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# From the Kali

**Shekoli swakweku**, since beginning my tenure as Creative Services/Kalihwisaks, I've had several readers and community members refer me to as Reporter, Photo Journalist, or Editor. Frankly speaking, all of these titles are accurate. However, when establishing my title, it was a way to redefine what I actually do for the readership and the overall community. It was a way to break the mold and thereby enable a mindset that broadens our perspective regarding the content we're striving to deliver to you in each issue.

This also means delivering content that is diverse; scientific, cultural, human interest, governmental, sports, and even consolidating information from various areas of the organization with similar goals and initiatives. For example, the March 2024 edition brought together Health Promotion, Oneida Diabetes Prevention Program, Wellness Coaching, *Just Move It Oneida*, Stroke Prevention Information, and Dementia Care in one center spread. Our hope is that integration pieces like this will create resource guides for local community, or Nation members living all around Turtle Island such as Washington or Florida or even overseas.

We're also moving the Kalihwisaks into the future with several initiatives. You may have noticed the supplemental content via the QR Codes that link to

web pages, online documents, or videos. This strategy extends our reach without having to use more and more paper. We realize the environmental impact printing has and thus, this method, coupled with a move towards digital publication, will help us be more in harmony with Creation. However, not to worry, we will still be printing hard copies but we are hoping to print less as we evolve the Kalihwisaks.

Finally, yaw^ko to the readership. Without your support, the Kalihwisaks would not exist. This is something we will never take for granted. Creatively serving the readership and my colleagues will be a win-win for all.

Yaw^



**Garth Webster**  
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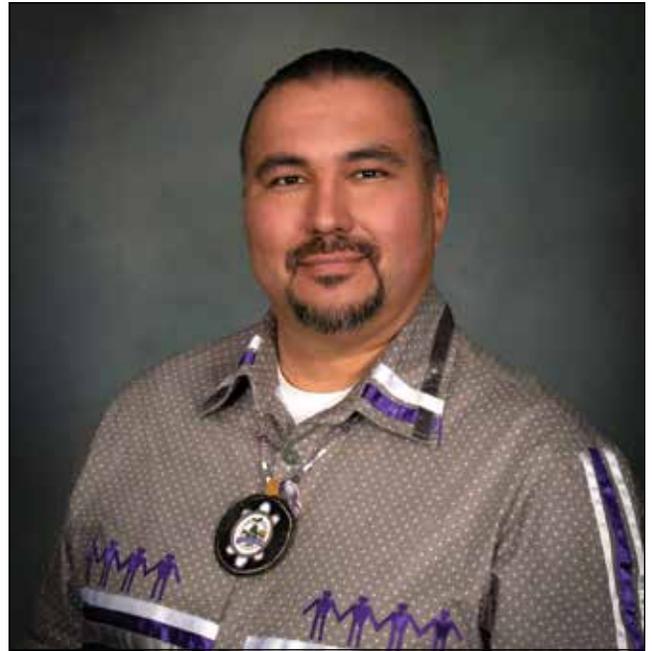
# Business Committee Forum

## Submitted by Tehassi tasi Hill

*Oneida Nation Chairman*

Shekoli, congratulations to all of our recent 2024 graduates! Oneida Nation’s 50th Annual Pow wow was a huge success. I would like to give a shout out to all staff, volunteers, vendors, drums, and dancers who played a part in ensuring that the weekend was a success for all who attended.

Last month, Vice Chairman Stevens and I recorded a public service announcement for Oneida Reads. Oneida Reads is an initiative that is working to ensure that every Oneida student can read at a proficient level by 3rd grade. Current data shows that we are failing 95% of our Native youth in this category. How reading is being taught in school is changing with the introduction of Act 20 and the Science of Reading. This new reading instruction requires more instructional time and specific teaching methods. With this change, we cannot stress enough – just how important, school attendance is for our youth of today and for generations to come. Oneida Nation, we need your help. Become an advocate for 3rd grade reading proficiency by helping to improve school attendance. Offer to help a relative get a student to school – make school attendance a priority for your family and talk about the importance of school attendance with your family and friends.



Chairman Hill welcomed dignitaries who visited the 50th Annual Oneida Nation Pow Wow.

Oneida Nation has started a “Fentanyl Is Everywhere Campaign” aimed to raise awareness about Fentanyl's dominance in the illicit drug market. The goal is to raise awareness throughout the community that Fentanyl is here and that there are resources in the community that can help you save the life of a friend, neighbor, and family member. Part of awareness raising includes distribution of harm-reduction tools like Fentanyl test strips and Narcan. Oneida Behavioral proactively made access to these harm-reduction tools easier to help save lives in our community. Have a safe and enjoyable rest of your summer!

As always,  
Yaw kó· Be well and treat one another well.  
Sa nikuhlatsa-niht (You have a strong mind)  
*Tehassi tasi Hill, Chairman*

**Fentanyl, Tranq and Opioids Are Everywhere!**  
**WE CAN HELP.**

**FREE FENTANYL TEST STRIPS & NARCAN**



A good mind. A good heart. A strong fire.  
ONEIDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## Tribal Gaming Hits New High NIGC Announces \$4.19 Billion in Revenue



**By Mia Charnon**

During the Wisconsin Gaming Regulators Association’s Summer 2024 Conference at the Oneida Hotel on June 27, 2024, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) announced a milestone in Tribal gaming revenue. The Fiscal Year 2023 saw Tribal Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR) soar to a record-breaking \$4.19 billion, marking a 2.4% increase from the previous year. This figure was compiled from the financial statements of 527 gaming operations managed by 245 Tribes in 29 states.



Wisconsin Gaming Regulators Association’s Summer 2024 Conference at the Oneida Hotel.

The conference also highlighted regional comparisons. The St. Paul region, encompassing Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, and Nebraska, experienced a 2.8% increase in GGR from FY 2022, reaching a rounded total of \$5.1 billion in FY 2023 from 95 operations (Table 1). Notable speakers included Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill and Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. as well as NIGC’s Acting Chairwoman Sharon M. Avery and Vice Chair Jeannie Hovland.

Table 1: Regional Tribal Gross Gaming Revenue for FY 2023 in relation to FY 2022. *NIGC FY 2023 Gross Gaming Revenue Report*

|                      | FY 2023          | FY 2022          | Increase      | % of Change |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Portland</b>      | \$4,531,931,711  | \$4,483,512,096  | \$48,419,615  | 1.1% ▲      |
| <b>Sacramento</b>    | \$11,965,357,091 | \$11,759,106,562 | \$206,250,529 | 1.8% ▲      |
| <b>Phoenix</b>       | \$3,926,245,150  | \$3,722,950,358  | \$203,294,792 | 5.5% ▲      |
| <b>St. Paul</b>      | \$5,087,839,643  | \$4,950,589,631  | \$137,250,012 | 2.8% ▲      |
| <b>Rapid City</b>    | \$425,875,203    | \$406,169,922    | \$19,705,281  | 4.9% ▲      |
| <b>Tulsa</b>         | \$3,560,275,433  | \$3,489,234,645  | \$71,040,788  | 2.0% ▲      |
| <b>Oklahoma City</b> | \$3,216,288,977  | \$3,149,318,979  | \$66,969,998  | 2.1% ▲      |
| <b>D.C.</b>          | \$9,191,534,330  | \$8,976,860,441  | \$214,673,889 | 2.4% ▲      |
| <b>Totals</b>        | \$41,905,347,538 | \$40,937,742,634 | \$967,604,904 | 2.4% ▲      |

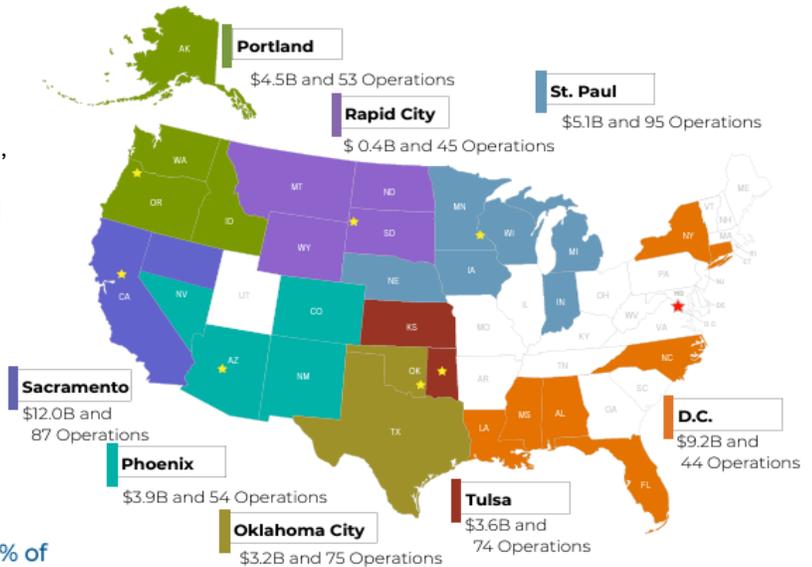


Figure 1: Regional Tribal Gross Gaming Revenue for FY 2023. *NIGC FY 2023 Gross Gaming Revenue Report*

Since its inception in 2006, the Wisconsin Gaming Regulators Association has played a crucial role in fostering communication and support among regulators from Wisconsin’s 11 Native American Tribes and the state’s regulatory office. The NIGC continues its mission to uphold Tribal autonomy and the integrity of Indian gaming, overseeing a network of over 500 gaming establishments nationwide.



