNITY PHOTOSHOOT

We want to take your photo. Headshot photographs will be used as part of the content being created for the **IMPACT WALL** and life size **ONEIDA TRIBAL WAMPUM BELT** that will be exhibited at the **NEW** location.

Together, let's show the world how awesome our community really is!



ONEIDA
Museum

Interested?

Email gwebster@oneidationation.org or scoon@oneidationation.org or call 920.869.2768 to leave a message.



2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse swept across North America, covering Mexico, the United States, and Canada. During this rare event, the Moon passed between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the Sun’s face. Those in the path of totality—where the Moon’s shadow fully concealed the Sun—experienced a darkened sky, as if it were dawn or dusk. When a solar eclipse reaches totality, nocturnal animals sometimes wake up, mistaking it for nighttime, while non-nocturnal creatures might have felt it was time to rest. Weather permitting, observers along the path of totality glimpsed the Sun’s corona, usually hidden by the Sun’s brightness. The next total solar eclipse visible from the contiguous United States will occur in August 2044, in the meantime, we gathered images from the community to share with you.

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Eclipse Experiences



Ethan Pelkey



Steve J. Webster



Cynthia Thomas



Rosalinda Roberts



Maureen Perkins



EMPOWERING WOMEN EVENT



By Mia Charnon

Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

On Monday, March 18, 2024, 150 employees gathered at the Oneida Hotel for the Empowering Women Event. The event, themed “Empowered Women Rise,” was sponsored by Mark W. Powless, the General Manager. It featured two sessions during which three Native American women speakers—Stephenie Muscavitch (Wolf Clan Manager), Rebecca Webster (author of *Our Precious Corn*), and Robin Wall Kimmerer (author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*)—shared their inspiring stories. Attendees were encouraged to connect with other women, leaving the event feeling inspired and empowered.



WEBSTER AND BARTON—LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS

Submitted by Government Administrative Office

The Oneida Nation acknowledges the “Lifetime Achievements” of Alma Webster and Julie Barton for their significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Oneida Nation. Going forward, the Oneida Business Committee will continue to honor those Oneida who have served on the Business Committee.

◀ Seated L-R Alma Webster, Julie Barton, Standing L-R Larry Barton, Lisa Liggins, Jenny Webster, Jameson Wilson, Jonas Hill, Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen and Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens.

GBFF Features MMIW Film with Songs from Indigenous Artists



Kalliah Whalen was present during the GBFF on Saturday, March 9, 2024 for the Indigenous Stories Night.

By Mia Charnon

Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

The Green Bay Film Festival, an annual event, showcases a diverse lineup of feature films, documentaries, and short films from around the world. It provides a creative platform for emerging talent to express their unique perspectives. During the Indigenous Stories night on Saturday,



March 9, 2024, the song *I Will Always Fight* played a significant role in the film *Gift of Fear*.

Directed by Jack Kohler and Katy Doe, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) film tells the story of Mili, who witnessed her mother's murder 11 years ago. Now 17, she faces a new crisis: her former crew kidnaps her girlfriend after she

prioritizes her MMA team over the gang. Despite the involvement of Tribal police and a Federal Missing and Murdered Unit, Mili won't rely solely on authorities this time.

The powerful song, co-written by Kalliah Whalen and Corey Rae White (Ho-Chunk Nation), draws inspiration from the Standing Rock movement and resonates with the MMIW issue. Notably, it was nominated for Best Single of the Year at the Native American Music Awards. Kalliah and Corey's musical journey, blending traditional Native American pow wow rhythms with contemporary rock elements, is known as *Kalliah and BlackWater*.

Now, *Kalliah and BlackWater* are creating a new MMIW song—a heartfelt track featuring several Indigenous artists—to honor Kalliah's lost friend. Whalen's message is clear, “You are not alone; music is always there.” Aspiring artists are encouraged to actively listen and seek mentor-ship. If you're a young artist, consider reaching out to them through their website!

Learn more about *Kalliah and BlackWater* at KandBW.com.

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES



Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk

Saturday, May 11 • 10am Registration

Oneida Recreation • 2913 Artley St., Oneida, WI 54155

11am walk begins to Norbert Hill Center

Light meal provided, presentations & music • email TAP@OneidaNation.org

Oneida Nation High School

THUNDERHAWK TIMES



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Juniors Take ACTs

By Dulce Vidal-Rivera

What's something all juniors must look forward to at some point? It's the ACT test and it can be both stressful and intimidating. ONHS juniors took the ACT test at the Oneida Community Education Center on March 12, 2024. They were accompanied by ONHS guidance counselor, Wanda Anton, and math instructor, Amber Sticka. The test started at 9am and ended around 1:30pm. Students had nothing but a pencil to work with. The ACT test consisted of the subjects English, Math, Reading, and Science. Throughout the day, students were allowed one 10-minute break, as well as a 30-minute lunch break. Phones were turned in and not given back to students until all testing was finished. The testing ended with an essay and 40 minutes was provided to complete it. As of this writing, most students have received their test results and others plan to retake the test in hopes of receiving a better score.

Lacrosse Team Getting Ready Daily

By Jonas Johnson

It's the Creator's Game and at ONHS it's as much a sign of spring as longer days and warmer temperatures. At ONHS, lacrosse season starts early in the minds of individual players. They begin to look at how their team will be working together. To prepare, players will need to be mentally and

physically strong. The season began on March 11, 2024. Currently, practices are mostly focused on helping each other to improve. After a couple of scrimmages against Lacrosse and Bayport on March 30, it all came into focus with the team's first contest against Kimberly. That was a close one, the T-hawks coming up short, 8-9. Next, was a big win at home against the Pulaski Red Raiders, 21-3, on the Green Bay Southwest Field. Between this writing and the end of the season on May 21, the lacrosse team has eight more contests. Watch these pages for updates.

From the Track Coach

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Recently, ONHS Head Track Coach, Caleb Anderson, shared his thoughts on this year's team: "Last week, April 9, at Suring, and April 12, at Lena, we as a team connected well. Coaches from other schools were impressed with our numbers and I even had a coach inform me of how respectful our students were being. "On the competitive side, we broke six school records in our first week of competing and have much work to do."

Track Athletes and Records included:

- Landon House. 400m. 57.52.
- Kenyon Cornelius, Miko LeRoy, Loh[^]tiyo Metoxen, Landon House. 4X800 Relay. 10:16.05.
- Jardina White-Eye. 1600 m. 6:52.65.
- Alaila Denny, Kayree House, Stevi Ventura, Jardina White-Eye.



Girls Flag Football
Read all about these ladies, scan/click the QR

4X800 Relay. 14:17.34.

- Mariah Cloud. Triple Jump. 27'10".
- Rhianna Danforth. High Jump. 4'4".

"Lots of PRs (personal records) and Season Bests," said Coach Anderson. "We are moving in a very positive direction."

NWTC Options for Next Year's Seniors – An Insider's Look

By Ari Mousseau

ONHS seniors and some juniors have taken dual credit courses at NWTC for years and many ONHS graduates have continued their education at "TC." TC is a good opportunity for the Oneida Students to get

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CREATOR'S GAME Now Officially a WIAA Sanctioned Sport

By Garth Webster

Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

This Spring 2024 lacrosse season marks the first time the sport will play in a season as an official sanctioned sport by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), who made the decision in December 2022.