Scan to view NIGC  
FY 2023 Gross  
Gaming Revenue Report

## Building Wealth in Indian Country American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AICCW)

By Garth Webster

Assistant Executive Director Paul R. Smith, Oneida Member, from the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AICCW) held a networking breakfast Saturday morning, June 29, 2024 at the Parish Hall. The event brought together local Indigenous entrepreneurs and representatives from the Green Bay Packers (GBP) to provide information on how to become vendors for the upcoming 2024 National Football League (NFL) Draft.

Smith explained roughly 3% of Disadvantaged Business Entities (DBE) involved with the 2024 NFL Draft in Detroit were local business entities. The AICCW, in collaboration with Wisconsin Procurement Institute and the GBP organization, are trying to increase this to 6%. Smith said the NFL has been responsive to Indigenous communities in recognition for the contributions from Tribes like Oneida as he mentioned the

Oneida Nation Gate at Lambeau Field and Oneida Casino being the Official Casino of the Green Bay Packers. Beyond the NFL Draft opportunities, Smith emphasized the importance of the AICCW's effort to build wealth in Indian Country in numerous ways.

Smith says that like this networking breakfast, their "Tribal Toolbox Tour" events held with other Wisconsin Tribes create opportunities for Indigenous businesses to meet with, and hopefully acquire contracts with state organizations like the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDot). Smith went on to say the AICCW also distributes \$5,000 Technical Assistance Grants to Indigenous businesses from grant money they received from the Biden Administration. The next "Tribal Toolbox Tour" event will



Paul R. Smith, Assistant Executive Director speaking at the AICCW Networking Breakfast on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

take place Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Finally, another successful AICCW event, which has historically generated \$400,000 in Scholarships for Indigenous students, is their annual Golf Outing happening Friday, August 16, 2024 at Thornberry Creek at Oneida. As of Monday, July 15, there are still spots available. Smith also hopes this year's outing will crest the \$500,000 mark.



Brian Wilson, local business owner, Marlon Skenandore, Oneida Councilman, Paul Smith of the AICCW, Aina Vilumsons of Wisconsin Procurement Institute, Heather Cloud (Ho-Chunk), AICCW Executive Director, and Apache Danforth of the AICCW at the Networking Breakfast on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

**AICCW**  
American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin  
Building Wealth in Indian Country

4th Annual Craig Anderson

# 2024 GOLF Tournament

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In Scholarships Awarded

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- \$10,000 Hole-in-One!

**DETAILS**

- Four Person Scramble
- 8:30 AM Check-in
- 10:00 AM Shotgun Start
- Lunch on the Course
- Dinner and Banquet to Follow Golf

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*To be Oneida is a heritage, a legacy, an identity. It's a gift received from those who journey before us, shared with those who journey with us, and passed to those who journey after us.*



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Tyler,  
Searching Patient

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### Join the NMDP Registry<sup>SM</sup>

- Date** Throughout the Summer
- Time** Anytime
- Location** You can help—register as a stem cell donor anytime, anywhere, using your cellphone.

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Against Leukemia  
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To learn more, contact  
Keesha Mason at [Keesha.Mason@nmdp.org](mailto:Keesha.Mason@nmdp.org)

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## E/EE One Stop Groundbreaking

Architectural rendering of the new Mobil® Oneida One Stop – E/EE

**Submitted by Phil Wisneski**

*Assistant General Manager, Oneida Retail Enterprise*

The all-NEW Mobil® Oneida One Stop – E/EE broke ground across the road from its current location on July 19, 2024. Construction is expected to take about 11 months and Oneida’s very own MS2 Construction is the general contractor. The new store will be a vast improvement from its existing location. Some highlights include its very own walk-in cooler, bean to cup coffee machines, increased product selection with more cooler doors, island cooler for grab/go snacks, and

Oneida Retail’s first self-checkout. There also will be ample back of house storage, dedicated rooms for data/mechanicals, along with additional space to offer hot food service. The new store will continue to offer Top Tier fuel and carry the Mobil® brand.

Oneida Retail Enterprise operates seven convenience stores and three smoke shops, all located within the Oneida Reservation, and employs over 100 full time employees.

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Oneida Retail Enterprise is extremely excited about our new store. We have worked extremely hard to get to this point, and we can’t wait for our community and staff to experience the best Oneida has to offer.

**Debra Powless**  
Oneida Retail General Manager

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## 2024 SPECIAL ELECTION TENTATIVE RESULTS

Oneida Nation Citizens cast their vote on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at polling stations located at the Oneida Nation Turtle School and at SEOTS for a special election for several Boards, Committees, and Commissions. The election results are tentative until ratified.

Yaw^ko to all the candidates, voters, Election Board Members, and volunteers for your participation. Congratulations to the new elected individuals.

Scan to read the  
2024 Special Election  
Tentative Results



The election results posted here are tentative results. Final election results are forwarded by the Oneida Election Board to the Oneida Business Committee via a Final Report after time has lapsed for recount requests, or challenges, or after all recounts or challenges have been completed, whichever is longer.

EVERY **ONEIDA VOTE** COUNTS





## Reclaiming Tradition

### *Uses of Tobacco as Culture is Prevention*

Submitted by **Peggy Helm-Quest**

*Public Health Coordinator, OCHD*

Oneida Comprehensive Health Division, Community Health Services Department – Population Based programming in collaboration with Cornhusk Collective, Oneida Cultural Heritage and in partnership with Ukwakhwa Farmstead held a youth Art Exhibit named Culture is Prevention-Reclaiming Traditional Uses of Tobacco-Youth Against Vaping. The “artists” discussed their prevention-themed artwork on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 11am - 1 pm at the Parish Hall in Oneida.

The Culture is Prevention-Reclaiming Traditional Uses of Tobacco-Youth Against Vaping Art Camp is a grant initiative through the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, with funding from the Wisconsin Commercial Tobacco Prevention and Treatment Program, addressing the explosion of vaping use among Native American youth. Overall, the camp aimed to educate and empower youth 12-18 years of age, living on or near the Oneida Nation Reservation to remain vape-free through an art advocacy initiative. This week-long camp provided traditional knowledge sharing and vaping prevention activism through art, where participants created an art piece for future display and marketing to prevent vaping. All the participant’s art pieces will be photographed and integrated into Vaping Prevention Traveling Banners. According to the CDC, in 2013 e-cigarettes were the most used tobacco product among middle and high school students. The

Wisconsin Department of Health Services has found that as of 2023, 15.4% of middle and high school Native American students have used e-cigarettes. Commercial tobacco prevents achieving health equity for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people.

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) emphasizes the importance of teaching the traditional use of tobacco as a powerful means for overall tobacco education and prevention. By integrating art, it can become a culturally supportive way to spread vaping prevention information to youth.

In collaboration with the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division/Community Health Services Department (CHS) – Population Based Programming, the camp moderated and organized by Giselle Oliva-Metoxen, co-founder of Cornhusk Collective, supported by Ukwakhwa Farmstead, led by Native American Artists Scott Hill and Angel Schwechler, and with additional learning from Oneida Cultural Heritage Department Nicholas Metoxen - Turtle Clan Manager, and the CHS Population Based Programming.



Participants of the Culture is Prevention-Reclaiming Traditional Uses of Tobacco-Youth Against Vaping Art Exhibit on Saturday, July 13, 2024



Youth Art Exhibit Finalists with Peggy Helm- Quest, Public Health Coordinator, OCHD

*Watch for updates on the art pieces used for the Youth Against Vaping marketing campaign in the Oneida Community*



Scan for Youth Tobacco Survey Findings  
WI Dept. of Health Services



Scan for Traditional Tobacco Resource Guidebook  
NPAIHB

## Together We Can Make A Difference! KUNHI-YO' "I'm Healthy" Conference



### Submitted by Oneida Behavioral Health

Oneida Nation community members are invited to the free KUNHI-YO' "I'm Healthy" conference on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at the Oneida Hotel. The event, sponsored by Oneida Behavioral Health's Tribal Opioid Response Team, coincides with International Overdose Awareness Day.

The goal of the event is to raise awareness about drug overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends. This year's theme, "Together We Can" highlights the strength of coming together and standing in support of those connected to the tragedy of overdose.

"All too often we don't talk about losing family members or friends due to an overdose," said Mari Kriescher, Director of Oneida Behavioral Health. "Sometimes our grief overtakes us, and we don't want to acknowledge it. Other times we feel ashamed, or we may be angry at the person we lost because of their drug use. But talking about it is crucial to healing as well as helping to prevent others from going down the same path. This conference provides a safe space for having those discussions."

The day-long KUNHI-YO' "I'm Healthy" conference begins at 9am and will

conclude with a dinner and closing ceremony. There will be featured speakers on hope, healing, harm reduction and healing from historical trauma, overdose education, culturally centered activities, community resources and supports.

Admission to the event is free, but registration is required for meal planning purposes. Lunch and dinner will be provided for registered, in-person attendees.



Scan to learn more and register for KUNHI-YO' "I'm Healthy"



### Submitted by Oneida Environmental, Health, Safety, Land & Agriculture Division

In June 2024, Oneida Environmental, Health, Safety, Land & Agriculture Division announced the completion of a 57-acre tree establishment project at the corner of Olson and Reformatory Road. Officially named the Trout Creek Headwater Reforestation, this initiative aims to enhance the local watershed. A total of 38,816 trees have been planted, with 3,100 protection tubes installed around hardwood species to ensure their healthy growth. The species planted include White Pine, Tamarack, Red Oak, Burr Oak, Swamp White Oak, Shagbark Hickory, Red Maple, American Elm, Elderberry, and Beaked Hazelnut. This project utilized GPS-guided planting to ensure proper spacing and maintenance of the new forest. The community is encouraged to welcome these new additions to Oneida but is advised to avoid disturbing the area during the growing process.