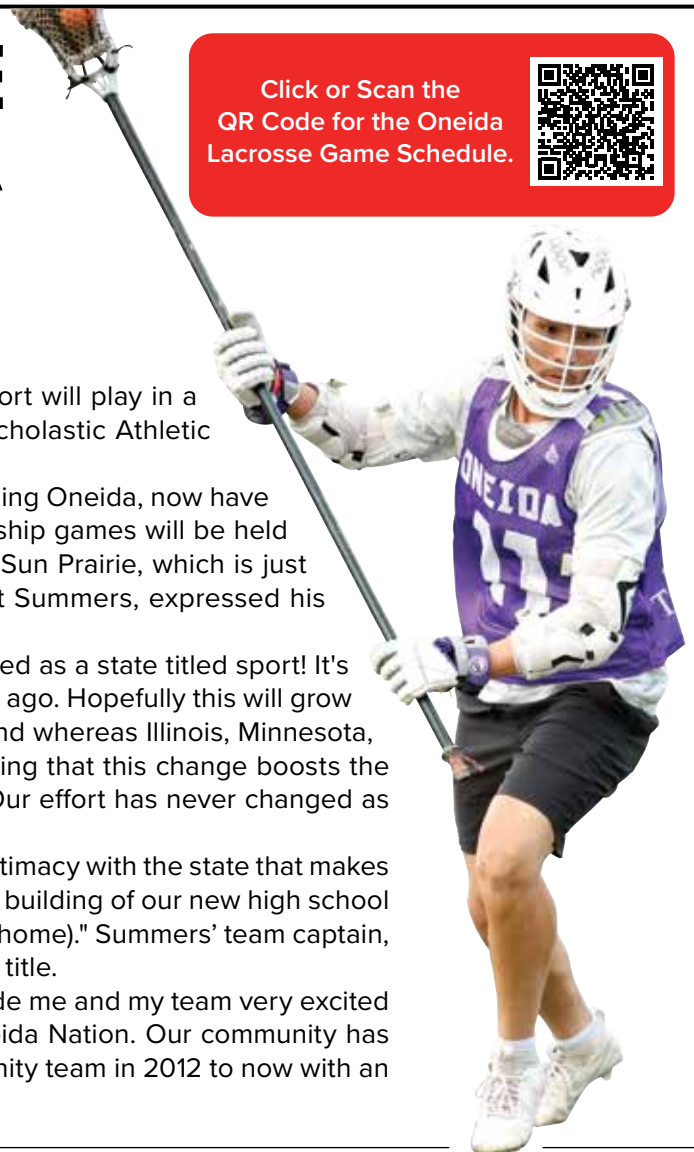
With the decision, girls and boys teams across the state, including Oneida, now have the opportunity to play for a state title. The inaugural championship games will be held Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Bank of Sun Prairie Stadium Field in Sun Prairie, which is just north of Madison, WI. Oneida Lacrosse team head coach, Curt Summers, expressed his enthusiasm for this season.

"It's been a long process to get the game of lacrosse recognized as a state titled sport! It's been talked about ever since I took over the program 12-13 years ago. Hopefully this will grow the game more within our state. Wisconsin really has been behind whereas Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan really took off with the sport. So, we're really hoping that this change boosts the game of lacrosse and catches up with the surrounding states! Our effort has never changed as far as a competing team, we want to win!"

Summers continues, "But now, there seems to be more of a legitimacy with the state that makes us want to work harder towards our goals. We're hoping with the building of our new high school that it will bring more of our students back to our school system (home)." Summers' team captain, Jonas Johnson, is also very excited to potentially play for a state title.

"The WIAA decision to make Lacrosse an official sport has made me and my team very excited to show the state what the game of lacrosse means to the Oneida Nation. Our community has come a long way in the sport of lacrosse. Starting with a community team in 2012 to now with an official High School lacrosse team."

Click or Scan the QR Code for the Oneida Lacrosse Game Schedule.

Yakatahawine Signs with St. Norbert College

By Garth Webster

Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

Yakatahawine Zacarias-Skenadore, Preble High School Senior, the daughter of Kanataloloks Zacarias-Skenadore and Meno Zacarias, signed her letter of intent to play soccer for St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI this fall 2024.

Along with scoring goals, Yakatahawine will be also be hitting the books as she studies for a degree in education. Congrats Yakatahawine! We're all cheering you on!



WISCONSIN'S 32 MOST INFLUENTIAL NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERS FOR 2024



Dr. Rosa Yekushiyo King
Founder of Tehatiw^nakhwa Language Nest



Brian Vigue
Oversees Audubon Great Lakes' freshwater policy



Shelby Siebers
Cultural Adviser & Native American support specialist



Daisee Francour
Communications Director for Indigenous Environmental Network



Daniel Doyen
CEO of D&T Construction, a fully Indigenous-owned construction business



James Flores
Tribal Liaison for the Milwaukee Public Museum



Alebra Metoxen
Oneida Nation Indian Child Welfare Training Supervisor

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Native Sign Language at Aloha Festival in Arizona



Photo Courtesy Lauren Carr

L to R Backrow: Amaya Anton (RS), Naomi Anton (RS), Benjamin Anton (RS), Merriam Conte (AS), Laura Carr (LG). Front row: Marissa Carr (LG), Mary Conte-Taefu (AS), Jasiel Taefu (AS), Talia Taefu (AS). Descendants of Lou A. Green (Summers) (LG), Rita Summers (RS), and Arvilla Summers (AS)

The 30th Anniversary of the Arizona Aloha Festival took place March 16-17, 2024 at Tempe Town Lake, Arizona. The free festival featured a variety of performances that highlight music and dance from Hawai'i and the South

Pacific. "The Summers clan" can be seen representing Oneida as they preformed Native Sign Language at the opening ceremonies of the festival.

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

June 10, 2024 GTC

Oneida Comprehensive Housing Integrated Campus Project

Facility: Approximately 148,500 sq. ft. will be added to the health center with interior renovations of approximately 44,000 sq. ft. and an additional 1,000 sq. ft. second-story structure planned for future growth

Goals: Integrate Employee Health Nursing, Health Promotions, and Oneida Behavioral Health by extending the existing Oneida Health Center and include new Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility

Budget: \$122 Million



*Oneida Nation High School

Facility: Estimated 111,000 sq. ft. facility will accommodate 250 students with the most viable site being a 75+/- acre parcel near the Turtle School

Goals: Improve safety, address space limitations, and comply with modern building codes

Budget: \$82,056,000



*Oneida Recreation & Fitness Complex

Facility: Complex will have extended hours and services including daycare, after school program, learning center, art room, social recreation room, sports and fitness, teen center, sports leagues, martial arts, gymnasiums, track, ropes course with a possible aquatic center

Goals: Provide direct wellness to all ages of the Oneida community

Budget: Option 1 – \$87,685,000 Includes Aquatic Center (lap pool, therapy pool, recreational)

Budget: Option 2 – \$64,117,000 No Aquatic Center




**New Oneida Nation High School and Recreation & Fitness Complex are intended to be a part of a campus approach with stand-alone buildings that are connected through paved paths.*


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Finding Private Abram Hill: A Civil War Journey

By Michelle Danforth Anderson
Marketing & Tourism Director

This is a story about chance or maybe fate? In January 2023, at a Lawrence University hockey game, I met a fellow hockey-mom. Her name is Dr. Christine Dee, a history professor from Fitchburg State-University, MA. Her curiosity uncovered an Oneida civil war mother's pension record for Private Abram Hill, whose mother had to prove her son's loyalty to her in 1866 with her application.

The Civil War started in 1861, but approximately 144 Oneidas didn't sign up until 1864. Oneida men were not considered citizens of the United States therefore didn't have to participate in the draft. When the United States needed more soldiers, they offered bounties to entice men to volunteer. With the times being as tough as they were for the 1,100 Oneidas living on the reservation,



The Wisconsin Historical Society also had the history of the 14th Regiment, which listed all the places the men had traveled and fought.

Not knowing what M.O. stood for, I quickly discovered it meant muster-in and muster-out, or join and discharged. As for the other part of Hill's record, absent and sick,

absence of sanitary disposal of garbage and human waste, inadequate diets, and no specific disease treatments was a formula for disaster." Marietta GA, located just outside of Atlanta, was thought to be the town where Abram died.

Once again, fate led me to a book called *A Wisconsin Boy in Dixie*,



a \$300 bounty was very attractive. Despite the news of horrific death tolls, gruesome amputations and conditions, the men made the decision to enlist.

Abram Hill enlisted in the Union Army on January 4, 1864 becoming part of the 14th Regiment, Company F. Just eight months later, Hill died. On the enlistment papers, Abram was 18 years old, 5' 11" with black eyes, black hair, and dark skin color. The Roster of Volunteers in the Wisconsin Historical Society archives listed him as "absent sick at M.O. of Co; died Aug. 8 '64, Marietta, Ga."

I discovered he sadly died of dysentery. Laurence Hauptman's book, *The Iroquois in the Civil War*, wrote that 46 men had died. That was 2% of the Oneida population. Dr. Stanley B. Burns PBS *Behind the Lens* stated, "Before war in the twentieth century, disease was the number one killer of combatants. Of the 620,000 recorded military deaths in the Civil War, about two-thirds died from disease. However, recent studies show the number of deaths was probably closer to 750,000. Crowded conditions, poor hygiene,

edited by Stephen E. Ambrose. It published the Civil War letters of James K. Newton, a teacher from De Pere, WI who was also part of the 14th Regiment F Company, the same as 46 Oneida men. His letters to his parents provided dates, locations, and details about their company. The book was a road map of precisely where the Oneida soldiers were until there was a company split sometime in July 1864 when the Oneida men were sent to support General Sherman in Atlanta. Then, fate had one more stop, Hugh Anderson,



Another document from the GF hospital listed Abram's death. Initially, it was thought that GF was the initial of someone's home in Rome but Deb Anderson, UW Green Bay Coordinator of Archives believes GF stands for General Field Hospital. There were no markers in Rome for hospital locations.

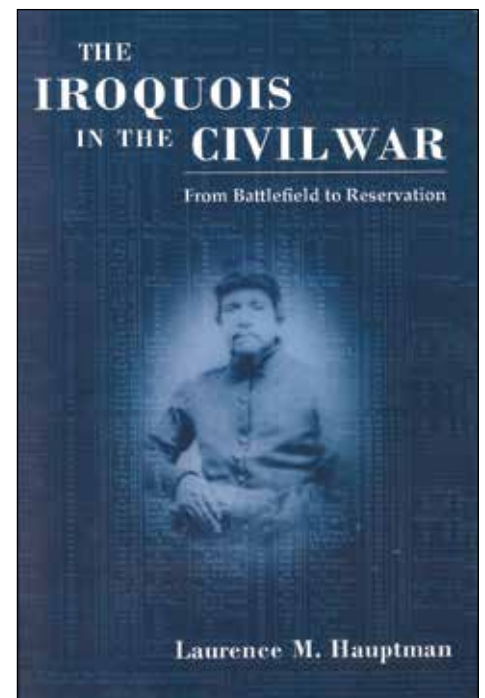
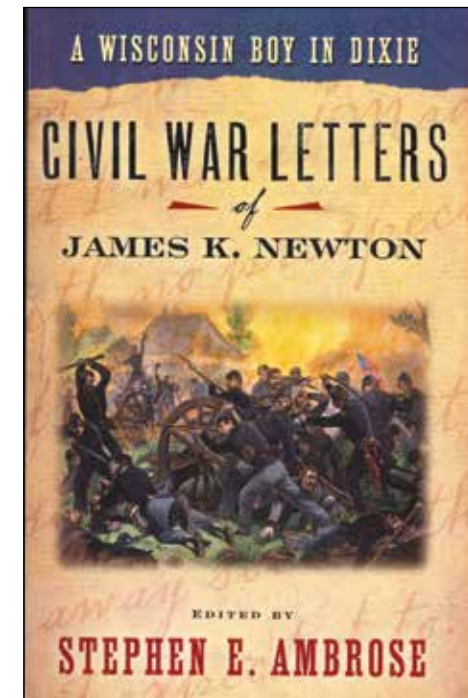


This story has only scratched the surface to a bigger research project and documentary that will showcase where the Oneida soldiers went and what they experienced. Stay tuned.

Lawrence University hockey player, was offered a professional hockey contract to play for the Columbus River Dragons in Columbus GA, a two hour drive southwest of Marietta, GA. Being a hockey-mom, of course a trip with my sister to see a hockey game was in order, along with a journey to find Abram Hill too.

Just prior to departing, I searched Gordy McLester's veterans archive box and found a document with incredible penmanship listing the Civil War veterans who never came back to Oneida, WI. Abram Hill was on this list. However, the notation was that he died in Rome, GA, which is approximately 1 hour northwest from Atlanta. So, why was Marietta listed in the Roster of Volunteers? It turns out that Marietta today is a suburb of Atlanta and has a national military cemetery.

Seventeen hours after leaving Green Bay, our first stop was Rome, GA where we discovered two facts. One, the town had been taken over by the North in May 1864 and two, there were many pop-up hospitals.



Recognizing Academic Achievement

By Garth Webster

Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

In anticipation of the high school graduation and college graduation issues in June 2024 and December 2024, respectively, the Kalihwisaks team is partnering with local schools to bring you another ongoing section featuring Oneida students that are achieving academic success. The following is the list we were able to find for this issue.


Watch future issues as we grow our partnerships to share what we hope will be a continuously growing list of students.

Note: ONHS Students enrolled in dual credit classes with NWTC are still in progress so we will post those students' name with our Quarter 4 Honor rolls in a future issue.

ONEIDA NATION HONOR ROLL

HIGHEST HONORS - 3.8 AND UP	HONORS 3.0-3.49
Honesty Thayer-Williams 4.0	Kaylynn Denny 3.280
Isabella Van Boxtel 3.833	Rebecca Doxtator 3.278
HIGH HONORS - 3.5-3.79	Landyn Jordan 3.278
Grace Gauthier 3.778	Jackson Lester 3.277
Carmelita Castillo 3.722	Dulce Vidal-Rivera 3.268
Jaylyn Caldwell 3.667	Madalyn King 3.223
Jonas Johnson 3.612	Cory McIntyre 3.112
Annalisia Okimosh 3.557	Luis Delacruz-Cornelius 3.110
HONORS 3.0-3.49	Demarie Doxtator 3.057
Ace Bautista-Smith 3.466	Taliana Webster 3.057
Efrain Ninham 3.390	Wileena Bigjohn 3.000
Mason Laster 3.335	Osa Wheelock-Flores 3.000
Leyden Barnes 3.333	

Preble High School High Honors
and February 2024 Student of the Month:
Logan Powers



WIEA (WISCONSIN INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION) AWARDS
2024 K-12 Outstanding Oneida Students of the Year Recognition

Natalah Boucher	Blake Skenadore
Ciana Cornelius	Amari Turney
Jayvin Cornelius	Maliyah Way
Alexander Jacobs	Riley Aguirre
Lily Koehler	Autumn Delabreau
Vanessa Martinez	Mackenzie Reed
Santana Miller	Doyle Skenadore
Neamya Rivera	



THOMPSON READY TO PROTECT AND SERVE

By Garth Webster

Creative Services/Kalihwisaks

During the Oneida Business Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Daniel Thompson was sworn in by Secretary Lisa Liggins as Oneida's newest member of the Oneida Police Department.

After recently graduating from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Criminal Justice Law Enforcement program, Thompson wasted little time in pursuing his career aspirations in law enforcement, "I want to be there for my community and to change peoples lives for the better."

When not ensuring the safety of the community, you'll find Thompson in the outdoors, preferably fishing.

If you see Daniel, wish him luck in his new role as Oneida Police Officer.

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- Enrolled Oneida Nation Tribal member
- 18 years of age or older

Terms expire when election results are ratified

Application



Onvyote?a·la ni? i Standing Committee Vacancies



By Jameson Wilson
Councilman, Oneida Business Committee


The purpose of the Onvyote?a·ká ni? i (I am Oneida) Standing Committee is to serve on behalf of the General Tribal Council (GTC) and Oneida Business Committee as it relates to the implementation of the Onvyote?a·ká ni? i Project Plan which was supported by GTC at the Semi-annual meeting on July 24, 2023.

The Onvyote?a·ká ni? i Project Plan addresses the development of the components important to the process of identifying solutions to Oneida's critical population data issue. This includes steps needed to update enrollment criteria of the Oneida Nation. Furthermore, this initiative is meant to be an interactive and


collaborative effort with the Nation's citizens to find a sustainable solution to this issue which will be identified and built together.

We encourage all Oneida Nation enrolled members that are 18 years of age or older to apply for the Onvyote ?a·ká ni? i Standing Committee.

Click or Scan the QR Code for Oneida Nation Applications
[\(oneida-nsn.gov\)](http://oneida-nsn.gov)



Click or Scan the QR Code to view the Onvyote?a·ká ni? i charter



KINDERGARTEN READINESS-Let's All Work Together to Ensure a Successful Educational Journey for Oneida's Children, Oneida's Future Leaders

Submitted by Brianna Grosso

Oneida Comprehensive Health Division,
WIC Nutrition Services

The February 2024 and March 2024 issues discussed the shift to the science of reading and building habits of good attendance, respectively.