## Wild Rice Surveys

Submitted by Tony Kuchma  
 Wetland Project Manager

The Oneida Nation has two restored wetlands where wild rice flourishes. Coyote Run and Where the Waterbirds Nest have had wild rice seed planted multiple times over the past decade. Rice seed purchased from the White Earth Nation, Lac du Flambeau, and Mole Lake Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa have found their way into these wetlands. The size of the rice beds vary from year to year and this season appears to be a “normal” year. Coyote Run looks to have about 5 acres while Where the Waterbirds Nest has about 7 acres growing along the shoreline. The rice is typically ready for harvest around the first week in September. Harvest opportunities are open for enrolled Oneida Tribal members. Keep an eye out for opportunities to go ricing with staff from the Environmental Department, Oneida Experiential, and Oneida WPP Food Sovereignty Team.

Location maps by Stephanie Skenandore, GIS Technician  
 Drone photos by Louis Cottrell, Project Manager Technician

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See page 13 for an Oneida Wild Rice Recipe



### Submitted by Environmental, Health, Safety, Land & Agriculture Division (EHSLAD)

The Spring Drop-Off Event organized by Oneida Nation from May 28 to June 7, 2024, was hailed as a success, gathering approximately 128.1 tons of bulky waste, including 10 tons of tires, from within the Oneida Nation Reservation.

In response to community feedback, plans are underway to relocate dumpsters at Parish Hall and explore alternative locations to improve logistics and minimize disruptions to neighboring properties. Clear guidelines will be established to

prohibit dumpster diving, enhancing community safety and site cleanliness.

Additional measures are being considered to better manage overflow and re-evaluate tire disposal options for future events. Tire disposal poses a significant cost to the Nation—approximately \$425 per ton. During the recent Spring Drop-Off Event, approximately 10 tons of tires were collected, costing around \$4,250. The Nation takes passenger tires during bulk disposal events which are tires designed for one-passenger vehicles (for cars, minivans, light-duty pick-up trucks, and SUVs). We are grateful to provide this service to the community but seek to determine options to limit the misuse of this service which is provided for Nation members who are Harter’s customers.

The Division of Public Works, in collaboration with Oneida Nation EHSLAD, expresses gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and partners who contributed to the success of the Spring Drop-Off Event. Moving forward, we have strategic plans to enhance future events, promoting a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable environment within the Reservation.



**E-Waste & Hazardous Waste Voucher**  
*For Proper Waste Disposal*

The voucher program covers electronic waste, household hazardous waste, batteries, and small appliances.

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- Submit requests through members-only online services
- No printed copy of the voucher is needed

**Brown County Hazardous Material Facility**

- Provide your name
- Present your Tribal ID if requested

**Facility hours**

Tuesdays (9am - 3pm)  
 Thursdays (12pm - 6pm)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# SUMMER 2024



## Oneida Bird Monitoring Program

Submitted by Emily Swagel, Sarah Baughman, and Mabel Kirst

*UW-Green Bay alumna and students*

The Oneida Bird Monitoring Program is a partnership between Oneida Nation, UW-Green Bay's Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, NEW Bird Alliance, and Audubon Great Lakes. We conduct bird surveys that are open to the public—all you need to bring along is yourself and interest in the Program! Knowledge of birds or Oneida culture is not required but is something you may leave with. The sites we survey have been restored over the past decade to wetland, forest, and grassland habitats by Oneida Nation's Environmental Department and continue to be maintained by them. Throughout all but the winter months, our dedicated volunteer bird experts conduct migratory shorebird and waterfowl surveys in spring and fall and breeding surveys in forest, marsh, and grassland habitats during the summer.

Groups are limited to 5 volunteers led by 1 or 2 volunteer bird experts. Waterfowl and shorebird surveys are the most frequently conducted surveys, least

strenuous, and take place in the morning or afternoon depending on the bird expert. Breeding bird surveys start as early as 5 am and are much more strenuous. We also offer walks for Oneida Elders and community bird walk events that are accessible to people of all abilities.

The results of this summer's breeding bird surveys have shown yet again how successful these restoration sites are and the important habitat they provide for breeding birds in the area. We have had an exciting season so far and have identified grassland species like Henslow's Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, and Bobolink, which are three species whose populations have declined over the last several decades. We have also documented species like Sandhill Crane and Blue-winged Teal during marsh bird surveys, as well as more secretive species like Virginia Rail, Sora, and American Bittern.



Adobe Stock  
Flying Bobolink

Follow for bird related news and events

 **Northeastern Wisconsin Bird Alliance**



Learn more about Oneida Bird Monitoring Program and volunteering opportunities



## Oneida Bird Program Community Day!

Saturday, Aug. 10th  
9 am - 11 am

Family-Friendly Event,  
Free & Open to All!

Explore Oneida Nation's restored lands, share stories, meet new people, and connect with community!

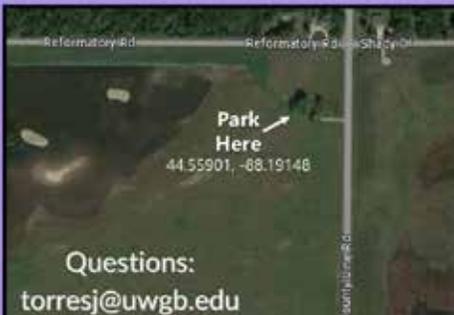
### Event Schedule

- 9:00 am - Opening Address by Tehahuko'tha (Randy) Cornelius
- 9:30 am - Guided Nature Walk
- Ongoing - Arts & Crafts, Food & Drinks



Rain or shine!  
Tent on site.

Yaw<sup>^</sup>ko  
Thank You!



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# RANDY CORNELIUS

Shares the story of

*"How the Birds  
Got Their  
Songs"*

Scan to listen to  
"How The Birds Got  
Their Songs"



## RAINBOW WILD RICE

### INGREDIENTS:

½ cup Brown rice  
3 Tbsp Wild rice  
6 Tbsp Barley  
2 tsp Chicken base  
2 Tbsp Quinoa  
3 Tbsp Bulgur wheat  
1 cup Fresh carrots, diced  
1 cup Red bell peppers, diced  
1 tsp Extra-virgin olive oil  
¼ tsp Kosher salt  
3 ½ cups Cooked chicken, diced  
1 ½ cups Fresh baby spinach,  
chopped

### NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION PER SERVING:

Calories 232  
Protein 22 g  
Carbohydrates 28 g  
Dietary fiber 5 g  
Total fat 4 g  
Cholesterol 55 mg  
Sodium 159 mg

FDPIR Participant Nutritional Education Project

### DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2 In a medium pot combine brown rice, wild rice, barley, 1 tsp of chicken base and 1 ¼ cups of water.
- 3 Rinse quinoa, in a small pot combine with bulgur wheat, 1 tsp of chicken base and ¾ cups of water.
- 4 Stirring occasionally bring both pots to a boil, turn heat down and simmer until waters is absorbed and grains are soft 30-40 minutes.
- 5 In a large bowl combine carrots, red peppers drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle salt. Mix. Pour into a small baking pan and bake in the oven at 350°F until tender.
- 6 Combine all cooked grains, chicken, spinach and roasted vegetables. Mix well and put in the oven at 350°F for 15 minutes or until hot and serve.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Preparation time: 15 minutes
- Cooking time: 1 hour
- Makes: 6 Servings – 1 cup

## Miss Oneida

Shekóli Swakwek!

Hello everyone,

My name is Yelihwakanyehs Powless, I am Bear clan and People of the Standing Stone is the land that I come from. My ukwehuwe name means “She Competes With Matters” or “Changes People’s Minds”.

I am 22 years old. My mother is Sarah Wunderlich, and my grandparents are the Late Leon and Virginia Mahkimetas along with the late Eugene Powless. Last spring I earned my bachelor’s degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Human Development and Family Studies while also earning a certificate in American Indian Studies. I am currently one of the Child Placement Coordinators for Oneida Family Services.

I am extremely passionate about the well-being of Indigenous communities as well as being able to provide resources for families and children to thrive. I strongly believe that Indigenous families and youth are deserving of access to appropriate resources, mental wellness, language/culture, and a safe environment. I hope to use my platform as Miss Oneida to continue to advocate for mental health, share resources and my knowledge to better help our community and the next seven generations. I am honored to be your Miss Oneida

*Yaw^ko Yelihwakanyehs, Miss Oneida*



## Oneida Royalty 2024 2025

## Lil. Miss Oneida

Shekóli, Tehwahshútyahks “She Breaks the Night” ní-yúkyats. Wakkwáho ní- waki?taló-tá I'm Wolf clan. Ona-ká- ní- wakuhw atsyó-tá People of the Standing Stone is my Nation.

My name is Lucia Stevens, and my parents are Stephanie and Ernie Stevens III. My grandparents are Cher and Ernie Stevens Jr. I come from a long line of strong woman leaders. I want to be a leader just like them because I know my little cousins are looking up to me. I was in the Oneida language immersion program for four years, and I love learning my language and culture.