In our ongoing series of articles regarding the education of Oneida's youngest students, this month we're covering the topic of kindergarten readiness, which Oneida Head Start (OHS) and Early Head Start (OEHS) play a critical role.

Oneida's HS and OEHS' goal and mission is to support kindergarten readiness by focusing on cognition, social/emotional, language, literacy, mathematics and physical development. Head start also provides family support as their child is transitioning to kindergarten. Structured family routines that promote good health and wellness can help your child thrive as they start their academic careers.

On Monday, May 13, 2024, Oneida Head Start (OHS) will be holding a graduation ceremony at the Oneida Hotel. Shortly after, the children will begin their summer vacation, which is a perfect time to start thinking about kindergarten readiness to create a strong foundation for Oneida's children to be successful throughout their educational journey.

In the side bar to the right are a few tips from the OHS' Services team Char Kizior, BSN, RN, NCSN and Brianna Grosso, RDN on establishing a healthy wellness routine.

HEALTHY ROUTINES

Schedule daily movement – children ages 6-17 should do 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily.

Serve well-balanced meals that include foods from all five food groups – grains (trying to include whole grains), protein (various lean protein sources), vegetables, fruit, and dairy products.

Choose water for healthy hydration.

Establish a daily sleep routine with your child, 5-12 years old need 10-12 hours of sleep/day. Before bed:

Turn off all electronics Take a bath
Brush teeth Read a story
Go to sleep

Communicate any healthcare needs your child may need to the school to assure they are getting the accommodations they may need such as: food allergies, medications, medical conditions, etc. This will help for a smooth transition and allow your child to start school on time.

For Children turning 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2024

Oneida Head Start Pre-School Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm



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Any household with an enrolled Oneida or other federally recognized Tribal Member living within Oneida Reservation boundaries are eligible.

Your child is also eligible if your family & child lives in Oneida or Green Bay and are: Low Income, a Foster Child, Receive Food Share or Public Assistance, Experiencing Homelessness, or Have Other Family Needs.

Space is Limited. Pick up an application at a Head Start Site & call to schedule an application interview.

Questions? Call **920.496.5200**





Martinez is Ready to Prepare Oneida Families for Kindergarten

Submitted by Jay Martinez

Oneida Head Start/Early Head Start Director

Hello, my name is Jay Martinez, the new Oneida Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) Director. I am an Oneida Tribal member who lives on the reservation with my three daughters and wife Danielle Martinez (Makesgood) from the Oglala Lakota Sioux tribe. Academically, I hold a Master's degree in Business Administration and I have over 11 years experience in a management role.

Oneida HS & EHS supports kindergarten readiness through curricula focused on cognitive, social/emotional, and physical domains. Currently our school enrollment is descending and thus, we are seeking new ways to recruit more Tribal children into our Program. Staffing and filling positions are also another challenge we face here at Oneida HS & EHS. My vision is to build a solid early childhood education program that represents the developmental progressions of knowledge, skills, and behaviors of children aging from birth to 5 years.

I look forward to playing a vital role in supporting our Oneida Families and getting our Tribal children ready for Kindergarten.

Photo Courtesy Garth Webster

A Tobacco Burning Ceremony was held Monday, April 1, 2024 at Oneida Cultural Heritage to kick off the Strengthening Families Initiative. The initiative ran throughout the month of April. Blue pinwheels were given out to the community to create awareness during the April 17 Walk & Scavenger Hunt. Feel free to contact the Kanikuhliyo Family Center for a pinwheel, while supplies last.

April was National Child Abuse Awareness Month. It is also proclaimed Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month by the Oneida Business Committee. During April, Oneida Family Services utilized this time to educate and raise awareness about the impact child abuse has on children in our community. This is done through advocacy and community events in hopes of changing the narrative to reduce maltreatment and strengthen the community in which we live.



**YVONNE JOYCE (SCHUYLER)
CORNELIUS**
March 18, 2024



Yvonne Joyce (Schuyler) Cornelius, 74, was called to the Creator on March 18, 2024. She was the oldest daughter of the late Robert C. and Alice E.

(Cornelius) Schuyler. She graduated from Seymour High School and Fox Valley Technical Institute with her Registered Nursing degree in December 1979. Yvonne worked in many different fields of nursing but spent the last 19 years of her career as the school nurse for the Oneida Elementary and High Schools. She enjoyed working with the many children in the community and watching them grow into adulthood.

Yvonne married Leonard Cornelius in 1980 at the Oneida Methodist Church. She is survived by Leonard, her loving husband of almost 44 years. She is further survived by her blended family. Three children, Dawn Longhini (Milwaukee), Kim Novak (Milwaukee), and Brian (Pam) Novak (Marinette). Two stepchildren Gail Cornelius and Daniel (Cheryl) Cornelius, both from Green Bay. Two step grandchildren, Christene and Tony-Ray. Thirteen grandchildren, Austin, Cheyenne, Taylor, Skyler, Mercedes, Lindsay, Alexis, Brian Jr, Brandon, Madison, Linda, Katelynn and Kayden, three great grandchildren and five step great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her four younger sisters, Annette Schuyler (Kansas), Rana Schuyler (Green Bay), Sandra Schuyler (Oneida) and Connie (Steve) Danforth (Oneida). An aunt, Jeanette Mittag (Oneida). Her nephews and Niece, Robert Smith, Paul Smith, Delia Smith, Lionel Schuyler, Quinton Schuyler, James Schuyler, Ethan Schuyler, Fox Christjohn and Quinton Schuyler, Jr. She is further survived by her brothers and sisters in law, Eleanor Bailey, Josephine (Tom) Daebler, Geraldine Cornelius, Clarence (Sandy) Cornelius, and Frank (Nancy) Cornelius. Lastly, she is survived by her extended Black Thunder family, Everett (Brenda), Edmond (Inez), "Ricky" and Michelle (Niels) (all from Green Bay). Mary, Shawn,

Rose, Kristie, Holly, Cujo, and Evette of Sisseton, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Alice, grandparents William B and Mary Metoxen, Charles and Katherine Cornelius, and Anderson Schuyler. Many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Friends may call at Oneida Methodist church on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 9am. Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 10:30am, followed by a service at 11am. Burial to follow at the church cemetery. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere is assisting the family.

The family gives many thanks to the Davita Staff on Riverside Dr for their years of care along with Dr. Kennard from the Oneida Heath Center. Lastly, many, many thanks to her sister and her family, Connie Danforth, Steve Danforth and Lionel Schuyler for all their support and care during her illness. Donations requested of plates and silverware to Methodist Church hall on March 20th in the morning.

TIMMON J. DOXTATOR
December 15, 1952 - April 2, 2024



Timmon J. Doxtator 71, affectionately known as Bom, was born through a snowstorm on December 15, 1952, in Chicago, Ill. He started his spiritual journey

across the Milky Way through a snowstorm on April 2, 2024. Surrounded by his loving family his sisters Fisha (Pat) & Dolly (Brenda) held him and sang to him as he gently drifted away.

Bom suffered a traumatic brain injury when he was 5 years old. Doctors told our family he wouldnt live past 10 years of age. He lived and was loved to a very full life of happiness, love, care & compassion which brought him to the tender age of 71 years young. He was always a big kid at heart who loved to play pranks, loved Sponge Bob and cartoons, game shows, listening to, singing to & dancing to all genres of music, especially old country, Johnny Cash, Elvis, R& B and more. He loved going to powwows and singing to the drum. He was known for wearing his cartoon shirts with matching socks.

He loved all the babies and eating was an all-time favorite.

Bom was our special gift from Creator who entrusted his care into our arms and in essence it was Bom that would take care of us. Nurturing our hearts with unwavering trust & love, guiding our hands to carefully and respectfully take care of him, giving us words to speak as we became his advocates and caretakers. He taught us what life truly meant for those less fortunate than ourselves and he did it gracefully. He was loved with abundance as was proof in the longevity of many years of life Creator had blessed him with.

Bom was preceded in death by his parents, Cecilia & Michele' Roberto (the loving man who raised us); biological father, Timmon Doxtator; brothers: Vernon Doxtator and Nathaniel (Lummux) Doxtator; sisters: Roxanne "Roxy" Doxtator and Florence (Koo-C-Koo) Klakowicz; many aunts and uncles; niece, Juanita Martinez; and nephew, Yoshi Torres.

He is survived by sisters: Cecilia (Felix) Martinez, Brenda (Everett) Black Thunder, and Patricia (Frank) Gutierrez; brother, David (Michelle) Roberto; special nieces: Theresa, Chanel, Gina and Janee'; and many other nieces and nephews who helped with his care throughout the years.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the Oneida Community Center staff, Carrie Lindsey CHS Long Term Care Case Program Mgr., Rachel Lemke Tribal Options Social Worker, Julia Jones Community Health Case Mgr. Carrie had been instrumental in aiding the family in finding the correct care and support for Bom's continuing care.

To the family and staff at Cerebral Palsy Center especially LaDonna Pingle CPS Service Coordinator Program Mgr. for her compassionate support throughout the years. His world grew tremendously by being there.

To the family and staff at Compass Development, Kevin LaPoint Compass Director, Gen, Jennifer Berg Regional Director, Matt Zillmer Ridgepoint Director...we couldn't have asked for a better team of people.

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Timmon J. Doxtator

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These entities have been a solace to our family, and we are humbled that we entrusted you with our most cherished treasure... Our Bom. Yawáko

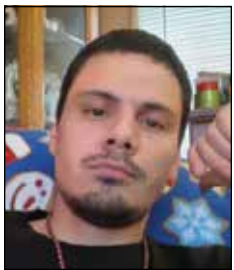
His providers at the Oneida Community Health Center Drs Flood and Danby who always kept things truthful and honest with us and always respected our choices. "he was never heavy; he was our brother"

Pallbearers are Homer Wiseman, Quin Schuyler, Nick Parker, Mitchell Gutierrez, Ronnie Goodeagle, Will Masterson

Honary Pall bearers are Everett Black Thunder, Edmund Black Thunder, Ricky Black Thunder, Frank Gutierrez, Bob Larsen and family, Adam Melchert & family, Lou Williams, Chris Johnson, Michael Schimmel, Ethan Schuyler, Angela Cornelius, Mary Guillaume, Andi Smits

Visitation for Bom will take place at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour, on Monday, April 8, 2024, starting at 9:0am with the Oneida Hymn Singers at 10:30 am. Traditional Services will take place at 11:00 am with Everett Black Thunder officiating. Buffalo Creek Singers to provide honorary drum ceremony.

Online condolences for Bom's family may be expressed at www.muehlboettcher.com.

KYLE ROBERT DUNLAP**August 28, 1990 - April 5, 2024**

Kyle Robert Dunlap, 33, passed away Friday morning, April 5, 2024. He was born on August 28, 1990, to Robert Powers and Kristie Dunlap.

Kyle enjoyed hunting, fishing, coloring, and art books.

He is survived by his mother, Kristie; siblings, Kory Dunlap, Brian Martin Jr., Keeshia Dunlap, Jaden Powers, Shayla Dick and Aleah Powers; grandparents, Valerie and Marshall Groleau; and his large extended family.

Kyle was preceded in death by his father, Robert; grandmother, Victoria; and extended family members.

Family and friends may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, from 10am to noon on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 11:30 with a prayer service to follow at noon officiated by Pastor Juan Alicea. Burial will take place at the James White Cemetery.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff of the 6th Floor ICU at St. Vincent Hospital for their exceptional care.

**CHIEF HOWARD SIMEON ELIJAH
March 31, 2024**

Passed peacefully, at University Hospital LHSC, London, Ontario on Sunday March 31st, 2024, Howard " " Elijah of Oneida Nation in his 76th year.

Loving husband of Linda Elijah. Loving father of Richard (Cindy), Kanahlunt, Sohahes (Amy Ireland).

Predeceased by son Kanihawana.

Grandfather to Tehatlu, Shakoyáteles, Kanotawaks, Teshakowanukhwa, Kastoslote, Katsitsyokus, Tekakaliyose, Yey Áthokwas, Layewat, Kawyuhuati:iles. Great grandfather to Shakotshanunyatha, Amos, Norah, Nia, Lonusiyo, Loliwakat, Loluhwástowaná.

Howard was an Oneida Nation of Wolf Clan Chief and continued as the Principal at Tsi'Niyukwaliho:tá Learning centre and that he will be missed by many extended family and friends across the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. He was an educator of traditional cultural Oneida teachings of friendship, respect, trust, and peace.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, after 12 noon at the Longhouse, 1035 River Road, Oneida. Funeral to follow on Wednesday, April 3rd, from the Longhouse, commencing at 11 am. Interment Longhouse # 3 Cemetery, Oneida Road, Oneida.

Arrangements entrusted to Elliott-Madill Funeral Home, Mount Brydges. www.elliottmadill.com

MATHU GIESE**November 6, 1987 - March 12, 2024**

Mathu Giese, age 36, passed away on March 12, 2024 at St. Vincent Hospital surrounded by loved ones after fighting for his life as a result of a motorcycle accident.

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Mathu was born to Lauri (Habeck) Christjohn and the late Daniel Giese on November 6, 1987.

Mat lived for spending time with his son Jaxtyn, riding his motorcycle with his brother, grandpa and friends. He enjoyed paintballing with his squad and friends, tracking all things, mudding and hunting for everything.

He loved to share his passions with anyone interested, especially hunting with his little cousin Maddy. He will be missed by so many family members and friends.

He is survived by his son, Jaxtyn, Oneida; mother, Lauri (John) Christjohn, Oneida; siblings: Shaun (Amber) Giese, Oneida, Malauri (Jen) Giese, Oneida, Abi (Nate) Habeck, Gillette, Tanya (Charlie) Hunt, Oneida, Tony Christjohn, Oneida, Rollie Christjohn, Oneida, and Joe Christjohn, Oneida; grandparents: Barb and Larry Reynolds, Oneida; Donald and Donna Giese, Cecil; other relatives, and friends.

Mat was preceded in death by his father, Daniel Giese; grandfather, Michael Habeck, and brother, John (BJ) Christjohn III.

Visitation will take place at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour, on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 3 pm until the service at 6 pm with Nick Reynolds officiating.

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



MARY JANE HILL**May 18, 1949 – January 10, 2024**

Mary Jane Hill, aged 75, of Portland, Oregon, passed away on January 10, 2024, due to complications from diabetes, heart disease, and a recent respiratory illness.

Despite battling several illnesses over the years, she faced them with courage. Born on May 18, 1949, Mary Jane was raised by her father, Charles Allen Hill, after her mother's early death. She graduated from West High School in 1967. Afterward she attended college, traveling to England during her studies. She later moved to San Francisco, where she embraced the countercultural revolution of the 1960s. As an accomplished actor, former clown, a librarian's aid, and fabric artist, she left a lasting impact.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Elsa Hill, of Portland, Oregon; her sister, Rose Hill, of Portland, Oregon; her sister, Roberta Hill, of Barneveld, Wisconsin; her nephew, Jacob Hill, of Madison, Wisconsin, her step-nieces, Heather Whiteman-Carriveau of Cottage Grove, Minnesota and Missy Whiteman of Minneapolis, Minnesota; her cousin, Gerald Hill of Oneida, Wisconsin, her high school friend, Sandy Skenandore of Oneida, Wisconsin, her cousin, Norbert Hill of Oneida, and other relatives and friends.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents Eleanor and Charles; her brothers, Joseph and Charles; her nephew Zachary; her cousins Pat, Charlie, Rick, Jimmy, Barbara; her uncles and aunts, her maternal grandparents, Mike and Jesse (Jena Band, Choctaw) and paternal grandparents, Abram (aka Harguelunt, aka Charles) Hill and Dr. Lillie Rosa Minnoka Hill.

A memorial service for Mary Jane Hill was held at the Omega Center in Portland, Oregon on February 1, 2024. Her burial will take place on April 26, 2024, at the Oneida Tribal Cemetery, conducted by Ryan Funeral Home. Condolences and memorials can be sent to Roberta Hill at 7660 Lone Pine Road, Barneveld, WI 53507.

SHIRLI A. HOTTENSTINE**March 11, 1949 - March 18, 2024**

Shirli A. Hottens-tine, 75, passed away surrounded by family on March 18, 2024, at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay, WI. Shirli was born on March 11, 1949, in

Shawano, WI to Sylvan and Doris (Belgonia) Hottens-tine. She was a graduate of Shawano High School. Her and Linda are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oneida, WI.