Some of the things I like to do is work with the white corn as part of Ohe-láku. I also like to hunt, fish, and forage. Last year I shot a black bear. I helped butcher the meat and it helped feed members of the community. I play lacrosse and I am in gymnastics. I am also a member of the Oneida Youth Performers. I sing social dance songs and smoke dance at different events. I do the opening at GTC meetings. I also like to help teach about culture at different colleges. I'm excited to represent the community as Lil' Miss Oneida

*Yaw^ko Tehwahshútyahks, Lil' Miss Oneida*



## Jr. Miss Oneida

Shekoli swakwake, Kuwanatayani ni- yuk yats. Wakeskle wa'ke ni- wakitalota okhále on^yote aka ní' wakuhwatsyohta. Aknulhá Makenit Cornelius lake?niha? Ka the late Daniel Gutierrez aksotha okhále lakesot ga Gayla okhále the late Paul Gutierrez okhále Marla okhále the late Joey Cornelius.

Hello everybody my name is Kuwanatayani which means “A Village is Placed for Her” my English name is Joie Gutierrez. I am Bear clan and People of the Standing Stone is where I come from. My mother is Makenit Cornelius and my father is the late Daniel Gutierrez. My grandparents are Gayla and the late Paul Gutierrez, and Marla and the late Joey Cornelius. I am 14 years old, and I am going to be attending Oneida Nation High School in the fall. I enjoy learning and gaining a deeper knowledge about our culture, attending the longhouse ceremonies, and dancing. I look forward to my new roles and responsibilities, as it is an honor to represent our Nation. Specials thanks to all who have supported me along my journey to this point and moving forward.

*Yaw^ko Kuwanatayani, Jr Miss Oneida*



# 50<sup>th</sup> Oneida Pow Wow

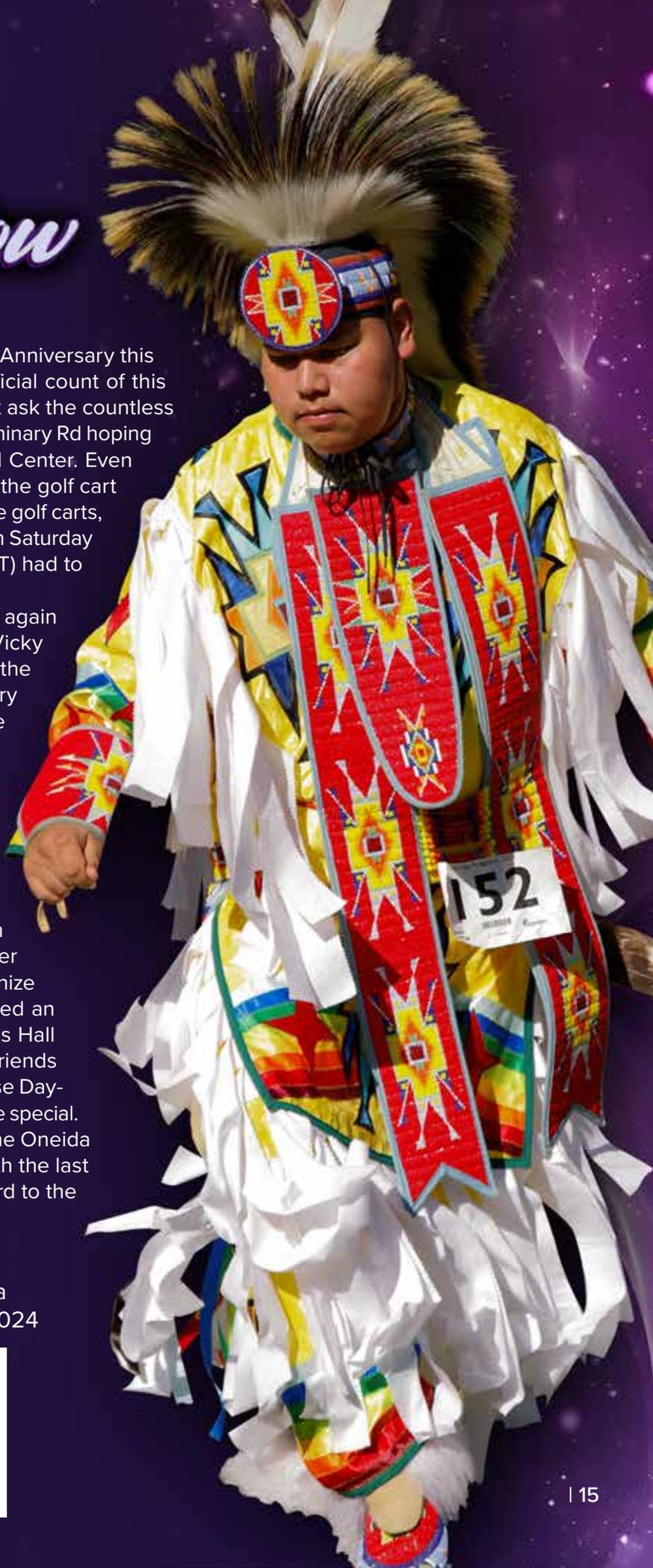
By Garth Webster

The legacy that is the Oneida Pow Wow held its 50th Anniversary this past June 28-30, 2024. Although we don't have an official count of this year's attendance, it was no doubt the largest ever. Just ask the countless people caught in the traffic jams trying to merge onto Seminary Rd hoping to find a parking spot somewhere near the Norbert Hill Center. Even if you did have to park a little farther away than normal, the golf cart drivers surely came to your rescue. The coordination of the golf carts, and their drivers, were just the tip of the iceberg (although Saturday was quite tropical) that the Pow Wow Event Team (PWET) had to make sure went smoothly.

Tonya Webster and Michelle Danforth-Anderson once again led the PWET consisting of Trista Cornelius-Henricks, Vicky Cornelius, Leah Stroobants, and Ron GoodEagle. Before the event, this team worked countless hours to coordinate every last logistic imaginable. During the event, their experience and quick-thinking enabled smooth sailing, despite the turbulent weather Friday evening pushing the event inside the friendly confines of the Oneida Hotel. However, when Saturday's Grand Entry time came, it was like Friday never even happened as warm pleasant weather shined down on all who attended.

As the Pow Wow rolled along, there were some heartfelt moments beginning with Joseph Torres presenting an acknowledgment of our Two-Spirit community. Next, after a year of his absence, an honor song was held to recognize the legacy of Brian Doxtator. Dan Ninham also requested an honor song for the North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame inductees. Shortly after on Sunday afternoon, friends and family filled with pride and emotion honored Ambrose Day-Bedeau with an honor song accompanied by a Grass Dance special.

With a strong mind, a strong heart, and a strong fire, the Oneida 50th Annual Contest Pow Wow is now in the books. With the last 50 years in the rear view mirror, here's to looking forward to the next 50 years and beyond.



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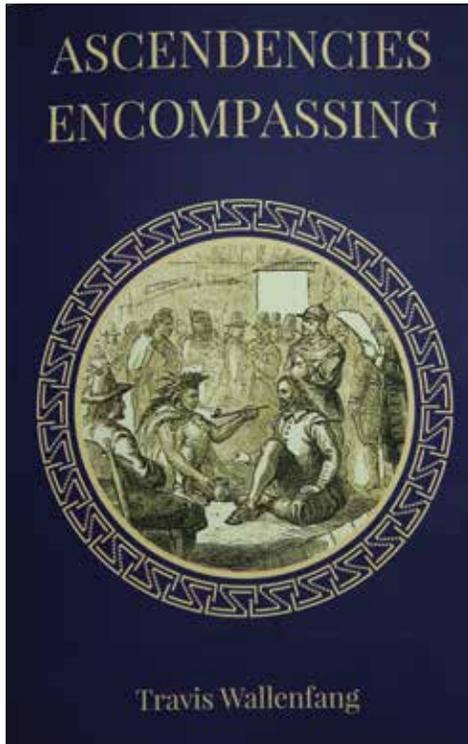


# 50<sup>th</sup> Oneida Pow Wow

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## Wallenfang Authors "Ascendancies Encompassing"



**By Garth Webster**

Oneida Member Travis Wallenfang's relevant construction infield experience and education, an Associates of Drafting & Design and a Bachelor of Construction Project Management, enabled him to work as a Field Technician contracted from 2009-2012 for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) on the US441 corridor mega project. Before his Field Technician career, he also worked nine years as the former Oneida Nation Indian Preference Coordinator (IPC).

While working as Oneida's IPC, he was also earning a Jurisprudence of Indian Law from the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma. His experience provided the knowledge to author "Ascendancies Encompassing", a project over ten years in the making, was finally released for Wallenfang's 2024 birthday. "This was my gift to everyone for all the gifts I've received over my lifetime," says Wallenfang.

Wallenfang describes the inspiration behind his book, "I would like to help educate people and to help them overcome the adversities that I've seen first-hand. I don't want tribes to have to continue to endure these hardships." The hardships Wallenfang refers to are inequities he claims regarding contracts tribes and employment tribal members should have received under the Native American Hiring Provision, which is recognized by all 11 of the federally recognized Tribes of Wisconsin. Wallenfang also describes the title of the book, "Ascendancy is about power. Encompassing refers to the silent forces all around us that work against the best interest of Tribal Nations and Tribal Members."

*Ascendancies Encompassing*  
available on Amazon for \$22.99

## Broken Walls Spreads Inspirational Message

**By Garth Webster**

Jonathan Maracle, from Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, Ontario Canada leads a band called "Broken Walls", which made a tour stop here in Oneida June 28-30, 2024 at the VFW to continue spreading their message of restoration, dignity, self-respect, and the Creator's Love to all cultures.

On Friday afternoon, June 28, I had the opportunity to chat with Maracle and his drummer, Bill Pagaran from Palmer, Alaska. Unfortunately, bassist Kris DeLorenzi, Thunder Bay, was not able to make the trip.

Maracle explained that while attending a gathering, he listened to an elder speaking in Ottawa explaining that there are walls of bitterness built between the hearts of Indigenous people all over the world. Maracle said, "These walls must be broken. We have to let them go." Hearing this wisdom was a life-changing moment for Maracle, inspiring the name for his band, "Broken Walls". Since 2000, "Broken Walls" has been spreading their good message to over 900 tour stops, including recently in Alaska, South Dakota, and even Brussels, Belgium. Part of Broken Walls' good message includes the work from Pagaran.

Pagaran cited a disconcerting statistic that in Alaska, the suicide rate is five times the national average. To counter this, he spends



L to R: Bill Pagaran, Jonathan Maracle, and Kris DeLorenzi of the band "Broken Walls".

most of his time as president of "Carry the Cure, Inc.", a non-profit that employs clinical tools and cultural traditions to offer suicide prevention and healthy life-choice skills. Pagaran is part Tlingit (Alaskan Native), has a B.Ed in Secondary Education, is an ordained minister, has a B.A. in Music, and is also a certified QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Instructor. With his skillsets, he authored "Rise Above It-Hope for Your Life's Journey", a learner's guide to 10 fun interactive lessons to live well. Says Pagaran of his programs, "They're culturally relevant featuring our Native heritage and identity."

**BRADLEY J. CORNELIUS****December 16, 1970 - June 24, 2022**

Bradley J. 'Maverick' Cornelius, 52, Appleton, passed away, Saturday, June 24, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton following a brief illness.

He was born to Wendel Lloyd Cornelius and Sandra Metoxen in Green Bay, WI on December 16, 1970. Growing up he enjoyed making people smile and laugh and this gift continued throughout his life. He graduated from Southwest High School. He came into the world a Proud Member of the Oneida Nation, Maverick and was proud to be the 3rd Generation in his family to serve in the U.S.M.C, proudly following in the footsteps of the man he called Dad, Russell E. Barnes. His time in the Corps included tours to Desert Storm and most proudly served as a Lance Corporal to the United States Presidential Unit. He was a member of many organizations that give back to the community including: VFW, Cooties, Fleet Reserve, American Legion, Moose Lodge, B.P.O.E. Elks Club. He was proud to be part of and called a brother with the DC Eagles MC for twenty plus years. For many years he was also very involved in the St. Baldrick's organization.

He was an avid lover of sports, especially: New York Yankees, Nascar, Packers, and Badgers. He was a huge fan of the Dan Patrick show, so much so that he stopped to visit the headquarters in Connecticut. Recently he learned to play golf which he did frequently and quickly gained a love for the game.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Amy; his children that he loved with all his heart daughter: Brandi Morningstar Cornelius and her son Storm J. Cornelius; a son Commodore LoneWolf Cornelius and Alyssa (Michael) Locati as well as her children. Family members include his mother: Sandra (Metoxen) and Bernie Hawpetoss; father, Wendall Cornelius; siblings: Michelle (Richard) Rutues, Wendell (Bobbie) Cornelius Jr, Danny (Linda) Cornelius, Steven 'Renegade (Yvette 'Skittles') Cornelius; extra special brothers D.C. Eagles; special friends Breezy

Brezenski, Amber Kasee and many other extended family members.

For the past five years Maverick has been full time traveling with his wife Amy. Whenever they arrived in a new town, Maverick always had to visit the nearest VFW or Legion. His second stop was at the local Irish Pub, this is because of the many friends he made at the Irish Pub in Appleton, after all that is where he met and married his wife.

The family wishes to thank all his family, brothers, comrades, friends, and acquaintances he met on his journey through life. He was loved and respected by the many people he met and knew.

A Memorial Service for Maverick will be held at Noon on Sat. July 1, 2023, at Brettschneider Trettin-Nickel Funeral Chapel with Deacon Gerry Schraufnagel officiating followed by Military Honors. Friends and family may visit from 10 AM until the time of service.

**BRITTANY A. DICKENSON****June 5, 1990 - May 29, 2024**

Brittany Ann "Brii Nolu" Dickenson, 33, Atlanta, died May 29, 2024. She was born June 5, 1990 to Dale Fletcher and Robin Dickenson. Brittany grew up in

Chicago. She was a free spirit who always lit up the room. She would travel at the spur of the moment, enjoyed night life and had a passion for style and the finer things. She is survived by her mother, Robin; sister, Selena; children, Shawnee, Keyionna, Kétrell and Aliyah; close cousins Vanessa and Ken; as well as other cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Brittany was preceded in death by her grandparents, Shirley Elm, and Kenneth Dickenson; sister, Nikki; aunts, Amy, Brenda and Linda; uncles Mike and Christopher; and other extended family. Family and friends visited at Oneida United Methodist Church, N6037 County Rd E, De Pere on Saturday, June 14, 2024 for the funeral.

**KATHERINE R. GOLDEN FOLEY****February 8, 1953 - May 28, 2024**

Katherine Raney Golden Foley, lovingly known as Kathy, passed away on May 28, 2024 surrounded by her family at the age of 71. She was born on Feb-

ruary 8, 1953, in American Falls, ID, and most recently resided in Goldendale, WA. Kathy was adopted by her great-uncle Bill Golden, his wife Gladys Golden, and their son Harold Golden. They raised Kathy with the utmost love and care, providing a life full of adventure, learning, and lifelong memories.

Throughout her life, Kathy pursued various professions, including working as a bartender and bookkeeper. Kathy was very creative she made many beautiful things with her hands. She had a green thumb and could grow just about anything. When she lived on Gowen Road in Boise, Idaho, she had two very large gardens with which she used to feed her family throughout the year.

Kathy had a motto she lived by: "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all!" This quote reflected her belief in kindness and respect towards others.

One of Kathy's proudest accomplishments was her role in her grandchildren's upbringing. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, always putting her family above all else.

She shared her life journey with her beloved husband, David Foley Jr. Together, they created a bond that stood the test of time. Kathy's passing leaves a void in the hearts of her husband and children: Melissa (Donovan) Howtopat, Charlie (Annie) Foley, and David Foley III. She is also survived by grandchildren Jordan (Cari) Foley-Jones, Macaw Howtopat, Kateri Howtopat, Patricia Crozier, Kaden (Haylee) Walker, Austin (Deyanna) Miner, and Damein Foley; great-grandchildren Alarah Tewee, Kioni Wyena, Dekaylin Jones, Nahpasis Howtopat, Ivyana Howtopat, Charlette Wright, Becklee Crozier, Callan Crozier, Ashtyn Walker, and Taytum Miner; siblings Linda (Bob) Salsbery, Lane (Cheryl) Johnson, Billy Reed, Kerry (Peter)

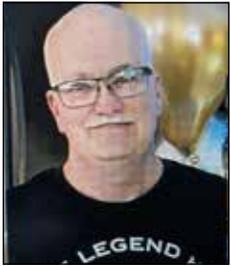
Banks, Bruce Bandel, Kellie (Kevin) Zanni, Shelly Poole; and bonus sister Robin (Dave) VanLeer.

Kathy was preceded in death by both her biological parents Cecil Tayc and Ancil Jean Golden Reed and her adopted parents Bill and Gladys Golden. She was also preceded in death by her brother Harold Golden and her grandson Ivan Howtopat.

Kathy will be remembered for her loving and caring nature. Her defining personality traits, such as her selflessness and dedication to family, will forever leave an indelible mark on those who knew and loved her.

An interment will be held on June 22, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Mountain View Cemetery in Goldendale, WA followed by a Celebration of Life at the Goldendale Grange at 4:00 pm where there will also be a potluck style dinner.

### SCOTT A. "SCOOTER" HILL November 2, 1965 - June 27, 2024



Scott Allen "Scooter" Hill, age 58, of Shawano, fought a long hard battle from lung cancer starting in 2016, he passed away in the early morning of Thursday June

27, 2024, from complications of treatments. Scott was born on November 2, 1965, in Shawano, to the late Darwin and Janice (Peterman) Hill. On a summer night at the Shawano drive-in theater, he met Pamela VandeVen and went their separate ways. Later in life they met again at the Shawano Speedway; they were married in September of 2006 and the rest is history. Scott and Pamela had a pastor pleaser wedding then had a fall wedding just to make sure it was done right. He was called Mr. Fix it and was willing to help anybody in need. Scott was a jokester and always had an inside joke. You could always find him with his favorite drink in hand a Captain with a splash of coke. Scott had a game he would play with his daughters; try to find the most meaningful gift to make the other person cry. When he went out hunting with his daughter, they would more often talk than hunt. He was in the process of adopting his stepson Trevor and they bonded while

fixing cars. Scott was an avid deer hunter and always looked forward to the week of deer hunting where he could spend time and cook at the cabin with his family and friends. Pam and he enjoyed trail riding with his friends on 4-wheelers. He was a volunteer fireman for Shawano. Scott was a wonderful loving husband, father, brother and uncle; he will be dearly missed.