Shirli's lifelong passion was taking care of her family, her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. She loved cooking, and her family always loved her easter buns and biscuits, her frybread, her fudge, and especially her dips. Shirli always loved watching her nieces and nephews play sports and was always a generous supporter of their fundraisers.

She is survived by her significant other, Linda, her brothers, David (Cindy) Hottens-tine, Jim (Cyndi) Hottens-tine, her sister Pat (Don) Erickson, and numerous nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sylvan and Doris Hottens-tine, her brothers Russell and Richard Hottens-tine, Frank Doxtator, Cleveland Doxtator, Carol Wood, Betty Parker, Billy Doxtator, and Erma Doxtator.

Family and friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere, from 10am – 12pm on Saturday March 23, 2024. A memorial service will be held following the visitation at 12pm- with Deacon. Bobby Doxtator officiating.

**CECELIA KRAWCZYK (NEE STEFFES)****October 26, 1931 - March 15, 2024**

Cecelia Krawczyk (Nee Steffes) was born to Eternal Life March 15, 2024, at the age of 92. Cecelia was reunited with Raymond, her beloved husband of 69 years. Cher-

ished mother of Karen (David) Manske and Eric (Gail) Krawczyk. Loving grandmother of Daniel and the late James Manske and Anya, Alex, Ayden and Adam Krawczyk. Further survived by loved relatives and friends.

Cecelia was an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation. She was also a member of the Wisconsin Arts Board and an artisan for the Milwaukee Public Museum. She loved to volunteer at the Wehr Nature Center. Her true passion was creating and displaying Native-American bead work.

Visitation will be held at Max A. Sass & Sons-Greenridge Chapel (4747 S. 60th St., Greenfield, WI 53220) on Friday, March 22 from 9 – 11am. Funeral Service at 11am. Interment to follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery. For further information, please visit www.maxsass.com or phone us at 414-645-4992.

DOUGLAS S. LASTER SR.**June 5, 1970 - March 31, 2024**

Douglas S. Laster Sr, age 53 passed away in Oneida WI on Sunday, March 31, 2024. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 1970, the son of the late Luther

"Big Buddy" Laster and Scharlene Kasee. Douglas went to high school in Illinois and married Melissa Germiot who he had 4 children with. He worked at the Oneida Casino into his thirties. He loved fishing, road tripping, karaoke, motorcycles and watching the Chicago Bears. Douglas was generous with his time he would lend a hand to the people he cared about.

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Douglas S. Laster Sr.

From page 24/Douglas S. Laster Sr.

Doug would give the shirt off his back for anyone.

Douglas is survived by his children, Shannon (Eric) Micolichak, Scharlene Laster, Twylite (Andrew) Beach, and Timothy (Emily) Connolly; his siblings, Luther "Buddy" (Lysaine) Laster, Kelly Skenandore, and Walter (Melissa) Goodman; sister-in-law, Sherry Kasee; many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Douglas Laster Jr.; and his brothers, Crete Kasee and Stephen Kasee. Family and friends may gather at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N Tenth Street De Pere WI on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 2pm to 4pm. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 3:30pm and a Celebration of Life Memorial Service will start at 4pm.

JUDY L. SMITS

April 19, 1948 - March 19, 2024



Judy L. Smits, 75, Oneida, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning March 19, 2024, surrounded by family and friends. She was born April 19, 1948, to George

Sr. and Ethel (Charles) House. On February 14, 1972, she was united in marriage to Gary Smits. Judy had been employed by the Oneida Nation.

The beautiful positive spirit that Judy brought to her life was also reflected in all those she met. Judy enjoyed sewing, crocheting, going to rummage sales, playing darts in league, just to name a few of the things she enjoyed. Her laugh was pure, and personality drew people to her. She loved the time spent with family and friends, always adding laughter to the memories, and especially the time she spent with Brooke either swimming or sharing life events with each other. Even though she won't physically be present for Brooke's future big moments, she will be there in spirit, with her love and support.

Judy is survived by her husband Gary, son Joe (Significant other Diane Wilson), and granddaughter Brooke (Fiancé Daniel Peters) Smits. Siblings; Nancy Rasmussen, and Alberta Metoxen. Gary's family; Max

(Colleen) Smits, Gloria (Mike) Vander Logt, Glen (Julie) Smits, and Pete (Penny) Smits. Sisters-in-law; Darlene House, and Sherry House, brother-in-law Mike Rottier, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and good friends Judy Mathes, Tracey Reynolds, and Bob Zepnick.

She was preceded in death by her parents George and Ethel House, in-laws Lloyd and Jean Smits, son Robert "Bob" Smits, her siblings; Diane (Bob) Theisen, Richard House, George "Bruce" House, Jerry House, sister-in-law Judy Rottier, and brothers-in-law Gerald Metoxen, Paul Smits, and Thomas Rasmussen.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street De Pere from 3 pm Sunday, March 24, 2024, with a parish prayer service at 7 pm to bring the evening to a close. Visitation will continue Monday at Church of the Holy Apostles, Oneida, from 9 am, until Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am with Fr. James Biegler officiating. Burial to follow at the parish cemetery.

Special thanks to H.S.H.S. Hospital systems for all your care and concern shown to Judy and her family.

GERALDINE "GERI" VILLALOBOS (NEE SCHUYLER)

March 21, 1949 - April 5, 2024



Geraldine "Geri" Villalobos (nee Schuyler), died on April 5, 2024, in Oneida. Geri was born on March 21, 1949, in Milwaukee to the late Melvin and Phyllis (nee

Smith) Schuyler. She graduated from West Division High School in Milwaukee in 1967. Geri also graduated from MATC and St. Joseph's Hospital School of Radiologic Technology in 1971, with certifications in X-Ray, CT, and MRI.

She worked in the radiology field for over 44 years, from 1971 through 2009. She worked at several hospitals and clinics in the Milwaukee area; Family Hospital; St. Francis Hospital; Trinity Memorial Hospital, V.A. Zablocki Medical Center and Children's Hospital of Wis. Geri also worked at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay.

Geri was a member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, Bear Clan. She enjoyed sewing, scrapbooking, reading, researching

her family history, and playing bingo, she also enjoyed the craft classes at Seats in Milwaukee and also the Oneida Elder Center. Geri loved cheering for the Packers on Sunday.

Geri is survived by her daughter, Sara (Omri) Deida; grandchildren, Isaac and Isidro; nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Geri is preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Chief Cornelius Hill; grandparents, Oscar and Mary F. (nee Hill) Smith, Jonas and Abbie (nee Doxtater) Schuyler, her sisters Marlene (Fr. Dewey) Silas, Sandra Gerhardt and her twin sister Bernadine Schuyler.

Visitation for Geri will be Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth St., De Pere, from 4-7pm with Oneida Singers at 6:30pm. Visitation will continue at Holy Apostles Church in Oneida on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 10am. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 10:30am. A funeral service will take place at 11am. with Rev. James Biegler officiating. For a full obituary and to extend online condolences to the Villalobos family, please visit www.ryanfh.com.

Geri was a very special sister to Marlene, Sandra & Bernadine and an amazing grandma to her boys. She will be greatly missed.

Their Journey Has Just Begun

Don't think of them as gone away,
their journey's just begun

Life holds so many facets,
this earth is only one

Just think of them as resting
from the sorrows and the tears.

Think how they must be wishing that
we could know today

How nothing but our sadness,
can really pass away

And think of them as living in the
hearts of those they touched

For nothing loved is ever lost and
they were loved so much.





Submitted by Joey Christjohn
NIAIAHF Inductee

In the 1970s, I stumbled upon a book titled *The Ultimate Athlete*. Within its pages, I discovered a quote that has stayed with me ever since: “What the mind of man can conceive and believe, the body will achieve with a positive, mental attitude (PMA).” This mantra became my guiding light, and I frequently invoked it.

Recently, on March 15, 2024, I had the honor of being inducted into the North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame. As I stood there, I felt immense gratitude toward those who supported

me throughout my athletic journey. Dan and Susan Ninham’s recognition touched my heart, and I owe a debt of thanks to my parents, Amos and Daisy, as well as my dedicated trainer, Louie Askenette.

However, I must acknowledge that my path to success was not without challenges. Substance abuse limited my potential, serving as a stark reminder that “drugs and alcohol ruin lives.” Life is fleeting, and we should seize the moment—never allowing regret to whisper, “too late for, could’ve, should’ve, would’ve.” Instead, let us act now and make every second count.

ONEIDA AGING & DISABILITY
ELDER ACTIVITIES

All our activities are made to help with memory, exercise, health, and bring joy to each Elder



Visit with Chairman Tehassi Tasi Hill



Chair Volleyball



Youth & Elder Painting

MAY 2024 ELDER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Crystal Danforth
Elder Activity Specialist
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CDanfo13@oneidanation.org

IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF THOSE WHO ARE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS
Shirli A. Hottenstine

Submitted by Linda Doxtator

I want to thank all the wonderful family and friends of Shirli that helped to make her memorial service a beautiful farewell. A special thanks to these two special ladies: Cindy Reiter and Lisa Summers who did an awesome job of organizing the food and also, for every little thing they did for me. I thank you Desiree for being there for me.

Thank you to our Lacrosse family and all the people for all the delicious food. Thank you for all the beautiful flowers, including the flowers received from Oneida Casino and the Oneida Nation. Thank you to all the Doctors and nurses at Prevea, St. Mary's, and St. Vincents for the care of Shirli. Last and most special, a heartfelt thank you for all the wonderful support from this awesome family of "ours." You were all her "Favorite."

Kanolukhwásla, Auntie Linda and the Hottenstine Family



NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING

TO BE HELD

May 30, 2024 at 11:30am-12:30pm

**Comprehensive Housing Division Front Conference Room
2913 Commissioner Street, Oneida, WI 54155**

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

Real Property Law Rule No. 2 - CHD Residential Sales

- Change Real Property Law Rule No. 2 to Rule No. 1
- Replacing the selection process from a highest qualified offer process to a lottery draw process such that homes will continue to be listed for the appraised price, but buyers will no longer be able to bid over asking price to gain a competitive advantage; and
- Determining what happens to residential sales inventory in the event there are no offers received for a given listing.

To obtain copies of the Public Meeting documents for this proposal, please visit www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN UNTIL JUNE 7, 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 The Comprehensive Housing Division by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, e-mail or fax.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-ONEIDA ZONING

**Oneida Land Commission
Little Bear Development Center
N7732 Water Circle Place,
Oneida, WI 54155
Monday, 13, 2024 • 4:30pm**

The Land Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, May 13 to hear any concerns of the community.

Parcel Number:

HB-1395-4

Current Zoning District:

Institutional (G-1)

Proposed Zoning District:

Agricultural (A-1)

Comments:

Current zoning not appropriate. Provide Orchard with ability to improve operations.

This request is being completed in accordance with the Oneida Code of Laws-Chapter 605: Zoning and Shoreland Protection Law.

Written comments are due prior to the May 10, 2024. Written comments may be submitted in one of the following ways: email mcannon@oneidanation.org; mail to: Oneida Zoning Department, Attn: Misty Cannon, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155; or drop off at Little Bear Development Center at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

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 entities owed a debt: ONEIDA TRIAL COURT



NOTICE OF INTENT TO GARNISH

**Debtor's Names:
Jayne Danforth**

First published notice 5/24

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 15TH / 4-6PM**

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

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**BIKE WITH
ONEIDA
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**FREE JMIO
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CORN SOUP.**
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

**STEM CRAFT BROUGHT TO
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**WATCH
FOR
DOUBLE
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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.

For more information or questions contact Hanna Leisgang:
920-490-3927 hleisgan@oneidanation.org f JustMoveIt Oneida

5/21/2024

ONEIDA NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

CO-PARENTING ESSENTIALS

Strategies for Effective Co-Parenting
(for parents & caregivers of ONCSA)

*Shakoti'nikú-lale'
Latiksashuha'*

"They watch over the children"

2ND MONDAY 9:30AM-11:30AM
4TH MONDAY 3:00PM-5:00PM

****limited child care available upon request for 9:30 AM session
Full course is one 2-hour session.**

May be completed as an individual or with your co-parent.

Register at 920-490-3700 (option 1)
or email kpton@oneidanation.org

Oneida Farmer's Market Updates



22nd OFM Anniversary

End of EVERY 2024 OFM

- Free drawing for one 10-pound box of Oneida Black Angus hamburgers

2024 OFM Bash - July 18th

Food, fun, music, and fresh produce

- Car show - sponsored by REZurrected Ridez
- Steve 'the snake dude'
- Free balloon animals & face painting
- Free horse drawn wagon rides- Noon-5pm
- Music - 2pm-6pm

MINIBIZ Days- June 27, July 25, Aug 29

Opportunity for students (18 and under)

- Be an entrepreneur & run a small business
- Come support our community youth in their business endeavors

Stay Connected



OFMWI

Newsletter
Sign Up



Brat Booth Opportunity:

- Open to non-profit organizations
- Oneida Nation-affiliated programs & those receiving funds from it are disqualified

Requirements: Food safety handler's certification & a permit holder must be present

Buy Local • Eat Healthy



June 13th - Oct. 3rd

Thursdays, Noon till 6 pm

*Not open July 4

New Location

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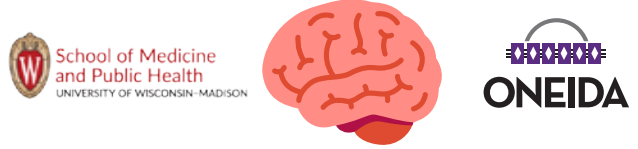
JUNE 11, 2024 | 11:00 - 2:00

Oneida Hotel - 3 Clar's Room
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Stroke Prevention Research Study

**ARE YOU AN ONEIDA TRIBAL MEMBER?
ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 35 AND 55?
DO YOU LIVE IN THE ONEIDA RESERVATION?
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**



**I INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY:
IN THE ROOT CAUSES OF STROKE RISK
DISPARITY IN WISCONSIN NATIVE AMERICANS**

This study is a partnership between the Oneida Nation and the UW Madison Stroke Team to decrease Stroke and Stroke Risk Factors in the Native American Population.

No cost to participant. All activities are on the Oneida Reservation!

Take care of your health and your family for the next seven generations.

CONTACT AMANDA AT 920.490.3984 OR
ARIESEN@ONEIDANATION.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

**SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
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Vocational Rehabilitation Services March Events Recap

Corn Husk Doll Making

We visited Ukwakhwa: Tsinu Niyukwayayathoslu (Our Foods: Where we plant things) where Steve and Becky Webster taught students how to build a Corn Husk Doll and heard the Haudenosaunee story about why the doll has no face. It is a valuable lesson, "everyone in the community has a role to play and responsibilities to fulfill".

NWTC Open House

Speaking of responsibilities, the students attended the NWTC Open House to spark their minds about career opportunities in academics or trades.

Did you know that High School students can sit in a class or see what it takes to start an apprenticeship in the trades as part of a Program Shadow?

Eligibility

1. Enrolled member of Federally Recognized Tribe
2. Documented disability
3. Willing to work

Questions & Schedule an Orientation

Oneida Vocational Rehabilitation Services
VRServices@oneidanation.org · 920.490.3900



LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY WORK SESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 2
 12PM - 1:30PM
 NORBERT HILL CENTER
 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM
 N7210 Seminary Rd, Oneida, WI 54155

Please join the Legislative Operating Committee for a community work session to review the current Eviction and Termination Law and collect input regarding potential amendments to the law.

Register at LOC@oneidanation.org for a Teams invite.
 Bring your own lunch.

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LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS


 Jameson Wilson
LOC Chairman


 Kirby Metoxen
LOC Vice Chairman


 Jennifer Webster
LOC Member


 Marlon Skenandore
LOC Member


 Jonas Hill
LOC Member

2024 ONEIDA EARTH DAY

CLEAN-UP & TREE GIVEAWAY

Help clean up Oneida and order your plants early!

SAT.
MAY 4

9am | Earth Day Clean-Up
Oneida Lake

11am | Tree Giveaway
Little Bear Development Center

Tribal members can receive up to 2 plants per species (max 6 plants per household)

Trees & Shrubs

**White Pine, Black Walnut,
River Birch, Black Cherry,
and American Hazelnut**



Bring a box to carry your new plants home!

Brad Thomas · 920.370.6520
Forester

Fuel up securely by paying in advance!