Scott is survived by his wife of 18 years, Pamela; children, Kayla Hill, Karissa Hill and Trevor Schutt; his third fur baby, Co-coa; sister, Cathy (Jim) Hoffman; nieces, Amanda (Aaron) Cawthorn and Alicia (Leon) Leon; special friends, Tim, Lud and Ben; aunt, Marcie Herrmann; and uncles, Butch "Jackie" Hill and Bob Koehler. He is further survived by many other relatives and friends.

Scott preceded in death by his parents, Darwin and Janice; maternal grandparents, Herb and Hertha Peterman; and paternal grandparents, Elmer and Alvira Hill. A memorial service for Scott will be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 3, 2024, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with Terrence Wissell officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 pm and continuing until the time of service.

### BEATRICE "BEA" L. KING (GREEN) February 28, 1927 - July 2, 2024



Beatrice "Bea" Lillie King (Green), 97, has passed away peacefully at Anna John Nursing Home in Oneida, WI. on July 2nd, 2024.

The daughter of Elsie House and Joe S. Green was born at home on February 28th, 1927, in Oneida, WI., Beatrice went to Highview Mission School, and received her diploma from Black River Falls, WI. Beatrice married Harold Daniel King on a February day in 1949 in Oneida, WI. After her youngest went to school, she went straight to work at Larson Canning Company, where she had a 20-year streak without injury and liked to job share. Beatrice was an avid member of Holy Apostles church, she enjoyed reading, attending church

services, traveling to pow-wows while watching her children, grandchildren, and great grandchild dance, she also enjoyed beading and sewing, watching sports, cooking, and collecting recipes, gardening, and completing puzzles.

She had 10 children, Butch, Mike, Danny "T^nyat", Bruce, Rick (Isabelle), Julie, Scott, and Dennis "Rocky"; 23 grandchildren, Robin, Michelle (Moon), Lynn "Minoka", Jeremy (Tianna), Sherri (Steve), Sheila (Robert), Gloria, Jason, Cody, Levi (Merci), Shelly (Dwight), Sean, Danielle (Pedro), Derrick (Mariea), Ahsaun, Cameron, Keanna, Tacoma, Danny Jr., Kim, and Mark; followed with 33 great grandchildren, and 25 great great grandchildren, building her ever growing family to 111 at her passing. Beatrice also has one surviving sister, Mary Jane Doxtator.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Harold King, three sister, Murial Skenandore, Erna Wheelock, Daisy Christjohn, and one brother Allen Green. One son, Joseph King, and one daughter Donna Shawanokasic, grandson Little Bear King, and two granddaughters, Stacey Brightstar King, and Lynn Marie King, as well as one great grandson, Jordan King.

A special thanks to the staff at Anna John Nursing Home for taking such good care of our mother/grandmother. Yaw^ko

Family and friends may visit Ryan's Funeral Home, located at 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 5, 2024. A prayer service will begin at noon with burial to follow at Holy Apostles Cemetery in Oneida.



**RICHARD PETERSON**  
**May 29, 1930 - June 13, 2024**



Richard Peterson of Grand Prairie, TX passed away June 13, 2024. He is survived by his son David, 2 daughters Elizabeth, Diana. He was predeceased

by his wife Wanda, son Richard Jr., sisters Jeanette, Eileen, Sandra and brothers Paul, and Guy. Richard was born of parents Gustav Peterson and Hattie Skenandore in Milwaukee, WI on May 29, 1930, He is also survived by 6 grandchildren Rachel, Leah, Sarah, Mikah, Priscilla, Davina, 11 great grandchildren Kirk, Lincoln, Keely, Macey, Sydney, Lilu, Aria, Kyuss, Angelica, David, Anthony and 2 great great grandchildren Arlo and Llewyn.

**JENNIFER WALLENFANG**  
**MACDOUGALL**

**August 13, 1963 - June 17, 2024**



It is with great sadness that we share the news of our beautiful sister Jennifer's passing. Jennifer, the youngest of the Wallenfang sisters and a proud member

of the Oneida Nation, has returned home to be reunited with our Mom and Dad. In the past year, Jennifer faced significant health issues with her liver. She fought hard to overcome them but was ultimately unable to. On June 17, 2024, she passed away peacefully, with her loving husband Lawrence by her side.

Jennifer was known for her boisterous laugh, beautiful smile, gorgeous curly hair, and witty humor. Her fun and light spirit filled any room she entered. It was Jenny who introduced our brother to our wonderful sister-in-law Kelley, and she shared a special bond with her twin, Jeff. Growing up as the Wallenfang girls was something we cherished deeply, and Jennifer was a big part of what made that so special. She was one of the most beautiful among us, inside and out. It was our privilege to be her sisters and to love her so

much. Jennifer loved spending time with her family, and above all, she adored her nieces and nephews, thinking the world of them. Her spirit, love, and laughter will always remain in our hearts and her legacy will live on through her siblings.

**ALBERTA R. METOXEN**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 1955 - JULY 14, 2024**



Alberta Ramona (House) Metoxen, 87 of Oneida, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2024. She was born in Oneida to the late Prudence (Bennett) and

George House. She married Gerald Metoxen on November 5, 1955, at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in Oneida. Alberta and Gerald had four beautiful children and she was their rock.

Alberta took such amazing care of her children. She worked tirelessly to make sure they knew they were loved and cared for. She always taught them to be loving and kind. After losing her daughter and her son, she was never the same. She missed them every single day. We are so thankful that they are finally reunited together in Heaven. She loved bingo and playing slots. Alberta and Gerald would always go to the casino on New Years for the huge bashes that were held. She was also a huge Packers and Brewers fan and loved watching all their games. She also enjoyed playing cribbage with her son Keith but enjoyed taking his money more. Alberta was also very close to her mom, and always enjoyed going rummage and estate sales with her. Alberta also took care of donating to her church, making sure their needs were also met. Even though she wasn't always physically able to help, she did whatever she could. Often, she would give donations anonymously.

Alberta is survived by her son Keith (special friend Anita) Metoxen, and daughter Denise (Elmin) Rivera, her 9 grandchildren, as well as 10 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by her brother Kenneth (Hoyan) House, and her sister Nancy Rasmussen. She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald, her daughter Carolyn, her son Anthony (Tony) and her parents, her siblings, Diane Funmaker, Jerry House,

Bruce House, Richard (Ricky) House, Judy Smits.

Family and friends may call to Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, 2937 Freedom Rd, Oneida, WI 54155 for visitation from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 20, 2024. The Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 AM with Fr. James Biegler officiating. Ryan Funeral Home is assisting the family.

"A heart is not determined by how much you love, but how much you are loved by others."

**CATALENA C. M. COOPER**  
**JUNE 11, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2024**



Catalena Collette Marie Cooper, age 8 passed away unexpectedly on June 30, 2024. She was born on June 11, 2016 to Lorena Cooper in Green Bay, WI.

Catalena was currently being homeschooled. Catalena was a huge tomboy, she loved soccer, skateboarding, and Spiderman. She also loved animals; her favorite animal was a rabbit. She has a pet rabbit named Jacob whom she loved very much. She also loved drawing and drew everything she could. She was a very adventurous girl. Catalena loved all her siblings very much. Catalena is survived by her mom, Lorena Cooper, her grandparents, Collette and Duane Skenandore, and Craig Cooper, her siblings, Malakai, Leandar, Josiah, Giovanni, Ayden, Cain, and Ophelia, her aunts and uncles Mariah (Brennan) White, Lance (Katrina) Denny, Chantel Cooper, Vanessa Cooper, Autumn (Johnny) Skenandore, Myranda Cooper, Brian Alloway, Caitlyn Shawanokasic, and numerous cousins. She is further survived by her great-grandmother Lorena Metoxen. She was preceded in death by her great-grandpa Clifford Danforth, and her Aunt Colleen Cottrell, and her uncle Dylan Neconish.

Friends may come on Wednesday, July 10th at 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street De Pere, WI. A prayer service will begin at 5:00 P.M. A special thank you to her caregivers Hannah and Carl Henselin, and Christa Nicholas for help raising Catalena and loving her as your own. She lived a beautiful life.



# *Lydia Witte-Oneida Attorney*

## *1989 – 2024*

### *Our Colleague and Friend*

#### **Submitted by Oneida Law Office**

During the early morning hours on June 30, 2024, Lydia and her family were involved in a house fire while they were on vacation in Necedah (Juneau County), Wisconsin. Lydia and several family members did not survive.

Lydia was a strong ally of the Oneida Nation and she worked to protect the interests of the Nation, and its families, and children. Lydia represented the Nation's interests on child welfare and child support matters and she has been on the ground floor of asserting the Nation's jurisdiction and sovereignty over child welfare matters. Prior to working with the Nation, Lydia worked as an Attorney with Friends of Abuse Families, Inc., (now known as "FRIENDS, Inc.") in Washington County, WI, and House of Hope of South Central Wisconsin (Baraboo) where she was an advocate for victims of domestic and sexual abuse and violence. Lydia worked tirelessly to provide a voice to those who could not speak for themselves or were vulnerable.

Lydia graduated from Marquette University Law School in 2014; she spent time abroad studying child maltreatment and family law. While attending law school, Lydia worked as a student attorney/intern with the Walworth County, Brown County, and Milwaukee County District Attorneys' Offices, as well as a judicial intern placement at the Milwaukee County Children's Court. During this time Lydia was also a part-time clerk (and later, attorney) for Sperling Law Offices in Milwaukee, WI. Between Fall 2015 and Spring 2016, Lydia also worked at Beijing Union University where she designed and delivered the curriculum for an International Business Law course, served as a consultant with their Examination Board, and worked with students and staff on English communication and translation.