HWY 54 & E/EE ONE STOPS

PREPAY ONLY

ONEIDA ONE STOP

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For additional details, contact: PWisnesk@oneidanation.org

ONEIDA

UCHD Medical Laboratory Services

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

What does this mean for you?

The new Laboratory System will improve our service to the providers and community as a whole. The other change will be the remodel of our lab space to improve our efficiency within the Laboratory. Initially, it may take us a little longer to process your lab orders as these changes are occurring.

Two new changes will be coming to the OCHD Laboratory Services in 2024!

- A NEW LABORATORY COMPUTER SYSTEM**
- LAB REMODEL**

These improvements will enable us to better serve YOU, by improving our services through the use of state-of-the-art technology to provide quality services while improving our efficiency within the Laboratory. We plan to minimize the impact to our patients but there may be delays.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we implement these improvements.

Never Pay Full Price for Fuel!

MAY 24 - AUG 29, 2024

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See associate for details. Offers vary by location.

COME JOIN US!!

Walk with a Doc



Time: 12:10 - 12:45 pm
Location: Oneida Health Center Front Entrance
Come join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month as we walk, talk, and learn about an important wellness topic! No registration required. Giveaways each month (while supplies last).

Monthly Topics

May 1

Mental Health -
Dr. Christine Garstka,
Psychologist, Oneida
Behavioral Health

August 7

To Be Determined

September 4

Diabetic Health -
Lauren Cornette,
Nurse Practitioner,
Oneida Diabetes
Program

June 5

**All Things Summer
and Child Safety -**
Dr. Karen Lane,
General Pediatrics,
Oneida Medical Director

October 2


Nutrition - Brianna
Grosso, Registered
Dietitian, Oneida
WIC/Nutrition

July 3

To Be Determined

525 Airport Rd., Oneida, WI 920.490.3984 ariesenb@oneidation.org

GOOD LUCK
KAYLEE SCHUYLER



2024-2025 Miss Indian World Contestant
ONEIDA NATION OF WISCONSIN

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2024
CONGRATULATIONS
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES

Calling all Oneida Seniors graduating this spring. Email your name, photo, and high school by Thursday, May 9, 2024 to Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org

All submissions will be published in the June 2024 Kalihwisaks.



AROUND THE YARD

Bird Feeding: Avoid feeding birds from April 1 to Nov. 15 to prevent attracting bears. If you still want to feed birds, hang birdfeeders 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trees

Barbeques and Picnics: Don't leave food outdoors overnight. Standard coolers are not bear-proof. Clean and store barbeque grills after use.

Beehives: Elevate beehives on bear-proof platforms or use electric fences

Composting: Cover compost material with leaves, shavings, or manure. Secure household food scraps with an electric fence

Fruit Trees: Collect fallen fruit promptly and pick any remaining fruit from trees

Beehives: Elevate beehives on bear-proof platforms or use electric fences

Gardens: Harvest produce as it matures. Locate gardens away from bear cover areas

Landscaping: Use native plants whenever possible

Pet Food: Store pet food inside and feed pets indoors

THE ONEIDA NATION IS NOW HIRING

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GARBAGE

Bear-Resistant Cans: Use bear-proof garbage containers

Timely Storage: Keep garbage indoors until pickup

Rinse Recyclables: Thoroughly rinse containers

Indoor Storage: Store recyclables inside

OHWC Now Accepting Applications



Photo Courtesy Garth Webster

(L-R) John Powless III, OHWC Judge, Simone Ninham, OHWC Coordinator, Jesslyn Geidel, OBH, Patricia Hoefl, OHWC Judge, Stephanie Smith, Trial Court Clerk, Meranda Hillman, Assistant District Attorney for Brown County, Rochel Smith, OPD, Elizabeth Van Beek, DOC, Olivia Arts, DOC, Ernest Allard, OBH.

By Simone Ninham

Wellness Court Coordinator

The January 2024 edition introduced the Oneida Healing to Wellness Court (OHWC), a division within Oneida Judiciary's Trial Court. OHWC is a collaborative effort between Oneida-based resources, as well as external resources such as the Brown County District Attorney's Office, that provides support and resources to participants to begin sober living by reconnecting with their families, community, culture, and Tsi Niyukwalihó•t (Our Ways). In this regard, OHWC takes a cultural-based and non-adversarial approach to those who commit to the intensely supervised court program, which consists of five phases over the course of a minimum of 17 months.

Movement through each phase and graduation is dependent on the accomplishment of individualized goals and abiding by program requirements. Progressive movement through the phases results in fewer program obligations as the participant demonstrates the ability to engage in healthier choices resulting in a recovery-focused and law-abiding lifestyle.

Along with a willingness to learn about traditional Oneida stories, medicines, language, and ceremonies, other required components include, but are not limited to: Chemical Dependency Assessment/Treatment, Random and Regular Observed Substance Use Testing, Regular Court Appearances, Ongoing Case Management, and Attendance of Community Recovery Support Groups.

Under the direction of the multi-disciplinary staffing team mentioned in the January 2024 article, applicants' eligibility is based on the criteria in the below. Upon acceptance, applicants may be sentenced to complete the OHWC by a Brown County Circuit Court Judge.

Eligibility criteria:

- Enrolled Oneida Nation Tribal member
- 18 years of age or older
- Resident of Brown County OR the Oneida Nation Reservation (must remain a resident during OHWC participation)
- Charged with drug and/or alcohol related offenses in Brown County Circuit Court (under DOC Community

Corrections supervision)

- History of a Substance Use Disorder
- Assessed as High Risk/High Need through OHWC Assessment
- Ability to comprehend and comply with OHWC requirements

Ineligibility criteria:

- Not an enrolled Oneida Nation Tribal member
- Gang involvement
- Involved in significant distribution of illegal substances
- Any combination of current or previous offenses that would classify the applicant as a "violent offender"

Click or Scan the QR Code to view Healing to Wellness Court Website





LAURENCE M. HAUPTMAN *Visits* ONEIDA

Garth Webster
Kalihwisaks/Creative Services

Author and historian, Laurence M. Hauptman, visited Oneida April 8-12, 2024 to share the knowledge and insights he's gained while researching and writing about the Haudenosaunee.

Hauptman, PhD, is a distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at State University of New York (SUNY) New Paltz. His many works include *The Iroquois in the Civil War* and *Chief Daniel Bread*, a collaborative work between he and the late Lee Gordon McLester III.

During his week-long visit, he presented throughout the community, including the Oneida Nation High School, Oneida VFW, and Oneida Library.

Currently, Hauptman is researching his next book about the life of Cornelius Hill. Stay tuned for details over the next year.



◀ Hauptman's week began with research partner, Judy Cornelius, at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) archives to find information on his upcoming biography about Cornelius Hill.



▲ Michelle Danforth-Anderson provides Hauptman with a tour of the Oneida Nation Veteran's Memorial and the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park, including the Log Homes and replica Longhouse.



◀ Hauptman visits the Oneida Holy Apostles cemetery, finding the grave sites of many of the individuals he researched. He also paid tribute to his friend and collaborator, Lee Gordon McLester III and wife Betty.



▲ Hauptman enlightened the Oneida Nation High School students on Thursday, April 11, 2024 with his *Heroes and Heroines in Oneida History* presentation, which included biographical profiles on recent Oneida leaders such as Purcell Powless and Irene Moore. Shortly after, Hauptman presented *Wisconsin Oneida's involvement in the Civil War* at the Oneida VFW. Later that afternoon, Hauptman presented *An Untold Story: The Wisconsin Oneidas and the Rise of Green Bay* to the attendees at the Oneida Library. Hauptman's last presentation, once again at the Oneida Library, was a short overview on his research earlier in the week at the UWGB Archives.



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56th Annual Oneida Royalty Pageant

Oneida Hotel • Grand Council Ballroom
Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 • 6pm

DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 3RD

REQUIREMENTS

Miss Oneida

- High School Graduate
- Enrolled Member of Oneida Nation
- Letter of Recommendation
- 18-25 Years of Age

Jr. Miss Oneida

- High School Student Good Standing
- Enrolled Member of Oneida Nation
- Letter of Recommendation
- 14-17 Years of Age

Lil' Miss Oneida

- Student-Good Standing
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- Letter of Recommendation
- 10-13 Years of Age

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