Lydia obtained her undergraduate degree from Wisconsin Lutheran College—where she was the past President Psi Chi National Honor Society. Recently, Lydia was a board member of Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and also

a current member of the Woodland Tribal Child Support Attorneys.

Lydia was the embodiment of smarts, sensitivity, and strength and there are not enough words to express how much we will miss her. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Lydia's family and friends. After losing her nephew last fall, Lydia recently shared wisdom expemplifying how she made our world a better place, "I don't have to understand everything or know God's reasoning for why things happen. I know God has his reason and if I need to know the why, he'll let me figure it out. Otherwise, he'll explain it to me in person when he welcomes me to heaven, and I can wait until then."

A memorial for Lydia and her father, Pastor Steve Witte, was held Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at St. Mark Ministries at 2066 Lawrence Drive in De Pere, WI.

*See the information below on how you can help continue Lydia's legacy*

*Lydia's colleagues have created an official memorial fund in her honor.  
Donations may be made to the Lydia Witte Memorial via the following methods*

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### Setting Time and Notice to Interested Parties

The following estates are being prepared for probate by the Oneida Nation, Land Commission Hearing Body.

To attend a scheduled hearing virtually contact  
Cindy Lecker, Land, Title & Trust Specialist,  
Oneida Nation, Land Management, • 470 Airport Dr.  
PO Box 365, • Oneida, WI 54155, • 920-869-6610  
CLecker@oneidanation.org

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Dawn L Beechtree, Case No. 2024 LCP 0004

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 11/06/1959 and date of death 12/05/2022, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled off the Oneida Reservation at 2463 Garden Park Terrace, Green Bay, WI 54311.
3. The deadline to submit claims is **09/13/2024**
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Lillian L King, Case No. 2024 LCP 0005

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 01/30/1927 and date of death 08/28/2022, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled off the Oneida Reservation at W1799 Culbertson Rd., Seymour, WI 54165
3. The deadline to submit claims is **09/13/2024**
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.



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**ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE****WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024, 12:15 pm**

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

**Find Public Meeting Materials at**  
Oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public-meetings



**Send Public Comments to**  
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**COMPUTER RESOURCES ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

The purpose of the Computer Resources Ordinance is to regulate the usage of technology resources and processed data owned and operated by the Nation.

**The Computer Resources Ordinance amendments will:**

- ◆ Revise the title and references throughout the Law from “computer resources” to “technology resources.”
- ◆ Clarify that users are expected to conduct themselves professionally and to refrain from using technology resources of the Nation for activities that are inappropriate no matter in what location the user utilizes the technology resources of the Nation.
- ◆ Clarify that it shall not be deemed an inappropriate use for a user to share information or evidence regarding the inappropriate use of another user if reporting the inappropriate use in accordance with the proper reporting structure.
- ◆ Clarify that any standard operating procedure defining excessive use of technology resources for any user that is an employee of the Nation is required to be developed in accordance with all other laws and rules of the Nation.
- ◆ Include a new provision in which DTS is delegated rulemaking authority in accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking law to promulgate rules to govern technology resources of the Nation.

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed Computer Resources Ordinance amendments in person at the Norbert Hill Center, or virtually through Microsoft Teams. If you wish to attend the public meeting through Microsoft Teams please contact LOC@oneidanation.org.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSSES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024**

During the public comment period, anyone may submit written comments, questions or input. Comments may be submitted to the Oneida Nation Secretary’s Office or the Legislative Reference Office in person, by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, or e-mail.



Scan for more information on the proposed Computer Resources Ordinance amendments.

**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:**

- ◆ Estelle Moncada
- ◆ Margaret R. Cornelius

**First published notice 7/30**

**JOIN OUR NEW...**

## PARENT GROUP

*We will be creating a group for you designed by you!*

**Who:** Parents or Expecting Families  
**When:** July 24th, 2024  
**Time:** 12-1pm  
**Where:** Oneida Health Center WIC Office  
 525 Airport Dr. Oneida WI

**RSVP or Questions:**  
 Please text Makenit Gutierrez, 920.655.2146

*Bring your child in to make a fun healthy summer snack!*

Sponsored by Oneida Comprehensive Health Division & Maternal Child Health Services



## Elder Expo 2024

August 20th & 21st 11:00am-2:30pm Daily  
 Oneida Hotel 3 Clans Room

August 20th      August 21st

**Educational Event, Guest Speakers:**

- **Dr. Cynthia Carlsson 11:00am-12:30pm**
  - Alzheimers Latest Treatment/Medications:  
 The goal of the BRAVE study is to find out if a purified form of fish oil can stop or delay early brain changes associated with Alzheimer's disease
- **Doug Twait Indian law office 1:30pm-2:30pm**
  - Information on where, what, and how to get a Will, POA for health & finance

**Elder Expo:**

- 30+ Informational Vendors
- 50/50 Raffle and Drawings
- Silent Auction

Presented by Oneida Aging & Disability, and Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (ONCOA)

Meals served both days

For more information or to make a donation to the event please contact Carol Bogda (920)869-6834

*Funds raised will benefit the Roberta Kinghuma Scholarship Fund*



## ONEIDA NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY



**TO REGISTER:**  
 920-490-3700 (option 1)  
 kponton@oneidanation.org



**Shakoti'niku'·lale? La tiksashu'ha?**  
 "They watch over the children"

### CO-PARENTING ESSENTIALS

Strategies for Effective Co-Parenting.

**MONTHLY SESSIONS**

**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.

ONLY ONE 2-HOUR SESSION IS NEEDED FOR COMPLETION

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

ONEIDA August 2024

## August 9th 2024

### 2nd Annual Oneida Nation In person LATCH ON event

The Latch On event globally unites families for breastfeeding and mutual support, fostering community bonds and solidarity among mothers, fathers, family support, and children.

**When: Friday August 9th 2024**  
**Time: 11-1**  
**Where: Norbert Hill Center (Front Lawn)**

At 12pm, breastfeeding moms can participate in a group latch to win prizes. The event includes free music, a photo booth, and informative booths about Oneida programs supporting families.

RSVP and for more information reach Makenit Gutierrez at 920-655-2146



**JUST MOVE IT ONEIDA**

## BEAT THE HEAT

Oneida Lake  
 W172 Crook Rd. De Pere, WI 54115  
**AUGUST 14TH | 4-6 P.M.**

➔ Receive a punch on your 2024 JMIO Punch Card.

**Kayaking with Oneida Adventures**  
 Guarantee a Spot- Contact Sue Majeski!  
 920-490-3818 or [adventure\\_dept@oneidationation.org](mailto:adventure_dept@oneidationation.org)

Stem Craft brought to you by UWGB Camps & Einstein Project.

**Buffalo Snack Sticks from the Oneida Nation Farm.**  
 (while supplies last)

For more information or questions contact Hanna:  
 ☎ 920-490-3927 📧 [hleisgan@oneidationation.org](mailto:hleisgan@oneidationation.org) 📱 JustMoveIt Oneida

ONEIDA RECOVERY NEST MONTHLY SOBER EVENT

## SOBRIETY GAME NIGHT

**2024 Dates/Times:**  
 (last Monday of each month)  
**Monday, August 26, 5-8 PM**  
**Monday, September 30, 5-8 PM**

1240 Packerland Drive  
 Green Bay, WI, Cottage 2

- SOBER PARTY GAMES
- SPADES & CRIBBAGE
- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

FOR MORE INFO  
 CALL 920-490-3950

Stop out and support our people in recovery!

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## 3 Sisters Park Temporarily Closed For Renovations

Park will be closed from July 29th to October 2024

For Questions, contact Oneida Groundskeeping at 920.496.5979

COME JOIN US!!

## Walk with a Doc

**Time: 12:10-12:45 pm**  
**Location: Oneida Health Center Front Entrance**

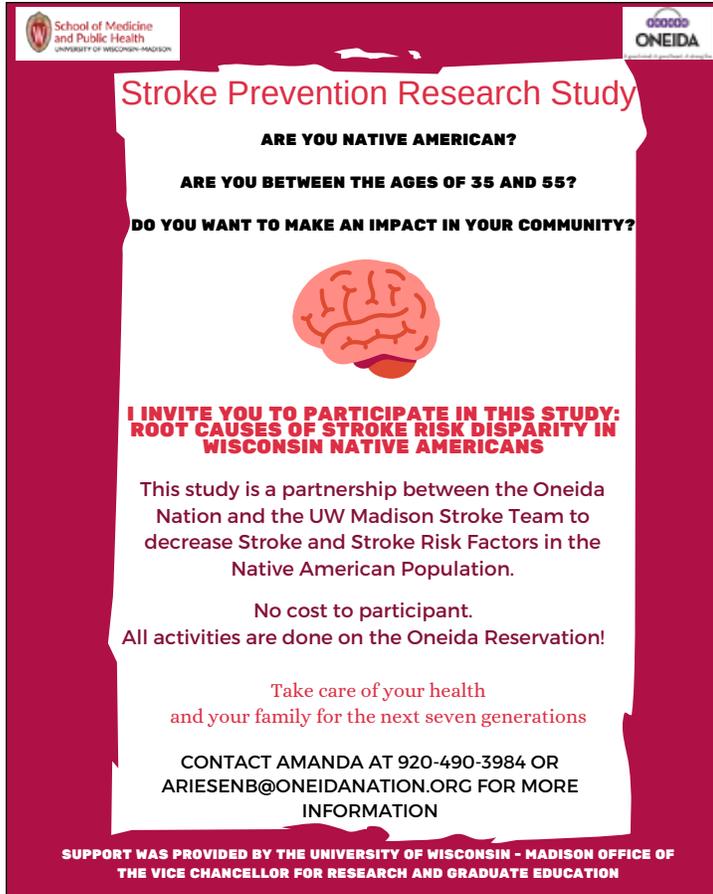
Come join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month as we walk, talk, and learn about an important wellness topic! No registration required. Giveaways each month (while supplies last).

**Monthly Topics**

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|---|--|
| <p><b>May 1</b></p> <p><b>Mental Health</b><br/>         Dr. Christine Garstka<br/>         Psychologist<br/>         Oneida Behavioral Health</p>        | <p><b>June 5</b></p> <p><b>All Things Summer and Child Safety</b><br/>         Dr. Karen Lane<br/>         General Pediatrics<br/>         Oneida Medical Director</p>                   |
| <p><b>July 3</b></p> <p><b>Stress Management</b><br/>         Katie Farley<br/>         Nurse Practitioner<br/>         Oneida Behavioral Health</p>      | <p><b>August 7</b></p> <p><b>Pain of Opioids: Rising Above</b><br/>         Rachel Steegers<br/>         Scott Lalonde<br/>         Counselors<br/>         Oneida Behavioral Health</p> |
| <p><b>September 4</b></p> <p><b>Diabetic Health</b><br/>         Lauren Cornette<br/>         Nurse Practitioner<br/>         Oneida Diabetes Program</p> | <p><b>October 2</b></p> <p><b>Nutrition</b><br/>         Brianna Grosso<br/>         Maria Boeck<br/>         Registered Dietitian<br/>         Oneida WIC/Nutrition</p>                 |

For more information or questions contact  
 Amanda Riesenber, Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach

ONEIDA  
 525 Airport Rd. Oneida, WI | 920-490-3984 | [ariesenb@oneidationation.org](mailto:ariesenb@oneidationation.org)



**Stroke Prevention Research Study**

**ARE YOU NATIVE AMERICAN?**

**ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 35 AND 55?**

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**



**I INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY:  
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 done 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 OFFICE OF  
THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH AND GRADUATE EDUCATION



## Oneida Lake Rustic Camp Sites

Open now through October 31, 2024  
*Until further notice*

Camping permits are required and available on a first come first serve basis. Registration forms are available at the Land Management office located at 470 Airport Dr., Oneida, WI 54155 (Monday-Friday 8am-4pm). To request a form be mailed or emailed, please call 920-869-6500 or email [conservation\\_department@oneidation.org](mailto:conservation_department@oneidation.org)

Oneida Lake is a **TENT ONLY** campground

- NO RV or Motorhomes
- NO truck bed campers
- NO camper units

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## 45 ASH LOGS



Diameter: 6 inches to 18 inches  
Length: 18 inches to 6 feet



**Call for Appointment**  
**262.212.8074**



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**\$300** KING SIZE BED MATTRESS  
Headboard and Frame included

Dark in Color • 2 Nightstands • Matching Set • Box Spring



**Call 920.833.7326 • Please Leave Message**

Items in picture may be appear different than actual item for sale.

**LOCAL FALL 2024 ELECTIONS**



In advance of the 2024 Fall Primary Election on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, Voices for Oneida invited candidates on the ballot in certain State Senate and State Assembly Districts to share information about themselves and their campaigns with enrolled Oneida Nation Members. Scan the QR code to view the candidate's responses.

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD**

For all your voter needs, go to:  
[myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or email  
 Tana D. Aguirre:  
[taguirre@oneidation.org](mailto:taguirre@oneidation.org)



**THE ONEIDA NATION IS NOW HIRING**

Click or Scan the QR Codes to view the current job opportunities.



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Open Positions





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# Community Photoshoot Drives Lifesize Wampum Project



By Garth Webster

Over June and July 2024, Community Photoshoots have been held at the new Oneida Museum location to capture photographs of Oneida Nation Members for the life-size interactive Wampum Belt project.

The exhibit, as seen in the renderings above, will feature a roughly 20 ft. wide by 4.5 ft. tall Wampum Belt. Viewers will be able to rotate each 7x7 in. panel to

reveal all those who participated in the photoshoots.

The project also includes a description of the belt as well as the 50 Chiefs Belt.

The portraits will reflect a diverse range of ages and facial expressions in order to create a sense of surprise with each panel turned, while representing the community as proud, lively, and dynamic.

Although the last scheduled photoshoot

was held July 31, 2024, follow the Kalihwisaks on Oneida Museum on Facebook for more opportunities to participate.



Scan to see more renderings of the Wampum Belt Project

## BIG BEAR MEDIA WELCOMES STUDENT INTERNS



### ISAIAH POWLESS

Isaiah Powless is the new student intern at Big Bear Media and Behavioral Health. His tasks include working on historic articles for the Kalihwisaks and helping with various projects in the community with high schoolers. Isaiah was raised in Oneida Wisconsin and is the son of Christopher and Jane Powless. He is the youngest of three siblings, Amber Kohl,

Caitlin Payne, and Jerrel Kurrowski. He graduated from Oneida Nation High School and currently attends Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania where he majors in Secondary Education and Broadfield Social Studies and plays for the Men's Lacrosse team. In his free time, he likes to play lacrosse, spend time with his family and friends, and work out.

### ALEXA SKENANDORE

Alexa Skenandore is the Graphic Design Intern at Big Bear Media, where her role includes learning from and collaborating with her colleagues in projects for the Kalihwisaks and the community. Alexa grew up as the middle child in a family of six in Oneida, WI, where she was raised by her parents, Joanne Hopkins and Kris Johnson, to "never give up on your life goals." She attended West De Pere High School where she learned that she

had a deep passion for being digitally creative. After graduation, she decided to continue her education close to home, at NWTC, where she graduated from the Photography Program and continued her degree as a Graphic Designer. In her free time, Alexa enjoys being able to get out into nature and go hiking, sightseeing, and swimming with her friends. When it gets cold Alexa loves to stay inside and find recipes to cook for her family.



**RED WILLOW FLATS**  
**LEASING SOON**  
 MODERN APARTMENTS; NEW CONSTRUCTION  
 1 - 3 BEDROOMS APARTMENT HOMES  
 Red Willow Parkway, Oneida



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 Leasing Office Opens:  
 August 1st, 2024  
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[www.goldfinchliving.com/redwillow](http://www.goldfinchliving.com/redwillow)




Welcome Back Diabetes Event 2024

**Better Together**

Guest of Honor: Waylon Pahona, Jr.



August 22nd, 2024  
 4pm to 8pm  
 The Oneida Hotel

Tickets \$5 (cash only) available at OCHC July 1st. Must be 18 or older, present, with photo ID to win. One ticket entry allowed per person. Recognition of DPP and TRIAD participants during dinner.

Presented by:  
 ONEIDA COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH DIVISION AND SDPP  


## Scenes from the Oneida Farmers Market Bash *Thursday, July 25, 2024*



## Oneida Nation National Treasures *2024 Call for Nominations*

The National Treasure recognition is the Oneida Nation's highest recognition in the arts. This title will be bestowed on individuals or groups in recognition of their work in preserving, protecting, and promoting our arts, language, and culture.

### NOMINATION CATEGORIES

- Art
- Culture
- Language

FOR NOMINATIONS, FORMS AND INFO  
**ONEIDA-NSN.GOV/OUR-WAYS**



### NOMINATE NOW

Deadline  
**August 30, 2024**  
Awards Dinner will be October 26, 2024



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## THANKS for the MEMORIES

By Garth Webster

◀ Bruce and Mary Schroeder from a photo by Samantha Andrews preparing to retire and close the store in 1995 after 58 years. Says Bruce of his respect and admiration for the Oneida Community in the May 1995 edition, "We think of these people as our friends."



In June 2024, Meltz Construction took down Schroeder's ► Market, including the structures west of Schroeder's such as the old Morgan's building. Plans are not yet known for the property along Service Rd in Oneida.

Time after time when asking community members for photos of Schroeder's Market, nobody had any. However, what was in ample supply were the fond memories.

As I recall, it was a beautiful summer Saturday afternoon when I received a dollar or two from Mom and Dad. Immediately, I would jump on my bike, gather a friend or two and say, "Let's go to Schroeder's!"

After entering, directly to our right, we gazed up and down the cashier desk to assess how much penny gum we could buy. If we were lucky, we'd be able to get a soda pop too. It wasn't just us kids that enjoyed going to Schroeder's. It was the entire community, young and old, that relied on the store for basic necessities and groceries. My parents told me that once, they even had a line of credit at the store.

When the owners, Bruce and Mary Schroeder retired, the store closed in 1995 but the structure remained,

serving as a constant reminder of the service Schroeder's provided to the community.

Even now, as we flash forward to June 2024, thoughts of nostalgia entered my mind as the building located at W127 Service Rd in Oneida was being taken down by Crystal and Charlie Meltz of Meltz Construction. As sad as it was to see the store go, it's just as exciting to await what comes next. In the meantime, keep the memories alive.

**Look for a post on Facebook to share your memories of Schroeder's Market.**



Scan for Schroeder's Market article from May 22, 1995